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TELEGRAMS.

ST. CROIX STATION.

London April 21st.—The question of abolishing the flogging of boys in the navy for disciplinary purposes, was raised in the House of Commons by a Labor member, Mr. Charles Ammon, Parliamentary Secretary to the Admiralty in replying said it was not proposed to abolish the whipping of boys in the navy with a birch such punishment being inflicted by court martial for certain serious offences. When he went to the Admiralty, Mr. Ammon said he made inquiries in the matter of the punishment of boys and he found that there had been only six cases since 1917 of offences at all serious. Most of the flogged boys "made good", whereas in previous cases of imprisonment for offences the boys had gone bad. As a result of his inquiries Mr. Ammon said he had decided that, despite his predilection against birching, not to abolish whipping. Opposition cheers greeted this announcement.

Stratfordonavon, April 21st.—Miss Marie Coreli, English novelist and author of a score of popular romantic tales died this morning from heart trouble at her home here. She had been ailing for some weeks, but was apparently recovering when the fatal seizure occurred. She was 60 years old.

Washington, April 21st.—The Federal Council of Churches have asked the Senate and House to reconsider the Japanese exclusion of the immigration bill and to join with the Executive Department of the Government in solving the problem in a more satisfactory way. "To sum up their opinion", said a

statement issued by the council, "the churches believe that Congress is meeting the situation in a wrong way and that the same result may be obtained in a friendly way that would not hurt the self respect of Japan, or interfere with the friendship that has long existed between the two nations." In a letter sent to every member of Congress the council said: "The commission in international justice and goodwill of the Federal Council of Churches of Christian America regards the proposed immigration law, which threatens to strain the relations between the United States and Japan, as unnecessary and as calculated to place our country in a false relation to a great and friendly neighbour."

Letouquet, France, April 21st.—The Prince of Wales, preserving to the last the incognito as Earl of Chester, motored to Boulogne today and will return to England tomorrow, after a stay in France somewhat longer than he had anticipated. The Prince passed the morning on the golf links and the afternoon in the Casino. Before leaving he expressed great satisfaction with the manner in which his incognito has been respected during his visit.

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