

seems utterly preposterous. I cannot credit it". Mr Colby declared that relations between the United States and British Governments are not in any sense strained. No official confirmation has been received that such warning was given American correspondents in London, and Mr. Colby would not say whether the State Dept. had made or would make a formal enquiry regarding the facts.

London, Feb. 9th.—The Foreign Office today issued a statement declaring to be without foundation reports published in the United States on Tuesday to the effect that an official of the Foreign Office had uttered a warning of the increasing seriousness of Anglo-American relations, quoted in the English press this morning as having appeared in the American press. It was made without the authority or knowledge of the Foreign Office and does not in any way represent the views of the Foreign Office upon the present or future relations between the two countries. On the contrary the Foreign Office is confident that any questions arising between Great Britain and the United States can and will be settled without difficulty, whether with the existing or succeeding administration. The reports to which the British Foreign Office now give formal denial were not credited by the Canadian Associated Press or the Associated Press. They were contained in a despatch circulated by the United News. The despatch states that the British Foreign Office had summoned United States correspondent to Whitehall where, through one having an important place in Anglo-American affairs, a warning was uttered that "we are treading the path leading to war". Correspondents were not summoned, as stated in the London despatch, but were received in response to numerous requests from news agencies and United States newspapers for a statement in connection with the visit there of the Ambassador Sir Auckland Geddes. Since the publication of the report, now denied, the majority of the correspondents have declared that the story, as printed in the United States, was a gross exaggeration and that when they were received it was understood that no part of the interview was to be quoted.

Rio Janeiro, Feb. 9th.—The buildings of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and the Stock Exchange were considerably damaged by the anarchists bombs early this morning.

London, Feb. 10th.—An Irish Republican army, several hundred strong is marching on Skibbereen, County Cork, according to reports from many sources. says a Central News despatch from Skibbereen today.

London, Feb. 10th.—"Always", the grand national favourite, has been scratched.

Washington, Feb. 10th.—21 United

States marines, attached to the Legation Guard at Managua, Nicaragua, have been arrested by American military authorities as a result of the wrecking of the plant of the newspaper La Tribuna at Managua yesterday. Secretary Daniels announced today. Capt. Underhill commanding the guard reported to the United States Navy Department that the men attacked the newspaper as the result of the publication of what they considered abusive and libelous articles regarding the marines.

Washington, Feb. 10th.—A call for the reconvening tomorrow of the International Communications Conference was issued today by the chairman of the United States Commissioners under Secretary Davis of the State Department. Great Britain, France, Italy and Japan, who had delegates at the conference last autumn, will be represented this time by their ambassadors and an effort will be made to reach a final agreement as to the disposition of the former German cables before March 4th.

London, Feb. 11th.—Commenting on the South African elections the "Times" says that General Smuts won a much more decisive victory than even his most optimistic partisans ventured to predict. It seems evident that in the Cape provinces the balance of Dutch opinions swung back decidedly toward him. In the Transvaal, and Dutch speaking districts of Natal, the Nationalists about held their own, but in the Orange Free State the spell of General Hertzog still seems to be irresistible. The victory, however, by no means ends Premier Smuts' difficulties, the Times adds. Wisdom no less than generosity, makes the reconstruction of his ministry desirable, in order to give the Unionist section of his party proper representation. The Daily Telegraph says that the result is the noblest triumph that General Smuts has won in his brilliant career. He was absolutely right, the Telegraph says, in declaring that the victory of Genl. Hertzog would have meant another civil war. A special cable to the Telegraph says it is anticipated that Genl. Smuts will have 75 or 78 supporters in the new parliament, the total membership of which is 134.

New York, Feb. 10th.—Twenty cases of typhus were found among the steerages arriving here on the Steamship San Giusto from Triest and Naples. Three passengers died of the disease on the voyage. The vessel was ordered held up indefinitely at the quarantine station and the typhus victims removed to Speneburne Island. Immigration officials said the 1,137 steerage and 238 cabin passengers on the San Giusto probably would be detained for several weeks before allowed to land. This was the second ship on which victims were found of the dread disease, 14 cases having been discovered on the S. S. President Wilson.

Tokio, Feb. 11th.—The House of Representatives today rejected by a vote of 380 to 185 a resolution offered Yukio Ozaki, former leader of the opposition party proposing a curtailment of naval armaments.

JUDGE MALMIN SAYS STRANGE THINGS OF VIRGIN ISLANDS.

The following is from a late American paper:

At the slight expense of \$20,000,000 the United States has given the Virgin Islanders a good laugh. That's what Lucius J. M. Malmin of Chicago, now chief justice of the Virgin Islands, told the Lawyer's Association of Illinois at its meeting yesterday. "We could have bought the Virgin Islands easily for \$5,000,000" Chief Justice Malmin said; "but we paid \$25,000,000."

"And thereby we supplied the islanders with one perfectly good laugh, wearable and guaranteed to be a standby for many a year to come. "The price is a joke. The Islands are no good to the United States, unless possibly as coaling and oiling stations. They would be hard to fortify and are of no protection to the Canal Zone. Oh what an article to pay \$25,000,000 for! Hot? Sirs, it has the worst heat this side of hell!"

"It is no place for a white man or woman. Conditions are primitive. In St. Croix, where I was stationed, there are 10,000 persons, of whom only 100 are white. And they keep sharply to themselves. The Naval Government is more a success in the Virgin Islands than in the Canal Zone. I have brought a memorial from the people of the islands urging Congress to grant them Independence. They ought to have it. —St. Thomas Mail Notes, Feb. 8th.

WEDDING BELLS

A very pretty and quiet little wedding took place at the Church of Sts Peter and Paul on Monday evening, when Miss Aimee Burnet was given in holy matrimony to Mr. B. Whiting.

The ceremony was performed by the Rev. Fr. Krickser C. S. S. R., and was witnessed by a large number of friends and guests. The bride was given away by her brother, Mr. Aug. Burnet, while Mr. Ridgway was best man. Our congratulations go out to the newly married couple, with best wishes for a long life of marital bliss. —St. Thomas Bulletin, Feb. 9th.

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for United States, Europe, etc., per S. S. "Guiana" on Thursday, 17th instant, at 4 o'clock p. m.