

LOCAL.

The S. S. Marina arrived here on Saturday, landed mails and passengers, and sailed for Frederiksted at 2 p. m., from where she sailed for Porto Rico via St. Thomas at 1.00 p. m. yesterday.

The Raporel S. S. Bridgetown called at this port yesterday, landed a small quantity of cargo, and one bag of mail, and sailed for the islands in the afternoon.

American schooner "Zurah" with cargo of salt and two bags mail arrived here from Antigua yesterday.

The Creole sustained some damage to her sails in the rough weather of last Thursday and was forced to put in to Frederiksted. She arrived here on Saturday and is expected to be ready to sail for St. Thomas tomorrow evening.

Patrons of the theatre should not fail to note the programme for this evening's show. Turn out in large numbers and emphasize your preference for the Monday night performances which are undoubtedly what the majority like best.

Football.

The football match played yesterday on the Oval, Frederiksted, between the Merry Juvenile Club of this town and a picked eleven of the St. Patrick's Club was won by the West End team, the score being two goals to one. The Frederiksted players were, however, grown up young men and the teams were, therefore, unequally matched. The Christiansted Club being composed of boys 14 to 15 years of age who were nevertheless too sportsmanlike and game to back out after they reached the ground and found the odds against them.

TELEGRAMS.

ST. CROIX STATION.

Paris, Feb. 20th.—The British Govt. has conditionally accepted the French proposal to allow the Reparations Commission to deal with the German reply regarding reparation payments this year and reformation of the German finance it was stated. The principal reservation made by the British is that the contribution of the German reply is referred back to the Reparations Commission. A meeting of the Foreign Ministers of the Allies to settle this question is awaiting only the formation of the new Italian ministry. The Govt. is willing to leave the entire question of organizing the International economic conference at Genoa to the League of Nations, it was said this morning by a high official with reference to a report from London that idea was gaining ground. The French

representatives at the Cannes conference, at which the Genoa meeting was decided upon had advocated the cooperation of the League of Nations in the arrangements for the economic conference this official said, and the idea had been abandoned only because the presence of representatives of the United States was hoped for and complications were feared if the conference were organized by the League.

London, Feb. 20th.—Labour scored another big victory at the polls today when the labour candidate J. C. Ammon captured the seat for the North division of Camberwell. He polled 7,854, against 6,719 for the conservative Mellor in the Bye-election. The last election in this constituency was in 1918, when the coalition unionist polled 6,910, the liberals 2,777 and labour 2,175.

Paris, Feb. 21st.—Louis P. Loucheur Ex-Minister of Liberated Regions declared last night it was his belief that France never would be able to pay a sou of her debt to the United States. This statement was made at Lyons at a banquet of the Industrial Commercial and Agricultural Associations. "I say plainly that I believe we never will be able to pay a sou to America. I say it because there are Americans here who I hope will cable my words across the sea we never can pay the fifteen billion francs we owe America with the added interest. America has all the gold and we could never pay in goods on account of the customs barriers raised by the United States itself," he said. He added that Mr. Lloyd George had agreed in principle to cancel France's debt to Great Britain on condition that the United States cancel Great Britain's debt. Referring to the question of reparations M. Loucheur said France was determined to make Germany pay to the utmost.

London, Feb. 21st.—Reuters Johannesburg Correspondent cables that the strike of the coal miners and the staff of the electric station at Vereeniging was broken today by the return of as many strikers as were wanted to the Cornelia colliery and of thirty-one of the operating staff to the Victoria Falls power station. There has also been a resumption of work in the brick tile industry. The position of the gold fields strike is unchanged, except for a slight increase in the number of men who have returned to work.

Norfolk, Va., Feb. 21st. Thirty four men were killed, eight were injured seriously and three were uninjured, or only slightly bruised, when the army airship Roma, with her crew and a number of civilians totalling 45 in all aboard, plunged today from a thousand feet or more from the air to the ground at the Hampton Roads Naval Base. The airship capsized across a high tension electric line and burst into a rolling furnace of blazing hydrogen gas. Long after dark tonight, many hours after her fall, the ship was still

a mass of flames from end to end. The fire feeding on the million cubic feet of gas that had distended the great bag for the flight. Barely a dozen of more than two score men aboard had been picked up alive. One died enroute to a hospital. All of those who survived the fire escaped by jumping as the ship struck the others, pinned in the hull beneath the fallen bag were burned to death. The heat of the fire fought back the rescuers for hours.

Washington, Feb. 21st.—The accident to the Roma occurred when the vertical controls were carried away, Captain Doyle of the Naval Station at Hampton Road said in a telephone conversation late today with Rear Admiral Moffett at the Navy Department. This he said caused the dirigible to dive nose first and in its descent it struck a high tension electric wire, causing the ship to catch fire. Captain Doyle reported that thirty eight were believed dead and that ten or twelve had escaped.

Belfast, Feb. 21st.—While the great majority of the Unionists captured in the recent raids in Northern Ireland have been released, the Ulster Home Office announced today that 26 of the kidnapped men had not yet been returned. Of these men apparently still held in custody, 14 are class A special constable and eleven class B specials. The other missing man is Ivan Carson, former High Sheriff of Fermanagh, who was kidnapped at Clady on February 8th. Mr. Carson's wife received a letter from him the following day stating he was well, but not revealing the place of his detention.

Sydney, Feb. 21st.—It was reported here today that plans are maturing for a world wide cooperative wheat marketing organization which will eventually control the Canadian, United States and Australian crops. The Chairman of the wheat pool, is proceeding to London and thence will go to Canada and the United States to consult with the organizations in those countries concerning the plan.

London, Feb. 21st.—Speaking at Nottingham tonight Sir John Simon, who was a member of the Asquith Ministry, said the shadow of death was resting upon the House of Commons and most of its members were gloomily preparing like condemned men to be taken back to the place from whence they came.

London, Feb. 21st.—Twenty-five million pounds sterling will be provided for in the next budget estimates to cover six months interest on the debt to the United States. This announcement was made in today's parliamentary papers. It is pointed out that 25,000,000 will not necessarily be the maximum amount payable in interest to the United States during the next financial year.

Dublin, Feb. 21st.—The French Government today informed Germany that it had requested Italy to postpone the economic conference at Genoa, for the