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The Creole arrived here at 10.15 a. m. Wednesday and returned to St. Thomas at 8 a. m. yesterday.

Among the passengers who arrived here on Wednesday was Mr. Thos. Ash, newly appointed principal of the St. Croix Graded Grammar School. We welcome Mr. Ash's return home and wish him all success in the resumption of his old calling.

Cable from San Juan, P. R. reports fire aboard the S. S. Philadelphia and mail damaged. See paragraph elsewhere in this issue.

The S. S. Korona from New York via St. Thomas is expected in Frederiksted tomorrow.

Thanksgiving Day was almost as quiet as Sunday. There was no enlivenment whatever except some masquerading in the afternoon.

TELEGRAMS.

ST. CROIX STATION.

Geneva, November 20th.—An international military force with an international staff was proposed to the assembly of the League of Nations today by Senator Henri La Fontaine of Belgian delegation. Senator La Fontaine somewhat startled the Assembly by declaring that the world was not yet ready for disarmament. "It is necessary to say frankly to the people, he said, 'that the time for disarmament has not yet come'". Before the world could disarm, he added, entirely different ideas than those that prevailed before the war must be inculcated and applied. He proposed that the disarmament and armies be compressed in an international staff ready to be used "in the cause of right in such a case as arose from the present situation of Armenia".

Geneva, Nov. 20th.—The first formal step looking toward the revision of the covenant of the League of Nations was taken by the Assembly of the League at today's session. The Dutch Minister of Foreign Affairs, Dr. Van Karnabeek introduced a resolution for reconsideration of article XV, having to do with registration of treaties. The resolution provides that the re-consideration be conducted either by the Assembly itself or by a committee to make the meaning of the article clear. Dr. Karnabeek first called attention to this article of the covenant at yesterday's session, and said there were several interpretations of the article which, in brief, provides that treaties between nations shall not be binding until they are registered with the League, and proposed that it be studied carefully with a view to its clarification. The text of Article XV, reads:

"Every treaty of international engagement entered into hereafter by any members of the League shall be forthwith registered with the Secretariat and shall as soon as possible be published by it. No such treaty or international engagement shall be binding until so registered."

Geneva, Nov. 21st.—The responsibilities of the League of Nations and the responsibility of its individual members under article X of the Covenant is one question the Committee on admission of new members is considering in connection with the application of 14 states, not including Germany. These applications are in the hands of sub-committees. They are, Finland, Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania and Luxemburg, referred to sub-committees presided over by M. Pouillet. Austria, Bulgaria, Albania and Liechtenstein referred to sub-committees presided over by Lord Robert Cecil, and Georgia, Armenia, Azerbaijan, Ukraine and Costa Rica to sub-committees presided over by Dr. Fridtjof Nansen of Norway. Besides responsibilities under Article X, the committees will consider in respect to each application the following questions: An application in order; is the Government applying recognized "de jure" or "de facto"? and by which states? Has the applicant nation a stable government and settled frontier? What is its size and population? Is it self governing? What has been its conduct including both acts and assurances with regard to its international obligations? The latter question is supposed to have been inspired by the French member of the Committee, M. Viviani, with a view to any proposition that may be submitted to elect Germany. The prescriptions of the League as to armaments will also be considered with the military power of each application. In the opinion of the delegations the first weeks work of the Assembly has been satisfactorily accomplished, even more so than could have been expected, as the conference has got beyond the chaotic period of organization.

Paris, Nov. 21st.—The "Temps" in a leading editorial today warns France and Great Britain that, with the rapidity with which the new Greek Govt. is acting, the Allies will find themselves "in the face of a series of accomplished facts". To speak frankly, the newspaper adds, the French public does not understand how the Franco-British negotiations can be delayed by the regrettable indisposition of Earl Curzon of Kedleston, the British Foreign Secretary, and how at the same time a British Admiral can be talking with former King Constantine at Lucerne. The "Temps" reminds the Allies that the restoration has been accomplished by the naming of the Queen Mother Olga as Regent of Greece and her issuance of a proclamation and instructions to the Government for the courts to act in the name of the ex-King Con-

stantine. It points out that the plebiscite in Greece favoured the former King and that the new Chamber of Deputies will ratify the Sevre's treaty, thereby binding the signatories under article X of the League of Nations.

The Hague, Nov. 21st.—The condition of the ex-Empress Augusta Victoria of Germany grows increasingly serious. Prince Adalbert and his wife arrived at Doorn Castle today. The temperature of the patient was announced today as 104 and it was said she was very weak. Dr. Vandenberg, a heart specialist of Leiden, is being rushed to the bedside of the former Empress.

London, Nov. 21st.—Mr. Jesse Collins, ex-Liberal Unionist member of Parliament for Birmingham, died yesterday at Edgbaston, Birmingham. He was born in 1831.

London, Nov. 21st.—Lord Glenconner, Lord High Commissioner to the general assembly of the Church of Scotland, died here tonight before he was elevated to the peerage he was Edward Priaulx Tennant. He was brother in law to ex-Premier Asquith.

New York, November 19th.—Prices in both the raw and refined markets broke again yesterday into new low ground for the year. The offerings of various raw sugars greatly exceeded refiners' demands and the situation has been developed into one in favour of the buyers. Local refining interests show only occasional interest in offerings of very nearby sugars not being disposed to buy ahead owing to the very slow movement of their refined product.

Dublin, Nov. 21st.—Thirty persons are reported to have been killed and many injured in a panic when "Black and Tans" invaded a football match to-day and fired on the crowds while the Tipperary Team was playing against the Dublin Team in Croker Park in the presence of 15,000 spectators. "Black and Tans" entered in force by the two gates and after a scene of wild confusion fired on the people.

Dublin, Nov. 21st.—Shooting began in the streets just before midnight and a number of people are reported killed. There is much military activity. The casualties in Croker Park are semi-officially given as 10 killed and 65 injured, 11 seriously.

Minneapolis, Nov. 21st.—Marked declines were registered in the flour market here on Saturday, a reduction of 40 to 75 cents a barrel being made on family patents, making the range now \$8.90 to \$9.00.

London, Nov. 21st.—Although London had no municipal elections on November 1st, the result of the bye-election in Easthamrk, a huge east London industrial municipality, yesterday showed a heavy defeat for the Labour party, similar to that which occurred in other parts of the country. Seven vacancies were caused by the elevation of labour councillors to