

presiding member said that the Americans were making no secret of their intention to use the whole of the cotton crop produced in America, which, he declared, would be a serious thing for the textile trade of Great Britain, unless steps were taken to obtain raw cotton from other sources. Another member said that the price of cotton was so high that wool was being used and was found to be cheaper in the manufacture of some material.

London, Feb. 27th.—Announcement has been made by the Air Ministry that the London "Times" aeroplane, flying from London to Capetown, crashed while attempting to effect a landing at Tabora, South of Lake Victoria, Canada, where it arrived on Thursday. The pilot and the mechanic are safe, but the machine was irreparably damaged.

Paris, Feb. 28th.—An order was sent out during the night by the Executive Committee of the National Federation of Railwaymen for a general strike of all railwaymen on all the routes in France, according to information received by the *Petit Parisien*.

Washington, Feb. 27th.—Formal inquiry was made by the British Embassy at the State Department today as to the acceptability of Sir Auckland Geddes to be Ambassador to the United States.

Washington, Feb. 27th.—The Senate today passed and sent to the House the Underwood Joint Resolution, creating a Commission to deal with Canada for the abrogation of the restriction of the export of pulp wood and paper. Mr. Underwood told the Senate that some action was imperative, as the newspaper publishing industry in the United States almost faces extinction because of the dwindling news print supply.

London, Feb. 27th.—The Daily Telegraph says that serious information was received here last night regarding the situation in Japan. No details are given.

London, Feb. 28th.—Regarding New York despatches telling of the work of the Cunard Line forming a great British shipping enterprise, designed to capture Germany's former traffic in emigrants and freight between Central Europe and America, the "Daily Mail" says the Line negotiating for the purchase of large dock space and sheds at Hamburg, formerly occupied by the Hamburg American Line and will open the new service with the liner "Saxonia", which will include Hamburg on its Eastern trip.

London, Feb. 26th.—The law of property Bill, introduced in the House of Lords by the Lord Chancellor is the most important measure of land law reform for the past 300 years and is of mammoth size, containing no less than 178 clauses and 16 schedules and altogether 260 pages. Its real object is to make the real estate, and personal estate laws alike and to that end it simplifies conveying, without however abolishing the

power to settle land or descendants or to dispose of it under will.

Panama, Feb. 27th.—Two United States Army Aviators, carrying mails, were killed when their planes crashed from a height of 500 feet at Aguadulce.

London, Feb. 27th.—In the House of Commons last night Mr. Bonar Law declared that he could not imagine anything more calculated to make the League of Nations a failure at the outset than impose upon it the burden of the Turkish problem. Mr. Williams, Liberal, asked whether the Govt. has any information that a report had reached the Armenian delegation in London to the effect that twenty thousand Armenians had already been slaughtered in the evacuated district of Mariasha, that a large Turkish force was menacing Mersina, and that the whole of Ciedicia was in danger of massacre. The Premier replying, said that up to the present he had not heard anything to indicate that this deplorable rumour was true, and he added that if such news came to the conference they would have to consider what steps were necessary to arrest horrors of this kind.

London, Feb. 28th.—The International Association Football Match between Scotland and Wales resulted in a draw, each country scoring one goal.

Ottawa, Feb. 28th.—Control by the Board of Commerce of Canada of the price of sugar was abolished today for the specified purpose of proving whether or not control had been effective in keeping down excess profits and the fixed price of 16 cents per pound at the refineries no longer obtained.

Washington, Feb. 28th.—By virtue of a unanimous vote the Senate has re-adopted the Republican Peace Treaty reservation relative to mandate after Mr. Hitchcock had announced on the floor that the administration would not oppose it. The reservation, under which no mandate could be accepted by the Country without the action of Congress, was unopposed on the Democratic side, Mr. Hitchcock said, because it merely recites the clear meaning of the Treaty. It was the first time a reservation had been adopted with the acquiescence of the Democratic Party.

## St. Thomas News.

### DEPARTURE OF THE AIR-BOATS.

Much interest having been evinced in the flight of the air-boats, which since Saturday the 14th, had been gracing our harbour, and a keen desire for an exhibition having been voiced by the populace, we made this desire of the people known to the authorities through our columns, but with no particular success. On Saturday morning, however, and before large crowds assembled on the Pier

and adjacent wharves and points of vantage, the boats underwent a series of manouvres, first in the water, and later in the air. It was truly a pretty sight to see these "leviathans of the air" skimming gracefully along the surface of the water, to the incessant drumming of the fans, and then taking the incline gently, ascend into the air. Ascending one after another with an intervening lapse of about eighteen minutes apart, the first 2 circling seawards, sailed over the Marine Station at East Point, flying gracefully and gradually, while two other two sister planes floated westward. But say; do you see that flash light from the clouds? The "Vixen" is also sending out a "feeler", while the "Shawmut" has run up some flag signals! What is it? Why, one of the boats sailing so gracefully westwards, over Orkansshillet Island is signalling in response to a call sent out by one of her sisters, (doubtless the damaged one) who despite the racing up and down through the water, is unable to ascend; for soon in response to the "Shawmut's" signals, she is lying snug and safe alongside that vessel. Four of them have now winged their flight Jamaica towards, leaving but two others to follow, and which did so on Sunday morning at 9.40 o'clock.

It was indeed a treat to witness the flight of these "unnatural birds of passage" through the air. Of course, by means of illustrated papers and magazines, as well as through the medium of the Cine, we had gained some conception as to their appearance &c; but had not the least idea that we would so soon have had an opportunity of seeing the real stuff.—*St. Thomas Mail Notes, Feb. 24th.*

During the handling of some cargo yesterday afternoon on board the "Manoa," one of the cargo-men, Isaac Linnard, suffered some pretty severe injuries to the head, through the falling of a barrel of coconuts upon him from the sling. He was taken to the Hospital, where his wounds were immediately attended to.—*St. Thomas Mail Notes, Feb. 25th.*

The Quebec liner "Manoa," Captain Moorehouse, from Windward direct, arrived here yesterday at noon on her way to New York, and after discharging some overcarried stuff and taking in a supply of coal and water, proceeded in the evening on her destination. On her way up from Guadeloupe to Martinique and when about 20 miles off the shores of the former island, one of the steerage passengers—an American—having died the day previous, the last rites were said over him by the Captain, and his remains, in the sight of the other passengers, consigned to the billowy deep.—*Ibid.*