

We are informed that the Creole will be dispatched at the usual hour this afternoon with mail for St. Thomas and Porto Rico, but that there will be no dispatch for New York as this mail will be closed to-morrow to go forward by the Fort St. George, as per notice elsewhere in this issue

Theatre patrons are reminded that the "Moonriders" will be continued this evening, next before the last show

Correspondence

Christiansted, St. Croix,
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Dear Mr. Editor:—

Reading through the columns of the Herald of Feb. 18th, I came across the Program for Wednesday, 22nd, Washington's Birthday, comprising several sports of which I took note, but the most essential sport to complete the Program is missing and that is Foot Racing, and to my knowledge we have a so-called Athletic team here which is suppose to take part in all sports. Why don't the members come out and show their sportlike spirit? Sports on the whole are nothing disgraceful, therefore Dreadnought boys I advocate strongly you rush a challenge now to the Athletic team to select their best runners to compete with you; for as far as I have learnt Messrs. L. Henderson, Edwards, and W. Motta are the wonderful runners for the Athletic. Therefore strike the iron while it's hot, and take the laurels from them.

Thanking you Mr. Editor with the hope of seeing this good sport added to the program.

I am, respectfully,

AN OLD SPORTSMAN.

TELEGRAMS.

ST. CROIX STATION.

Helsingfors Finland, Feb. 14th.—M. Ritauvori, Finish Minister of the interior was shot three times with a revolver as he was alighting from his motor car outside his residence here tonight. He died while being taken to the hospital. The alleged assassin, Ernest Tanderfelt, was arrested. The authorities declare he is demented.

New York, 15th.—The raw sugar market was steadier early today and spot prices of Cubas were established on the basis of 2.16 cost and freight, equal to 3.67 for centrifugal with sales of 40,000 bags of old crop at that level. There was a fair trade in raw sugar futures and prices at midday were unchanged to ten points lower, all refiners now listing at 5.00 c. for fine granulated. Refined futures were without transactions.

Madrid, Feb. 15th.—Three British airmen, Richardson, Milne and Ortweiler, were killed yesterday afternoon at the

Quatre Vento airplane, just outside Madrid, when an airdrome in which they were flying capsized and crashed from an altitude of 91 feet. Two of the men died instantly and the third a short time afterwards in a hospital. The airplane which was intended for service in Morocco, was to have been blessed today in the presence of Queen Victoria.

Montevideo, Feb. 15th.—The body of Sir Ernest Shackleton was to be embarked on the British S. S. "Woodville" today for conveyance to South Georgia Island, where the famous explorer died on January 5th. The Uruguayan Government will render high honours and a warship will escort the "Woodville" to sea, firing a farewell salute. Covered with the British flag, the body lay yesterday before the altar of the English Church. There was a profusion of floral tributes and the Uruguayan Government sent a huge wreath, wrought to represent oak, ombu and palm leaves, inscribed "El Uruguay a Sir Ernest Shackleton". The oak signified England, the ombu Uruguay and the palm the explorers triumphs.

Bombay, Feb. 15th.—Gandhi, leader of the non-cooperationists movement, announced that he began last Sunday a five days fast as penance for the recent disturbance in Chauri Chauri. He says he will regard his fast punishment for those who committed the "brutal murders" which no amount of provocation could possibly justify. Gandhi advises those guilty of participating in the Chauri-Chauri fighting in which seventeen native policemen were killed, voluntarily to surrender and confess their crimes. He says he regards this tragedy as the third warning from God against the hasty embarkation on mass Civil Disobedience and as his bitterest cup of humiliation, but he deems such humiliation, ostracism or even death preferable to any countenancing of untruth or violence.

The Hague, Feb. 15th.—The peace palace was the scene today of the inaugural session of the permanent court in international justice. The event was hailed by the adherents of pacifist ideals as a new mile stone in the evolutionary progress of the world toward peace, or, in the words of Lord Curzon "The beginning of a new era of peace and concord among nations". At the opening session, the judges were to take the oath to fulfill their offices "honourably and faithfully, impartially and conscientiously". In their future sittings they are expected not only to clear up such doubtful points of International Law that may come before them, but also to create laws, whenever their need is apparent, like the praetors of ancient Rome. The first meeting was held in the Great Hall of Justice a Chapel-like chamber, the carved oaked walls of which have not as yet assumed the darker tinge of age, but the appointments of which combine to give an appropriate atmosphere of judicial solemnity. The members of the court

represent twelve nationalities of both the Eastern and Western world. The judges in accordance with the law possess "the qualifications required in their respective countries for appointments to the highest judicial office, or are jurisconsults of recognized competence in International Law." The members present are the present Chief Justice Bernard Loder of Holland, Mr. Rafael Cenevea of Spain, Dionisio Anzilotti of Italy, Lord Robert Finlay of Great Britain, John Basset Moore of the United States, Dr. Max Huber of Switzerland, Didrik Nyholm of Denmark, Dr. Oda of Japan and Dr. Andre Weise of Ireland. The other two judges, Dr. Barbosa of Brazil and Dr. Antonio De Bustamente of Cuba, were unable to come to the Hague.

Montreal, Feb. 15th.—The Bank of Montreal shareholders at a meeting here today ratified the proposition placed before them by the Board of Directors to take over the merchants bank of Canada. The meeting lasted but twenty minutes; no questions were asked and no discussion took place. Sir Vincent Meredith made a short explanation of the situation advising the shareholders that the directors thought it was their duty to prevent the collapse of the Merchants Bank and they thought the terms arranged were not unfair. The vote for acceptance was 101,089, with none voting against. The Merchants Bank shareholders voted to accept the offer of the bank of Montreal last Wednesday. The deal only now requires the sanction of the minister to become complete.

Paris, Feb. 15th.—The British Government is understood to have accepted the French proposals that the reparations commission fix the amount to be paid by Germany in 1922 and that the finance ministers meet to decide on the basis of division of the payments among the Allies.

Bombay, Feb. 15th.—Unconfirmed reports reached here today that 10,000 Bhil tribemen were engaged in an outbreak fomented by followers of Gandhi, Nationalist Leader, in the Etarah jungle districts near Godhra. The Bhils who have a notorious record for lawlessness, are said to have been invited by the banians the merchant class, who exercise considerable influence in this district.

Constantinople, Feb. 15th.—Mustapha Kemal Pasha, head of the Turkish Nationalist Government, has announced that in view of the exclusion of Turkey from the Genoa conference, the Angora Government will refuse to accept any decisions taken at the conference relating to Turkey, unless its representatives are admitted.

New York, Feb. 15th.—The steamship Olympic, arriving today from Southampton brought 113 cases of British gold valued at \$4,307,000. Most of it was consigned to Kuhn Loeb and Company.