

It is rumored that a movement is all but consummated to send a delegation to Washington to confer with the Congress regarding the passage of legislation for these islands.

The s. s. "Catherine" is due today on schedule time, having 26 tons cargo for this island.

TELEGRAMS.

ST. CROIX STATION.

Wheeling, WVA. April 30th.—Forty-two bodies have been recovered and 69 other men who were in the Benwood Mine of the Wheeling Steel Corporation, at the time of the explosion on Monday morning were still unaccounted for this morning.

Atlanta, GA. April 30th.—A series of tornadoes in at least three States in this section early today, had taken a known toll of seven lives and caused upwards of a million dollars in property damage. Several persons were reported missing. Reports showed a steadily mounting list of injured, which at ten o'clock totalled 30.

The Hague, April 30th.—Queen Wilhelmina has decided voluntarily to renounce a part of her income, effective today, when the salaries of all civil servants will be reduced.

London, April 30th.—The Prime Minister in his May Day message to Labour and the Socialists movement, made public today, expresses the hope that another May Day will see the League of Nations, transformed into an all embracing parliament of peoples and predicts the coming of a day of international peace. The message follows. It is a greater pleasure than ever this year to send May Day greetings to all our comrades of labour and the socialists' movement at home and abroad. The day of international peace which we celebrate in our May Day is assuredly coming. The nations tired of conflict and disillusioned of their war hatreds and war mentality are seeking new paths that make for friendship and security. My fervent hope is that before another May Day the League of Nations may become an all embracing parliament of peoples and I venture to think that nothing could more fittingly mark that great achievement than the first law of the League should by common consent set aside May Day in every land as a festival day of the world, friendship, a day solemn with the remembrance of the futilities of ancient feuds and vital with high hopes for that great human companionship for which mankind is destined.

Columbus Ohio, April 30th.—Both President Coolidge and former Governor Cox of Ohio, the Democratic candidate for President in 1920, won sweeping victories in Ohio's primary elections yesterday.

Copenhagen, April 30th.—At the open-

ing of Parliament yesterday Premier Sauring read the King's speech without winding up with the traditional "Long live the King and Constitution". Instead, another Labour member shouted "Long live Denmark".

New York, April 30th.—Dr. Butler, President of Columbia University, appealed to men and women of religious faith, of moral principles and public spirit, to strike the Eighteenth Amendment from the Constitution, at the annual dinner of the Missouri Society last night. Those, he said, who persist in supporting this unenforceable law, must accept responsibility of being silent partners of the bootlegging and contributors to the undermining of the governmental structures. Changes in the Volstead Act, he said, would be "a mere quibble." He recommended the system now being used in some provinces of Canada, where the saloon is abolished and the state regulates and dispenses liquor.

London, April 30th.—Sir James Craig, Premier of Ulster, today made a final appeal against the establishment of a commission to determine the boundary between the Irish Free State and Ulster. He met the Prime Minister privately in the House of Commons this afternoon, but it is understood that he did not succeed in impressing Mr. MacDonald with the Ulster viewpoint.

London, April 30th.—The Conservatives began their attack on the Government budget in the House of Commons today. As everyone expected, the onslaught of criticism was aimed at the abolition of the McKenna duties on foreign manufactures and labour's intention to oppose any building of a tariff wall around the Empire by a scheme of imperial preference. In the leading Conservative attack, Sir Robert Horne said he saw no prospects at all of holding the British Empire together if the Government was going to flout the resolutions passed at the Imperial Conference last Autumn. Mr. Thomas, Secretary for the Colonies, immediately protested against the Conservative regarding themselves as alone the guardians of the Empire. "Stop talking," he remarked, "as if the Empire was the property of one section and realize that on the Government benches, indeed in all quarters of the House, you will find men ready to cooperate with you in doing their very best for the Empire. Mr. Thomas went on to say that the Government deplored as such as anybody the difficulty that has arisen since the Baldwin Government had promised protection to the Dominions and Colonies and then suffered defeat at the polls for doing it and he added, "but we are not responsible for the difficulty. As evidence of labour's interest in the Empire, he submitted that the 32 resolution passed by the Imperial Conference, 28 had been adopted by the MacDonald Government, two

were still under consideration and two were rejected because they were the ones on which Mr. Baldwin had appealed to the country and the electorate had turned them down. Even while Mr. Thomas was defending the budget the Liberals left their seats and held a party meeting. The meeting was originally called to consider complaints that the Labour Government had been contemptuous toward the Liberals who were supporting them. But instead of declaring renewed warfare on Socialism, as some expected, the Liberal meeting hailed Labour's budget as one after their own hearts "a liberal and free trade budget, vindicating us for turning out the Conservatives", as Mr. Asquith described it. The speakers at the Liberal conclave endorsed the budget in general.

London, April 30th.—Sir Robert Horne, in his speech on the budget to the House of Commons said that the Labour Government's abolition of the McKenna duties was going to have an ill effect on employment. The Government was surely running the risk of throwing more men out into the streets. Referring to imperial preference, he wondered if Mr. Thomas realized that Great Britain owed to the Empire in trade. He proceeded to enumerate Australia with a population of 5,500,000 had bought more British made goods than the United States 100,000,000 or Germany 65,000,000 or France's 40,000,000 population. Before the war New Zealand with the 200,000,000 people had bought Russia's teeming millions in the British market. He ridiculed the idea that this was due to any merit of British goods over foreign goods, attributing it largely to good will and preference. Turning to taxation, he said that two and a half million citizens were bearing the whole income tax burden of 330,000,000 pounds yearly. It was from the savings of these very people that the industries of the country were maintained.

Indianapolis, April 30th.—Mr. Warren McCray, who retired today as Governor of Indiana, was sentenced in the Federal Court to serve ten years in the Atlanta Federal Prison on the charge of using the mails in furtherance of a scheme to defraud. In addition he was fined \$10,000. He was found guilty on Monday on thirteen counts and presented his resignation as Governor yesterday, effective at ten a. m. today. A few minutes before sentence was passed Mr. Emmett Branch, at Martinsville, Lieut. Governor, was sworn in as Governor. He will be in office until next January. Prior to passing sentence, Judge Anderson scathingly denounced McCray for repeated forgeries. He declared that if the prisoner lived to be as old as Methuselah, he could not mete out enough punishment.

Ottawa, May 1st.—Sir Louis Davies, Chief Justice for Canada died here this morning after an illness of five days. He was 79 years of age.