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TELEGRAMS.

ST. CROIX STATION,

London, March 6th.—Amused surprise is being expressed over New York messages recording Mr. McAdoo's indorsement of the plan for the United States purchase of the British West Indian colonies, and also of Washington's suggestion that this should be the first task to which the new Secretary of State, Mr. Corby, should address himself when he assumes office. Members of Parliament and editors alike declare this amazing proposal had already received emphatic repudiation from the Colonial Secretary and the Under Secretary and only needed to be mentioned in the House of Commons here to insure its final quietus. Englishmen ask what would Americans say if Mr. Asquith propose that Hawaii be purchased by Canada for cable, steamship and other empire ends. If the West Indies themselves desired to change their status, it is believed here their preference would be discussed, also the possibility of closer commercial and political relationship with Canada and Newfoundland.

Paris, March 9th.—Constantinople is actually occupied by Allied troops under the provisions of the armistice, it is pointed out by the "Petit Parisien", which says that the city is the headquarters of General D'Esperey and that there are in the city one division and one brigade of French troops or about fifteen thousand or sixteen thousand men, and in addition there are a regiment of Italian and a battalion of British troops.

Berlin, March 8th.—The fashionable Adlon Hotel dining room was the scene of a rough and tumble fight between

Prince Joachim Albrecht of Prussia, cousin of the Ex-German Emperor, and his guests, and Captains Klein and Roughevin and Madame Klein, members of the French Mission. The hostilities were due to the French people refusing to stand while the orchestra was playing "Deutschland Aber Alles". Prince Joachim and his friends hurled candles, crockery and other things at the French party and Captain Roughevin was beaten and his clothes torn.

Berlin, March 8th. Field Marshal Von Hindenburg's candidacy for the presidency of Germany is strongly urged in an appeal which has just been issued here. The appeal, according to the "Morgenpost", is the outcome of an agreement between the German nationalist party and the people's party. The "Lokal Anzeiger" claims to have knowledge that the Field Marshal would accept the nomination. His name has been frequently mentioned recently among other candidates for the next presidential term.

Helsingfors, March 8th.—The Rhenish General Staff have received news that the White troops in the Murman region have penetrated the lines of the Bolshevik forces and are now approaching the town of Reval.

Berlin, March 8th.—Herr Gustave Noske, Minister of Defence, has ordered the Provisional arrest of Prince Joachim Albrecht and Baron Von Platen for engaging in the assault upon Captain Roughevin. General Nolla, head of the French Military Mission, has demanded an immediate audience with the Foreign

Minister, Herr Muller, to protest against the attack upon the French Party.

Rheims, March 8th.—Nearly one hundred skeletons of those who are on the great list of missing in the war have been located a few miles from here in advanced trenches and bleached bones have been found in shell craters and also in territory which was left unscarred by the great German shells, but where the thick underbrush was hiding them from view.

Paris, March 8th.—An aerial service was inaugurated yesterday between Paris and London. On her initial voyage the Goliath carried fourteen passengers.

Bologna, Italy, March 8th.—Another of mankind's disease enemies has surrendered to science. Professor Maggior of the Institute of Hygiene here, has isolated the germ of sleeping sickness and is busy preparing a serum to combat the malady. The sleeping sickness germ was one of the most elusive in the history of bacteriology.

London, March 8th.—Mr. Lloyd George, replying to questions in the House of Commons today regarding the suggestion that the West Indies be transferred to the United States in payment of part of the British debt to that country stated that there was not the slightest intention on the part of the British Government to barter or sell any part of the British West Indies. Which were loyally attached to the Crown and intensely proud of their membership in the Empire.



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