

with an invitation that was much appreciated.

RED CROSS BULLETIN ON ST CROIX.

The Red Cross Bulletin for April has thus to report for St Croix:

At a recent meeting the Santa Cruz Chapter voted to send \$500 to Washington to be contributed to the European Relief Council for the feeding of the children of Europe.

Miss Florence Freeman, the public school nurse at St Croix, and Miss Ruth Waterbury, the public school nurse at St. Thomas, have the examination of the school children well under way. There is much enthusiasm among both children and grown-ups in the endeavor to improve health conditions in the island.

TELEGRAMS.

ST. CROIX STATION.

London, May 18th.—The acceptance by the Rt. Hon Walter Long of a Viscountcy involves a bye election at St. Georges, Westminster, one of the safest Tory seats almost from time immemorial.

Glasgow, May 17th.—The dockers have resolved to continue their strike and the police there made a baton charge owing to voluntary helpers being stoned. Otherwise, the dispute in all districts continues without anything more serious happening than petty looting and momentary disturbances.

London, May 18th.—The sudden return of Mr. Lloyd George to town is taken as a clear sign of the coming settlement of the miners strike. Sir Robert Horne, Chancellor of the Exchequer, has undertaken delicate pour parlers in different directions in the last few days, and the results of these he has now reported to the Premier, who will decide whether they are sufficient to warrant the calling together of masters and men in another conference. Mr. Thomas Ashton, Lancashire pitmen's leaders, advocates leaving the national coal pools proposed to a later date, and accepting a temporary settlement. The transport workers and railwaymen's executives met only separately yesterday. A joint meeting has been suggested, although it is believed the more responsible leaders are anxious to avoid a dual meeting and thus balk extremists of the opportunity to precipitate action. The Welsh miners chiefs declare that if the statements were to be settled tomorrow most of the pits would be unable to open again for three months, while many men would still remain idle until the export trade has recovered. It is estimated that the workmen in the Birmingham district have lost ten millions pounds in wages through the miners strike. Mr. Mac Namara, Minister of Labour, states that the number of

wholly and partially unemployed in the United Kingdom now totals over two millions and a half. Nevertheless, a pit-pony race meeting at Doncaster was attended by 30,000 idle miners. A large body of strikers assisting the police as special constables. The shortage on the London tramcar services, through the conservation of fuel, is causing much inconvenience at rush hours. There are plenty of volunteer labourers unloading Belgian coal now, which is to be utilized for generating powers. Lord Londonderry suggested that his fellow owners in the Durham and Northumberland fields should undertake an amalgamation of coal enterprises throughout the United Kingdom into districts, in order to reduce overhead distribution charges. The scheme would reduce the price without undue diminution in miners wages.

Barbados, May 18th.—In the House of Assembly yesterday a resolution was adopted approving the agreement between the Canadian Govt. and Govts. of Barbados and certain other West Indian and neighbouring colonies subject to the reservation that so far as the proposed steamship service dealt with in article 13 of the said agreement is concerned the House of Assembly are prepared to vote an annual contribution to the subsidy of £400 and no more.

London, May 18th. The freedom with which Mr. Lloyd George and M. Briand are debating the Silesian situation through newspapers and the strong words they are using are creating a great stir in England the British public is accustomed to the courteous and smooth methods of the old diplomacy and the spectacle of the most delicate differences being handled by vigorous public debate amazes the people. The heads of the two Govts. after their numerous conferences were expected to understand each other. Apparently each has chosen the plan of campaign which he considers the most effective against his opponent. M. Briand will have the next word in the French Parliament tomorrow and there is great interest in London as to whether he will maintain the same high key of conversation which Mr. Lloyd George started upon in his speech in the House of Commons. The Prime Minister's expressed statement today is popularly interpreted as a warning to M. Briand not to go too far in his pronouncement before the Chamber. Mr. Lloyd George's reference to Great Britain's willingness to use her fleet, followed by the declaration that Great Britain cannot stand by while the treaty is trampled on is taken as significant of future developments depending chiefly upon whether M. Briand tomorrow proclaims the widening of the gulf between the same principle, the Govt. is anxious to have the Supreme Council meet during the weekend, believing that delay in the allies coming to some sort of agreement over Silesia and

taking action thereon will only make the situation worse. Reuters limited says regret is expressed at today's news from Washington that the United States Govt. finds itself unable to participate in the settlement of the Upper Silesian question, on the ground that this is essentially a European matter.

New York, May 17th.—The raw sugar market was firm yesterday, and more on account of a paucity of offerings of sugar in close by positions, the only kind refiners will consider at present, that to any display of interest on the part of buyers. The Cuban sugar finance committee made no announcements but it believed would sell at 3.985 cts C and F. It however has sugars in shipping positions only to offer and as none could arrive here, or at least are not guaranteed to arrive before the date on which the emergency tariff is expected to become effective and refiners are not interested Porto Rico's in port or close by were held at 5.27 cts cif, with intimidations made by some sellers that bids of 5.19 cts cif by accepted but the best bid on such sugars appeared to be 5.03 cts cif. A lot of 2,600 tons of San Domingos afloat and said to be due today was on offering during the day at 3.77 c. equal 4.125 c. and in for Cuba's, with indications that it might be taken before the market close. During the afternoon the American bought a small lot of Peau's in port, 500 bags at 3.76 c. cif equal to 5.02 c. delivered New York. Up to 5.30 no further business wages reported and none appeared to be in sight. Lower Wall street was only mildly interested in the special despatches from Havana relating to the proposal of Mr. Demesa, that all sugar planters and colonies the harvest on May 20th not with a view to advancing the price of sugar but to prevent it from going lower, notwithstanding Mr. Demesa's position as a large speculative operator in the island. It is seriously doubted that he has enough influence to effect this.

Cairo, May 19th.—Serious rioting took place today in the vicinity of the ministerial buildings. Many policemen were seriously injured, and one of the demonstrators was killed and a large number were injured. Egyptian lancers were compelled to intervene to quell the disturbance.

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