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TELEGRAMS.

ST. CROIX STATION.

Dublin, March 23th.—President Cosgrave announced yesterday the terms of the proposed inquiry into the Free State army organization, saying it would include, in addition to the actual investigation into the recent mutiny by some of the military element, an investigation into the existence of factions, conspiracies, secret societies or groups among the officers and men. Demobilization, he added, had reduced the number of Major Generals in the army from 18 to 7. He denied any connection between the reorganization of the Free State Army and any arrangements made at the Imperial Conference.

Moscow, March 23th.—Soviet Russia's claims against Great Britain exceed the latter's claims against Russia by 2,000,000,000 rubles, M. Zinovieff, President of the Communist Internationale, announced in a speech at Leningrad on the subject of the forthcoming Russo-British Conference. The British claims, he stated, were divided into three groups. First, State debts and "pretensions" for loan and nationalized property to a total value of 3,450,000,000 gold rubles. Second, War debts of 5,373,000,000 gold rubles. Third, Interest on all the debts of 2,816,000,000 making a total of 10,639,000,000 gold rubles. "If there is no hope for us to receive from England these two billions of gold rubles, then, at any rate, we confidently declare that England will not get either the war debts or the interest."

Rome, March 23th.—Major McLaren and his companions of the British round the world flight expeditions arrived at

Ceyocelle Airdrome at 7.40 a. m. today, landing their big Napier Vickers Amphibian plane without mishap.

GOVERNMENT OF THE
VIRGIN ISLANDS OF THE UNITED STATES
ST. CROIX

Official Publication.

THE mail arriving from Continental United States today brought a copy of Senate Bill No. 2785, introduced in the Senate on March 10, 1924, by Senator McLEAN of Connecticut by request. This bill is entitled: "A Bill to provide a Civil Government for the Virgin Islands, and for other purposes."

I desire to inform the people of the Virgin Islands that the Government had nothing whatever to do with this bill; was given no opportunity to comment upon it prior to its presentation to the United States Senate and, in fact, knew nothing concerning it until the printed copy was received this morning. Further, insofar as this Government is aware, the party or parties who requested Senator McLEAN to introduce this bill acted without the consent and approval of the people inasmuch as the people as represented by the two Colonial Councils have not signified a desire for a complete change in the form of government of these islands.

The danger of legislation concerning the Virgin Islands being introduced in the Federal Congress without official backing is only too apparent. Would not this bill, if enacted, endanger the Federal appropriation now made for the islands? Porto Rico, from whose Organic Act this bill is largely copied, receives no direct Federal appropriation.

PHILIP WILLIAMS,
Governor.

Publication.

IT is hereby brought to public notice that the Government has, this date, authorized the Reverend ALPHONSE J. WOLF, C.S.S.R., to perform civil-religious functions in the Municipality of Saint Croix.

Government of the Virgin Islands of the United States, St. Croix, 27 March, 1924.

WM. S. ZANE,
Government Secretary.

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