

I brought in an amendment to the bill when it was introduced. In drafting my amendment I had in mind a day that is in conformity with the wishes of the people. My amendment proposes in brief to take out the first Monday in September and substitute in its place the first day of November. The first day of November will be a holiday any how so it is better to delete that day from our Statute Book and insert in its place the first day of November. The first of November is an important day to the people of this island. I recommend my amendment to the favourable consideration of the Members of this Council although I am sure it is going to be voted down, but it will be on record just the same.

To be continued.

LOCAL

The s. s. "Parima" for New York is due at Frederiksted on Monday daylight from Windward Islands.

OFFICIAL NOTES.

The Governor of the Virgin Islands has received word from the Secretary of the Navy that the President of the United States has signed a proclamation further deferring the application of the Coastwise Laws to the Virgin Islands of the United States. The period of time for which the Coastwise Laws have been so deferred was not stated in the radio, but it is expected that this information will be forthcoming in the mail in the near future.

This action was taken in response to a request of the Governor of the Virgin Islands setting forth the absolute necessity for a further holding in obedience of the Coastwise Laws.

TELEGRAMS.

ST. CROIX STATION.

Honolulu, April 21st.—The Nippujiji, the local Japanese language newspaper, received a special despatch from Tokio stating that the United States Ambassador had cabled President Coolidge requesting him to veto the Immigration Bill.

Moscow, April 21st.—Religious leaders in the South-Eastern districts of Afghanistan are leading a rebellion against the Amir, according to despatches received here by the Rosa News Agency. According to the despatches the revolt is of a reactionary character, directed against reforms inaugurated by the ruler.

London, April 21st.—Crown Prince Humbert of Italy will accompany the King and Queen of Italy on their visit to England this Summer. The Prince, like his sisters, speaks English very well.

Bagdad, April 21st.—Two deputies known to favour ratification of the treaty between Great Britain and the Kingdom

of Irak were stabbed and seriously wounded while in the street yesterday. The political situation accentuated by the emotionalism connected with the Ramadan Festival, is rapidly approaching a crisis.

Tokio, April 21st.—A declaration that war with the United States over the immigration question is impossible, but assertion that it would take years for Japan to forget the "insult" imposed by the United States Senate when it voted to exclude Japanese from the United States, were among statements made in an interview given by Count Gombei Yamamoto, ex Premier of Japan. "There is no possibility of war resulting from the action of Congress." Our sword leaps from the scabbard only when the Motherland is menaced or our obligations to our allies call it forth, but the immigration issue does not involve the national safety. With such an affront hurled toward Japan, our attitude must be calm, dignified and restrained. It is best to interpret the Senate's action not as an expression of the will of the people of the United States but as the result of skilful manipulation of crowd psychology, with politicians taking advantage of Hanibara's phraseology. It will take years for the Japanese to forget this insult and rally again to the support of co-operative peace efforts. No amount of Christian preaching, or missionary work can convince us now that Christianity is an effective preventive of wars and racial struggles."

Tokio, April 21st.—A two hour conference between Foreign Minister Matsui and Marquis Saionji, one of Japan's two elder Statesmen, and an open air mass-meeting, which protested against exclusion of Japanese from the United States were features today in the Japanese American immigration situation. Marquis Saionji returned to Tokio from Okitsu solely because of the political situation which has developed since the United States voted to ban persons ineligible to United States citizenship from United States soil. Approximately one thousand persons attended today's mass meeting, which was under the auspices of several patriotic organizations. Resolutions were passed urging the "rise of the Japanese people, resolved to sacrifice everything if necessary to protect the national prestige."

York, Eng., April 21st.—Take the reparation experts report as a whole and put it into operation all at once, with everybody back of it, was the course advocated by the Prime Minister, in addressing a crowded labour meeting in the Theatre Royal here Saturday. He urged that the Allies should accept Germany's word and advocated her admission into the League of Nations as another step for bringing peace to the Continent, in urging unity among the Allies in applying the plan outlined by the re-

port, Mr. MacDonald said it was clear from that document that if they went on for another two years and carried out the policy that had been practiced, for two or three years past, there would be no hope of relief, no hope of reparation and none for security or peace. To take the chance that was now offered and put the plan into operation as a whole and then "go on and finish the job and bring peace and security to the Continent," was what he cared about and what he was going to work for.

York, Eng., April 21st.—Mr. MacDonald's speech on Saturday has stirred the extremist elements of the Independent Labour Party, which opened its annual conference here yesterday, and it is likely that the Premier, who was formerly the party chairman, will meet some severe heckling when he faces today's session. In his address on Saturday he advocated taking the reparation experts report as a whole and put it into operation at once. Mr. MacDonald did not attend yesterday's meeting at which his attitude regarding reparations was subjected to much adverse criticism and the need of "gingering up" the Labour Government was generally emphasised. An anti-reparationist vote was only defeated by a narrow majority. "Increasingly bold use of power for Socialistic measures and administration" was urged by the chairman Mr. Clifford Allen, who demanded "application of socialistic principles to the reorganization of the nations industries and economic life". The party executive adopted a motion in favor of "one unified socialistic internationale, to include Moscow."

New York, April 21st.—The raw sugar market today was steady and unchanged at 6.15 for Cuba's, duty paid. Sales included 10,000 bags of Porto Rico's for prompt shipment. Early advances of five to seven points in raw sugar futures, as a result of covering and commission house buying on upturn met liberal offerings from trade interests, under which prices broke 12 to 15 points from best closing unsettled at 2 to 5 points net lower. May 4.42, July 4.63, September 4.64, December 4.21. With no improvement in business, refined prices continued at former levels at 8 cents to 8.25 for fine granulated. Refined futures were nominal.

Mexico City, April 21st.—A severe earth shock lasting for one minute and twenty-six seconds rocked Mexico City and the Plateau region of Mexico shortly after one o'clock. Light material damage was reported from various points affected by the tremor. There was no confirmation of reports that there had been loss of life.

Perth, Australia, April 21st.—The Western Australian Government has accepted the tender of the North British Locomotive Company for the supply of ten locomotives at a cost of 76,000 pounds.