

Government Secretary (Gaffney) remarked: Mr. Chairman. There seems to be a wrong feeling. The maintenance of the public roads is satisfactory under the present law. The Government is willing to further the proposal, but with the understanding that it is not to maintain the equipment at public expense without additional taxation.

3rd Member for Frederiksted Country District (M. M. Skeoch) remarked: Mr. Chairman. The child is now called by its right name. The Committee appointed on this ordinance has had a great deal of work, and it was thought a clear way was found which would be satisfactory to both parties, but now it comes down to the fine point that we need more taxation.

1st Member for Frederiksted Country District (Andersen) remarked: Mr. Chairman. I am very sorry that we cannot get Government interested in this Island. The Governor always expresses a heartfelt sympathy for St. Croix, but when that is put to the test it is quite a different thing.

When it comes to St. Thomas there is no talking about more taxation to make concrete streets, etc. I understand more than one hundred thousand dollars was spent on streets, water, etc., but every time something by way of improvement comes up for St. Croix there is talk about taxation. It is often said we don't want an antiquated system; the Government is speaking of antiquated system, why then don't they help to modernize the system? The Committee proposes to appropriate this amount from money in the Treasury, not otherwise obligated, and I understand there is a large amount in the Treasury from taxes collected last year. I fail to understand why that cannot be used for procuring implements for repairing our roads.

Government Secretary Gaffney remarked: Mr. Chairman. The question of the Government's interest in these islands is a matter which concerns the Government and not 1st Member for Frederiksted Country District (Andersen). We have received his remarks and note them as information only. The Government's statements on Colonial Council Bill No. 16 are repeated the same as on Colonial Council Bill No. 14—that the Public Works Department is not to maintain the roads until the revenue is sufficient. The Council may see its way to add to the coming budget an amount to provide for a road roller, scarifier and stone crusher. To appropriate that amount out of the Treasury now would seem as if we are making expenses from tax collected two years ago and making one of the leanest years of the island provide for the future. I wish to have Government go on record as saying that it will not undertake to maintain the roads at public expense without making proper provisions.

(To be continued.)

LOCAL.

The S. S. "Marina" arrived here on Saturday afternoon last, landed 84 bags mail, some cargo and passengers and proceeded to Frederiksted from where she sailed for San Juan P. R., via St. Thomas at 2.00 p. m., yesterday.

Movie patrons are reminded of tonight's show at the Christiansted Theatre where the new before the last show of the serial "The Dragon's Net" will be presented in six attractive parts. See programme in this issue.

TELEGRAMS.

ST. CROIX STATION.

Pekin, April 26th.—A proclamation was issued today by the President declaring that China was on the verge of civil war. He drew attention to the grave danger of foreign complications arising and made a strong demand to the contending generals to withdraw their troops without delay and adjust their differences by mediation.

Manila, April 26th.—The U. S. S. "Huron" left today for China with several companies of marines, for the purpose of protecting American interest in the event of their being threatened by the troubles in that country. Other marines have also been despatched for the protection of the United States Legation at Pekin.

Tokio, April 26th.—The longest and most severe earthquake in many years was experienced here today causing some deaths and many narrow escapes by the collapse of walls and chimneys. The telegraph and telephone services were interrupted by the disturbance.

Dallas Texas, April 26th.—As a result of floods and storms in this state during the last twenty four hours, forty seven persons have been reported dead or missing and damage estimated at millions of dollars has been caused to property.

Genoa, April 26th.—Mr. Lloyd George declares that if the charges made against him recently in the "Times" and "Daily Mail" are presented in Parliament, he will answer them and give the British public the full truth concerning the efforts made by the British to get the French to understand the former's attitude towards Russia, which efforts, in the opinion of the British delegates have been greatly hampered by a hostile press. The French public, continued Mr. Lloyd George, is apparently convin-

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ced that the Russo-German Treaty is in some way the outcome of the Genoa Conference and this belief is being fostered by the Press unfriendly to the conference. The belief of the British delegation is that if the truly prosperous countries leave Germany and Russia, in isolation and misery, they will develop a fierce friendship, which will be directed against the whole of western Europe, and therefore the delegation say they will have nothing to do with a policy which may bring about such results. While the delegation announce that they are not afraid of the German or Russian menace, they determined to do their utmost to prevent Europe from being turned into a shambles, and consequently they want, if possible, to make peace with Russia, regardless of the character of its Government.

London, April 26th.—Five Russians, including Kerensky's former Secretary Boris Savinkoff, were arrested at Genoa, by the Italian police on Sunday, says a despatch to the Daily Herald, Savinkoff arrived at Genoa under a false name and with a forged passport, and the police found that he and his companions had a plan of the hotel where the Russian Soviet delegation are staying.

London, April 26th.—Mr. Johnson declared in the House of Representatives today that an investigation of the Bureau of Engraving and Printing would show that hundreds of millions of dollars in spurious United States Government certificates have been printed and put into circulation, these including many Bogus Liberty Bonds.

London, April 27th.—The Oxford and Cambridge Lacrosse team yesterday defeated Steven's Institute by a score of eight to four.

Genoa, April 27th.—The Lithuanian delegation today presented a demand for recognition of their country by the powers and also for the annexation of the Baltic Port of Memel to Lithuania, in accordance with the terms of article ninety nine of the treaty of Versailles. The delegation also protested against the occupation of Lithuanian territory by Poland, which prevents Lithuania from carrying out the arrangement concerning transport by water and land, as established by the conferences at Barcelona and Porto Rosa.

Madrid, April 26th.—Queen Victoria will go to London to attend the funeral of her brother, Lord Leopold Mountbatten.

London, April 26th.—The race for the two thousand guineas stakes run at Newmarket today was won by Saint-Louis, second place being secured by Pondoland and third place by Captain Cuttle.

Dublin, April 25th.—Brigadier-General Adamson, Commander of the 1st Athlone Brigade of the regular Irish Republican Army, was shot dead today near the Headquarters of the Independent Republican forces in Athlone.