

Pointdexter will be among the visitors, as these two gentlemen are deeply interested in these islands, and the future welfare of our people.

We are very sure their visit will mean much for all concerned.

For the municipality of St. Croix
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U. S. NAVY PRESS NEWS.

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BERLIN: Mathias Erzberger, Minister of Finance, was wounded by shot fired at him today. He was shot after leaving court room after hearing in libel case. Assailant arrested.

WASHINGTON: "Russian Soviet organizations have become strong enough to fight the world", Ludvig Martens, Soviet Agent to the United States today told Senate investigating Committee. Because of this, he said, the Soviets had ceased to urge international revolutions to support them. Says he regards Soviets as legitimate successors of former Russian Government and that seventy per cent of the people support the soviets.

LONDON: Dispatch telling of the greetings given "Reds" deported from the United States to Russia says, "comrades were greeted with band playing and cheers from 'Red' Army drawn up facing enemy soldiers on other hand."

HALIFAX: Disabled transport "Powhatan" adrift since Saturday, now one hundred miles at sea is again in tow, two American tugs bringing her into port. Now that wrecking tug's relief under charter to War Department is at hand, officials hope that with tugs' powerful pumps the transport can be kept afloat until she reaches port. She was former German liner and is included in the list of the Shipping Board at Washington. She is being offered for sale for which tenders are expected tomorrow.

FLORENCE, ITALY: A daring meeting at which Anarchists raised a revolutionary mob to overcome a party of Carbiners, who defending themselves fired at demonstrative mob wounding scores, was held here.

MADISON: As result of infection due to his teeth, Senator La Follette is in the hospital. Condition said not to be critical.

CAUCASUS. SIBERIA: "Colonel Blunt and seven other American engineers. Miss Ford, Captain Charette and several additional members of the American Red Cross and an entire Polish Army have been captured by Bolsheviki" says a garbled telegram from former American Consul at Irkutsk.

WASHINGTON, No report regarding the capture of Americans in Siberia has been received here either at the War Department, State Department or Red Cross. Some press reports this afternoon state that this, if true, may delay

the withdrawal of American troops from Siberia.

WASHINGTON: He rings before Senate Sub-committee on Naval Awards probably will be resumed Friday, at which time Secretary Daniels will take the stand. Testimony expected to take about two days, and committee investigation of entire Naval conduct of war based on charges made by Admiral Sims doubtless will be reported on the middle of next week.

GRAND RAPIDS: Veniremen, witnesses and a small army of legal talent have arrived here for trial which opens in Federal Court tomorrow of Truman H. Newberry and one hundred and thirty four others charged with corruption, conspiracy and fraud in nineteen eighteen senatorial election. Possibility of delay on account of it being announced that one of the defendants counsel's sick with influenza.

DETROIT: George Munroe, Landlord here, will force charge of manslaughter if baby Broadbreck, suffering with double pneumonia, dies. Baby's father charges that Landlord turned her out of department because family would not pay rent in advance.

TELEGRAMS

ST. CROIX STATION.

Chamounix, France, Jan. 23rd—French and Italian engineers have arrived here to study the ground for the proposed tunnel under Mont Blanc directly joining France and Italy. Both Governments have started preliminary credits to begin the work.

Birmingham, Jan. 23rd.—Mr Austen Chamberlain, speaking on the lessons of the war, said it was not Great Britain's policy to borrow vast sums in America for the purpose of loaning them to other nations of Europe. He expressed the belief that Great Britain has reached the maximum of her national debt and that the nation will turn the corner in the coming financial year. It will then be the Government's business to consider the funding of the large existing floating debt, thus removing from commercial and financial centres the cloud of anxiety now overhanging them. The Chancellor declared that no expedients, however ingenious, could relieve the nation of the necessity for many years, of exercising careful economy in national and personal expenditures or continued effort to create wealth.

London, Jan. 23rd.—Sugar in stock on the 10th instant was 63,000 tons. Last year 249,000 tons.

London, Jan. 24th.—The "Daily Mail" announces that Field Marshal Haig will retire on February first, when the post of Commander-in-Chief will be abolished and the command of the army will revert to the Army Council, as in pre-war days.

Melbourne, Jan. 24th.—The Commonwealth Government has invited several military leaders to frame a proposal for a complete military defence scheme.

London, Jan. 24th.—The Russian Soviet Government's Minister of Commerce is reported to have arrived at Helsingfors for the purpose of trying to open negotiations with the Allies for the resumption of trade relations. Regarding the shipment of food to Russia by England for British subjects, he says the Soviet Government has all the necessary rolling stock and sledges on the frontier ready for its transportation.

Paris, Jan. 24th.—The Note of the Dutch Government, refusing to give up the Ex-Emperor, William, says that Holland was not a party to the Peace Treaty which condemned him, and cannot recognize, as an international duty, the necessity to associate herself with an act of high international policy by the Powers. It declares, also, that by the constituent laws of the Kingdom and by tradition, the country has always been a ground for refuge in international conflicts and that these facts do not permit the Government to defer to the wishes of the Entente by withdrawing from the Ex-Emperor, the benefit of its laws and traditions.

Rome, Jan. 24th.—A reconstruction of the Cabinet is forecasted by the newspaper "Idea Nazionale."

London, Jan. 24th.—The position of General Denekine in Southern Russia is, to all appearances, somewhat better, according to a summary of the situation issued by the War Office. The inevitable pause which follows an offensive has occurred, and the future course of operations will be in favour of the side which is best able to make the best use of the time at its disposal of re-organization. This should be easier for General Denekine, who is nearer his base than the Bolsheviks.

London, Jan. 24th.—All the Japanese troops have left Irkutsk, according to the "Daily Mail's" Harbin correspondent. The evacuation by the Czechs is proceeding under General Semeroff, who is rendering all facilities.

Washington, Jan. 24th.—Notice was received by Senator Lodge yesterday from irreconcilable Republican Senators that they refuse any compromise agreement which modifies the Lodge reservations to the League of Nations Convention. It is therefore futile to predict what action may be taken in the next few days.

New York, Jan. 24th.—Influenza is fast approaching an epidemic stage and stringent measures are being taken to prevent it spreading. The health commissioner states that vaccine does not prevent the disease and investigations have proved that serums are useless.

Ponce, P.R. Jan. 26th.—Slight prolonged shock 7.10 p. m.

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