

"WHO IS NUMBER ONE?"

LOCAL.

We have been informed that the Native Brass Band will give a concert on the wharf tomorrow evening.

The lighthouse tender Lilac arrived here yesterday afternoon from St. Thomas.

The Mystery arrived at Frederiksted this morning.

TELEGRAMS.

ST. CROIX STATION.

Ottawa, Sept. 19th.—The memory of those who made the supreme sacrifice in the great war will be revered in Canada this year by the wearing of a red poppy on Armistice Day, according to plans being formulated by the Dominion Command of the great war veterans association.

Pittsburg, Sept. 20th.—The proposed union of the Presbyterian Alliance and the Church of England Protestant Episcopal Church, was discussed yesterday by the delegates attending the Eleventh General Council of the Alliance of the Reformed and Presbyterian Churches throughout the world, holding to the Presbyterian system. A discussion of the proposed union, spoken of at Lambeth, England, took place, but no agreement was reached.

London, Sept. 20th.—Papers friendly to the Irish cause, like the "Westminster Gazette" and "Manchester Guardian", admit that the Prime Minister's last invitation to Mr. De Valera as the "chosen spokesman" of his people, was a very fair offer which the latter would be wise to accept without more ado, and they also advise Mr. De Valera to forego the dangerous pleasure of waving the flag of the Irish republic so persistently in the face of the Premier. Some surprise is expressed here that Mr. De Valera omits to call a full meeting of the Dail Eireann, with the possibility that this body might authorize, in some brief form, a letter accepting the Premier's invitation without attaching conditions.

London, Sept. 20th.—It has been definitely decided that neither Mr. Lloyd George nor Lord Curzon will attend the Washington Conference on the disarmament and Pacific problems, in view of the impending developments in domestic politics.

Washington, Sept. 20th.—The safe arrival at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, of the United States submarine R47, which, while enroute from the Panama Canal Zone to Guantanamo, sent out a distress

call on Sunday night, was reported today by the Navy Department.

Belfast, Sept. 20th.—Mr. James Craig, the Ulster Premier in explaining to the Northern Parliament today Ulster's position with regard to the proposed conference looking towards peace in Ireland, maintained that would have been impolitic to refuse to enter the conference in order to protect the interests of Ulster, nevertheless Ulster had nothing to give away in such a conference. Sir James explained that to have adopted a negative attitude towards the Irish peace conference would have prejudiced Ulster's position in the eyes of the sympathizers with it in Great Britain and throughout the Colonies, and also in other parts of the world. Secondly, he declared, it would have risked a settlement behind our backs and I could not take the responsibility of allowing others to decide what the future of Ulster should be in regard to those reserved services which has not yet been transferred under the Government of Ireland act. We desired to ensure that, if the conference was held, nothing should be given away behind our backs. Thirdly, had we given a negative answer to the invitation, I fear the Sinn Fein Leaders might have taken that negative reply as their model and also have refused to enter the conference, in which case the whole pressure of public opinion would have been brought to bear on us and we have been eventually forced into the conference.

Havana, Sept. 19th.—One thousand recruits from Cuba for the Spanish forces in Morocco are expected to embark on September 20th. for Spain. The volunteers already gathered in Havana have been provided with temporary uniforms and have been given preliminary instructions in military work. A Red Cross unit made up of women and six aviators will accompany the recruits to Spain.

London, Sept. 20th.—The Govt. has despatched a strongly worded note to Moscow calling the attention of the Soviet Govt. to alleged serious breaches of faith in the pursuance by the Russians throughout Central Asia and Afghanistan of a campaign of intrigues hostile toward Great Britain. An explanation is demanded. The note details fully the alleged acts complained of. Most of them were in Afghanistan.

Gairloch, Scotland, Sept. 21st.—Viscount Fitzalan, Lord Lieut. and Governor-General of Ireland, arrived here this morning aboard a destroyer. He conferred with Mr. Lloyd George, whose health continues to improve.

Paris, Sept. 21st.—The town of Oppau was destroyed by explosions in a

chemical plant there, advices received here state. The force of the shocks was felt for a distance of nearly fifteen miles around. In Mannheim one person was killed and about fifty others injured. The cause of the catastrophe is not known.

Mayence, Sept. 21st.—A Hava's despatch from Oppau says the victims of the explosions there are estimated to exceed one thousand dead and several thousands injured.

Washington, Sept. 21st.—Congress reconvened at noon today, after a recess which began on August 24th.

London, Sept. 21st.—With the landing yesterday of the Swiss balloon, piloted by Paul Armbruster, all the fourteen competitors in the International race for the James Gordon Bennet trophy, which started on Sunday at Brussels, Belgium, have been accounted for. The Swiss entrant landed at Lambay Island off the coast of County Dublin, Ireland, and therefore wins the cup.

Philadelphia, Sept. 21st.—At the conclusion of yesterday's play in the annual cricket contest between Canada and the United States, the All Philadelphia team scored 198 runs for their first innings, while the Canadians had accumulated 107 for their first innings, for five wickets when stumps were drawn.

Philadelphia, Sept. 21st.—Heavy rain this morning prevented the resumption of play in the two days' cricket match between Canada and All Philadelphia, and indications were that it could not be resumed at all, unless there is a decided change in the weather later in the day.

Ottawa, Sept. 21st.—Mr. Arthur Meighen announced his new Cabinet this morning after the ministers had been sworn in by the Governor-General. The Cabinet as announced by Mr. Meighen was as follows: Prime Minister and Minister of External Affairs, Mr. Meighen. Railways and Canals, Mr. Stewart. Trade and Commerce, Mr. Stevens. Justice, Mr. Bennett. Postmaster General, Mr. Beley. Secretary of State, Mr. Menty. Soldiers Civil reestablishment, Mr. Manion. Customs and Excise, Mr. Baxter. Public Works, Mr. McCurdy. Finance, Sir Henry Drayton. President of the Privy Council, Dr. Normand. Agriculture, Mr. Tolmie. Labour, Mr. Robertsen. Marine and Fisheries, Mr. Ballantyre. Interior, Sir James Longheed. Militia and Defence, Mr. Guthrie. Without Portfolio, Sir Edward Kemp, Mr. Spinney, Mr. James Wilson, and Mr. Bristol.

The Hague, Sept. 21st.—Parliament was opened by Queen Wilhelmina yesterday amidst scenes of disorders. A de-