

It is understood that the party telegraphed its coming into existence to President Harding who cabled back his best wishes and gratification at learning of such a party in these islands.

St. Thomas News.

Yesterday the 6th and last meeting of the Colonial Council for St. Thomas and St. John in the session 1920-1921 was held at 2 p. m. 12 members were present. The Governor, Government Secretary and the Legal Aid attended the meeting. After the order of the Day was proceeded with, on which there was but little discussion. The draft of ordinance providing for the appointment of a Judge for the District Court for the Virgin Islands of the United States passed three discussions and was unanimously adopted. The Chairman informed the Council that the retiring members to the close of the 2nd half of the period are: C. G. Thiele, R. Miller, C. Corneiro, A. Burnet, D. O. Bornn, O. S. Kean, J. C. Roberts, and A. E. Smith.

The Chairman invited the members to stand. Governor Oman, it being the last meeting of the Council and probably the last time the members are likely to meet you between these walls, I take this opportunity on behalf of my colleagues and self to offer you a farewell address before your departure. Sir, you will soon be leaving these shores, allow me to express the high appreciation of your term of office in this community; you have worked harmoniously with this Council, thus facilitating the work laid before us. We are conscious of the good done by you which the inhabitants highly appreciate. We beg further to express that wherever you may be called to render service the same appreciation will be extended, and while after a short time you will not be in our midst, this we beg that you always remember St. Thomas and do all you can for us. To your staff who has rendered meritorious support, this Council also further extends its appreciation.

The Governor replied: Mr. Chairman. The appreciation of me by the Council I have marked, and the harmony which exists between Government and the members will ever be remembered.

It is now about a year since the Code of Laws was first introduced in the Council, over which we have held meetings nearly every eighth day; at first it appeared as if no change of laws was desired, sometimes it appeared that there was much opposition, but happily the seeming differences were overcome. The Code has finally been adopted, and this Council will thereby be marked as having undertaken and concluded a work hitherto unknown in the Municipality.

The Holiday Bill which was returned to the Council unsigned some time ago

will soon be reintroduced by Government in a new form. In the next budget provisions have been made for the building of the school on the hill in the vicinity of "Ma Folie", as recommended by the Chairman, and might have been already established were it not for the scarcity of labor to begin the work. The school at "Coral Bay" St. John for incorrigible boys are already under construction; the school at the island of St. James for girls is also under consideration.

Many construction works have been undertaken and carried through by the cooperation of the Council.

The kind expressions offered by you to my staff and self, I beg to state are highly appreciated.

On the arrival of the new Governor I propose to administer the Oath of Office to him in this Hall, at which ceremony I hope to see the Members of the Council in a body.—*St. Thomas Bulletin, April 8th.*

There was a slight shock of earthquake felt here shortly after 7 o'clock this morning.—*St. Thomas Mail Notes, April 11th.*

On Saturday night at 11.40 the town was suddenly thrown into commotion by the alarm of fire at the Presbytery. It was fortunately found, however, that the fire was a small affair located near the Seatons' residence which, by the time the crowds had gathered, was quite extinguished. The damage done were two holes burnt in the roof of a toilet. Cause unknown.—*Ibid.*

This morning about 25 minutes to 1 o'clock the school bell at Bjerre Gade sounded the alarm of fire, also whistle of the policemen were to be heard. On arriving to the spot it was found to be at a two room house on Prindsen's Gade, property of Mr. A. H. Lockhart, these rooms are uninhabited. It was speedily put out by willing hands who thus saved what might have caused a very disastrous conflagration in that quarter of the town.—*St. Thomas Bulletin, April 14th.*

TELEGRAMS.

ST. CROIX STATION.

Washington, April 13th.—The First move in the present congress, looking to disarmament, came today with the introduction by Senator Borah, Republican Idaho, of his resolution authorizing the President to open negotiations with Great Britain and Japan looking to a reduction in naval building by those countries and the United States. Senator Knox of Pennsylvania, introduced in the Senate today his resolution, to end the state of war with Germany. The measure is similar to that which the last Congress passed and President Wilson vetoed.

The resolution which also would end the state of war with the Austrian Govt. was referred to the Foreign Relations Committee without discussion. It would provide that United States rights under the Treaty of Versailles should be reserved.

Paris, April 14th.—The Chamber of Deputies today adopted the Bill providing for a 50% tax on German imports as a penalty to Germany because of non-fulfilment of her reparations obligations. The vote was 383 to 79.

Amsterdam, April 14th.—The union of the transport workers and seamen has decided to ask all members throughout the country to refuse to handle any goods destined for England. This action has been taken in connection with the proposed general strike in Great Britain.

London, April 14th.—The Labour members of the House of Commons, the National Executive Committee of the Labour Party and leaders of the Trades Union Congress met here today to discuss the situation resulting from the call of the strike by the Triple Alliance of labour, which is to begin at 10 o'clock on Friday night. Heads of the Triple Alliance consented to send representatives to the meeting, which was considered here today to afford the solitary ray of hope that the great strike might be avoided. Labour members of Parliament, however, are quoted by the "London Times" as discouraging the building of over optimistic hopes. The House of Commons today was prepared to discuss the reply to the King's proclamation, creating reserve forces to act in event that the great strike should develop. The Labour party had given notice that it would to move, the following amendment the reply. "The House regrets His Majesty has been advised to take such costly and warlike measures, which are calculated to provoke public feeling and directed against loyal citizens who are exercising their legal right to resist encroachment upon the standard of living of themselves and of their fellow workers. Whether the call for a strike issued by the Triple Alliance will be universally obeyed, remains doubtful.

New York, April 14th.—Raw sugar was unchanged early today. The committee quotes 4½c. for Cuba's cost and freight, equal to 5.77 for centrifugal, while uncontrolled sugars continue to sell below this level, 2,900 tons of San Domingo's having been purchased by a refiner at 4 3/8c, cif, equal to 5.6c for centrifugal. In refined the demand continues disappointing, while prices are unchanged at 7.65 to 8c. for fine granulated. Some re sales were reported below the inside quotations. Futures were irregular, with April at midday 12 points net higher on covering, while later positions were 4 to 12 points lower under liquidation.