

(Alexander) and 1st Member for Frederiksted Country District (Andersen) seconded the Member's proposal.

4th Appointed Member (Blackwood) remarked: Mr. Chairman. I do not consider that this is a matter of finance that concerns us in the least. I do not see the necessity of coming here today.

(To be continued.)

LOCAL.

The mail-boat Creole arrived here at 7 p. m. yesterday with small St. Thomas and Porto Rico mail.

The S. S. Parima from the Islands arrived at Frederiksted this a. m. The list of passengers for the States is as usual a long one, including many persons from this town.

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ST. CROIX STATION.

Copenhagen, July 16th.—The Russian Soviet Govt. has decided to grant a lease of the harbour of Petrograd to a foreign country, says a despatch from Helsingfors. The company, which is said to be a British concern, is to have a half interest in the enterprise, the other half being retained by the Soviet.

London, July 17th.—World peace, as the ideal of the proposed Washington conference, and Irish peace, which it is hoped will come from the conference between Mr. Lloyd George and De Valera form the subjects for optimistic editorials in the Sunday papers.

London, July 18th.—The postponement of the Irish negotiations until tomorrow at least, appeared likely this morning, when it was learned that conversations between Mr. Lloyd George and Mr. De Valera might be halted until Sir James Craig had been given an opportunity for further consultations with his followers. Mr. Lloyd George returned early this morning from Chequers Court, his country residence, but late this afternoon no decision had been reached as to whether he would be able to meet De Valera today. Both Mr. De Valera's and Sir James Craig's contingents remained in London over the weekend, consulting among themselves, but resumption of the Downing Street conversations undoubtedly depends upon the progress Sir James Craig makes in solving the difficulties facing him and his party in the negotiations.

London, July 18th.—In view of the secretiveness of all those principally concerned upon the Irish negotiations, this morning's editorial comment generally is cautious in referring to the outlook, but some writers venture to believe that any definite outcome is not to be expected for some time yet and intimate that Sinn Fein leaders are not inclined to have the

deliberations. The "Daily Mail", to substantiate its belief that the conference now going on between Mr. Lloyd George and Mr. De Valera will be a long drawn out affair, hints that Mr. De Valera will have to return to Dublin for a consultation with the Dail Eirann leaders after Mr. Lloyd George has given a final expression of the British Government's attitude concerning the entire Irish situation. This newspaper also predicts that the Irish Republican leader will not be able to arrange a meeting with Sir James Craig until after he has consulted with leaders of the Southern Irish Parliament. Citing another reason for delay, the same writer says a special Treasury Department report, has been ordered on certain financial aspects that already have been discussed, and that should any definite development depend upon such a report, they must necessarily await its completion, which would consume considerable time. In some quarters, however, there are warnings against over sanguineness because of the cause of the many serious difficulties which yet remain to be surmounted. Another reason for these less optimistic expressions is found in a despatch from the "Herald's" Dublin correspondent, who says that Irish Republic training and equipping operations which are not forbidden by the recent armistice, are proceeding vigorously, so that should the London negotiations fail, everything will be in readiness to resume the field.

London, July 18th.—Eamon De Valera in response to an invitation by the Premier called at No. 10 Downing Street, at 5.15 p. m. today, to confer with Mr. Lloyd George on the Irish question.

New York, July 18th.—The raw sugar market was firm and unchanged early today with Porto Rico's quoted at 4.50, while Cuba's were held at 4.61 for centrifugal. The refined market was unchanged at 5.20 to 5.75 for fine granulated and a good enquiry was reported.

Washington, July 18th.—The proposed duty on crude and fuel-oil was struck out of the Fordney Bill today by a vote of the House.

Washington, July 18th.—A letter from former President Wilson to Mr. Lloyd George, declaring that the United States could not consider the proposals to cancel or exchange Great Britain's indebtedness to the United States was placed in the Congressional record today by Senator Lodge of Massachusetts, republican leader. Mr. Wilson's letter, dated in October 1920, was submitted to the Senate Foreign Relations Committee a year ago by former Secretary. Houston It said that, "suggestions looking to the cancellation or exchange" were made to the former President in Paris. Mr. Wilson's letter said that the position of the United States had not changed, and it is not prepared to consent to the remission of any part of the debt of Great Britain to the United States. Mr. Wilson, it ap-

peared, urged Mr. Lloyd George to fund the debt, saying that if this was not done embarrassment of the treasury would necessitate steps to collect unpaid interests. Expressing confident expectation of the payment in due course, Mr. Wilson added, "it is felt that the funding of these demand obligations of the British Govt. will do more to strengthen the friendly relations between the United States and Great Britain than would any other course of dealing with the same".

Paris, July 18th.—The discussion of disarmament questions was taken up today by the Sub-Commission of the temporary mixed Commission for the reduction of armaments appointed by the League of Nations, which began its session here on Saturday. The Sub-Commission sessions were private. They will continue until it has framed reports for the full commission.

Athens, July 19th.—An official communication issued at general headquarters of the Greek army in Asia, covering events of July 15th tells of operations around Kutaia on the southern branch of the Bagdad railway. Confirmation of a report that Kutaia had fallen on Sunday afternoon was received here through official channels last night and was followed by general rejoicing. The communication said that four heavy field guns, eleven machine-guns and numerous prisoners were taken by the Greeks.

Washington, July 19th.—Operations of the United States Shipping Board's fleet for the fiscal year just ended resulted in a loss of approximately three hundred and eighty million dollars. Chairman Lasker of the Board announced today. This deficit was greater than previously estimated from official sources and was made following an examination of all the Board's account. The Govt's. venture in the merchant marine business last year involved a total expenditure of six hundred and eighty million dollars as far as could be ascertained from the Board's books, which Mr. Lasker declares are in bad shape. The new Chairman estimated that it would cost the Govt. three hundred million dollars to carry on operations of their fleet this year. In stating that an examination of the book showed that three hundred and eighty million dollars had been expended from the public funds on the Shipping Board last year. Mr. Lasker said. "This revealed an astounding case of absolute deception to the country and Congress."

Washington, July 19th.—The House today transferred asphalt from the dutiable to the freelist in the Fordney Tariff Bill, thus disposing of the last of the five contested schedules on which separate votes were permitted. The vote was 126 to 36.

London, July 19th.—It is announced as provisionally arranged that Mr. Lloyd George will attend the Washington conference on limitation of armaments.