

ward Denton and Mrs. Emelia Lindquist.

U. S. S. Destroyer No. 97 arrived this morning at 3 o'clock.

The "Guiana" from New York via St. Thomas is expected here on Wednesday.

TELEGRAMS

ST. CROIX STATION.

Berlin, March 16th.—The men who act as leaders or pickets in the strike called in this city as a protest against the reactionary rev., were threatened with the death penalty in a proclamation issued by Dr. Knapp. The order for the infliction of capital punishment was to be effective after 4 o'clock this afternoon and is based on a decree prohibiting any strike or passive resistance in any vital service, which was issued earlier in the day by the Minister of Defence. There is intense anxiety over the prospect of a continuance of the strike, with a possibility of famine and epidemics resulting from the lack of sanitation and the stoppage of water supply. No world capital possibly ever experienced such complete paralysis in all its living and commercial facilities as Berlin did yesterday. The Hotel Adlon made heroic efforts to provide for the British, French and American missions and newspaper correspondents, but it gave up the task at ten o'clock on Wednesday morning, when the last of the kitchen forces walked out leaving the foreigners to shift for themselves. It was a common spectacle subsequently, to see frock-coated diplomats returning to the Hotel from foraging expeditions, carrying brown paper and newspaper parcels of foodstuffs, oil, stoves and other necessities.

(Delayed in transmission.) Melbourne, March 15th.—The Melbourne City Council has voted ten thousand pounds for the entertainment of the Prince of Wales on his forthcoming visit.

New York, March 15th.—Sugar stocks are piling up here, owing to lack of cars and poor transportation conditions. The surplus stocks now in Atlantic ports are larger than they have been for more than two years. The market is easier and prices have declined a half cent. Eighty-five thousand bags of Cuban sugar afloat and the prompt clearance were sold at ten cents, cost and freight, equal to eleven nought there duty paid. Additional purchases of one hundred thousand bags were made by the Royal Commission at ten cents fob at Cuba for April shipment and there were also sales of some sixty thousand bags of Porto Rico's, afloat and for prompt shipment to New York and outports, at eleven cents to operators and trade buyers.

London, March, 15th.—Salvador and Venezuela have deposited their declarations of assent to the covenant of the league of nations, this completing the

list of the thirteen nations invited to become original members of the leagues.

Paris, March 15th.—The Independent Socialists and Communists met yesterday at Mannheim and decided to take advantage of the present situation in Germany and proclaim a soviet govt., according to advices from Basle. The German National Assembly has been summoned by the Ebert govt. to meet at Stuttgart. Count Von Bernstorff is reported to have gone to Stuttgart to negotiate with Herr Ebert. One of the first acts of the new govt. in Berlin was to request recognition from the Allied Commissions in Germany, but the request was ignored, the commissioners taking the attitude that they would not extend recognition even to the extent of answering the communication. The report says that Dr. Knapp is taking steps to have Herr Ebert and Herr Bauer arrested on a charge of high treason.

Copenhagen, March 15th.—A telegram from Berlin to the "Berlingske Tidende" despatched on Friday night says that the Minister of Defence had ordered the arrests of Field Marshal Von Hindenburg and General Von Ludendorff, but that neither could be found.

Berlin, March 15th.—The conviction prevails at Stuttgart, among men not identified with the present revolution, that it will be short lived, as it is outwardly without the support of the conservatives or the revolutionary leaders, and is viewed in many quarters as a "Trial balloon" which will collapse shortly. The most immediate danger is recognized in the general strike throughout Germany, which has already been proclaimed in many of the principal cities including Berlin. In the meantime the old Govt. is recovering its nerve and seems to have very liberal support from the Federal states.

London, March 15th.—A joint manifesto will be signed by Mr. Lloyd George and Mr. Bonar Law, will be issued in a few days stating the principles of a new party to be led by the Premier, says the Daily Mail. It will be accompanied by an important reconstruction of the ministry and for this reason the announcement of the appointments to the portfolios of labour, food and the Board of Trade, now vacant, will be postponed. According to present intentions, the name of the new party will be the National Democratic. In addition to a meeting of the Liberals next Thursday, arrangements are being made for a conference of unionists at which Mr. Bonar Law will announce his resignation from the leadership of that party and will invite the members to join the new organization. The Unionist leaders who have been adherents to Mr. Lloyd George are said to have decided to support him, but there are indications that the party will not be united in its adherence to the new combination. A revolt under the

leadership of the Marquis of Salisbury and Lord Robert Cecil is expected says the Daily Mail.

DISTINGUISHED SOLDIER TO VISIT PORTO RICO. ANOTHER CONGRESSIONAL PARTY TO VISIT US.

General Pershing is to make a flying visit to Porto Rico early next month, it is learned on good authority. He comes here in the line of duty, it is understood, but will be none the less welcome. According to our information the General will come on the same transport that is to bring the Congressional Party, scheduled to leave Key West on the 31st inst., for the Virgin Islands, via San Juan. Gen. Pershing is not, however, to be an official Member of the party, but is travelling with it merely as a matter of convenience.

Since his return from France Gen. Pershing has not been "resting on his honors," as many folks believe, but has been very busy with army affairs at home. Recently he has been making a tour of all of the army posts on the mainland, spending some time on the Mexican border and going very thoroughly into matters in that section. It is understood that in his line of duty he is coming here to look over the P. R. Regiment and military affairs generally on the island, and will also visit the Virgin Islands, Santo Domingo and the Canal Zone.

No details have yet been given out officially of the proposed visit of Gen. Pershing, and it is not known if he is to be given any public welcome.—*Porto Rican Paper*.—*St. Thomas Mail Notes*, March 24th.

Yesterday afternoon, the combined Navy Bands of Christiansted and Frederiksted, under the direction of 1st Musician Paulus, gave a fine concert in the Barracks, after which they tramped through the town as far as Market Square thence up again, to headquarters, where they disbanded.—*St. Thomas Mail Notes*, March 25th.

On Sunday last, our friends in Tortola had, from news recently received, the very great pleasure of welcoming the British S. S. "Chaleur" of the Royal Mail Steam Packet Company, 2930 tons with a party of tourists numbering 150, to Roadtown, Soon, the sleepy little town was all bustle with the strangers eager to see and to learn all they could about this island, one of England's oldest, but much neglected colonies. Everything was done to render the visitors happy; when the cordiality, as well as hospitality for which these simple folks are wellknown, had a chance of finding an outlet.—*Ibid*.