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To Correspondent "Neptune": If you will furnish your name, not necessarily for insertion in the paper, your communication received yesterday will be published in the "Avis" for what it may be worth.

The Red Cross Seventh Annual Enrollment opens tomorrow. While it is a fact that we are all more or less poor and times are hard, the good work of the Red Cross on the island is one of the things we will always be able to find some contribution toward, and it is hoped that our more fortunate fellow citizens will make this drive as successful as their means will allow.

The sloop Mizpah with St. Thomas mails and passengers sailed from this port yesterday afternoon.

Activities at the reservoir site are proceeding. It is a pleasant walk to the spot and it will be found interesting to note the stages of the work.

The agents advise that the s.s. "Paria" will not call here on her way to New York as scheduled for the 23rd instant.

St. Thomas News

One of the largest green turtles ever caught in these waters can be seen at Carriage and weighs in the neighbourhood of 350 lbs. The most remarkable part of the catch is that the net with which this turtle was caught is very small, and as far as is known was made to catch small turtle. This monster measures 4 ft. 8 in. from tip to tip, and is 3 ft. wide. The shell is 3 ft. 8 in. long and 3 ft. 4 in. wide. Neck, 22½ in. in circumference. — *The Bulletin*, 7th May.

Messrs. C. H. Cooper and G. M. Moore, representatives of the Comptroller General of the United States arrived here last week for the purpose of ascertaining how the finances of the islands are handled, with particular reference to the Federal appropriation made by Congress for the Virgin Islands.

The Comptroller General of the United States is the Chief fiscal official of the Federal Government, whose duty it is to determine that all money appropriated by Congress is expended in accordance with the laws governing such appropriations.

Messrs. Cooper and Moore in fulfillment of their mission made a complete investigation of the Book-keeping and Auditing departments of the municipality, and from what we have been able to learn from unofficial sources, found everything in order, which is very gratifying as it confirms the public confidence of the island at management of

affairs by the Hon. Government Secretary and his capable book keeper, Mr. L. Lafranque. — *The Bulletin*, 8th May.

Forty six teachers in St. Thomas and nine from St. John sat at the annual Teachers' Examination held during the Easter vacation. Good grades were made by many. The highest average was received by Miss Jane Tuitt with 94%. Miss Bertha Boschulte was a close second with 93%. Both of these girls are cadet Teachers at the present time and will graduate from the Senior High School this year. — *The Bulletin*, 9th May.

On the last trip of the U. S. S. Grebe to St. John Lieut. Johnson, Public Works Officer and Mr. Lindborg decided upon constructing a well at the Benjamin Franklin School. — *Ibid.*

TELEGRAMS.

ST. CROIX STATION.

Dublin, May 10th.—Mr. Joseph McGrath, ex-Minister of Commerce, and Mr. Daniel McCarthy, ex-Government Whip in the Dail Eiremann, who resigned their posts during the recent army crisis, announced last night the formation of a new Dail group whose policy will be complete independence, territorial unity and economic progress. Explaining their reason for going into definite opposition, they said they were dissatisfied over the Executive's attitude with regard to the army, they felt the Govt. was disinclined to make the most of the Anglo-Irish Treaty, and was guilty of unwarranted delay in pressing for the boundary commission. The debate in the Dail over the Anglo-American Liquor Treaty, was quoted as showing the Govt's "slackness in foreign affairs." The new party announced its determination to insist on honorable fulfilment of article 1 of the Anglo-Irish Treaty providing for the settlement of the boundary between Northern and Southern Ireland.

Berlin, May 10th.—All members of the Russian Soviet Govt. Commercial Delegation, who were arrested in the recent raid by police on the headquarters of the delegation here, have been released, according to the Vossische Zeitung.

Paris, May 11th.—The adherents of M. Poincare concede that the setbacks in the elections up to an early hour this morning, although incomplete, a considerable gain for the Left Bloc. This they attributed to discontent over increased taxation. The Communists have held their own, but the Royalists fared badly.

Paris, May 11th.—The National Bloc holds a strong majority in the departments of Manche Et Moselle and Vosges, according to advices from the provinces. In three districts in Paris the National Bloc also is in the majority.

Paris, May 11th.—According to the first information reaching the Ministry of

the Interior the list in the Meuse department headed by Andre Maginet, Minister of War, was elected in its entirety today. The list in the Eure-et-Loire, headed by Maurice Maunoury, ex-Minister of the Interior, was defeated by the list headed by Maurice Violette, Socialist which obtained an absolute majority.

London May 10th.—The match between the touring South Africans and Derby was drawn. The former ran up to a score of 161 for seven wickets and declared Derby made 73 runs with the loss of five wickets.

St. Lucia, May 10th.—At a meeting of the Committee of the Agricultural and Commercial Society held today in regard to the question of sugar preference the following resolution was passed: Be it resolved that a telegram be sent to the Associated West Indian Chamber of Commerce stating that this Society is in complete accord with the resolution passed by the council of the Chamber of Commerce in Barbados on the 9th inst and lends its support to any measure deemed necessary in the circumstances.

Antigua, May 10th.—Mr. A. P. Cowley late Attorney Maginley estates and Chairman Agricultural and Commercial Society, died here this morning.

Cordova, Alaska May 11th.—Major Frederick Martin and his mechanic, Staff Sergeant Harvey, who have been missing since April 30th. when they left Chignik on their round-the-world flight are safe at Port Moller, Alaska. A radio message was received here from Major Martin this morning. The plane struck a mountain near Port Moller an hour and a half after leaving Chignik, according to Major Martin's message. Although the ship was completely wrecked, neither of the aviators was hurt, he said. Port Moller is 119 miles west of Chignik.

Bangkok, Siam May 10th.—Another successful jump on his flight from Paris to Tokyo were made today by Lieut. Pelletier Dais, the French aviator. Setting out from Ragoon, whence he had flown from Calcutta yesterday, after a brief delay in the latter city to make a few repairs to his machine, the flyer reached Bangkok safely this afternoon.

Washington, May 11th.—The tax reduction bill was passed on Saturday by the Senate. It provides for a 25 percent cut in income tax payable this year and permanent revision downward of practically every federal tax.

Washington, May 11th.—The Immigration Bill, as it has been finally agreed to in the conference committee of the two Houses contains a provision under which any person born in the Dominion of Canada, and his wife or minor children accompanying him or following him can enter the United States without restrictions. Such persons are in the non quota list under the bill.

Paris May 11th.—At the request of the Prime Minister of Great Britain, M. Poincare has consented to advance