

Royal Decree of 30th November, 1914, but, unfortunate as that may be Government cannot revoke that unless the Company fail to give service, I do not believe that they fail to give service. It is unfortunate that we have no American cables here so as to enable us to have American news.

In regard to steamer service between the islands, no one realizes the need more than Government, the proposal would meet with approval if the Council could see its way to provide funds.

Police Judges—The Police Judges were discussed at great length before this Council and the decision was for two Police Judges so the matter is closed. The Government believes that two Police Judges are necessary as one Judge cannot very well take care of the work; the transportation alone will probably equal the salary. The difference in salary is because the Police Judge in Frederiksted will also act as recorder of the court.

Detectives—That's another case, it would be a very expensive luxury to have a detective, if you are to have one worthy of the name. If the council desires to provide for one that's alright.

Ford car for the Sanitary Department—is to transport the Sanitary Officers from one town to another. But one is contemplated for the island.

Country District Contribution—That probably is true, although I have not checked up the figures, but all the taxes are collected by law and the members of this Council have been satisfied. Government expects to bring in a draft of a new tax law in the very near future and we hope it will meet with the favorable consideration of the Council when it is proposed.

To be continued.

We have been asked to state that the Christiansted Native Brass Band will give their second concert on Tuesday evening, 29th inst.

The Native Brass Band rendered one of its bi-monthly concerts last night and was accorded fine moonlight weather and a goodly gathering.

The Creole sailed for St. Thomas at 8.30 this morning.

The post office here asks to state that it appearing desirable to close direct mails for the Leeward and Windward Islands, such mails to go forward by the S. S. Guiana, expected in Frederiksted Saturday morning, will be closed at 5 p. m. tomorrow afternoon, 25th.

Correspondence.

Christiansted, June 23, 1920.

Editor St. Croix Avis:—

The communication signed "Musician" and published in your esteemed is-

sue of today has been read, and it is desired to thank the author for his efforts, and interest in the matter, if he had any. It is to be regretted, however, that he shows a decided lack of good taste in concluding his letter with the charge of "ignorance" on those who may have taken another view of the rendition of the selection of Sunday night, and it is a fact that this aspersion destroys much of the otherwise seemingly good intention of the writer. Let us look at the question logically: the musician states the selection is set to serenade time by the composer, and also admits that other writers have set it to waltz time; is it not then quite reasonable that there might exist some doubt or confusion about what really was played on Sunday night, especially so when the listener may have heard only a few bars? While tacitly corroborating that the selection is both serenade and waltz, with the contradictory policy so usual here, he represents the public experiencing any doubt as to which was played. To charge ignorance in the light it is expressed in musician's letter is to accuse the press of stupidity which is obviously an unnecessary and undeserved insult, and as before stated, bad form. Ignorance in the broad sense is lack of knowledge which is a condition more or less present in us all, for none of us know everything.

Perhaps the musician could suggest that the band publish its programme as used to be done once upon a time in order that the public may understand beforehand what is being played, and be spared the crude "enlightenment" now offered afterwards.

ANOTHER MUSICIAN.

TELEGRAMS.

ST. CROIX STATION.

Delayed In Transmission.

Constantinople, June 16th.—The Polish forces have retaken Kiev in a strong counter-attack upon the Bolsheviks, according to a despatch received here. The Poles inflicted heavy casualties on the Red Armies.

Tokio, June 16th.—Japan has inserted an article in the Anglo-Japanese Alliance Pact of 1911 to remove the risk of England becoming involved in any dispute between the United States and Japan, it was declared today by Viscount Kato, a former Minister for Foreign Affairs, in an interview urging a renewal of the Treaty.

London, June 16th.—Mr. Wintringham, Independent Liberal, won the Louth bye-election from Mr. Turner, Coalition Unionist. The voting in the bye-election the results of which was announced today, was as follows: Wintringham 9,859, Turner 7,354.

Dublin, June 16th.—The new policy of the British Govt. towards Ireland, which is soon to be instituted, involves the unconditional release of all Sinn Fein

prisoners who have not been convicted, it was learned on good authority here today. A pitched battle occurred between a group of armed Sinn Feiners and British soldiers at Ballineen Camp, near Dunmanway, in which many shots were exchanged. The raiders were finally driven off. No report is available as to whether there were any casualties.

Ottawa, June 17th.—The draft of the Trade Agreements prepared by Canada for the West Indies conference is still under consideration by the Cabinet, and it is considered likely that the Dominion Government will submit a number of proposed amendments.

London, June 22nd.—Sugar in stock on the 19th instant was 161,000 tons. Last year 233,000 tons.

London, June 18th.—Negotiations between the Turkish Anatolian Republic and Armenia are proceeding favourably and an agreement is expected shortly, says a Moscow despatch to the Herald, which says the Russian Soviet Govt. is acting as a mediator between the two countries. The question of guaranteeing Armenia against the Turkish attack will probably be solved, the despatch says, by a clause in the Treaty binding Turkey from keeping an army within a specified distance from Armenian frontiers. All Armenian aspirations relative to boundary cannot be realized, it is asserted, and a compromise will probably be reached.

Paris, June 17th.—General Peppino Garibaldi is preparing a military coup in Montenegro similar to that of Gabriele d'Annunzio at Fiume.

Rome June 8th.—Summarizing his political programme as comprising social justice, economic reconstruction and respect for laws, Premier Giolitti today sent an appeal to all provincial officials for cooperation in the efforts of the Govt. to restore Italy to a normal economic basis. "The grave difficulties through which the country is now passing can only be overcome through the sincere support of all forges" the appeal said.

Sydney, June 17th.—At the Governor-General's banquet last night the Prince of Wales made a striking declaration of sympathy with the policy of a white Australia. He said that he could see with what faith and force Australia had taken to heart the aspirations expressed by the first Prime Minister of the Commonwealth, Mr. Barton, of a nation for a continent and a continent for a nation. His Royal Highness continued, "You have determined that this nation shall be a pure race, where all citizens shall have an equal chance. You do not follow the ideal in selfish isolation, but are prepared to give your best for the Empire and for the world wide cause of liberty. I am quite sure of one thing and that is, that as Australia stands by the Empire so will the Empire stand by Australia for all time." The remarks of the Prince were heartily cheered by the distinguished audience.