

"THE TRAIL OF THE OCTAPUS."

EDITORIAL.

On request we reprint elsewhere in this number an editorial extract from the Antigua, B. W. I. "Sun" on the subject of blocking the public roads and obstructing traffic by so doing. It may be found interesting to some of our readers showing as it does that other places as well as St. Croix have this question to contend with.

LOCAL.

The Tadousac arrived here at about 1 p. m. yesterday. Among the passengers were Dr. van Gaafbeek, wife and child.

Tomorrow being a holiday (Armistice Day), there will be no issue of this paper.

The schooner Creole with only St. Thomas mail arrived here shortly after 2 p. m. yesterday. No Porto Rico mail was carried on this trip because the Mystery which sailed from Frederiksted Sunday was docked on touching at St. Thomas and sailed for San Juan only Tuesday evening. It is advised for public information that the mail for the United States closed here on Saturday last was forwarded via the S. S. Parima the following morning.

PATRIOTIC CONCERT

We have been asked to mention that the Native Brass Band will give a Patriotic Concert on the Wharf tomorrow evening November 11. Among the numbers on the program are National Airs of the Allies.

OFFICIAL NEWS.

9 November, 1921.

The Navy Department has issued instructions to the effect that all vessels and stations throughout the United States will toll bells for fifteen minutes on Armistice Day, eleventh November 1921, from eleven forty-five to twelve noon, and that the two minutes of silent prayer will be observed thereafter. The co-operation of all the churches in St. Croix in tolling their chimes at the appointed time, would be appreciated by the Governor.

Football.

Another grand football match will be played tomorrow at the same place as

the last time, where the Dreadnought No. 1 Football Club will again meet against the Christiansted Athletic Association, both of this town, appearing once more in full uniform.

Persons interested in the game are welcome to the Ground, and are quite sure that they will be more than amused in seeing your Boys playing against each other.

The Boys and spectators are sure to have a good time if the day holds fair. Game commences at 4.15 p. m. sharp.
—Com.

St. Thoms News

Mr. Doby arrived this morning from the States on the Gulfport. We wish Mr Doby, who is our new Chief of Police, an appreciative stay among us.—*St. Thomas Mail Notes Nov. 5.*

Lieutenant G. B. McTigue, arrived by the Gulfport this morning as the successor of Lieutenant Pettigrew, who leaves shortly for the States.

We hope that the new incumbent of the Public Works Department will have as pleasant a sojourn as the departing chief who from his quiet and unassuming manners has won the respect of those with whom he has come in contact.

Among the other arrivals on the transport Gulfport this morning was Dr. van Gaafbeek, M. C., who goes over to St. Croix, and Lieutenant Bennington, M. C.—*Ibid.*

Mr. Owen Protheroe, of Winslow, Maine, arrived here recently with a view of installing private connections with the sewerage system.

We understand several individuals have already made arrangements with him.—*St. Thomas Mail Notes, Nov. 7th.*

TELEGRAMS.

ST. CROIX STATION.

London, Nov. 4th.—Steps towards reaching an adjustment of war debts between the Allied nations are urged in resolutions, sent to the Chancellor of the Exchequer by the National Committee of the International Chamber of Commerce. The resolutions which were adopted unanimously by the Committee Advocate the "desirability of negotiations in order to obtain the benefit which, in the committee's opinion, would occur if the war debts of the allies to Great Britain were reduced or cancelled on terms to be agreed upon". The committee comprises leading representatives of financial, commercial and industrial interests. Although the resolutions do not

refer to the German reparations, it is understood by the Daily Mail, the committee is convinced that modification of the reparations agreement is necessary in the interests of Allied trade.

Washington, Nov. 5th.—A complete inquiry is being conducted, at the instance of the State Department, into alleged hardships suffered by British subjects at Ellis Island, the immigration station at the port of New York to the end that difficulties encountered through the administration of the immigration laws may be reduced to a minimum. This was learned today in connection with statements made yesterday in the House of Commons by Mr. Cecil Harmsworth, under Secretary for foreign affairs.

Berlin, Nov. 4th.—Herr Hermes the minister of finance, explaining the new taxation bill in the Reichstag today, admitted that the new proposals constituted the greatest burdens that any people ever had been called upon to bear. He expressed confidence, however, that they could be borne provided that all the forces in the Nation were united and exerted to the utmost. "It is estimated that we can reckon on an increased yield of from forty to forty-two billions marks from the proposed taxation. I must however declare that our obligations under the Allied ultimatum cannot be met by this great burdening of the taxpayer". The ordinary budget expenditure of 1920 amounts in round figures to 114,250,000,900 marks. "So far as can be judged, now", he added, "we expect receipts of 61,200,000,000 marks so the ordinary budget look as though it will show a deficit of approximately 53,000,000,000 marks. The uncovered amount of the extraordinary budget of 1921 will show an increase up to 57,000,000 marks as compared with 49,200,000,000 up to the present. Thus the amount which will have to be covered by loans in the 1922 financial year will total the tremendous sum of 110,000,000,000 marks".

Tokio, Nov. 4th.—Cablegrams expressing horror over the assassination yesterday of Premier Hara poured into Tokio today from virtually all national capitals. Here is no definite knowledge that the demented assassin was actuated by political rancour against the Premier and his Govt. Viscount Uchida, former Japanese Minister to the United States, has assumed the post of acting Premier.

London, Nov. 5th.—Public interest in the assassination of Premier Hara was intensified in London by a consideration of the influence his removal might have upon Japan's attitude towards the Washington conference. Newspapers here today displayed Tokio despatches regarding the tragedy with great prominence,