

town was aroused by the alarm of fire which proved to be just outside the town on estate "Concordia." About three acres of canes were damaged, we hear. Cane-fires seem to be frequent things in the crop season. — *West End News, Feby. 18th.*

TELEGRAMS.

ST. CROIX STATION.

Barbados, Feb. 18th. — The U.S. Pattle-ships "North Dakota", "Utah", "Florida," and "Delaware" gone Colon 7 a.m.

London, Feb. 10th. — Sugar in stock on the 7th instant was 51,000 tons. Last year 213,000 tons.

London, Feb. 11th. — In the course of the King's speech on the opening of Parliament His Majesty stated that the Prince of Wales will visit the West Indies on his return voyage from Australia.

London, Feb. 10th — Lord Charnwood, seconding the address of thanks in the House of Lords for the King's speech, expressed approval of the recent letter of Viscount Grey with regard to the American position on the Peace Treaty, and said: "We must allow the American people to choose their own path and am convinced that, despite recent misleading appearances, we may confidently anticipate interested participation by the U. S. in world affairs". Lord Curzon concurred with Lord Charnwood and said that although Viscount Grey had acquainted him with his intention to publish the letter, it was neither inspired by nor submitted to the Government, and he added, "I consider that the letter did not favour interference in the domestic affairs of the United States and I feel no sentiment but thanks to Lord Grey". He thought the Marquis of Crewe right when he said that a good deal of the Peace Treaty might have been re-written. None of its authors claimed that it was sacrosanct and if Germany shows a disposition to faithfully carry out her obligations, he added, we will do our best to aid her in fulfilling them and resuming her place among civilized countries. Alluding to the delay in the Peace settlement he referred to the European anxiety that the United States should share in a settlement in these regions. This anxiety, he said, is quite unselfish and sincere, and I believe everyone of the Great Powers would have abandoned the greater part of its industrial ambitions if it could be persuaded that the United States would come in and bear her share of the burden as the mandatory for the whole of the Turkish Empire. Continuing he said, I will not say a word in criticism and still less in derogation of the attitude of the United States. We may feel disappointed, but the United States has a traditional policy which we ought to endeavour to understand and respect. She desires to keep free from entanglement and she is the best judge of her own poli-

cy but her refusal has undonatedly increased the responsibility of those left. If the mandate is confided to Great Britain I think it too late to talk of limiting our executives in Mesopotamia to the villayet of Basra and bear no share in the future control of Bagdad. I am convinced that any attempt to retire thence would be received with absolute dismay in the country itself."

Washington, Feb. 10th. — Rear Admiral Sims, speaking before the Senate Committee for the Investigation of Naval decorations, defended himself today against charges that he had sought to belittle the part of the American Navy and Army in the war. Three members of the United States Congress had visited him in France during the war, and it was to these that the naval officer was supposed to have made the disparaging remarks. Representative Byrnes who was called as a witness today, reports that Admiral Sims stated to him that the Armistice had been forced on the Allies through the failure of the American troops to break through the German lines, this being due to the breakdown of the American supply service. Mr. Byrnes said he reported this to President Wilson. Admiral Sims on the stand denied that he had made such a statement except in repeating the rumours of such which were then current in France and which he warned his hearers not to believe. He further denied that he had told Mr. Byrnes that the American merchant marine could not be developed and that the seas should be left to Great Britain. Senator Glass, who was a member of Congress at the time, was another witness. He said he understood the Admiral in telling what he had, reporting matters which he believed to be true and not as aiming to discredit the American effort. Admiral Sims declared that his remarks had been misunderstood or else confused with statements made by others. He had sought to disabuse the minds of his visitors of the belief that the Americans were winning the war, because that was not true and was hurting us with the Allies. All Americans who visited him abroad, he added, were shocked at what he had to tell them of the relative amount of work done by our forces and he declared that the American press had fostered a disproportionate idea of the part the United States was playing in the war.

St. Thomas, Feb. 18th. — Mr. Algernon, Secretary of the West Indian Committee, is a passenger by the S. S. "Guiana" for Barbados, which left yesterday.

London, Feb. 10th. — (Delayed in transmission). In the House of Commons last night Mr. Lloyd George announced that the British forces are evacuating Batu.

NEW YORK Feb. 11th 1920.
Flour, Blended Clear St. Lawrence Brand
pr. bbl. \$11.75
Meal, Kilndried per 100 lbs \$3.55.

New Season's Pork per bbl. \$46.00
Heavy Mess Pork per bbl. \$43.00
Sugar---Crystals maximum per 100 lbs \$13.04.
Sugar---Crystals minimum \$12.79
Molasses Sugar 89° test, no quotation.
Cotton, Middling Upland, at Liverpool per lb. 28 12-100d.
Exchange, New York and London, 60 days' sight \$3.33
Exchange New York and London, sight \$3.36½

LONDON, Feb. 11th 1919.

Sugar-Demerara Crystals duty paid price, fixed by the Royal Commission per cwts 106s. 0d. -109s. 0d.
Muscovado, 89° basis, floating terms in bond, Ditto duty free. 95s. 0d. -97s. 0d.
German Beet 88° f.o.b. no further sales during the war
White Java sugar cif U. Kingdom cif without engagement. 90.0
White Java Sugar, cif United Kingdom if arrives before 27th December 85/
Demerara Rum, per gal. nominal.
Trinidad Cocoa, Good Middling Red per cwt 128s. 0d. 130s. 0d.
Cotto Medium Fine Sea Island, at Liverpool nominal per lb.
Bank of England rate of Discount per cent. 6.
Consols 49½
Three per cent rentes in Paris Fcs. 58.70.
All prices subject to change.

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FROM THE POLICE.

THE attention of all owners and drivers of vehicles in the Island of St. Croix is hereby called to the observance of, and compliance with, Paragraph 27 of the Police Regulations for St. Croix of 30th January 1915 and the Supplementary Regulations thereto of 24th February 1915—viz—

Paragraph 7.

"All vehicles when in use between the hours of sunset and sunrise shall be provided with a lighted lantern on either side, or at least in front on the right side".

Supplementary Regulations.

"For all automobiles, a distinguishing letter and number shall be prescribed by the Police, and no automobile must be used upon public roads without being provided with two signboards, one in front and one at the back of the car, containing these distinguishing signs, easy to be read at a distance of 75 feet".

"When in use between sunset and sunrise, the automobiles must be provided with a lighted lantern which clearly illuminates the hind signboard.

JOHN L. CURRY,
Director of Police.

Frederiksted Police Office, February 13th 1920.