

Publication.

It is hereby made known that the Horse, Carriage and Boat Tax for the first half year 1922 will be received by the Director of Police in Christiansted and Frederiksted from the 20th January 1922 to the 10th February 1922, both days included, after which the list of arrears will be transmitted to the same authority for further measures.

Each debtor of tax will be subject to a fine of Frcs. 1.00 if the tax be under Frcs. 25.00 and Frcs. 2.00 if the tax be Frcs. 25.00 or above, beside the ordinary levy expenses.

Government of the Virgin Islands of the United States of America, St. Croix, December 28, 1921.

C. E. RAPPOLEE,
Despatching Secretary.

LIST OF UNCLAIMED MAIL FOR THE WEEK ENDING DECEMBER 24, 1921.

Miss Annie Adams, Water Gut,
Mrs. Christania Alexander,
D. E. Brandon, Water Gut,
Mrs. Annita Ceton,
Mrs. Christian.
Miss Wilhelmina Donaldson,
Mrs. Mary Doyle,
Carl Edwards,
Mr. Alexander Foy,
Mr. James H. George,
Elsa Harris, Prince's Street No. 2,
Mrs. Daniel C. Jackson,
Miss Isa James,
Lydia James.
Miss Rebecca King, (2)
Mr. Marrie Lindow,
Mrs. Elinora Looby,
Miss Matilda Martin,
Miss Ruth McGowan,
Mr. Morris Miller,
Mr. Hemann Miller,
Mr. Ernest Platford,
Mr. Ina Renkins,
Hesekiah Sampson,
Carry Sidoon,
Miss Lizzie Warner,
Mr. Henry Welsh,
Miss Morise Williams,
Diana E. Williams.

Post Office, Christiansted, Virgin Islands, December 26, 1921.

B. R. LARSEN, Postmaster.

Correspondence

To the Editor of "St. Croix Avis."

Dear Sir:—

It is not very often that we get to hear music by the old Masters, and when we do it is considered a treat. Since the days of Rev. J. E. Weiss of the Moravian Church of this town, when that famous organist and musician with his Choir of

select voices rendered "The Messiah" (Handel) that world famed composition has been thrust aside as it were, until awakened by the Native Brass Band at its Concert on Tuesday evening. This number was well rendered, each instrument blending in grand harmony with its neighbor, no over-crowding as is the common fault with some Bands. Mozart's "Gloria" (from 12th Mass) was among the other sacred selections played by the Band and also deserves commendation. The Concert was pleasing on the whole. New instruments must tell.

Respectfully,

CRITICS.

Dec. 28, 1921.

LOCAL.

The S. S. "Guiana" for New York is due at Frederiksted at 6 o'clock on Saturday morning. The mails by her will be closed in Christiansted Post Office at 3 o'clock to-morrow afternoon.

TELEGRAMS.

ST. CROIX STATION.

Washington, Dec. 21st.—Developments of the differences in view between the President and the United States arms delegates as to the application of the new four power Pacific agreement, and a break in the Chinese-Japanese negotiations at Shantung, had thrown the naval side of the arms conference programme today somewhat into the background. The acceptance by France of the United States proposal of 175,000 tons in capital ships had placed the naval negotiations in a comparatively smooth road again, although the French reservations for a higher ratio in small vessels still remained to be treated. With regard to the announcement that he had "No objection" to the construction of the Pacific treaty agreed to by the United States delegates, that it shall apply to the principal islands of the Japanese Empire, President Harding declared, in a formal statement issued after he had expressed the opinion in an interview with newspapermen yesterday that it did not apply to those islands, that "the differences in view in nowise will be permitted to embarrass the conference or the ratification of the agreement."

Havre, Dec. 21st.—Marshal Foch and M. Viviani returned from their trip to the United States, arriving here this morning on the S. S. Paris. They were welcomed by the Mayor and Prefect of Havre.

Dublin, Dec. 22nd.—A decision as to the ratification of the Irish agreement, or an adjournment over the Christmas holidays was expected by tonight, as the Dail gathered for today's session. All observers agree that when the vote on the treaty is reached the majority

either way will be small. The supporters of the treaty appear to be more confidential than the opposition, but the Dublin press, which is strongly in favour of acceptance of the treaty, continued this morning to take a gloomy view of the situation. The political correspondent of the Freeman's Journal warned the Dail members that abstention from voting by even a small number, might jeopardize ratification. He pointed out that if the Dail rejected the treaty, it would lapse automatically and the people would have no chance to express their opinion on it.

Calcutta, India, Dec. 21st.—Chambrassure Thangal, one of the two principal leaders in the Moplah rebellion, has been arrested near Mannarghat, it is believed his arrest will break the backbone of the rebellion.

Athens, Dec. 22nd.—Three discharged Greek soldiers today shot up the Pen-sion Office, wounding the former Regent Admiral Coundouriotis in the body. One of the stenographers and a secretary also were shot. The wound of the Admiral is believed to be serious. The soldiers, forming a committee of men discharged from the army, entered the office and complained that they were not receiving assistance from funds collected among Greek residents of the United States for the purpose of relief among wounded soldiers.

Geneva, Dec. 22nd.—Switzerland is the only country in the world where the United States dollar was below par today. The dollar was quoted at 5 francs and 12 centimes on the Geneva bourse. The normal rate before the war was 5 francs 99 centimes.

London, Dec. 22nd.—The Allied Supreme Council at its coming session in Cannes will be asked to invite the inter-power commission to elaborate a comprehensive scheme for the rehabilitation of Central Europe and Russia. This conclusion was arrived at in the conferences of the French and British Premiers just ended here. The United States would be invited to have a membership in this commission. Germany also would be represented. The question of a Russian representative is in abeyance. When M. Briand returned to his hotel this noon from the conference with Mr. Lloyd George in Downing Street, he told the correspondent an agreement had been reached on many points. "One could almost say on practically all essential points", added the Premier, but no new decisions have been passed in writing, these can be taken by the Supreme Council at its next meeting.

Calcutta, Dec. 22nd.—Lord Reading today declined to withdraw his proclamation against the "non operators" and those prohibiting seditious meetings. This stand was announced to a native deputation which called upon him to take the steps and liberate the Moplah leaders already imprisoned. They also suggested