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TELEGRAMS.

ST. CROIX STATION.

Sandy Hook, July 15th.—Great Britain gained her first hold in forty-nine years on the America Cup today when Sir Thomas Lipton's challenger "Shamrock IV." won the first race of the 1920 Regatta after the defender "Resolute" had been forced out of the racing by an accident to her rigging. The challenger must win two more races out of a possible maximum of four if she is to achieve Sir Thomas Lipton's dream of taking the bottomless pewter cup trophy back to Britain. The "Resolute" must win 3 out of 4 to retain the cup which has been in possession of the New York Yacht Club since 1851. The second race will start at noon on Saturday. "Shamrock IV.'s" victory was won in the face of what had seemed certain defeat. The "Resolute" had taken the lead at the start and held it by an ever widening margin until as she swooped within half a mile of the turning mark fifteen miles from the start. Spectators on the great fleet of pleasure crafts saw her great area of bellying canvas shiver and begin to sink fluttering down her mast. A sudden gust had snapped her throat hal-yards and a second later the jaws of her gaff were shattered beyond repair. Captain Adams sent two men aloft to repair the damage while the stricken yacht limped slowly around the turning mark nearly five minutes ahead of "Shamrock IV". A few moments later the men descended and reported the extent of the damage and Captain Adams gave the order to furl the "Resolute's" mainsail and gave up the race. More than one hundred

craft ranging in size from an ocean liner to tiny power boats that were almost lost in the maze which followed the contenders over the 30 mile course that started even with the Ambrose Lightship and took them fifteen miles southwest by south along the New Jersey Coast and back. "Shamrock IV." was given a mighty ovation of screaming whistles and sirens as she flashed across the line at twenty-six minutes thirty-five seconds past four o'clock having completed the course in four hours twenty-five minutes twelve seconds. The weather was anything but satisfactory for a yacht race, the sky was heavily overcast and what little breeze was stirring was fitful.

Aboard the steam yacht "Victoria" July 15th.—(By wireless). Sir Thomas Lipton, owner of the challenger, declared that while technically he had won the first race he does not want that kind of victory. "It is not my way", he declared.

Ottawa, July 15th.—The new Cabinet follows: Arthur Meighen, Prime Minister and Secretary for External Affairs. J. A. Calder, President of the Council and Minister of Immigration and Colonization. Sir George Foster, Trade and Commerce. Sir J. A. Loughheed, Interior. Sir Henry Drayton, Finance. Hugh Guthrie, Militia. A. L. Sifton, Secretary of State. Dr. Reid, Railways and Canals. G. D. Robertson, Labour. C. K. Ballantyne, Marine and Fisheries and Naval Service. F. B. McCurdy, Public Works. C. J. Doherty, Justice. Sir Edward Kemp, without portfolio. P. E. Blondin, Postmaster General. Dr. S. F. Tolmie, Agriculture. R. W. Wigmore, Customs and Inland Revenue. The Premier under the terms of the statute will be Secretary for External Affairs.

Halifax, N. S., July 15th.—At a session of the Council of the Board of Trade a letter from the Deputy Minister of Trade and Commerce was read, stating that an application had been made by the Royal Mail S. S. Co. for an increase in freight rates, giving in figures regarding the increased cost of operations, which they claimed justified in asking ten per cent additional to the present rates. The matter was referred to the West Indian Committee of the Board. Notice of application was filed by the Railway Association of Canada for an increase of 30% on the existing railway freight rates. The application claimed that during 1919, the increase in wages exceeded 80% while the freight rates

(under the increase of 25% granted in 1917) only amounted to \$43,000,000. It also claimed that prices of principal supplies and materials have increased more than 100%.

Frederiksted, St. Croix, V. I. U. S. A.
July 12th.

Copy Of Lists Circulated BY THE Frederiksted Century Brass Band.

Friends, Well-wishers and Supporters of the F. C. B. B.

As advertised in the papers some days ago; the Century Brass Band is now circulating the Subscription Lists mentioned; and on this occasion is asking every one to contribute as best they can to help the cause.

This is the last \$75.00 on the present Instruments now on hand and in good condition; by your help previously and by the aid of certain schemes which the band undertook the amount of \$400.00 has been raised; and now as to raise the last \$75.00 balance these lists are brought to you for your monetary or material aid and support.

You are cordially invited to attend (and thereby help) the Gala time to be held on July 28th; all being well and everything working satisfactorily. We will be having Cakes, cream, sodas and other articles for sale; all articles will be sold so as to get a little profit for the Band and help to raise the amount.

Now, having explained in details briefly, the purpose of this scheme of July 28th and these subscription lists; we are quite sure you will subscribe as best you can to this list and help in every way to make things work successfully, so we thank you in advance.

Remaining yours to serve the F. C. B. B.
Leader, E. E. Williams,
Sub-leader, Eugene W. Montefere
Secretary, William Smith.
Treasurer, Alphonse Bastian.
Conductor, Herman H. Sarauw.
(Licentiate of Music).

N. B. Any one to whom a copy of one of these lists may not reach and would like to contribute something to the cause, can do so in writing addressing communications to Mr. Earnest E. Williams, Frederiksted, or they can call in person at the West End News Office.