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LOCAL.

The S. S. "Parima" for New York is due at Frederiksted 4 p. m. today.

Eventually the steamship Martinique did not call at this port yesterday. Her draught is understood to have been more than to admit of entering this harbor.

She brought only a small mail consisting of but a few letters

The theatre was well attended last night and an excellent entertainment afforded the audience in the close of the Jack Dempsey serial.

2½ lines of rain was measured at the Fort this morning.

A Man Overboard.

The S. s. "Martinique" arrived here last evening at 9 o'clock being 3 hours behind the scheduled time. This delay was occasioned by the Boatswain of said ship falling overboard. It is said that whilst he was conducting some repairs to the gangway at the side of the ship, the shackles of the chains which supported the plank upon which he was working gave way causing him to fall in the water. The steamer was immediately reversed and the captain ordered a search which lasted for fully three hours but without any success. The pieces of gangway that he was working on also the life buoys thrown to him at the time of the incident were found. This unfortunate occurrence occurred while the ship was about 18 miles from St. Thomas.—*West End News, Dec 7th.*

St. Thomas News

The American pleasure yacht "Poinsettia" of Los Angeles, from Funchal, homeward bound, was compelled to take refuge at this port this morning owing to having experienced bad weather in the vicinity of Sombrero Island.

The "Poinsettia" got her boom damaged in the storm. A boy who was also injured by the falling boom, is now receiving aid at the Municipal Hospital.

The vessel which is consigned to the Ship Brokers' Association, will undergo repairs here prior to leaving for her destination via the Panama Canal.—*St. Thomas Mail Notes, Dec. 2.*

The Ladies' Missionary Society of the Reformed Church held its annual Thanksgiving Offering on Wednesday. Each year on the day before the American Thanksgiving day, the ladies of this society receive gifts of food from those who wish to pass on some of their blessings to those who are in need. The food donated is divided into parcels and distributed among the needy. About 150 large packages containing bread, sugar, tea, cocoa, were made up this year and we feel that again success has crowned our efforts.

This good work could not be carried on were it not for the cooperation of the merchants, American officials, and townsmen who gave so generously. The ladies

of the Society wish to thank them all.—*Ibid.*

The fast sailing yacht "Zurah" formerly owned by Captain Sewer was bought by Messrs. Antonia T. Cesin and Carlos Pellegrin, of Curacao. They will be leaving for their home via Antigua tomorrow.

We hope to see Captain Sewer in these waters soon again, and in command of a bigger vessel, engaged in his usual trade.—*The Bulletin, 4th Dec.*

TELEGRAMS.

ST. CROIX STATION.

Cork, Dec. 5th.—An airplane for the first time has been brought into action against the Irregulars with disastrous results to sixty of them entrenched in ambush near Timoleague. A call for reinforcements from National troops brought an airplane to the scene. Sighting the Irregulars, it bombarded them. They endeavoured to make their escape, some into a neighbouring wood, but the airplane circled over them and raked the fleeing men with machine-gun fire. It is believed that a great majority of the Irregulars were killed or wounded. The Nationals had one man killed.

Lausanne, Dec. 5th.—Turkey and Europe have apparently drifted so far apart on the great issues of the Near Eastern Conference, that the pessimists have a fruitful field for unhappy prognostications of a complete collapse of the pourparlers and the resumption of war in South Eastern Europe. Such a culmination of the conference discussions could easily be argued as a strong possibility, but any such argument based on a reasonable hypothesis would leave out the fact that Europe needs peace and that Turkey has constantly proclaimed her need for building up international relations in acquiring capital to develop her immense resources. The frenzied character of yesterday's proceedings in which Russia came to the front as the willing champion of Turkish autonomy is indicative of the extreme nervousness of Europe and the general unsettled condition, which provoked feelings of genuine despair on the part of the conference leaders. So long as no actual break occurs, there is hope that time will bring conciliatory views. That the worst is anticipated, however, is shown by the appearance here of a suggestion that a general war could be launched against Turkey by the League of Nations. Such a resort to force, it is suggested might take the form of a sort of crusade through the issuance of an appeal for the help of all nations so that the war could end quickly. The Turks are insisting that the European powers should be the first to set forth their desires in the Dardanelles problems, because the Straits, after all, belong to Turkey and the Turk