

OBITUARY.

MR. WILLIAM BARRY, aged 40, of this town, died here on Saturday night and was buried yesterday afternoon. The deceased was an old employee of the firm of J. C. Canegata, and was an energetic worker. He is survived by a widow to whom condolences are extended.

LOCAL

We have been asked to mention that there will be no show at St. Mary's Movies tomorrow night, the picture received not being of a suitable character.

The s. s. *Romanita* arrived here at 2.30 p. m. on Saturday last, somewhat earlier than for the past trips.

Mr. & Mrs. P. L. La Bega and children returned from St. Thomas on Saturday by the *Romanita*.

Mr. F. E. Smith of the Post Office Dept., Bureau of the Second Assistant Postmaster General, made a round trip on the *Romanita*. Mr. Smith's visit is in connection with providing for steamboat service between Porto Rico and the Virgin Islands after August 31st when the extended contract with the Bull Inular Line expires.

Mails for the States, Europe etc, by the s. s. *Parima* closes at 3 p. m. today.

The Industrial Band played on the wharf last night.

The s. s. *Parima* arrived here this morning and will load sugar sailing for New York this evening. It is noted that the carts bringing in sugar are running in by way of Company St. This must certainly be a nuisance to the hospital which has been perhaps forgotten. Why not turn down King Cross St., and reach the wharf by King St. if the entire run cannot be made in King St?

A baseball match played yesterday a. m. between the Heroes of Frederiksted and Blue Bird of this town was lost by the visiting team, the score being H. 4 B. B. 19 runs. The Blue Bird won also a football match against the Heroes and won by 4 goals; Heroes no score.

Readers will note from program published in this issue that the concluding parts of *The Last Days of Napoleon* will be screened at the Christiansted Theatre this evening.

St. Thomas News

According to a clipping sent us by Bandmaster Adams the administration of

the Velsstead Act has been placed in the hands of Secretary Denby.

This explains the current rumour that discretionary powers have been placed in the hands of Governor Hough.

We are glad to know of the above but we will never feel satisfied until we are told that Prohibition does not concern us. —St. Thomas Mail Notes, July 14th.

To the Editor of the Mail Notes.

Dear Sir,

The following which I have just clipped from the Porto Rico Times, will doubtless be of much interest to all concerned.

Sincerely Yours,

ALTON ADAMS.

"The administration of the Volstead law in the Virgin Islands has been given to the Secretary of the Navy Denby. The Secretary had just visited these Islands, and said that he was desirous of doing something to better the condition of people of this group in distress. That he will do his best we have no doubt, and let us hope he may succeed in formulating some relief."

TELEGRAMS.

ST. CROIX'S ACTION.

London, July 18th.—The jury in the libel suit brought by Lord Alfred Douglas against the Morning Post, returned a verdict in favour of the plaintiff this afternoon, with damages of one farthing. Judgement was entered and accordingly each party to the suit must pay its own costs. Amazing testimony has been given in court for the last two days by Lord Alfred Douglas. Lord Douglas, well known as a son of the late sporting Marquis of Queensbury and also as a minor poet, has frequently appeared in the courts in various roles. As editor of the weekly, Plain English, he made a series of charges that the Jews were conspiring to ruin the country, that some of the prominent members of that race had made 48,000,000 pounds by manipulating the news of the battle of Jutland, that they were responsible for Lord Kitchener's death because he offended them and that the late Sir Ernest Cassel gave Mr. Winston Churchill, 30,000 pounds to furnish a new house, as a reward for the latter's alleged aid in manipulating the Jutland News. The Morning Post attacked Lord Douglas on account of his ravings. The latter in court asserted that everything he wrote was true, but refused to give most of the sources of his alleged information. An affidavit was read from the Earl of Balfour, who is ill, stating that as First Lord of the Admiralty he prepared the bulletin on the Jutland battle and that no one except himself and the members of the Cabinet had anything to do with it. Mr. Churchill took the stand and said there was not a word of truth in the charges against him.

Pietermaritzburg, Natal, July 18th.—

(Reuters). At the opening of the South African Party Congress here on Monday the Premier General Smuts, referring to the troubles in Europe, declared that Europeans knew how to declare war, but, unlike South Africa, did not know how to make peace. If Europe does not recover and those great markets which are particularly English markets do not recover, a dreadful situation will arise for Great Britain with its great population of fifty millions, said the Premier. On that ground I profoundly appreciate the British Premier's attitude in this matter. General Smuts proceeded to pay a remarkable tribute to Mr. Baldwin, adding, he is a simple, sincere and straight English gentleman, with no nonsense about him. General Smuts praised the British Premier's American debt settlement and he also avowed his intention to fight on behalf of South Africans a battle for peace at the Imperial Conference.

London, July 17th.—The following are yesterday's county cricket championship results: Somerset defeated Derby by sixty-one runs. Somerset 146 and 148, Derby 84 and 149. Kent defeated Leicestershire by 8 wickets. Leicestershire 150 and 169, Kent 264 and 56 for two wickets. Woolley not out 136.

London, July 17th.—Yorkshire retains its place at the head of the table for county cricket, through its emphatic victory over Essex by 280 runs in their scheduled weekend match which was completed today. Rhodes, who has been doing some remarkable bowling for Yorkshire, made a strong stand at the bat in the second innings, scoring 102 runs before being retired. Essex improved its standing at the expense of Gloucestershire, whom it defeated by 48 runs.

Berlin, July 17th.—German representatives in London, Rome, Washington and at the Vatican, have been instructed to make representations against prolongation of the traffic blockade between the occupied and unoccupied territories of Germany, according to a semi-official statement.

Paris, July 19th.—The German Government, through its Embassy in London, is striving to have the forthcoming British note on reparations convey to the French Government, Germany's willingness to escape passive resistance in the Ruhr, subject to certain concessions on the part of France. This information has reached the French Government on what is regarded as unquestionable, but unofficial, authority. These concessions appear to include, first. Withdrawal of the Franco-Belgian troops of occupation, with the exception of a mere skeleton military force, which would, in the diplomatic sense, be invisible. Second. Permission for the German officials and functionaries expelled from the Ruhr, to return to their posts, restoring the local administration of all civil services as it existed before January 11th, when the