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We have been asked to mention that the Native Brass Band will give a concert on the wharf tomorrow afternoon and the Industrial Brass Band in the evening.

The s. s. "Surinam", taking the place of the s. s. "Bolivar", was expected to leave New York on Thursday.

At 4.30 p. m. on Thursday, 21st, His Excellency Governor Williams, press representatives of some hundred and odd newspapers from 30 States of the union, and naval officers of the fleet now in these waters, including Admiral Coontz, met the Colonial Council at Government House. The Chairman of the Council welcomed the visitors to St. Croix, and outlined conditions as they exist here at the present time, following which speeches were made by the Governor, the chairman of the municipal committee and one of the press representatives. Copies of a historical sketch of the island in pamphlet form were distributed among the newspaper men. A letter from Councilman Berg offering photographic contribution to these gentlemen for use with their newspaper matter about the islands was read during the meeting. The visitors with the council members and spectators were photographed on leaving Government House by Mr. Anselmo Fabio, local photographer. The party returned to Frederiksted from the wharf where the numerous cars that conveyed them to this town were drawn up.

Among the visitors who paid the island a visit on Thursday was Dr. Jenkins who it will be remembered served here as municipal physician some years ago.

The Native Brass Band rendered a fine program in the bandstand last night (Washington's Birthday) which was much enjoyed by a large gathering.

The Junior High School pupils in their new uniforms paraded yesterday morning, exercising on the wharf under direction of Principal Rivera and thence went for a tramp to Lt. Princess bay. The costumes of the boys consists of khaki long pants, blue shirts and black ties. The girls wear white middie and blue serge skirts. Both use white sailor hats.

While being looked for tomorrow the s. s. Catherine arrived yesterday, notice to this effect having being received from the agents at 5 p. m. too late for announcement in Thursday's paper. Due at 1 p. m. the steamer arrived at Frederiksted around 3 p. m. and the mails for Christiansted were not landed for a

hour and a half which caused it to reach Christiansted so late in the evening that there was no general delivery.

TELEGRAMS.

ST. CROIX STATION.

Tokio, Feb. 16th.—Discovery of a well formulated plot to form a Communist Government in Japan, supported by Russian Communists, has resulted in the indictment of 30 Japanese Communists on a charge of plotting to form a secret party, according to the published announcement of the results of an examination conducted by the Tokio District Court, and details printed by vernacular newspapers here.

Munich, Feb. 18th.—Dr. Von Kahr, the Bavarian Military Dictator has resigned. General Von Lossow, Commander of the Bavarian Reichswehr, has also tendered his resignation.

London, Feb. 18th.—The Rev. G. K. A. Bell, resident chaplain of the Archbishop of Canterbury, has been appointed Dean of Canterbury, in succession to The very Rev. Henry Wace, who has been Dean since 1893 and is now in his 87th year.

London, Feb. 18th.—The question of recognition of the Mexican Government by Great Britain was raised by several members in the House of Commons this afternoon. The Premier replied that the recognition of Mexico had raised complicated issues which could not be very well dealt with in questions and answers, the Government had the matter before it, he said, and would lose no time in deciding one way or the other. Asked by Viscount Curzon whether the position was more complicated than in the case of Russia, Mr. Macdonald caused laughter by replying that as it happened it was very much more so.

London, Feb. 19th.—Sugar in stock on the 16th inst was 37,000 tons. Last year 134,000 tons.

London, Feb. 19th.—The dock strike became fully effective yesterday in practically all the ports except London, where a considerable number of dockers are still working. The employers assert that 3,000 additional men have volunteered to go to work on the employers' terms offered yesterday, on condition that they are provided with police protection. Up to the present the chief inconvenience experienced by the general public arises from the dislocation of the mails. Speculators in food and other necessities also have seized the opportunity to advance prices, although the strike cannot have really affected food prices. The Government has lost no time in taking action. The Premier, immediately on his return from Chequers Court, went into consultation with the Minister of Labour and others and as a result the Minister was able to announce in Parliament the appointment of a committee of three members to make a report on the cause and circumstances of the dispute. It is no an ar-

bitration court and its decisions are not binding. It will begin sittings tomorrow and Mr. Bevin, Secretary of the Dock Workers Union, has already consented to give testimony. The employers also are expected to make statements before the committee and the aspects of the problem including decasualization, will be investigated while the employers probably will be called upon to give figures of their profits in order to ascertain their capacity to pay increased wages. The Prime Minister presided at a Cabinet Council this evening which had Mr. Holman Gregory, Chairman of the Special Committee, in consultation regarding the strike and the Council decided to certain emergency measures for ensuring food supplies, should the strike be prolonged. After this conference the following statement was issued from Downing Street. "The Cabinet has information from various parts of the country that meat prices and other prices are being raised from 33 to 50 percent. There is no reason for this increase except the power of the profiteer to extract from the public unjust prices. The Cabinet hopes that this notice will have the effect of stopping these increases, but in the meantime it has asked the law officers to consider the powers of the Government in this matter and to draft such emergency measures as may be necessary to prevent the exploitation of consumers owing to the present strike." This prompt action by the Government to stop unjustifiable profiteering will be warmly welcomed by the public. Still another step in the direction of finding a settlement has been taken by the Council of the Trades Union Congress, which will meet tomorrow as an emergency committee, as it did in the recent railway strike, ready to mediate at any favourable opportunity. Up to the present no disorders of any kind, because of the strike, are reported.

London, Feb. 19th.—Five thousand bags of mail stacked in tenders at Plymouth, had not been moved up to noon today and were still lying covered by tarpaulins only a few yards from the railway. Postal officials say there are no prospects of the immediate removal of the sacks and they are still doubtful whether the mails for Canada, the United States, New Zealand, Costa Rica and Jamaica, which are booked for the liner Olympic tomorrow, will be placed aboard.

London, Feb. 19th.—The Premier announced in the House of Commons that there was no present intention on the part of the Government to introduce a bill to reform the House of Lords.

Grimsby, Feb. 19th.—The fish trade of Grimsby, source of London's vast fish supply, has been brought to a standstill, by a strike of the railway men belonging to the National Union of Railwaymen, who are employed in checking the consignments of sea food into railway trucks for shipment to the Metropolitan dist-