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TELEGRAMS.

ST. CROIX STATION.

London, Feb. 15th—One million dockworkers prepared today to stop work tomorrow, and tie up every port in the United Kingdom, unless a last minute settlement cancels the strike order. Scenes at the huge docks of the port of London at daybreak were of unprecedented activity, as shipping companies speeded efforts to clear cargoes before the impending paralysis of transport should set in. The dockworkers executives and employers were in conference, seeking to break the deadlock that has existed since February 1st. The threatened strike is national in scope. It was voted at a meeting of National Delegates representing the Transport and General Workers Union (300,000) the National Union of General Workers (443,000) the National Amalgamated Union of Labour (17,000) United Order of General Labourers (150,000) Amalgamated Society of Enginemen, Motormen, Electricians (40,000) and other similar organizations. The main complaint is that wages since 1920 have fallen from 16 shillings a day in the larger ports and 15 shillings a day in the smaller ports, to ten shillings and nine shillings respectively. They ask reversion to the former rates and a guaranteed week. In the larger British ports today there are more workers than jobs, consequently the men line up at dawn and a foreman picks in order the number he needs for the day.

New York, Feb. 16th.—The raw sugar market was firmer today, and prices advanced 1/16 to the basis of 7.22 duty

paid, for Cubas. There were sales last night of about 40,000 bags of Cubas and today additional sales of 7,000 bags and 31,000 bags of Philippines were reported on the basis of 7 1/16, duty paid, with 20,000 bags of Cubas selling at 7.22. The steady tone in the spot market and reports Europe was again buying in Cuba, led to increased covering and renewed buying, for both trial and discount, in raw sugar futures. Closing prices were 9 to 10 points net higher. March closed 5 50, May 5 51, July 5 55, September 5 54. In refined there was a continued good withdrawal demand, but no increase in new business. Prices were unchanged at 8 90 to 9 00 for fine granulated. Refined futures nominal.

Publication.

IT is hereby brought to public notice that, in accordance with the Revenue Act of 1921, as applied to the Virgin Islands by Act of 12 July, 1921, income tax returns for the calendar year 1923 are required to be filed before March 15, 1924.

The necessary forms may be obtained from the Despatching Secretary, Government Building, Christiansted, St. Croix, where information may also be obtained as to proper method of preparation of forms.

Government of the Virgin Islands of the U. S., St. Croix, 5 February, 1924.

R. E. BARRETT,
Despatching Secretary.

NOTICE.

THE Ordinary Meeting of the Colonial Council fixed for Monday the 18th inst., is, by request of Government postponed to **Monday February 25, 1924**, at one o'clock p. m.

ROBT. L. MERWIN,
Chairman.

A MEETING OF THE COLONIAL COUNCIL

for the Municipality of St. Croix is called for **THURSDAY THE 21ST INST.**, AT 4.30 P. M. for the purpose of meeting Governor Williams, United States Newspaper Representatives and 10 high Naval Officers of the United States Navy who express a desire to meet the Colonial Council.

(Convened by request of the Chairman.)

Colonial Council Office, St. Croix, February 18, 1924.

ROBT. L. MERWIN,
Chairman.

Notice.

SEALED proposals for the furnishing and delivery of approximately **1500 barrels of sea gravel** will be received at the office of the Public Works Department, up to 11 A. M. February 23, 1924, at which time they will be publicly opened. A sample of the quality and size of the gravel required can be seen at this office. Quote price per barrel delivered and measured on the wharf, Christiansted, or at the reservoir site. All bidders must be able to guarantee delivery of the entire amount within six weeks from date of award. Government reserves the right to reject any and all bids.

JOHN C. GEBHARD,
Asst. Public Works Officer.

February 18, 1924.



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F. M. CORNEIRO,
St. Thomas, V. I.