

this line will leave New York on the 8th prox.

The post office will be closed tomorrow except from 8-9 a. m. There will be no exchange of mails between the towns.

The Creole is a bit late today, but will make port by 10 o'clock we calculate. The Frederiksted mail is being held until she arrives.

"Unto him that hath shall more be given, and from him that hath not shall be taken even that he hath". The Navy Bands of this island leave for St. Thomas today to participate in the Thanksgiving Day celebrations over there. St. Croix will live up to its old reputation of being a graveyard.

Correspondence.

THE WATER GUT FISH QUESTION AND THE SANITATION SERVICE

Continuation of letter in "Avis" of 20th instant.

Dear Mr. Editor:

In the Editorial of "The Herald" of 16th inst. ("The Herald" is the organ in the interest of the promoters of the movement) we read as follows:—"A people must know their own wants, and knowing their wants, must learn to express them so as to receive attention necessary to supply their wants. A public meeting will be held this evening for the purpose of giving public expression to the needs of the community. After expression of those needs, an attempt will be made to knock at the closed door * * * * * Every true son of the soil must be interested in the advancement of all things Crucian as it is expected that every effort will be made to make the occasion worthy of the cause" etc. in the same strain, and of the same tenor.

Now, with all due regard for his ability, and sincerity, and the esteem in which the young man who occupied the chair, is held, objection must nevertheless be taken to the manner in which he dealt with the position taken by the Water Gut Fisherman Felix, and the remarks from the Chair as to the consideration of that speaker's point or any part of this grievance as stated. According to the purport of the meeting, there could not be any exception to any particular cause of grievance, for the benefit of any other cause—and the argument is that, the Water Gut Fish-question or the Sanitation Service, as the latter bears upon the former, or vice versa, was of more interest to a large portion of the Town-folk including the respectable poor of Water Gut, than is the matter of the scheme to drive out the Field Laborer from Town to Country residence.

The Sanitation Service is in a great measure only in its infancy. Officials concerned in the methods adopted for beneficial results, may be more filled with zeal for the same, that with a knowledge of conditions governing the surroundings. Time will show. And therefore a hint or two thrown out by a party or parties better acquainted with such conditions, and especially when these may be working against, and threatening the collapse of a necessary industry, to say nothing of the great inconvenience to a considerable portion of the inhabitants, should not be pooh-pooh'd in a public discussion of general or public grievances. Felix's point, as to what he considered a grave error, in prohibiting the sale of fish at Water Gut Bay, taken by fishermen of that quarter; and therefore compelling the people residing there to go a considerable distance to procure their fish at Gallows Bay—was undoubtedly a strong point, because it contained much that bears immediately upon and against the results sought after by the Sanitation Service and for that reason, if for no other—though there are others—was fully worthy of consideration; and for him to be told at the end of his speech that Sanitation grievances or inconveniences needed no comment or remark at a meeting such as that purported to be, was indeed a positive humbug, and may be characterized as nothing less than hypocrisy.

The extraneous matter complained of by "The Herald" as Felix's subject was rather more conspicuous in the speech of another speaker who seemed certainly more determined on bruising other subject not at all called for, either by the advertisement or the chair.

In conclusion, it must be said, that if such a "Tremendous Success" as is claimed by "The Herald" was the result of that meeting—then it was a "Tremendous success" at a "Tremendous Sacrifice": a sacrifice of honor and principle: in calling a meeting together for a highly commendable object, and eventually substituting another, and it should be a serviceable warning to future promoters of the like, to be careful after encouraging one and all to speak and air their grievances—not to discourage and snub them as in the case of Jas. Felix on the 16th instant.

Yours truly

A LIBERAL CATHOLIC.

C'sted 22nd Nov. 1920.

A Red Cross Nursing Committee for St. Croix to work in conjunction with, and supervise the work of Miss Florence R. Freeman, Red Cross School Nurse, who has been sent to St. Croix by the Nursing Division of the American Red Cross Society has been organized. Regular visits to schools and homes by Miss Freeman, and the training of native nurses to assist in school nursing are among the achievements desired.

The members of the Committee are:

Robt. L. Merwin Esqr., *Chairman*.
R. H. Amphlett Leader, *Secretary*.
Dr. Hayward, *Chief Municipal Physician*.
Dr. Hughens, *Chief Sanitation Officer*.
Daniel R. Nase Esqr., *School-Director*.
Rev. William Allen.
Mrs. Frank Coulter.
Mrs. Alfred Dyer,
Miss Colcord, *Field Representative, American Red Cross Society, Ex. Of.*

The Committee held its first meeting in the Municipal Committee Room, Government Building, Christiansted, November 22, 1920. Miss Colcord and Mrs. Nase were unavoidably absent.—*Com.*

Mr. A. Ovesen has informed us that he has received from London information to the effect that "the American Line and "White Star Line" are arranging a series of Winter Cruises in the West Indies during the coming winter. The vessels to be commissioned for this purpose are the s. s. "New York", "St. Paul" and "Megantic", all trans-Atlantic liners.—*West End News, Nov. 23rd.*

TELEGRAMS.

ST. CROIX STATION.

New York, Nov. 19th. Continued weakness prevailed in sugar today. Prices again fell to new low records for the season. There were sales of 6,000 bags of Porto Rican Nov.-Dec. shipments at 5.60 and 7,000 bags of Cuba's on spot at 5s cost and freight, equal to 6.14 for centrifugals. Refined sugar was easier at \$9.00 and \$9.50 for fine granulated. Futures were weak and prices made new low records under renewed selling prompted by the weakness in raw. At noon values were 22 to 26 points net lower.

Port-au-Prince, Nov. 19th.—During the inquiry into the killing of several Haytians by American marines, several of the witnesses made the most serious accusations yet heard against the marines. One witness stated that at Los Angeles a lieutenant had shot three prisoners in the back.

Doorn, Nov. 20th.—Former Empress Augusta Victoria of Germany, whose condition has for several days given alarm to her relatives, was somewhat worse this morning, according to information received from Doorn Castle. Her temperature was said to be 102.2.

New York, November 20th.—All six refineries of the American Sugar Refining Company have been closed as a result of the slight demand for the commodity, it was announced here today. An official of the company explaining the shut-down said. We have ample stocks on hand and are prepared to make prompt deliveries of all grades of refined sugar. Refineries have been closed temporarily owing to the lack of demand from the trade.