

After the Order of the Day had been exhausted 1st Member for Christiansted Country District (*Stakemann*) took the word and said, —Mr. Chairman. I have not seen on the budget any of the large amounts given by the Danish State to this Municipality; namely: The amount given to the Telephone Fund, the Barracks and the Hospitals, that should be on the 1917 budget. The Barracks does not concern us, that is a Federal Building, but the hospital concerns us and the community should know how the money given to that institution is spent. I would like to have elucidations on this matter.

Government Secretary (*Timmons*) remarked: Mr. Chairman. The Government quite agree that the Council should know. If the Honorable Member will give a memorandum the Government will look into it and give full information on it; of course this was before I came in office, but I shall be glad to give information on it.

To be continued.

LOCAL.

It is learnt that efforts have been made to have the Christiansted Navy Band retained on the roll of the Navy until the expiration of the period of enlistment, which proposition, if authorized, will keep the band with us for some time longer, the majority of the members having more or less a year more to serve. This is a very praiseworthy idea and it is hoped that it will be carried out, in the interest of the members of the band themselves who would be thus better enabled to look out for the future. It will likewise give our local bands a chance to prepare for any changes that may be made inducive to them should it be found practicable to secure their services on a larger scale than at present. It may also be suggested in event the band is ultimately disbanded that the Navy Department make a gift to the Municipality of St. Croix of the instruments which would be very valuable to us here and probably neither here nor there to the Navy. They could be sold for a small figure, like in the case of the Fort Louise lighthouse which was turned over to the Department of Commerce for a dollar.

Readers will note the inviting programme to be screened at the theatre this evening. The *Yellow Menace* will be concluded and the *Midnight Man* continued. The management has received a new machine which will be used at this show. A demonstration of its splendid action was given us last night and it is our opinion that this machine will prove a great improvement.

Some New York mail by the S. S. *Caracas* via Porto Rico, and mail from

San Juan, arrived here last night by way of Frederiksted.

The District Court goes in session this a. m. The famous Anduze murder case will be tried, and there will doubtless be many spectators.

News from St. Thomas has reached us that the Royal Typewriter sells at sight. Among the many users are the Convent, the St. Thomas Dock Engineering Co., The Lumber and Trading Co. etc.

Our correspondent writes: "Mr. Beresford Cancryn is much satisfied with the patronage afforded the Royal, and hopes to be in St. Croix this month, meanwhile he requests those desirous of purchasing this machine which will further their business interests to drop him a postal so as to assist him in covering Saint Croix quickly, as his stay must necessarily be short. We understand that Mr. Cancryn is completing arrangements for machines on the instalment plan which we think a wonderful idea in assisting those who are unable to buy a machine right out, especially as typewriting is a matter of necessity in the world today. Together with this, the Royal Typewriter Co. offers students a full course in the Van Sant System of Touch Typewriting, which would otherwise cost a matter of dollars, for but 25 cents. We have no doubt that the St. Croix public will avail themselves of this opportunity which has never been offered by any other Company. Look out for ad later. Now is your chance especially the future generation to get busy.

It may be well to remind the public that the machine used the world over is the Universal Keyboard, and it is therefore necessary to invest in a Royal."

TELEGRAMS.

ST. CROIX STATION.

Washington, February 24th.—Senator Borah, paved the way today for his fight for disarmament. To forestall defeat on a point of order of his amendment requesting the President to invite Great Britain and Japan to send delegates here to discuss the curtailment of future naval buildings, the Senator gave notice that he would seek suspension of the rules bring his amendment before the Senate. This requires a two-thirds vote.

Paris, Feb. 25th.—M. Briand and the Turks have completely and cleverly outmaneuvered the British and Greeks, according to information obtained in Paris tonight. M. Briand has advised King Constantine to accept the Allies' proposals. The Turkish Jewish leader absolutely dominates the Near East, and M. Briand says he is willing to hear the Greeks counter-proposal.

Sydney, Feb. 26th.—The Australians made 392 in their first innings in the latest match against the English team 204. The English had lost two wickets for 24 at the close of the day's play, and looked

to it in danger of a single innings defeat. The feature of the play was the 170 by McCartney.

London, Feb. 24th.—The announcement is made here that a new department has been constituted in connection with the Colonial Office, which will be charged with the duty of dealing with the affairs of Mesopotamia and other Arab states. Political circles have been expecting such an announcement for some time. When the name of Mr. Winston Churchill was first mentioned as the probable successor of Lord Milner in the Colonial Office, it was suggested that one of the attractions held out to Mr. Churchill was the control of a department dealing with the interesting affairs of the Middle East.

Washington, Feb. 26th.—Instructions are understood to have been received by Sir Auckland Geddes, the British Ambassador, to attempt the role of mediator in the controversy between the United States and Great Britain and Japan relative to Pacific cable communications.

Porter, Ind., Feb. 26th.—Thirty and forty persons were reported killed and an unknown number injured, when a west-bound New York Central Train crashed into a derailed west-bound Michigan Central Train here, in what railway Officials say may be one of the most disastrous wrecks in history. Michigan Central Officials placed the number of dead at more than thirty, while unofficial reports made the death list as high as fifty. The towerman of Michigan Central was arrested immediately after the wreck, officials saying they believed he had left a switch closed, causing the derailment of the east bound train. The Michigan Central Train left Chicago at 5.05 p. m. bound for Toronto, Ont. It was cut in half by the West-bound flyer and both engines plunged down an embankment. Both enginesmen of the New York Central Train were killed. Five bodies were recovered near the debris of the two engines. Fifteen bodies had been recovered within a few hours after the wreck.

Pittsburg, Feby. 28th.—The price of Pennsylvania crude oil was farther reduced 25 cents a barrel today, making the price \$3.00.

Berlin, Feby. 27th.—The eight German delegates of the conference with the Allies in London, headed by Foreign Minister Simons, and accompanied by a staff of some fifty secretaries and clerks and a party of several German newspapermen, left Berlin unostentatiously, on a special train enroute to England.

London, Feby. 27th.—Viscount Milner, the recently retired Secretary of State for the Colonies, was married yesterday to Lady Edward Cecil, widow of Colonel Lord Edward Cecil. The marriage occurred at St. James Church Paddington.

London, Feby. 27th.—The Bisley Rifle shooting meeting has been fixed to take place between July 7th and 21st, it is officially announced.