

\$100 Reward

to anybody who can give information leading to the conviction of the person or persons responsible for any of the recent canefires.

Bethlehem, Feb. 16th 1921.

WEST INDIA SUGAR FACTORY.

LOCAL.

We are glad to learn that the work of putting the electric plant in order is forging along nicely and that it is expected to supply current again in a few days time. All the old "junk" has been scraped and every consideration given to ensure good service.

The schnr. Vigilant with St. Thomas mails arrived here at 2.30 p. m. yesterday. She sailed from St. Thomas at 8 o'clock yesterday morning thus completing the run in but 6 hours. It is understood that she will return to St. Thomas at 8 tomorrow morning, mails closing accordingly.

Mr. J. Pierpont Morgan's yacht "Cor-sair" on its West Indies cruise, touched at Frederiksted yesterday.

The tower of the public clock for Frederiksted is in course of erection and in a short time the town will have a civic convenience for which there has been a demand for many years. It was understood that a commission had been formed to decide upon the site where the clock should be installed and that this commission had chosen the east hill from which the clock would command greatest visibility. However, it is being placed on the battery of the Fort.

Correspondence

To the Editor of the Avis.

Dear Sir.—

We beg to thank the Chairman of the Food Commission Mr. Thomas Ramsay for his prompt action on the fish question.

Respectfully,

PHILIP K. G. TUTEIN.

THORVALD SLATER.

Christiansted, 16th Feb. 1921.

A PERSON WHO IS SOMETHING THAT HE IS NOT.

It is a curious position, and also a very amusing one, for a person to be "Something that he is not", but the under-

signed has actually got that great honor conferred upon him, and now occupies this very humorous and ludicrous position.

How I come to enjoy this distinction I will now tell

The Sanitation Department says that I am agent for the owner of a certain yard, which required cleaning, and that as such agent it is incumbent on me to do the said work. I denied being agent and declared it was no concern of mine. I am hauled up to the Police Court as a criminal; the learned judge says I AM the agent. Fine \$10.

As I denied being an agent, I am now logically a liar.

Hear ye, hear ye, hear ye, all who formerly believed in my integrity, and might contemplate entrusting your business to me, I am a liar; so carry your business somewhere else, don't entrust it to a liar! You Councilmen, expel me from your midst, a liar has no right to sit among you!

I am therefore according to judgment, nolens volens, the agent, but as I am not the agent, I have become "a person who IS something, that he is not".

Now I don't mind under the prevailing circumstances being made a liar, and still less do I care about the fine, but what interests me in the case is this, that should this judgment on appeal be confirmed, and being of a pessimistic mind, I will for the sake of argument suppose this to be so, then how long am I to continue to be "something that I am not", and shall I in my capacity of being "something that I am not" be fined, every time the yard in question in the opinion of the Chief of the Sanitation Department ought to be cleaned, for not doing "what I should not do?"

Help me, ye men of genius, to solve this conundrum!

Oh, Odin, thou one-eyed god of wisdom of the Vikings and Norsemen of old, send thou thy two ravens, Hugin and Minun, which sitteth on thy shoulders, and at thy bidding descend to this sinful world to procure for you information of all that is happening on this earth, send them down to procure for me the means by which I may prove, that I am not that, which I am not, and thus rid myself of the enviable position of being an object for Barnum's show, as a "person who is something which he is not."

Oh, Hamlet, thou famous Prince of Denmark, why dost thou not now live in these Virgin Islands, where thou wouldst have found so many subjects for thy moody and inquiring mind?

Awaiting your, or your readers aid, in my sore dilemma,

I am, Mr. Editor,

Yours truly,

"A PERSON WHO IS SOMETHING THAT HE IS NOT."

NEE A. E. STAKEMANN.

TELEGRAMS.

ST. CROIX STATION.

New York, Feby. 10th.—Raw sugar was firm early and while there were sales of 12,000 bags of Porto Rico for prompt shipment, at 5.02 for centrifugal, there were no offerings of Cuba's. The demand for refined sugar improved owing to the firmness in the spot market. Prices were steady at 6.75 for fine granulated. Futures were firmer covering and trade buying with offerings light. At noon prices were 18 to 21 points higher.

Washington, Feb. 10th.—The House Immigration Bill, which would virtually stop immigration for one year, was disapproved yesterday by the Senate Immigration Committee by a vote of five to four. The Committee agreed to adopt a substitute measure today restricting immigration on a percentage basis. Chairman Colt said the substitute would "Allay all fears of a flood of undesirable aliens from Europe."

Washington, Feb. 11th.—The statement that he had received suggestions that Great Britain was "Circulating propaganda" in the United States in order to detail naval building was made in the Senate by Senator Borah, Republican, Idaho, during a general debate on disarmament. He understood, he said, that the facts were in possession of the Navy Dept. Senator Poindexter, Republican, Washington, author of the Senate Naval Committee's recent adverse report on Senator Borah's suggestion for a six months' naval holiday, in answer to a question as to whether the Committee investigation had disclosed any such situation, said that there had been some testimony on the subject, but the Committee did not believe it should be made public. Senator Borah again urged that an agreement be reached between the Naval powers for reduction of building programmes and also advocated a careful investigation to determine whether capital ships are tactically absolute. "Unless there is an agreement reached between the United States and the Powers competing in naval building", he said. "It will lead to war inevitably". Opinions of British, United States and other naval experts that capital ships have become obsolete were presented by Senator Borah. Senator Poindexter in defending the Naval Committee's report, supporting the capital shipbuilding programme declared that if the United States accepted the building postponement plan it would "become at once a defeated nation, would lose its insular possessions and it would be able to travel the seas only upon terms laid down by rival nations". Before sitting down with those nations at the conference, he said, the Committee feels we should take precautions not to sit down disarmed. If the six months' suspension was adopted we would lose