

EDITORIAL.

In this issue we reprint from the San Juan, P. R. Times of July 30th, an extract from the inaugural address of Governor E. Mont. Reily, newly-appointed governor of Porto Rico, relative to the labor question. It may be found interesting and of value here at this time.

LOCAL.

Mr. Geo. L. Dederick, Chief Clerk of the Railway Mail Service, and Mr. A. F. Buckingham, Mail-Clerk on the S. S. San Lorenzo, were passengers on the Mystery last Saturday and spent some time with the postmaster here. Mr. Dederick, the postmaster tells us, is as interested as ever in furthering efforts to provide a satisfactory mail-service for the Virgin Islands and is working to still further improve the present service. Mr. Buckingham is an interesting personage to chat with. He works the letter mail from Porto Rico, Santo Domingo, and the Virgin Islands for New York City on board ship during the voyage up, and tells of a busy time in his occupation.

The s s. Pulwico arrived at Frederiksted yesterday morning and here at noon. She is discharging cargo today and is scheduled to sail for the Islands early this morning. Mails close at 10 a. m. as announced at the post office. Fifty bags mail for Christiansted arrived on this boat.

Patrons of the movies should not miss seeing the grand show on for tonight. Tarzan of the Apes is understood to be a film of unusually entertaining features and is sure to please. Elmo the hero of the last popular serial will be seen in Tarzan of the Apes.

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Post Office Christiansted

HONOR TO WHOM HONOR IS DUE.

We had occasion to visit the Post Office in Christiansted recently, and were very much pleased to note the great changes that have taken place there. Postmaster Larsen is indeed taking a lively interest in Postal affairs in this town, and mere passing notice would be an injustice to this Official of the Postal Department in Christiansted. As we approached the door of this modern place of business, our eyes met the bold letters of the general delivery window. The letter-box system is one that deserves special attention, as it is a marked impression over the system of former years, where the password was "meekly

wait and murmur not". Those who have secured lock boxes can depend on immediate despatch, and we must admit that everything is well arranged, and ought to please every lover of improvement. The door that leads to the Postmaster, the money order window, and receptacles for letters and papers are also there. In a few words, we have a Post office that speaks well for our town, and what is more, we have heard from some who know, that there are some larger towns in other parts of the world that cannot boast of such a convenience, as far as quick mail delivery is concerned.

This Post office handles some very large incoming mails, and with a small staff one can readily guess that there must be some hustling. Any person in public service who evinces the real altruistic spirit ought to be commended for so doing, and there is no better way than in the public press. Mr. B. R. Larsen along with the help of the higher officers of the Postal Department are doing their best to meet the requirements of this community as regard Postal matters. As time goes on we hope to be able to put on record other improvements as they are observed. Thank you. —Com.

The Navy Band once stationed here arrived at St. Thomas, V. I., from Coco Solo via Hampton Roads, Virginia on the Transport "Gulfport".

It is hoped that before the Band is disbanded, (as it is so reported) that His Excellency the Governor will give St. Croix the great pleasure of again seeing the men in uniform and hear them play their fine music.

This is communicated for the earnest consideration of His Excellency.

—Communicated.

TELEGRAMS.

ST. CROIX STATION.

Washington, Aug. 10th.—A Cuban economic mission, headed by Sebastian Gelabert, Secretary of Finance of Cuba, has arrived here from Havana, to confer with administration officials, regarding the proposed 2 cents a pound duty on sugar, a loan by the United States to Cuba and present economic conditions in the island republic. Tomorrow the mission expects to meet Secretary Hughes at the State Department. It is understood, that, in its conference, the mission will lay special stress upon what it is claimed, would be the disastrous effects upon the Cuban industry, if the duty imposed upon sugar in the Fordney Tariff Bill becomes effective. A brief opposition to this duty has been sent to the Senate Finance Committee by Mr. Rubens, former counsel for Cuban patriots.

New York, Aug. 10th.—American Sugar Refining Company today passed its dividend of 1.75 dollars on common stock, but declared its regular quarterly

dividend of 1.79 dollars on preferred. The stock immediately broke 3 points to 62½, the low record of the year.

Madrid, Aug. 10th.—The Spanish Cabinet will resign tomorrow after King Alphonso has consulted with Senor Alba, the liberal leader, according to a statement made tonight by the Premier.

On The Letvian Frontier, Aug. 11th.—Even their own children are being left behind to starve by the hunger maddened peasants fleeing to Siberia or the Ukraine from hunger and death in the German Volga colony which is the worst affected of all the places in the Russian famine zone, according to a German colonist arriving at the frontier yesterday. "The roads, along which swarms of people are migrating are liberally sprinkled with the bodies of children", the colonists said. "Cholera is not in evidence, but death from hunger is threatening everybody."

London, Aug. 11th.—An urgent appeal to the British people for a "generous national effort" on behalf of the starving Russians has been issued by the Imperial War Relief Fund, of which the King is a patron. The signatories among whom are the Archbishop of Canterbury, Lord Birkenhead, Lord High Chancellor, and many prominent writers and clergymen, after emphasizing the desperate conditions in Russia say "Of all the countries scourged by the war none has suffered so terribly as Russia and none has received so little of the healing gift of sympathy."

Ottawa, Aug. 11th.—Fire of a disastrous character, fanned by a strong wind from the sea swept Aymer Quebec yesterday afternoon, and left in its wake a parched and blackened ruin of what was formerly a quiet and picturesque town. At least one death was caused by the fire, 700 persons were rendered homeless and the property loss estimated at \$750,000. Most of the principal buildings in the town were razed by flames, and the homes of some one hundred and twentyfive families lost.

London, Aug. 11th.—The "Times" understands that Mr. Lloyd George fully intends to accept the invitation to the Washington Conference as the official representative of Great Britain.

Dublin, Aug. 11th.—Viceroy Fitzalan, accompanied by Lady Fitzalan, yesterday paid a state visit to the horse show. This was the first time in many years that the Viceroy has attended the function. Their visit was carried out amid the oldtime pageantry and gave an impression of peace and goodwill which had been lacking in recent years at this national function. Several of the members of the Dail Eirann recently released from prison, including John J. McKeown were present.

Dublin, Aug. 11th.—The "Irish Bulletin" pleads strongly for "justice" in the case of hundred of Irish soldiers serving prison sentences for bearing