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St. Thomas News.

The fast sailing yacht "Zuhrah" left here on Saturday night with a party of excursionists for Christiansted, St. Croix and arrived there Sunday morning at 5 o'clock, thus giving the party the pleasure of spending two pleasant days. The races we understand were very interesting and the 'gentlemen of the turf' here have seen the good running of the Star of St. Croix and can safely say if the St. Thomas Star can be matched with him. We would be glad if the gentlemen of the St. Croix turf would bring over their two heat mile dashers for Whit. Our townfolk are of the firm conviction that Ortvx can hold his own with the best St. Croix racer. Be sports, come and let us have the contest. The party left St. Croix at 11 o'clock Monday night and arrived in port 3 o'clock this morning.—*The St. Thomas Bulletin*, April 6th.

The rate of Exchange fell this morning from 27½ to 25 per cent. The knowledge of this spread rapidly, with the result that soon the National Bank was flooded by eager, anxious crowds impatient to convert their American earnings into local currency. *St. Thomas Mail Notes*, April 6th.

The many friends of Mr. Orford Hall who recently left here for San Juan, Porto Rico, will be sorry to hear that he is lying seriously ill at the Flores Hospital, Santurce. So serious is his condition that his two brothers left by the "Vir-

ginia" this morning for Porto Rico.—*Ibid.*

The Rev. S. Reginald Sales, who for the past six years has been in charge of the Wesleyan Church here, leaves to-day for St. Eustatius, whither he has been transferred.

During his life amongst us, the Reverend gentleman by his courtesy and unbounded zeal for the public welfare, made many friends among the various sections of the community.

We are sorry to part with him; but he is under "firing orders" and hence he must obey "the call." We therefore take this opportunity to bid him God speed and to wish him every success in his new field of labour.—*St. Thomas Mail Notes*, April 7th.

We regret very much to learn of an accident of a serious nature to young Vago yesterday afternoon while at work in the Naval Ice Plant, when he sustained some severe burns to hands and face.—*St. Thomas Mail Notes*, April 9th.

TELEGRAMS.

ST. CROIX STATION.

(Delayed in transmission.)

London, April 2nd.—Sir Hamar Greenwood, Under Secretary for Home Affairs, has been appointed Chief Secretary for Ireland, according to an official announcement this afternoon. Sir Hamar succeeds Mr. Ian Macpherson, who resigned yesterday. Mr. Frederick Kellaway, Secretary to the Minister of Munitions, will succeed Sir Hamar Greenwood in the Overseas Trade Dept. Mr. Macpherson has been appointed Minister of Pensions, and Sir Laming Worthington-Evans has been made minister without portfolio.

Dublin, April 2nd.—The situation in Dublin today was normal and there was not the slightest sign of any Easter rising, rumours concerning the possibility of which had recently become general, to provoke questions on the matter in Parliament.

Dublin, April 2nd. The Lord Mayor of Dublin has received a letter from Mr. Lloyd George, dated March 31st., alluding to the impossibility of securing evidence in the ordinary way, calculated to lead to the arrest and conviction of murderers in the formidable campaign of terrorism now menacing Ireland, the letter says this fact places

the executives under a great difficulty, because they do not desire to arrest the guiltless, but on the other hand the first duty of the executive is to leave no stone unturned to lay its hands on those who are terrorizing society, and it may therefore become necessary to dislocate to some degree the normal life of the community. The Premier expressed the belief that the terrorist campaign is prompted largely by the desire to prevent the settlement of the Irish question by reason and good will, which he believes are the only means for attaining unity and conciliation. He declares that the Govt. will not be deflected from what it believes to be the only course consistent with reason and common sense, by a ruthless and cruel campaign of assassination, but he says he is anxious to make easy as possible the task of those endeavouring to carry on the administration of the country on reasonable lines, and if there are any means by which moderate men can be helped and encouraged to withstand or oppose the present campaign of intimidation, so as to bring nearer the settlement of the Irish question, he will gladly co-operate in bringing them into effect.

London, April 2nd.—A despatch to the Daily Mail from Dusseldorf says the Govt. troops, disregarding the arrangements of yesterday, are advancing rapidly and have beaten back the Red troops from Wesel southward and captured Hamburg, and are expected to enter Dusseldorf tomorrow. The Red troops are handing in their arms all over the Ruhr district, according to agreement. Two coal mines are reported to have been already destroyed.

Copenhagen, April 4th.—The general strike was called off this morning, an announcement stating that all parties had agreed that it would be necessary to hold elections in accordance with the new electoral law. Premier Liebe declared that upon the King's suggestion he desired to retire. The King will now ask the former director of the Ministry of Justice, Herr Triis, to form a Cabinet, with the understanding that the Rigsdag will resume its sessions as soon as possible and begin negotiations for the elections.

New York, April 5th.—The British exchange rate rose above four dollars today. Cables on London selling at four, nought, nought and a half shortly after opening, and demand bills at four, nought, nought and three-quarters.