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LOCAL.

The s. s. "Lake Narka" arrived here this morning from Frederiksted.

Correspondence.

Christiansted, St. Croix, V. I. U. S. A.
Jan. 14th. 1921.

To the Editor St. Croix Avis.

Dear Sir:

Please allow me space in your valuable paper to say these few words:

I would like to know what has become of the football and cricket clubs, as I haven't seen a match played for a very long time up to the present.

Boys get awake and enliven Old Santa Cruz once more, with these healthy games, especially the football.

Dreadnought boys, I am looking both to you and the Athletic to give a match sometime or other, or if not with the Hero Football Club of Frederiksted

The Secretary of the Dreadnought

F. B. C. told me he would play any club, although out of practice, so send him a challenge and I am sure it will be accepted.

Thanking you for space,

I am,

Respectfully

B. J. R.

WANTED TO KNOW

If the price of Soda is always to remain at 8 cents per bottle, although the price of sugar has dropped considerably? More about this later.

X & Y.

TELEGRAMS.

ST. CROIX STATION.

London, Jany. 10th.—Sir James Craig is stated to become the first Prime Minister of Ulster, when the new Irish Parliament meets.

London, Jany. 10th.—A warning has been issued by Dr. Andrew Crommelin, assistant at the Royal Observatory, Greenwich, of danger to the earth from next June. This is on account of one of the Jovian comets' orbit being pushed nearer to the earth on each of its appearances, this being due to the influence of Jupiter. It makes its appearance at very great intervals and its pathway extends about the ecliptic orbit to the point where Jupiter performs its revolution.

Pittsburg, Jany. 10th.—Another reduction in the purchase price of crude oil, following a reduction on Saturday, was made in the grade today. The new price is three dollars and seventy-five cents per barrel, a cut of twenty-five cents.

London, Jany. 10th.—Lord Reading's appointment as Viceroy to India will become effective from April first.

London, Jany. 10th. British shipping is ready to meet the new German challenge as soon as the Germans seek to regain their former position in the sea-carrying trade of the world, Sir Arthur Booth, Chairman of the Cunard Line says, and referring to a recently issued German shipping annual which shows that nine German lines are operating again, he remarked that it is certain that partly by an alliance between Germans with experience and no ships, and Americans with ships and no experience, Germany is making ready to fight for her old position on the seas, and he asks will Great Britain meet this issue.

Washington, Jan. 10th.—The immediate withdrawal of the United States from further participation in the Council of Ambassadors in Europe, it was reported today, has been decided upon. The State Dept. officials declined to discuss the report, but said that the United States Govt. would not be represented at a meeting next week at which France and Great Britain will discuss the ways and means of enforcing the terms of the Treaty of Versailles, affect-

ing particularly the conditions in the Ruhr Valley.

London, Jan. 10th.—The British Legation at Teheran, Persia, has ordered the immediate evacuation by British women and children of Persia, in view of the announcement of the withdrawal of the British forces in North West Persia and the threatening sequel of a Bolshevik invasion, says a despatch to the "Daily Mail" from Teheran.

New York, Jan. 10th.—There was a veritable boom in foreign exchange today, particularly in the British rate, which rose to three-seventy at midday for demand bills. This is the highest quotation for that class of remittance since the early part of last August. The strength of the London rate is ascribed in part to the covering by shorts of speculative interests. In well informed banking circles, however, the movement is believed to have received much of its momentum from cables intimating that preparations were being made by the British Govt. to refund its obligations in the United States.

General Superintendent's Office. St. Thomas, Jany. 12th.—While the schooner "Irma" was being towed out of the harbour of San Juan, P.R., on the eighth instant, the towing hawser broke and the vessel, in order to avoid going on to the rocks, was compelled to let go her anchor which unfortunately fell on to this company's Jamaica cable, at the entrance to the harbour, and caused it to become interrupted. The cables ship "Henry Holmes," which was engaged on other cable work, was at once recalled and hurried to San Juan and today succeeded in repairing the interrupted section, restoring communication with Jamaica and all points beyond there by this company's lines.

Constantinople, Jan. 12th.—French destroyers have sunk a transport flying the red flag and carrying Soviet troops presumably to Trebizond, it is said in a despatch received here. The encounter occurred 10 miles west of Novorossisk, the French warships attacking the transport despite the fact that it was escorted by a Soviet flotilla. When the French destroyers came within range the transport opened fire, but its guns were quickly silenced by shells from the warships. The transport was then torpedoed by the French destroyer "Sakalave". The sinking vessel was steered toward the coast and run aground, a part of the troops and crew escaping by swimming. The French suffered no casualties.

Paris, Jan. 12th. The Cabinet of Premier Leygues resigned today following its defeat on a vote in the Chamber of Deputies. The vote was on a question of postponing all interpellations until after the conference of the Allied Premiers set for Jan 19th, the Premier making his demand for such postponement a question of confidence.

London, Jan. 12th.—Several names,