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The s. s. "Parima" for New York is due at Frederiksted on Sunday morning (daylight).

With the view to taking advantage of advance in arrival at New York of the s. s. Parima sailing March 30, from Frederiksted, over the s. s. Porto Rico leaving San Juan April 2, LETTER MAIL for the States and related points, deposited in the Christiansted post office until 5 p. m. Saturday, 29, will be dispatched by the first named opportunity.

The recently imported "Keystone" well-drilling machine which was towed through this town the day before yesterday afternoon is being employed on a section of land at Estate "Boetzberg" where boring operations were conducted yesterday, a hole of some 14 inches in diameter by about 4 feet deep being dug. The outfit and its work is the object of curious inspection.

Patrons of the West End Movies and all who would appreciate a really entertaining time should read the ad of this amusement resort and spend this evening there at the presentation of Nobody's Bride featuring noted screen actors. Admission 5 and 10.; a treat almost free.

A United States torpedo boat destroyer passed this port this morning steaming west.

The following passengers arrived by the Grebe yesterday from St. Thomas:—Miss Lucy Gillette, Mr. Farwell, Lt. Commander Koehler, U. S. N., Commander Seaman (M. C.) U. S. N., Dr. and Mrs. Hedges.

The following passengers sailed:—Mr. J. B. Thompson, Captain Möller, and Dr. C. L. Tompkins, Dental Corps, U. S. N.

TELEGRAMS.

ST. CROIX STATION.

London, March 23rd.—The Persian Parliament has abandoned the idea of a Republic but has deposed the Shah and has decided to install his infant son on his Throne according to a Teheran despatch to the Daily Mail. The correspondent says that a momentous sitting of the National Assembly to decide on the future form of Government was held on Saturday when, owing to the opposition of the clergy and the public, the agitation in favour of a Republic collapsed. The new Shah is two years old and a regent will be appointed to act during his minority.

London, March 23rd.—The Cambridge crew, in practice for the annual race with Oxford, rowed the full racing course on the Thames today in 20 minutes 18 seconds, as compared with 19 minutes 29 seconds of the Oxford crew

on Friday. For the first two miles the Cambridge oarsmen were able to row a faster race but near the finish head winds and rough waters slowed them up.

London, March 23rd.—Exhortations addressed to the Premier to endeavour to influence the Prince of Wales in a way of being less adventuresome on horseback, are derided by two Sunday papers. The Sunday Times says it is time people ceased trying to play grandmother to the Prince, although he has too much humour to be disturbed by objections that are half lecture and half cackle. The Sunday Express declares that if Mr. MacDonald interferes, he ought to devise a method whereby the Prince could take a more active part in public life. "We ought to provide him with opportunities for public service more interesting than laying foundation stones and making after-dinner speeches.

Queenstown, March 23rd.—Spurred by the Government's offer of a reward of 10,000 pounds, hundreds of civilians today joined the Free State troops and police in the search for persons who shot down British soldiers and local civilians. Thus far no arrests have been made and the only details which have been learned concerning the circumstances leading to the crime are that some miles out of Queenstown on Friday night two motor cars were observed which it is thought carried a covering party to the assassins. The torpedoboat destroyer Sea Wolf arrived in Queenstown this morning. Free State troops are patrolling Queenstown and the surrounding district and nobody is being allowed to land at Spike Island. Universal detestation over the tragedy is being voiced throughout Ireland.

London, March 23rd.—The Premier has communicated with President Cosgrave thanking him for his message in which the President deplored the attack on the British troops in Queenstown and announced that no efforts would be spared to bring to account the men responsible for the deeds. "I sympathize with you on the outrage against the peace and order of the Free State," the Premier says, "I hope you will be speedily successful in capturing the perpetrators."

Montreal, March 22nd.—The Montreal Gazette this morning, in its department devoted to "today in Canadian History," recalls that March 23rd is the 172nd anniversary of the issue of the first newspaper in British North America this being the "Halifax Gazette," founded on that date in the year 1752.

Winnepeg, March 22nd.—The Northwestern Life Assurance Company went into voluntary liquidation at the annual meeting of its shareholders here last night.

New York, March 23rd.—The collision between the "Olympic" and the Furnese Bermuda Steamer "Fort St George" in

the Hudson river yesterday, caused a momentary panic among 1,440 passengers on both vessels and several hundred people on the White Star Line Pier, wrought damage estimated to \$150,000 to the Bermuda boat and delayed the larger liner an hour. The "Olympic", outbound for England with 1,170 passengers many of them notables, was turning down stream when her massive stern struck the "Fort St George", also outbound with 270 passengers. The mainmast and a large hydraulic derrick on the smaller vessel snapped. Fifteen feet of railing was crushed, a lifeboat, the wireless apparatus and the roof of the main deck smoke room were smashed, but the vessel was able to put back under her own steam to her pier. White Star Line Officials inspected the "Olympic" immediately after the crash and again when she had reached the lower bay. On discovering the damage had been slight, they permitted the vessel to proceed. The Furnese Bermuda Line Officials recalled by wireless the R. M. S. P. Liner "Arcadian", which had sailed a few minutes before the "Fort St George" and transferred to her most of the damaged vessels passengers. Three persons on the Fort St George were slightly injured. One of them, Mrs. L. M. Tuttle of Reading, Mass. who was treated for lacerations of the back and a twisted knee, cancelled her passage. The "Fort St. George", it was stated, would be put into drydock in an effort to have her ready for sailing next Saturday.

Metz, France March 24th.—The Express Train bound from Ostend, Belgium, to Switzerland this morning crashed into a freight train. Eight persons were killed and eleven injured.

London, March 24th.—The Oxford and Cambridge track teams quit all even in their fiftysixth annual track meeting at the Queens Club on Saturday. Each team scored five firsts and were tied for one event, the high jump. No records were equalled or broken.

London, March 24th.—The United States Line steamer "American Merchant" collided with the cargo boat "Matutua" near the Thames Haven about 4 a. m. today, sinking her. Eight persons were reported killed. The "American Merchant" was badly damaged and had to be beached.

Dublin, March 24th.—Joseph McGrath the resigned Minister of Industry and Commerce, declares in a statement that he and two or three others will resign membership in the Dail tomorrow. Referring to the recent army crisis, he says the agreements between himself and President Cosgrave, by which he undertook to remain in the Cabinet, have been broken. He undertakes to secure the return of all stolen arms.

Llandudro, Wales March 22nd.—England defeated Wales 2 to 1 in the amateur international soccer football match here this afternoon.