

MAILS CLOSE

per S. S. Guiana, on Sunday 29th instant, at 2 o'clock p. m., for New York, N. Y., Europe, etc. The St. Thomas and Porto Rico mails will, as usual, be closed at 3 p. m. Stamps, registration, money orders, etc. should be obtained not later than 5 p. m. on Saturday 28th.

The s. s. "Georgiana Weems" arrived here this morning from Frederiksted with 60 tons of cargo.

The S. S. Guiana for New York is due at Frederiksted on Sunday morning, leaving at midnight.

The S. S. Parima is expected to leave New York on Thursday September 9th.

We have been requested to mention that in future the Christiansted Navy Band will render its concert on the wharf on Thursday evenings instead of Friday evenings as heretofore.

TELEGRAMS.

ST. CROIX STATION.

London, August 23rd.—Much space is devoted by all the newspapers this morning to the question of a coal miners' strike which will be blotted upon this week beginning tomorrow. Articles on the subject which are printed under huge headlines, reflect the belief that an overwhelming majority of the miners will be in favour of striking. The Govt. appears determined not to grant the demands for a wage advance of two shillings per shift and a reduction of the price of coal to the public amounting to about fourteen shillings per ton. Unless a compromise is reached the strike may become effective in a month.

Dublin, Aug. 23rd.—The Executive of the Irish Labour Party in an appeal to British Labour to stop "the war with Ireland" as they did with Russia and holding them responsible if it continues says: "The Military Governors whom you have placed over us calculate the death of the Lord Mayor of Cork will lead to an uprising which can be suppressed only by wholesale slaughter". The appeal also declares that Mr. Shortt, the Home Secretary, will be held personally responsible if the death of the Lord Mayor ensues.

London, Aug. 23rd.—The number of British troops in Ireland is enormous and is increasing daily, said a high military officer, who has just returned from there. Practically all the British home garrisons are there including 11 infantry brigades forming the command of four Major Generals and the neces-

sary cavalry, artillery and engineers. The Staff of the Aldershot First Division was sent across during the past week. They are still building blockhouses in Ireland and thousands of miles of barbed wire have been strung throughout the island for defence. No sentry posts or guard houses are complete without barbed wire.

San Juan, P. R., Aug. 23rd.—"Alfonso XIII" sailed 5.30 p. m. for Norfolk, Virginia.

Jamaica, Aug. 23rd.—The following message as published quote: "Prince of Wales much distressed to hear of outbreak of serious epidemic in Jamaica. He wishes to assure the colony at once of his warm sympathy and trusts that the spread of the disease may be rapidly arrested. Signed Grigg. unquote.

The local medical authorities have received a cablegram from New York yesterday stating that the medical experts at that city had diagnosed a case of eruptive fever discovered on a steamer from Jamaica as vaccina or crew pox.

Jamaica medical profession are generally agreed that the disease is called varaloid varicella also called kaffir cow pox. It is not a dangerous malady but it is highly infectious. There are fully 30 cases in Kingston and lower St. Andrew."

London, Aug. 23rd.—The wife of the Lord Mayor of Cork Mrs. McSweeney visited her husband in Brixton prison where he is under sentence of two years' imprisonment on Saturday. In the course of an interview later she said the Lord Mayor had written a letter to Mr. Shortt, the Home Secretary, Friday night in which he declared the full responsibility for his death would rest on the shoulders of the Government and the Government would have to bear the consequences. "He wrote", added Mrs. Sweeney, "That it would tell badly among civilized nations, that the English Government had on its charge, the death of a second Lord Mayor of Cork in six months, and that the statements he had made at his court martial, that before a month he would be out of prison dead or alive, still held good. He wrote the letter with great difficulty and nearly fainted twice while writing". Replying to the request of the Lord Mayor's sister for an interview, the Home Secretary wrote saying, "An interview would serve no good purpose. It is the final decision of His Majesty's Government. Mr. McSweeney will not be released because he refuses to take food. Owing to the condition of his health Mr. McSweeney cannot be fed forcibly. For any consequences which may ensue from his refusal to take food he alone is responsible".

Brussels, Aug. 22nd.—A semi-official telegram from Dusseldorf says that an insurgent movement already emanating in the German Communist Party has resulted in the proclamation of a Soviet

Republic at Velbert, Rhenish Prussia. The despatch stated that Communists seized the Town's Hall, extorted money from the richer inhabitants and forced the local branch of the Reich to hand over a million marks. Notices were posted inviting workers at Essen and Remscheid to join them.

Constantinople, Aug. 19th.—(Delayed). Two Bolshevik Cavalry Regiments have passed over Southern Armenia into Turkish territory and lines up with the Turkish nationalist followers of Mustapha Kemal Pasha at Dalazet, according to advices received here today.

Paris, Aug. 22nd.—The French garrison at Adana, Asia Minor, which had been besieged for two months, made a sally and according to the Foreign Office, has now virtually been relieved. Eighteen United States relief workers were with the garrison. The Foreign Office says that the garrison badly defeated the besiegers and that the situation no longer is critical.

Belfast, Aug. 22nd.—Police Inspector Swansey, against whom a verdict of wilful murder was given by a coroner's jury, in connection with the assassination of Mr. McCurtain, the Lord Mayor of Cork, was shot dead to-day, while proceeding to his home from Church at Lisburn, to which town he had been transferred after the finding of the coroner's jury. The assassins escaped.

Belfast, Aug. 22nd.—A police patrol was ambushed on Saturday afternoon at Dundalk. One constable was shot dead and 10 others were wounded.

Belfast, Aug. 22nd.—Rioting is in progress at Lisburn, as a result of the assassination today of Inspector Swansey. An attempt was made to wreck the shop of a Sinn Fein leader within forty yards of the scene of the crime and only intervention by Ulster volunteers prevented it. The crowd then attacked the residence of a Nationalist Republican, who fired from a window. His assailants returned the fire and wounded him.

Dublin, Aug. 22nd.—The homes of Arthur Griffith and other prominent Sinn Feiners were ransacked on Friday night for private papers.

Dublin, Aug. 22nd.—The physician of the Cork Jail, has recommended the release of the men under arrest there, who are on hunger strike. It is reported here to be extremely probable that Mr. McSweeney, Lord Mayor of Cork, on hunger strike, is to be released. Should he be allowed to die in prison, Ireland is threatened with a general strike, unprecedented demonstrations and further extensions of the boycott. The plans for all these have been arranged. The questions of a general strike is in the hands of the Labour Party.

London, Aug. 24th.—Members of the British Miners' Federation began today to ballot on the project of calling a strike to enforce their organizations' demand