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St. Thomas News.

In connection with the robbery committed at the Peterser's residence, a young woman by the name of Anna Ford has been taken into custody on suspicion.

Guilt points strongly in her direction as among some of the things which were stolen, and hidden in an old cistern, was a love-letter of hers from some "beau" in Porto Rico. What strengthens the belief in her guilt is, that while she is a regular patron of the Cine on Sunday nights, she was absent there from last Sunday evening, besides having been seen in the vicinity of the robbery late in the evening. Then, too, upon writing a few lines dictated to her by Chief-of-Police Morningstar the handwriting coincided with that in the note found on Sunday night. She tried to implicate a boatman by the name of William Moses, saying that he was, who had given her shoes, etc. Upon inquiry, however, it was found to be untrue. Further developments in connection with the case are awaited.—*St. Th. Aug. 25th.*

Anna Ford, 16, of Tortola, and who had been under suspicion in connection with last Sunday night's robbery, was released yesterday morning, sufficient evidence not having been found to convict her, and a pal of hers Miriam Francis, who was arrested in her stead.

Today, however, the case has been reversed, Francis having been set free and Ford re-arrested upon further evidence of guilt being found against her. Yesterday,

shortly after her release, she was seen hanging about the vicinity of the looted residence—standing among the old ruins of Maneké's, in the Garden and looking about as if in search of something. This immediately aroused suspicion; the Police was communicated with, and upon their arrival and the institution of a search by them, some of the stolen goods—silk blouses, silk stockings etc.—were found, and the suspect re-arrested. Since then, other evidences have been found that strongly point to her as the guilty one.

She was arraigned in \$50 bail; but the amount not being forthcoming she has been incarcerated, pending further developments.—*St. Thomas Mail Notes, Aug. 26th.*

TELEGRAMS

ST. CROIX STATION.

Halifax, N. S., Aug. 26th.—One of the most peculiar crises which ever confronted the sugar trade, is now in process of operation, according to Halifax dealers interviewed on the sugar situation yesterday. A cloud of uncertainty hovers over the whole trade, but one thing seems fairly certain, namely that sugar prices are bound to drop down the continent, and that never before have prices come down so un-

raw sugar crops soon coming in from the south, a big decrease in prices seem as anything can be certain at the present uncertain time. The question is how quickly the slump will come to the retailer and consumer, and how big it will be. One thing that favours Halifax consumers getting cheap sugar, is the 65,

000 bags which are still stored at the Government warehouse at the ocean terminals and which would not likely be shipped out in the face of falling prices. This is owned by New York people and it is said to have changed hands several times without being moved, while sugar was scarce and dear in this province. A Montreal report to the effect that the low price wave in sugar, was precipitated by Arbuckle, one of the big American refiners. He announced a cut from 26 to 17 cents in one day.

Paris, Aug. 26th.—The destruction of the Bolshevik armies now may be considered complete, according to advices received here. Of the host which swept down on Warsaw, nothing is left but 30,000 fugitives. The Poles have taken 80,000 prisoners thus far, but what is more important, they have captured great number of guns and materials.

London, Aug. 26th.—We have drawn back, but we will keep our forces intact and in ten days we shall be stronger than ever, said General Tuchtat Schewck, commander-in-chief of the Bolshevik army on the Polish front in an interview telegraphed by the correspondent of the Daily Herald at Minsk, dated last Saturday. "We can draw on our resources indefinitely," the commander continued. The population of White Russia is sending us volunteers in tens of thousand.

Dublin, Aug. 26th.—Outrages continue to be reported from various places. Queenstown, overpowered them and made off with their arms. One soldier was so seriously injured that he died last night. Three others of the soldiers were slightly wounded. A constable was shot at Westmeath. Tuesday night two attacks on members of the constabulary were made near Bantry and two constables were shot and killed and several others wounded.

Publication.

It is hereby brought to public notice that the Government has, this date, authorized Rev. JAMES AUGUSTUS AGAARD to perform civil-religious functions in the Municipality of St. Croix.

Government of the Virgin Islands of the United States, St. Croix, 27 August 1920.

C. C. TIMMONS,
Government Secretary.