

day evening, when the streets, particularly King's and Company, became so slippery that it was very difficult to keep a footing. If some light gravel be spread and stamped in on these principal streets, it would be sure to harden the surface and eliminate the slipperiness now experienced when it rains.

The Navy Band rendered its regular concerts yesterday, entertaining quite a large gathering in the evening.

The Leader of the Industrial Brass Band, Mr. C. H. Adams, has asked to mention that Thursday, 27th instant, being one year since the new members of the band rendered their first public concert, a new programme, to be published later, will be played that evening.

The cine show at the theatre tonight comprises the "Bull's eye" and a comical number, and promises a pleasant evening to those who frequent that popular place of amusement.

Mr. George H. Markoe led to the arrest on Saturday evening of the escaped prisoner "O'ne Hand Tom" whose depredations have been creating quite a scare in Frederiksted.

With allusion to reference in West End News of Saturday last, that Friday's issue of the Avis has not been received in Frederiksted, it may be explained that the papers were mailed in the regular manner, but being somewhat late were forwarded in the mail-par which was presumably dispatched to St. Thomas without being examined at Frederiksted.

OFFICIAL NEWS.

Nov. 22, 1919.

One hundred and twenty-three marines are to be transferred from the Virgin Islands to the States via the special transport.

American Steamer Lake Fariar in ballast from Pernambuco bound for Balboa, Panama, and American Steamer Shaume with cargo from Buenos Aires, bound for New York, arrived at St. Thomas this morning.

TELEGRAMS.

ST. CROIX STATION.

Rome, Nov. 19th.—Latest election reports indicate that the constitutionalists secured three hundred seats in the Chamber of Deputies in the recent elections. The Socialists elected 120 and the Catholics 90.

Rome Nov. 19th.—A document is about to be issued by the Pope calling the attention of the world to the necessity for aiding the destitute children of all the nations recently engaged in the war. It is expected the Pope will contribute a considerable sum of money for

starting the work. He has already organized at Mount Marie, near Rome, a home for tubercular children.

London, Nov. 19th.—Australia, especially New South Wales is suffering the most devastating drought since white men have lived in that country even the drought of 1902 is being surpassed, according to a despatch Sydney to the "Daily Mail" stocks from and crops have been destroyed, and it is doubtful whether there will be enough seed wheat for next season sowing. Hundreds and perhaps thousands of settlers have been ruined. Northwest New South Wales is described as a desert, being stripped of everything green. Paddock are littered with the skeletons of cattle, and even rabbits are dying in vast numbers.

Ottawa, Nov. 19th.—A decrease of approximately \$33,000,000 in the Grand total of Canada's trade for the seven months of the fiscal year ending with October 15 compared with the same period last year, is shown in the trade statement for October.

Helsingfors, Nov. 17th.—It is reported here tonight that 20,000 troops of General Yudenitch's northwestern Russian army have gone over to the Bolsheviks.

London, Nov. 18th.—The "Daily Telegraph" Parliamentary correspondent says that the Attorney General and the Solicitor General are now in Paris for a consultation with the Allied Council, in reference to the trial of the Kaiser. It is hoped that a definite step in the matter will be taken by Christmas.

New York, Nov. 19th.—The Prince of Wales was made a Freeman of this city by Mayor Hylan today. His morning programme included a trip to the top of the fifty-four storey Woolworth building, an automobile ride through famous thoroughfares, visits to the Stock Exchange, the United States sub-treasury building, historic Trinity Church, and the Chamber of Commerce, the afternoon will be taken up with visits to the Academy of Music and the annual horse show at Madison square garden. Tonight he will attend a dinner of New York Societies, and the later will be the guest of honour at a ball at the home of Mrs. Whitely Reid. By his democratic bearing the Prince has captured the heart of New York.

London, Nov. 19th.—The West India Committee which recently by a deputation to the Colonial Office, introduced by Mr. Depass, urged the release of more rum for home consumption, now announce that all restrictions on the clearance of spirits from bond after the usual warehousing periods, were today removed by the Govt.

London, Nov. 19th.—A constitution for Egypt, and local self Government for Malta were announced today. The extreme Egyptian Nationalists have raised the banner of complete independence, like the Sinn Fein, and Cairo messages

say that the cabinet has resigned as an answer to Field Marshal Allenby's statement of the British plan.

New York, Nov. 19th.—America's challenge for the Harmsworth trophy, emblematic of the world's speedboat championship has been accepted by the Royal Yacht Club of England, it was announced today by the American Powerboat Association. The association sent its challenge last September.

Washington, Nov. 19th.—After three ineffectual attempts to ratify the peace treaty had failed, the Senate late tonight gave up the attempt and laid the treaty aside, ended the special session and went home. All compromise efforts to bring about the ratification failed, the three resolutions of ratification, all going down by overwhelming majorities. The Republican leaders, apparently despairing of bringing two-thirds of the Senate together for any sort of ratification, then put in a resolution to declare the war at an end. Two of the ratifications defeated, contained reservations, which President Wilson had told Democratic Senators early in the day would mean the nullification of the treaty. On each of the votes most of the Democratic supporters voted against ratification. The first vote on this resolution stood thirty-nine for, 55 against. On the second vote, taken after several hours of wrangling, in which the Democrats made vain efforts to win over some of the Republican group of mild reservationists, 41 Senators voted in the affirmative and 51 in the negative. The third vote was a straight cut ratification, without reservation, which got only 39 votes to 53 opposing it. Only one Republican Senator McCumber (North Dakota) voted with the Democrats in its support.

London, Nov. 19th.—The opening of aerial warfare against the Mahsud tribesmen on the northern frontier of India, has been ordered, it is stated in advices from India today. The order was given on Nov. 12th after the Mahsuds had failed to comply with the terms laid down in the ultimatum late in October, in which the tribes were informed that unless they discontinued their continual attacks on British posts and convoys, and their raids into British territory, they would be subjected to an intensive aerial bombardment. The British air-men have now been instructed to bombard the villages of Kanigurum, Makin and Marob. The Waziri tribesmen, in the same district, who were similarly notified in the ultimatum, had been given until today to reply, and this morning the notification was still unanswered. The effects of the air-bombardment have not yet been reported.

London, Nov. 19th.—The House of Commons today voted in favour of stopping unemployment allowances. The motion of Mr. Clynes for a reduction of the appropriation was defeated by 217 to 123.