

and risks run by the operators and concluded with the statement that the Chief of Staff would in any case need expert operators in order to carry out the suggestion in the document. Regarding the spreading of glanders in horses the general methods to be adopted were related and the conclusion formed that the best method was by doctoring their oats. This method was described in detail, it being added that any doctor would explain how to grow the microbes. The document concluded "give my regards to all. I hope your successes will continue. God bless you all".

New York, Nov. 18th.—The feature of the raw sugar market yesterday was a cable advice to London to the effect that the Royal Commission had made further purchases of Peru's @ £34 per ton (approximately at the prevailing exchange, of fractionally under 5.25 c., the cif. quotation prevailing here) and there were further sellers at that price with offerings rather free. The advice also stated that the Royal Commission had bought a considerable quantity of continental beet sugar at £38 for 88 analysis which figure is an equivalent of 5.40 c. cif. London, 96 test centriffts. There was also a report that the commission denies having bid 5.50 c. for old crop Cuban sugar (raw) and that it was not interested at the price. The local market was unchanged and about the only business reported was a sale of 1,800 bags of Peru's in port at 5.25c. to Warner, although at the close of the day it was said, other small lots were under negotiations at the same price. The local trade is receiving large importations of Java and other white sugars contracted early in the year, while Cuba's and full duty paying sugars are coming forward regularly to local refiners. The demand for raw sugar continues to be very limited and offerings are not being pressed for sale particularly for shipment, although sugars could undoubtedly be had at last prices.

Geneva, Nov. 18th.—It was announced by the League of Nations today that Spain and Great Britain, as well as France and Belgium, would send troops to Vilna to maintain order during the plebiscite to be held to determine the political fate of that city as between the Lithuanians and Poles. Sir George Foster was elected as vice-president of the League of Nations on the first ballot, it was announced by President Hymans, this afternoon. Dr. Fridtjof Nansen of Norway, took the floor to report to the Assembly the work done in connection with the prisoners of war. He prefaced his remarks with an expression of full accord with and great admiration for the speech delivered by Lord Robert Cecil and he hoped the committee would take up their work in the spirit which animated Lord Robert's remarks. The explorer gave in English a vivid picture of the situation of the war prisoners in Russia. Their privations and sufferings. With-

out the aid of the International Red Cross, he said, little could have been done towards the repatriation of the prisoners. He said also that he would not be doing his duty if he did not render thanks to the German Government for cooperation in the task. The Bolshevik Govt. likewise, he said, did what it could to help. About 180,000 prisoners had been repatriated during the Summer. Dr. Nansen announced, about half these were Russians returned from France and Germany and half the subject of central European states returned from Russia. Dr. Nansen appealed to the League to profit by the lessons he had learned in connection with the incalculable sufferings of the war prisoners and prevent a recurrence of the great tragedy that had been enacted.

St. Thomas News.

Owing to the resignation thru, ill health, of Rev. Joseph, of St. George's, Tortola, Rev. Pilgrim has been appointed to take charge of that parish. The Reverend gentleman leaves this afternoon for Tortola, and will probably be away from St. Thomas for a week or two.—*St. Thomas Mail Notes, Nov. 18th.*

Since Monday evening, the populace are being treated at evenings to a unique form of entertainment on the streets in the form of a "travelling ticket wagon" for the purpose of selling tickets for the Naval Circus entertainment to be held during Thanksgiving week, and accompanied by a couple of clowns and a musical band. This "moving ticket wagon" attracts a large crowd, ever eager for "something new." A goodly number of tickets has been already sold; and others have been privately bought, and others again, privately subscribed to. Yet, it is our opinion, that if, instead of rounding one beaten track—the Main Street, with Market Square as the chief base of operations—other streets, the Garden for instance, were canvassed, that very healthy results would be obtained.

The entertainment, novel in character is being held for the benefit of native institutions; hence, all should contribute their quota. Of course there are some misgivings expressed in certain quarters, relative to admission on the first night. These misgivings, this spreading of rumours capable of handicapping the good work contemplated, has originated, as may be expected, from irresponsible sources.

Let us hope that our people, so known for their characteristic benevolence to strangers, will, now that it is needed, turn their attention toward helping to alleviate the needs in their own homeland.—*Ibid.*

The management of the Naval Circus has obtained special permission to stage a Spanish bull fight in order that those

who have never had an opportunity to view a performance of this, the national sport of Spain, may see here in St. Thomas as a part of the Circus program. Each of the participants is an expert, the Matador being famous throughout all the lands in which this sport is known for his grace and agility and for the fact that no bull, however vicious, has yet bested him in a combat. The bull is a specially imported specimen of the finest breed of fighting bulls, and is extremely difficult to handle. His trip to St. Thomas has made worse his already bad disposition, and he will be a real test of the Matador's ability. The bull will not be on exhibition for fear he might harm some innocent by-stander. Elaborate precautions have been taken to safeguard the audience from harm.—*Ibid.*

In the law suit, Geo. A. Moorehead versus Rothschild Francis for resorting to libellous attack in letter, in answer to request that sentence of previous decision be published, judgement was handed down on Monday morning, the 15th inst. by Judge Thiele in favour of the former, when Francis was sentenced to pay \$100.00 fine, and cost of the court, besides \$4.00 for non appearance at the Reconciling Courts, the fines to be collected 15 days after sentence had been served.—*St. Thomas Mail Notes Nov. 19th.*

As one looks over the program of the Naval Circus, one is struck with the diversity of the attractions. An item that will be most interesting to the followers of sport is a prize fight for the championship of the Carribean. The two aspirants, who have insisted that their names be not disclosed until the night of the contest, have their training camps on nearby islands, where for a month past they have been working diligently preparing for the test that will determine the better man. A large purse has been set aside as the prize and it has been agreed that the winner gets all. A famous ring of officials has been engaged as referee and other officials as professionals. The promoters of this contest deserve the gratitude of all lovers of clean sport and we in St. Thomas are singularly fortunate in having the opportunity to see the much mooted question of this championship settled here.

Good tickets are yet available but do not delay your purchase.—*St. Thomas Mail Notes, Nov. 20th.*

In lawsuit Geo. A. Moorehead versus Rothschild Francis, mentioned in yesterday's MAIL NOTES, (November 19th.) the defendant will appeal the judgement of Judge Thiele to the Third Circuit Court of Appeal, Philadelphia, and await its decision with interest. Defendant filed no plea in the case, being absent from the municipality during its trial.—*Com. — Ibid.*