

This is all I have to say regarding this Committee Report, and I trust that Government and other Honorable Members will feel satisfied with our report and that final action will be taken on the bill today. I make this request because the close season for deer commences the first day of January and it is desirable to have the ordinance in force then.

Government Secretary (Gaffney) remarked: Mr. Chairman. Government accepts all the amendments and wishes to commend the Committee for their painstaking work on the amendments.

To be continued.

OFFICIAL NOTES.

The Despatching Secretary promulgates the following Radiogram received from the Governor:

St. Thomas, Virgin Islands,
December 23, 1922.

CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR GREETINGS:

The Governor of the Virgin Islands extends to the people of the Virgin Islands, to the personnel of the Navy and the Marine Corps, and to the employees of the Government, his best wishes for a Merry Christmas and a Happy and Prosperous New Year.

• HENRY H. HOUGH,
Governor.

LOCAL.

The distribution of Xmas gifts from the American Junior Red Cross to the local school children was carried out in the park near the wharf on Saturday afternoon, 23rd, in accordance with the programme previously published. There was a large turnout of pupils and spectators. Photographs of this occasion and of similar events at the rural schools were taken by Mr. H. Berg and screened at the Movies in the Barracks on Sunday night and at St. Mary's Hall last night.

The S/S. Marina arrived at this port at 5.30 p. m. on Saturday, landed 105 bags mail for Christiansted, and also the Frederiksted mail which was transported overland, and sailed the next morning for Frederiksted from where she returned to San Juan via St. Thomas at the usual hour on Sunday afternoon. Among the passengers from New York by the Marina was Mr. Ernest Johnson of this town. Mr. and Mrs. Einar Svendsen were passengers from Porto Rico.

We have heard little of the horse races at Manning's Bay yesterday beyond that the second race which was expected to be the most interesting was not run because of lameness in one of the horses.

Mr. Svendsen, proprietor of the Christiansted Theatre, has brought a radio set from Porto Rico and purposes adding this feature to the other attractions of the theatre in the near future.

The Creole sails for St. Thomas by 6 o'clock p. m. today. Mails close at 5.

A clean smashup between automobiles C93 and C9 was barely averted as the two cars bumped into each at the crossing of King and Queen Cross Street on Xmas night. Unnecessary haste as usual—fortunately there was no personal injury nor serious damage to the vehicles.

We have been asked to mention that the Native Brass Band will give a concert on the wharf tonight.

The s. s. "Bolivar" sailed from New York on Saturday; having 11 tons of cargo for Frederiksted and 46 tons for Christiansted.

Last night the Christiansted Theatre presented "The Adventures of Tarzan" and St. Mary's Hall "The Miracle Man" both shows being well attended. Christmas Souvenirs were distributed to patrons of the theatre by drawing of lots and two special prizes consisting of two dolls were won by Christian Lewis and Ina Finch. The Native Brass Band was in attendance at St Mary's, and the show will be repeated there tonight.

The night of the 23rd was observed here as Xmas eve which fell on Sunday this year. The stores were open until a late hour and despite the fact that things were in general duller than former years there was considerable merriment and life on the streets until after midnight. There was a remarkable absence of the customary fire works and squib firing.

The usual Christmas services were held in the various churches with due solemnity, special addresses and singing being arranged. The Native Brass Band lent appreciable assistance at the services of the Anglican Church Xmas morning. Mr. Rivera lent his efforts to the Roman Catholic Holy Cross Church at the midnight service on Xmas eve. All the churches, more or less, had Xmas trees and dinners for the poor, the Christian Mission yesterday, by which the hearts of many were cheered and the season's gladness brought to those who would otherwise have spent a poor Xmas.

The Native Brass Band gave its Christmas concert on the wharf on Sunday night (24th inst.) and was much enjoyed by a large gathering. Among the pieces rendered was the "Gloria" from Mozart 12th Mass.

TELEGRAMS.

ST. CROIX STATION

Lausanne, Dec. 21st.—A wordy altercation between ex-Premier Venizelos of Greece and Rizanur Bey, Turkish Nationalist delegate, caused Signor Montaña, President of the Near East Conference commission on minorities, to bring this morning's session of the Commission to an abrupt close. The dispute was over the question of liberty and emigration. M. Venizelos bitterly attacked the Angora Govt. and protested against the alleged deportation of Greeks by the thousand from Anatolia. Rizanur Bey replied in the same vein, charging M. Venizelos with being responsible for the Turco-Greek war and its consequences. The voices of the two delegates rose in high pitch, both speaking at the same time and refusing to heed the pleading of the President that they calm down. In view of this, Signor Montaña declared the session adjourned, amid confusion.

Paris, Dec. 21st.—M. Clemenceau returned to Paris yesterday from a 39 day trip to the United States. No official welcome awaited him, due to his expressed wishes.

Warsaw, Dec. 21st.—General Sikorski, who took over the Premiership after the assassination of President Narutowicz, presented his resignation to-day to President Stanislas Wojciechowski in conformity with the constitutional practice. The new President refused to accept the resignation and Sikorski's Cabinet remains in power. M. Wojciechowski in his message to the Polish Nation pleads for union, harmony and peace between the various parties. He stigmatizes the assassination of his predecessor as an act of political hatred and calls upon the nation to follow the dignity and strength of its traditions. He promises liberty and justice to all who are faithful to the constitution. The Govt. has given orders that prohibition be strictly enforced until the funeral of the late President Narutowicz on Friday. The body of the assassinated Chief Executive will be temporarily buried in Warsaw cathedral.

London, Dec. 21st.—Christmas holiday period is being ushered in by wild gales along the whole south coast. There is snow in many midland counties and the island of Sheppy is isolated. Two small channel steamers were wrecked yesterday, but all on board were saved in the teeth of a mile a minute gale. A van was blown over when crossing Tower Bridge.

Johannesburg, 21st.—Under the terms of the Attorney General's offer, made a week ago to remit most of the remaining four hundred cases arising out of the fatal riots on the Rand last March to the magistrates' court, 43 men were tried to-day for sedition, all pleading guilty, and were each fined £10, to be paid by January 4th.