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The following is from the *Star and Herald*, Republic of Panama, of August 14:—

By a decree issued by the Government of the Republic 124 women of the town are to be deported. The decree has been issued by virtue of the power vested in the executive, under Law 61 of 1917. Article 1, which provides for the deportation of all loose characters or persons of ill-fame resident in the Republic, irrespective of what their nationalities may be.

The Government of the Republic being desirous of having the cities and towns of the country kept clean, sanitary and moral, and to protect the residents of the cities, as well as those residing in the Canal Zone, consider that the best means is to deport them to the native countries.

Of the 124 women who will be deported there are 84 from the island of Jamaica, 7 from the Island of Barbados, 2 from the island of St. Lucia, 5 from the island of Trinidad, 19 from the island of Martinique, 5 from the island of St. Thomas, and 2 from the island of Porto Rico.—*St. Thomas Bulletin*, Oct. 4th.

This morning at 9.30, an accident occurred in Mr. Wendel's garage, where one of his chauffeurs was making some repairs to the engine of an automobile, and forgetting the gasoline tank open, put the car in motion, whereby a sparkle got in the tank, and an ignition followed. The flames then proceeded to a neighboring car, belonging to Mr. V. A. Miller with the same result. Through the wit of the young man, the flame was quickly put out, and only the cloth materials of the cars suffered some damage.—*St. Thomas Bulletin* Oct. 6th.

CHARCOAL IMPOSITION ON THE PUBLIC BY RETAILERS.

We beg to call the serious attention of the Food Commission to the profiteering, beyond description, perpetrated by the retailers of charcoal, especially on the poor who cannot help themselves against this merciless, outrageous action, as they are without the means to purchase a barrel of said article.

Imagine a cent worth of coal to contain only about 7 pieces, when a barrel costs 60 cent. This per-centum realized from a barrel of coal by these retailers borders on an out-and-out SWINDLE; we therefore ask that this matter get the immediate attention of the Food Commission.

We can understand the difficulty in setting up a coal pit and also the danger to health that can be caused to the coal burners, who, now, in a justifiable manner clamour that the price of their coal should increase, since the prices of the necessities of life which give them the bone and sinew to serve a community in this respect have been more than triplicated. In this we uphold the coal burners, but the retailers who sit quietly down, without any risk, loss, or otherwise, should be controlled in some manner and not be allowed thus to "eat out the vitals" of the poor.

Our suggestion is, as things seem still to be abnormal, coal for the present should be placed in bins for sale.—*Ibid.*

For some days past, there has been great unrest among cooks and housewives through not only the scarcity, but the inability to secure charcoal.

This commodity, which for some time past has been giving grave concern to one and all—especially the poor—took on a graver aspect on Saturday, when hardly any of it could be had. It was truly pitiful yesterday, to see the efforts of the poor, cooks and others in their endeavour to secure this much needed commodity, and to hear their complaints at their non-success in securing same.

Of course, we have heard much said both pro, and con, re this article of charcoal, with the Food Commission in the background. Through it all, however, there is great dissatisfaction expressed concerning the desire to force the hands of the "coal burners," who are disgusted at the way things have been, and are still being done by the Food Commission, in the way of regulating the prices of foodstuffs, ect.

Feeling, as it does, all classes of the

community,—especially the poor, as we have already said—it is a question that calls for sober judgment on the part of all concerned—a question the merits of which should not be hastily dealt with, but which duly weighed, should upon its merit appeal to those having control so as to effect a fair and beneficial settlement to one and all.—*St. Thomas Mail Notes*, October 6th.

LIST OF UNCLAIMED MAIL FOR THE WEEK ENDING OCT. 4, 1919.

Oscar Benjamin, Company St.,
Miss Catherine Class,
Miss Christina Derricks,
Mr. Rudolf Doyles,
Mr. Augustus Jackson,
Mr. Alfred Joseph,
Mr. Joe Leader,
Miss Veronica Lopez,
Mr. Kenneth Mapp,
Mr. Mc Bean,
Mr. Hans J. A. de Mendes,
Miss Agnes Philipus, c/o Mr. Charles Williams, Est. Altina,
Sen. or Albin Clinton Pentheny,
Mr. James Reeve,
Mr. Alfred Stevens,
Miss Felecieta Williams,
Mr. Thomas Wilson,
Miss Gertrude Williams, Gallows Bay No. 14,
Mr. Jno. Toss,
Miss Cathrine Jackson, Est. Sion Farm, c/o Mr. Victor Hall, Union Office.
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B. R. LARSEN.
Postmaster.

Stop And Read!

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