

OFFICIAL NOTES.

16 January, 1922.

"Lieutenant Commander John J. Gaffney, Supply Corps, U. S. Navy, the Government Secretary, sailed for the United States on the S. S. ELMAC yesterday, on one month's leave of absence. During his absence Captain Burwell R. Clarke, U. S. Marine Corps, will be Acting Government Secretary."

LOCAL.

The schooner "Mary C. Santos", Capt. J. L. Johnson, with 63 head of cattle, some horses and sheep for account of Mr. J. C. Jones sailed from here last night for Barbados.

The schooner Creole has not yet returned from St. Thomas.

Yesterday was marked with athletic games on Parade and Holger Danske Grounds and there was masquerading around town in the afternoon.

Correspondence

The Editor of "St. Croix Avis".

Dear Sir:

The "Wang Wang Blues" one of the latest Fox Trots is "hitting the high spots" in St. Croix, and also St. Thomas in public concerts on the Wharf as well as in dance halls. The people are delighted with this stirring number. The Native Brass Band of Christiansted in some of its recent concerts has been obliged to respond to encores of the large crowd whenever this popular foot-warmer is on the program. The composers have certainly scored a hit this time. Give us some more doses of that kind Mr. Leader.

WANG FOO & FU WANG.

St. Thomas News

On Sunday evening the British lighthouse tender "Firebird" arrived at this port, a haven of refuge, after experiencing weather that blew her off her course.

The vessel had left Nassau for Bermuda and was about 40 miles from her destination when a severe storm, which compelled her to seek this port, a distance of something like 700 miles from her original destination.

The Firebird received a slight shaking up and we understand will undergo repairs and refill her bunkers here.

The ship is under the command of Captain Corbett, R. N.—*St. Thomas Mail Notes, Jan. 11.*

TELEGRAMS.

ST. CROIX STATION.

London, Jan. 12th.—The Registrar General's vital statistics published today show that last weeks deaths from Influenza throughout the country doubled those of the previous week. In London deaths from Influenza increased from 151 to 354. The number of deaths in some of the towns, from the same cause, were Westham 44, against 40 in the previous week. Manchester 27, Leeds 21 Bolton 19, Burnbey 16 and Bradford 16.

Geneva, Jan. 12th.—Jugo Slav troops to the number of 80,000, are reported to the League of Nations council by its Albanian commission to have been massed along the Albanian frontier with the intention, the Albanian Government charges of reoccupying the territory recently evacuated. M. Jovanovitch the Jugo-Slav representative, at the afternoon session sharply attacked the information conveyed by the commission from Albania. He protested that Albania was using the League of Nations as a medium of attack and for accusing Jugo-Slavia of circulating false information.

Cannes, Jan. 12th.—At the Supreme Council meeting today Dr Rathenau at the close of his speech, said that Germany was able to meet the London terms of 500,000,000 gold marks in cash, and one billion gold marks in kind annually but could not go beyond those figures. He explained that Germany's inability to pay was due to the disastrous exchange, which had made it necessary for Germany to buy foreign currency until the mark was a drag on the market. Germany's exportations amounted in the past year to only one fourth of the exports in 1914, and the balance of trade against her amounted to 2,500,000,000 gold marks. This could not be offset by decreasing imports, because Germany was now buying abroad only food and necessary materials. So far as could be learned, the members of the council were not favourably impressed by Dr. Rathenau's statement asserting that it lacked precision and logic.

Washington, Jan 12th.—Broad powers asked for by the President in administering the proposed new tariff law, with a view to meeting unusual and changing world conditions which could not be anticipated by Congress would be granted under amendments to the Fordney bill proposed today by Senator Smoot of Utah, ranking Republican on the Senate finance committee. The President would be authorized to increase or decrease tariff rates by not exceeding 50 per cent of the rates fixed in the bill to proclaim American valuation as the basis for assessing duties on any given list of imports to charge rates within the limit of fifty per cent, so as to meet situations arising in the United States markets as a result of depreciated foreign exchanges to prevent dumping in United States

markets, and to prevent discrimination against United States foreign commerce by foreign countries.

Dublin, Jan. 12th.—A general strike on all the Irish railways is announced for Saturday at midnight, owing to the refusal of the railway managers to meet the chairman and secretary of the locomotive society to discuss the proposal of the companies to abolish the regulation wages and hours, which were settled by an award of the National wages Board in June. The men declare the strike has been called to resist an attempt to throw them back into position of low wages, long hours and bad working conditions of a decade ago. The strike will affect 23,000 workers.

Paris, Jan. 12th.—M. Briand today resigned from the Premiership and Mr. Poincare former president, will likely succeed him. M. Briand resignation came with dramatic suddenness in the Chamber of Deputies, for the Premier, returning this morning from his conferences with the British Prime Minister at Cannes had brought the opposing members of this cabinet into accord with his policies and by and by a powerful speech in the Chamber had apparently won over the great majority to his side. His blunt eloquence evoked a tremendous ovation and when he abruptly declared his intention of withdrawing from the Govt. the members of the chamber seemed overwhelmed.

Paris, Jan. 14th.—M. Poincare made rapid progress in his work of forming a Cabinet this morning, to succeed that of M. Briand, which resigned yesterday. It was expected that at noon he would be in a position to present a full list of ministers to President Millerand late this afternoon.

Cannes, Jan. 13th.—The Allied reparations commission, at a conference held here today, decided to grant provisional delay to Germany on her reparation account. Mr. Lloyd George will leave for London this evening. He may, it is said, stop in Paris enroute to confer with President Millerand and with M. Poincare.

Paris, Jan. 13th.—M. Briand today received a telegram from Mr. Lloyd George at Cannes expressing in sympathetic tones the hope that the resolution adopted by the allied supreme council with the participation of the French delegates would bear their good fruits in bringing together the European nationals and insuring their cooperation for the restoration of the prosperity of their people.

Paris, Jan. 13th.—H. M. Raymon Poincare, who has assumed the task of forming a ministry to succeed that of M. Briand, said tonight that he did not think that he could complete his work before Monday morning at the earliest. M. Poincare added that he had informed Mr. Lloyd George that he would be happy to confer with him at the British Embassy in Paris tomorrow.