

S T. C R O I X A V I S

SCHOOL ATTENDANCE REPORT No. 36
Week Ending May 16, 1921.
Municipality of St. Croix.

School	Class	Percent of Pupils not tardy.	Percent of Attendance.
La Vallee	Rural	100.00	100.00
Frederiksted	Public	98.03	99.53
Christiansted	Jr. High	100.00	99.10
Christiansted	Public	98.71	97.93
Diamond	Rural	100.00	97.35
Frederiksted	Jr. High	99.57	97.28
Peter's Rest	Rural	100.00	97.04
Friedensteld	Rural	93.63	95.35
La Princesse	Rural	93.00	91.00

EDITORIAL.

In an editorial in its issue of the 12th instant the Herald refers to an article from the *Nation* reprinted in the same number, and states that "all heads in America and in the island were warm for a civil government for the Islands". We have passed over a lot of this false representation of facts on this subject because locally no one pays any attention to them being able to discount them on the spot. Indeed we have marvelled at the nerve these propagandists display and have not thought it worth while to challenge them. For readers abroad, however, this may not be the wisest policy, and we undertake to refute that statement of the Herald as being exactly the opposite of fact. Who are all the heads in America? and pray who or where are they in St. Croix? Does the Herald mean the officials of the local government, heads of departments or who? We feel that we understand the situation right when we say that apart from a dozen or so of people to whom a portion of the press of the island is available, everybody is against the civil government scheme because they realize now impossible conditions would be here if Senate Bill 2786 be put into effect. Again on the 14th the Herald editorially asserts that "uneasiness has spread its wings like a pall over the community. Very few people we meet in the streets greet us with the same lively greetings. All on account of the uncertainty of the change in the form of government." This is sheer bunk intended to feed the fires in Harlem and we are astonished at the Herald handing out such stuff. Let's have "clean fight" if any. There is not a mortal here who is concerned about the civil government business except the ten or twelve persons who formed the committee to deal with the matter and quarrelled among themselves after having called public meetings galore and failed even to get anybody to go and listen to them. It is apparent to any child past the feeding-bottle-age that what the island and its people want are good weather, with bounteous crops,

labor for the laborer and more business for the businessman; that's all to be heard from or seen reflected in the people. They are quite satisfied with the present form of government and have neither asked for nor supported any movement for a change; these are facts.

LOCAL

The Governor arrived on the "Grebe" yesterday and it is understood will spend some weeks on this island.

The Despatching Secretary and Mrs. Barrett who went to St. Thomas on the "Ranger" last Friday returned on the "Grebe" yesterday.

The "Grebe" carried St. Croix mail for Porto Rico and the States yesterday, sailing at 12.30 p. m. for San Juan.

Rumor states that Judge C. H. Payne will be given an assignment as Despatching Secretary in the island of St. John in the near future.

The Navy appropriation for the Virgin Islands has been cut down to \$270,000 for the fiscal year, some \$30,000 less than customary. Is this the first step for civil government?

The Native Brass Band played on the wharf yesterday afternoon and the Industrial Band in the evening. There was some rain both times on account of which many listeners were absent. The music was good.

Judge J. L. Curry is to be the Police Judge for St. Croix it is advised.

Disorderly conduct by the marines on the streets last night created some little commotion, threats to shoot being exchanged between them and the police who summoned the marine guard and had the men taken to the barracks. It is reported that two civilians were injured.

St. Thomas News.

A REGRETTABLE OCCURRENCE.

A sad accident occurred on Friday evening on the Floating Dock belonging to our esteemed townsman Mr. Isaac Palewonsky. The American s. s. Catherine of the Ball Insular Line was taken on dock the morning at about 11.45, and by all appearance sat steadily on her keel from about 1 p. m. while the workmen totalling one hundred were engaged scraping the moss and scrubbing dust off her sides. At about 4.30 p. m. the dock registered 9 feet up with 5 feet more to be normal and about 8 p. m. one and a half foot was all left when an accident to present unknown took place

and caused the Catherine to swerve so heavily that she listed the dock which gradually took a cant until to the present it seems doubtful, as to the extent of damage sustained either as a partial or total loss.

However, through the kind assistance of Governor P. Williams, Government Secretary W. S. Zane, Collector of Customs E. D. Boardman, Shipping Board officials, and Mr. Emile A. Berne, all the hose and pumps available including that of the Catherine were used in No. 1, 2, and 3 of the pontoons and flooded with water through the valves, until she sank sufficient to float and allow the Catherine to steam out on Saturday evening at about 7.50.

On Friday evening everybody seemed ready and willing to give assistance—having no doubt realized the importance of the Floating Dock and her late activities in procuring occupation for a good many laborers—but the position of the Catherine in the dock was considered by the officials as dangerous.

Our sympathy goes out with our energetic townsman who have worked up trade to such an extent as to have engagements filling out the months of May and June and which no doubt must create work in the community.—*The Emancipator*, 12th May.

TELEGRAMS.

ST. CROIX STATION

Constantinople, May 15th.—A violent earthquake is reported in the region of Erzerum. Several villages have been destroyed and 50 lives lost.

Paris, May 15th.—Herriot, head of the Radical Party and outstanding figures in the Coalition of the Left, is waiting for the political situation to clarify, before making a decision as to his future course, he is quoted as declaring to the Lyon correspondent of *Le Matin*. "After the formidable tidal wave which has submerged French politics", said M. Herriot, "the parties have need to get back their breath and the elected deputies to be classified in well defined groups. Until then I shall observe strictest reserve and take no attitude or decision."

New York, May 15th.—The raw sugar market was firmer today, prices advancing to the basis of 5.78 for Cuban, duty paid. Sales of 5000 bags Cuban late June shipment, were reported early at 5.65 duty paid, and later 90,000 bags, for prompt and June shipments, were taken by refiners at 5.78. Early losses of points, due to scattered liquidation, prompted by the circulation of May notices, were followed by sharp rallies in the raw sugar market. Trade interests and houses with Cuban (and Wall Street) connections were the principal buyers final prices showing gains of 10 to 15 points. May 4.00, July 4.12, September 4.20, December 3.98. Refined sugar was firmer and unchanged to ten points high.