

St. Croix Avis

75TH YEAR.

CHRISTIANSTED V. I. U. S. A. WEDNESDAY 22ND DECEMBER 1920

No. 296

THE ST. CROIX AVIS

is printed and published daily (Sundays and Holidays excepted) by G. Johansen at the Avis Office.

TERMS—50 cents monthly in advance
2 cents per single copy.

Entered as second-class matter May 26th 1917 at the Post Office at Christiansted, St. Croix, V. I. of the U. S. A., under the Act of March 3, 1879.

Contribution to this paper will be gladly received when the same deals with matters of general interest, and is accompanied with the author's name, as a guarantee of good faith. The editor cannot be responsible for the views of his correspondents nor does he necessarily endorse them.

TELEGRAMS.

ST. CROIX STATION.

London, Dec. 16th.—In the House of Commons today, Mr. Andrew Bonar Law announced, that the programme before the House was adhered to, prorogation would be on Thursday of next week. The House dealt with the Lords amendment to the Home Rule Bill and accepted the most important, viz. that constituting two senates. In the House of Lords tonight the Lord Chancellor announced that the Royal Assent would be given to the Home Rule Bill on Saturday.

Chicago, Dec. 16th.—An earthquake, the severest here in two years, is being registered on the seismograph at Chicago University. The centre of the disturbances was estimated at 3,080 miles from Chicago. As the observatory at Washington reported the same earthquake was 2,800 miles from there in an east or west direction, the earthquake is apparently centred in the Atlantic Ocean.

London, Dec. 16th.—Questions put to the Government show the deep interest that has arisen rather suddenly in the future of the navy. Great Britain is building 6 destroyers and 9 submarines, while the United States is building 66 destroyers and 53 submarines. A lively controversy is raging in the newspapers on the value of battleships. The experiences of the war and particularly in the battle of Jutland, have proved, it is said, that revolutionary changes of design are necessary and some experts of high standing declare that it would be foolish to build any more battleships at all in these days of air fighting and submarines. Vice Admiral Sir Perry Scott has come out in support of the late Lord Fisher's "scrap the lot". He writes "what is

The Christmas Spirit

AT

JOHN ALEXANDER

Corner Market and King Street.

By Recent Arrivals we have to offer you a special line of goods for the Holiday Season

A large Consignment of a nice selection,

GERMAN TOYS Just received, made in Podden, Germany.

Consisting of Dolls of varied sizes, in different designs, among them are sleeping dolls, Sailing boats, Games, Puzzles, Blocks, Rubber Balls, Flutes, Accordians, Toy watch and chains, Walking Elephants, etc. etc. all too numerous to mention. For the first time since the war, has a direct consignment of German toys been received in this Island.

Make the little ones happy at Yuletide, by giving your kid, or some else kid a toy for his Christmas.

"Sweets for the Sweet"

Elmers Louisiana Chocolates in Fancy Boxes, suitable for Gifts, in 1/2 lb. Boxes, Stuffed Dates, and Figs, Sugar Coated Almonds etc.

Special for Men. Men's White Duck Hats, as used by the U. S. Navy, suitable for Sporting at Manning's Bay Races, and on Picnics, and Cricket Games. Also a special lot of English Felts, in Light Grey, and Dark and light brown. Tan Shoes with Neon Soles.

"COLUMBIA GRAFONOLAS"

A Special Model in Stock of a Grafonola, Cabinet Style,

\$120.00 D. W. I. Cy.

other machines of the same make, smaller designs, prices ranging from \$40 to \$85 D. W. I. Cy. Special only for the season. The Columbia Machine excell all others of its class for tone, and clearness, the essential qualities of a talking machine. Hear a Columbia first, before deciding to purchase another made machine.

We offer also from a large stock received: Swiss Embroideries, English Laces, Ribbons, Valence Net, Suitings, Sheetings, and other dress goods, all too numerous to mention.

SEE US BEFORE MAKING YOUR CHRISTMAS PURCHASES ELSEWHERE

Remember "Quality is Economy" and that you are sure to get at.

JOHN ALEXANDER.

the use of the battleship? I cannot answer it and I cannot get an answer from anyone yet. I am wrong. I did get one answer from a midshipman. He said "they are no damned good at all".

London, Dec. 17th.—Many thousands of homes in Great Britain owing to unemployment are facing the gloomiest outlook for many Christmases past. The Bishop of London has issued a special appeal on behalf of the poorer clergy, citing many instances where vicars are

faced by bankruptcy at the new year and are already destitute of bare necessities. "I have already given all I can afford myself long ago", His Lordship declared.

Ottawa, Dec. 16th.—The Hon. Mr. Callier will leave shortly for a tour of the West Indies. His trip is mainly for pleasure, although he will probably consult with the various governments concerned in the conference here last June. Mr. Callier will return in time for the opening of the House.