

The tug Jorge Bird Leon arrived here on Saturday afternoon, took a load of cattle and left last evening for Porto Rico, this shipment being probably the largest monetary transaction made here in this line with Porto Rico.

Some beautiful calenders for 1920 are being distributed this season, the firms of D. O. Born & Sons of St. Thomas, and Alexander, Stakemano and Abramson, of our town presenting very fine ones to their patrons.

Frederiksted, 29th Dec. 1919.

The mail-schooner "Virginis" arrived at this port about 4 o'clock Saturday afternoon with mails, 72 packages general cargo and the following passengers:

From Porto Rico—Maria Adamsen, Edward Gedde, Charles A. Genrow, Peter Adamsen, Daisy Lindqvist, Catalina Lindqvist, Emelia Lindqvist, Modesto Bannswell, Sarah Bannswell, William Brown.

From St. Thomas—Isaac Crutchelow, Claude Marshall, Helen Williams.

She left yesterday at 6 p. m. for St. Thomas and Porto Rico with the following passengers:

Mr. Cesar Espanol, Miss Mary Charles, Miss Loretta Tuitt, Master H. Hansen, Mr. Ashley Totton, Miss Eliz. Hendricksen, Mr. Joseph Heyliger, Mr. James Thomas, Mr. Alphonso Dembo, Mr. Henry Dewent, Mr. Austin Brewer, Master Bingham Hark, Dr. H. Hark, Mr. Christopher Hoheb, Romelio Nicholas, Mr. Reginald Jackson, Mr. Geo. Croisier.

The schooner "Onerome" arrived here yesterday morning from Porto Rico via St. Thomas with 80 packages general cargo for this island.

The S. S. "Parima" arrived Sunday morning at 2 o'clock from New York via St. Thomas with 2,400 packages for the island and the following passengers:

From New York: Mr. & Mrs. Johnson, Miss M. Bahnsen, Rev. & Mrs. Burns, Miss S. Jensen, Mrs. A. Lewis, Mr. Jas. Daily.

From St. Thomas: Mrs. Pilgrim, Mr. A. Brewer, Misses Helena and Sussana Ludvig, Mr. O. Brown, Mr. E. Hassell, Mr. P. Lindgrist, Ann E. Williams and Sister Beulah, Mr. Jos. Fergus.

The Editor of the St. Croix Avis.

Dear Sir,

Please insert the following news item: There will be an entertainment at the Leper Asylum by the patients on New Year's Day from 1:00 p. m. to 5:00 p. m. Relatives and personal friends of the lepers are invited.

Yours very truly,

H. L. BROCKMANN.

Municipal Physician in Charge.

Dreadnought tried to defeat the Athletic Association by using her big guns on the 26th Dec. The game was supposed to have started at 4.30 but on account of giving a fair chance to the Invincible C. Club to defeat the Dauntless of St. Thomas did not kick off before 5.15.

Both sides played well, and came to the conclusion for a draw game. The Dreadnought thought to herself of giving the Athletic a thrashing for their feeble attempt, but got lost, their big guns were of little use and therefore failed to comply with her desire. In fact she thought herself to be the strongest Foot Ball Team on the Island, but the Athletic has shown her where she is not by that game on Thursday.

Practice well Athletic, and show the boys of the Dreadnought where you can defeat them, we know you can, from past experience, get ready to mobilize and go to war against the so-called big guns, don't keep away from practice and have to go to war unprepared, as is always the case, show the Dreadnought where you are quite capable of being Number one.—Com.

TELEGRAMS

ST. CROIX STATION.

Brussels, Dec. 23rd.—The Foreign Minister, M. Paul Hymans, made a long statement today on the Belgian Foreign policy concerning the revision of the Treaty of 1829. He was unable to enter into details as negotiations were unfinished but however they might result, he said Belgium would not enter into any agreement in the direction of returning to neutrality or restriction of her sovereign rights. Belgium, said the Foreign Minister, wishes to remain free to choose her friends and Allies, which was necessitated by her honour and national dignity.

Washington, Dec. 23rd.—Exports and imports reached their highest mark in the United States history with \$741,000,000 former and \$829,000,000 of latter during the month of November.

The Hague, Dec. 23rd.—The official Netherlands Correspondence Bureau today announces that there is no truth in the statement published in the "Soir of Brussel" to the effect that the Netherlands Government has already unofficially informed the Allies that the Dutch Government will not surrender the former German Emperor, if extradition is required. The Bureau says that as yet no action in the matter has been taken.

Geneva, Dec. 23rd.—Former Empress Zita of Austria is reported to be seriously ill with pneumonia at Prangis.

Paris, Dec. 23rd. The visit to London of M. Philippe Berthelot, political director of the Foreign Office, it is learned today from an authoritative source, is being made in order to confer with Earl Curzon and prepare for a discussion of the Eastern question when the Peace Conference meets again. It was said yesterday that France and Great Britain

are not entirely in accord as to the fate of Constantinople, Great Britain desiring to take the city entirely out of the hands of the Turks, in possession and under control of the Allies.

Paris, Dec. 23rd.—That M. Georges Clemenceau may be the next President of the French Republic, is the consensus of opinion in the Chamber of Deputies. Despite the Premier's veto to open his candidacy, several members of the Chamber are resolved to place his name to the fore, and are positive they can count upon the support of 450 members of the Chamber and 150 Senators.

Washington, Dec. 23rd.—Wheat production for 1919 was 2,074,761,000 bushels or 97.07 per cent of the 1918 and 96.5 per cent of the average, according to figures on fifteen countries furnished by the International Institute of Rome. The countries included were Spain, France, England, Wales, Scotland, Italy, Netherlands, Rumania, Switzerland, Canada, the United States, British India, Japan, Tunis, Denmark, and Algeria. The sugar beet production for Spain, Netherlands, Switzerland, Canada, and the United States, 117 per cent of the 1918 output and 105 per cent of the five year average is placed at 10,309,000 tons.

Halifax, N. S., Dec. 26th.—A despatch from Washington says the Weather Bureau issued the following warning today: "Advisory southwest, storm signal warnings ordered at 10 a. m. from Sandy Hook to East Forst. Storm of considerable intensity north of Lake Huron, moving eastward. Increasing south and south-west winds will shift to westerly by morning, probably reaching gale force. Cloudy weather probably snow on Eastern New Zealand Coast."

London, Dec. 23rd.—The King issued a proclamation today announcing the new measure, giving India a larger degree of self-government. The proclamation characterizes the Government Bill as an historic act, giving representation long desired by the natives. It calls forth the determination of the people and the officials to work together for the common purpose of making the new plan of government a success.

Winnipeg, Dec. 24th.—R. B. Russell, one of the strike leaders, was convicted today on a charge of seditious conspiracy, and committing a common nuisance. A unanimous verdict of guilty on all seven counts was returned by the Jury.

Nice, France, Dec. 24th.—Mr. Arthur Capel, who, during the war, was Political Secretary to the War Committee, was killed last night in an automobile accident, while he was on his way from Paris to Mont Carlo. A tyre on his car blew out, ditching the machine. Mr. Capel was a close friend of Mr. Lloyd George.

Washington, Dec. 24th.—President Wilson last night announced he would return the railways to private ownership on March the first.