

Special Friday Evening Concert.

U. S. NAVAL BAND,
Christiansted, Virgin Islands,
September 12, 1919.

First Musician J. W. Paulus, Leader.

PROGRAM:**Part I.**

March. Right Forward....John Philip Sousa.

Waltzes. Constancy.....J. Hawkins.

March and Two-Step. Snooky Ookums... Irvin Berlin.

Overture. Poet and Peasant...Carl Fischer's Edition.

Part II.

March. Yankee Grit.....H. A. Vander Cook.

Grand Selection. Faust...Chas. Gonoud.

One-Step. I Hate to Loose You...Archie Gotler.

A Jazz Fox-Trot. You Will Find Old Dixie Land in France....George W. Meyer.

NATIONAL ANTHEM.

The U. S. S. "Gulfport" arrived here yesterday afternoon from St. Thomas.

A load of cattle was taken aboard the "Vigilant" yesterday for export to Porto Rico. The usual commotion in evidence on these occasions, and caused through the stampeding of the refractory animals, kept the quarter around the wharf practically in a state of alarm, every now and again there being a yelling and rushing about of a crowd which had assembled to gaze at what ought now to be an ordinary sight; a few bulls being weighed, and kicking and prancing as they are carried to the boat. As these gatherings are largely made up of children who are exposed to danger during the mad rushes, it is suggested that the police get a wink of this idle practice which not alone is an annoyance to those engaged in the work of handling the cattle, but is giving rise to public disorder and confusion.

Early yesterday evening a fire of unknown origin destroyed a small untenanted wooden house on No. 23 a. b. King's Cross Street (Free-gut Quarter) in this town, owned by the late Mr. Isaac Clendinen. The Fire Brigade with a pretty fair engine and assisted by marines, arrived promptly on the scene and succeeded in keeping the situation in hand, while persons in the neighbourhood wet the adjoining houses to aid in localizing the flames which, thanks to the exceeding calmness of the weather, were confined to the one house. The absence of fire hooks was however remarkable, it being only when the fire had almost burnt itself out, when one was brought on the scene. Such an implement can be of great value in tearing down flaming structure which cannot be

extinguished and endanger houses around, and in their own interest property owners are advised to provide such equipment which will prove invaluable in cases of emergency. It is said that some chemical composition for extinguishing fire was used in one of the engines last night. If this is so, its effect was not noted.

OFFICIAL NEWS.

The U. S. S. "Vixen" sailed from St. Thomas for Frederiksted at 8 o'clock this morning with Governor Oman aboard. Lieut. Colonel Babb, Adjutant and Inspector's Department, U. S. Marine Corps, also sailed on the Vixen this morning and will make an inspection of Marine Barracks at Frederiksted and Christiansted.

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WEATHER REPORT.

St. Thomas, Bar. 29.90, Ther. 76, calm, partly cloudy.

Port of Spain, Bar. 29.84, Vel. 74, calm, clear.

Dominica, Bar. 29.86, Ther. 74, N. E., Vel. 2, partly cloudy.

St. Kitts, Bar. 29.88, Ther. 73, N. E., Vel. 2, cloudy.

St. Lucia, Bar. 29.84, Ther. 74, E., Vel. 2, clear.

Barbados, Bar. 29.86, Ther. 74, E., Vel. 4, clear.

St. Croix, Bar. 29.96, Ther. 86, E., partly cloudy.

Rainfall for past 24 hours, 0.

FURTHER CONDEMNABLE ACTION IN REGARD TO USE OF PUBLIC BENCHES ON PUBLIC PROPERTY.

The Avis of yesterday called attention to damage done to the public benches on the wharf and surrounding grounds by persons who manifest depreciation of the accommodation afforded the community by such seats which have furthermore been installed through popular subscription and ought to be protected. Please let it be added that besides the gross behavior alluded to, there is the frequent violation of paragraph 3 of chapter 1 of the Police Regulations forbidding persons wearing clothes that soil by contact to walk or tarry on public sidewalks, or to make USE OF BENCHES PLACED ON PUBLIC ROADSIDES, OR PUBLIC GROUNDS. It is a common sight to see people whose clothing look as though it had been stored in a coal barrel and, in some instances, smelling like the fish-market itself, composedly monopolize the seats on the water-front, both by day and in the evenings. Possibly these

people haven't got the common sense to reason out that such action is a breach of the law, and civilians will be exposed to insult if they attempt to correct the situation. It is therefore brought to the notice of those concerned.

—Communicated.

TELEGRAMS**ST. CROIX STATION.**

London, Sept. 8th.—The evacuation of Archangel by the British expeditionary forces is in progress, it is officially announced here today.

London, Sept. 8th.—Admiral Kolchak, head of the All-Russian Forces, began a counter-offensive against the Bolsheviks on September 1st, says an official message from Omsk. The Bolsheviks are on the retreat the despatch announces and fierce fighting is in progress in the region of Yolcot Province and Koolgad (a line along the Tobol river about 300 miles west of Omak), a Bolshevik wireless despatch from Moscow asserts that Admiral Kolchak has applied to Japan for help offering as compensation the Russian portion of the island of Saghalien and the Ussuri region.

Berlin, Sept. 8th.—400,000 German workers have volunteered for the work of restoring Northern France, according to "Vorwaerts."

London, Sept. 8th.—The North Sea will be cleared of mines before the rough Autumn weather forces the mine-sweepers to quit work, according to a statement made today by a Naval Authority. The completion of the work this year had not been expected a month ago but the mine-sweepers had far outstripped expectations. Beginnings with an average destruction of 20 daily they now are blowing up between 1,000 and 1,200. "Cleared" means, the officer asserted, as far as it is reasonable to expect sweepers to do the work. Undoubtedly many mines will be missed and navy men expect to hear of ships striking isolated mines for some time.

Toronto, Sept. 8th.—The referendum on the prohibition question will be taken on Monday October 20th.

Paris, Sept. 8th.—The Supreme Council of the peace conference today informed Roumania that she must sign the Peace Treaty, with Austria without reservation, or abstain altogether from signing. The Roumanian objection to the Austrian Peace Treaty, it has been stated, lies in the clause guaranteeing protection to minority nationalities in the territories detached from the former Austrian Empire. Serbia likewise objects to this clause.

New York, Sept. 8th.—With the arrival here today of the transport Leviathan bringing home General Pershing and troops of the First Division, the giant transport brought to a close her service in helping to win the war. According to information from the headquart-