

LOCAL.

Early yesterday evening the jury in the Faulkner trial returned a verdict of guilty of murder in the second degree. With bated breath a crowded court house and streets lined with people had been awaiting the issue which proved what the majority expected it to be. The proceedings in this case will be concluded on Saturday, 9th. at 10 a. m.

St. Thomas News.

PRESENTATION OF MARCH TO GOVERNOR AND MRS. J. W. OMAN BY BANDMASTER ADAMS AT FAREWELL CONCERT.

On Friday evening large throngs of citizens assembled in and around the Emancipation Garden to listen to the special concert given by the Naval Band in honour of Governor and Mrs. J. W. Oman.

For the occasion the Garden was illuminated, and under fly tents were placed seating accommodation for several hundred people, among whom, besides Governor Oman and family, were the members of his staff, and many officers and prominent citizens. These nearly all accompanied by their wives whose presence added a touch of graceful charm to the occasion.

Precisely at 8.30 the rendition of the select program began with "Washington's Grays." The band continuing the execution of the other pieces with what seemed "added dash," and by the time "The Governor's Own," the gifted bandmaster's dedication to Governor Oman, was reached the crowds were tingling with pleasure anticipation,—presentation to the Governor was about to be made.

After the band had played the march, Bandmaster Adams—in one hand an orchestral score of same and in the other a bouquet, comprised largely of choice roses stepped up to the popular executive and, saluting, presented him the march.

Governor Oman; his face beaming with pleasure, rose, and in voice, clear, but touched by the solemnity such a scene inspires, thanked the donor, saying how hard it was for him to find words to express his appreciation and complimented the band on the excellent work done.

Bandmaster Adams then presented the bouquet to Mrs. Oman, which was graciously accepted by that lady.

After the presentation the Band again played "The Governor's Own."

Here we must pause in our account of the concert and give some idea of the composition, which we do in a few words: It is simple technically, yet effective and full of vim and has much originality about it. If we mistake not it ranks above all of Mr. Adam's march compositions.

The next three pieces on the program were all rendered in fine style, the piccolo solo, "Chant du Rossignol" played by Bandmaster Adams, especially met with appreciation. The concert was over at about ten o'clock when everybody much pleased with the deserving tribute paid Governor and Mrs. Oman and entirely happy, wended their way homeward.—*St. Thomas Mail Notes, April 4.*

THE FUTURE ARCHBISHOP OF THE WEST INDIES.

We read in the "Sparks" an article contributed by J. N. L. in which the writer states the London "Times" believes that the vacancy caused through the resignation of His Grace the Most Revd Dr. Edward Parry, Archbishop of the West Indies and Bishop of British Guiana will in all probability be filled by His Lordship Dr. Edward Hutson. We read this with great joy and interest, as we have cause to be interested in what we may rightly call Our Bishop, as he who it is expected will rise to this position of confidence and responsibility was born in our midst and served his first Curacy here under his deceased father, the Venerable Archdeacon Eyare Hutson, M. A. K. D. British Chaplain and Rector of All Saints. The Venerable Archdeacon held the high respect and love of all, those inside as well as outside of his congregation and on account of his faithful ministry both to body and soul his name will ever be remembered in this island. After serving his Curacy here Dr. Hutson left for St. Croix where he served as Parish Priest of St Paul's until he was called to the Bishopric of Antigua. In this capacity, like as in the former His Lordship was much beloved and it is with feelings of deep regret that he was obliged to relinquish his duties over St. Thomas and St. Croix, now known as the Virgin Islands, but as he said his feeling of sorrow which he most naturally felt in parting with these two parishes was tinted with the joy of knowing the capable and willing Bishop of Porto Rico Dr. Colmore into whose care the parishes still remain.

The appointment expected to be made is among the youngest of Archbishops, but we feel sure that it will fall in the hands of one who is loving capable and conscious of the great responsibility of this sacred position, judging from past career.—*The Bullesin, April 4th.*

TELEGRAMS.

ST. CROIX STATION.

Washington, April 1st.—Conferences were continued today between Mr Viviani, Envoy Extraordinary from France to the United States, and members of the Harding administration in an effort

on his part to obtain the moral support of the United States for France in working out her problems of peace and reconstruction. After his conference last night with prominent Senators and officials, the former French Premier, conferred with Senator Lodge, Chairman of the Foreign Relations Committee at his home today, as well as with other Govt. representatives, and advanced particularly his discussion of the problems France is confronted in her relations with Germany. It is said that M Viviani's visit is not for the purpose of discussing financial affairs of the United States and France. On the other hand, it was said that in addition to taking up the question of moral support, for France in its relations with Germany: it has in view a corollary consideration of the possible termination by the United States of the war with Germany by a separate peace solution. Questions of industrial reconstruction are also said to be under discussion, involving possibly an invitation for the United States to send an American Agricultural Mission to France. Although Republican Senators who have participated in the discussions said today they doubted whether M. Viviani's visit would affect the international policies of the United States, those who favour a separate peace with Germany, let it be known that they would still press such action upon Congress. The former Premier professed to have received assurances that the new administration does not intend to cease to hold Germany accountable for the obligations incurred by her to the Allied and associated Powers in the war. Whatever form the conclusion of peace between the United States and Germany may take, he is said to have been informed it will be so framed as not to weaken in any way the morale of France, or give aid or comfort to Germany. M. Viviani is also understood to have received the impression that the moral sanction of America will not be lacking for any programme of the Allies looking to the execution from Germany of adequate and just reparations.

London, April 1st.—Field Marshall Viscount French will be succeeded as Lord Lieut and Governor General of Ireland by Lord Edmund Talbot, who has held the post of Joint Parliamentary Secretary for the Treasury. The appointment of Lord Edmund was due to the necessity, under the Home Rule Act, of appointing a civilian Viceroy. These changes necessitated a considerable reconstruction of the Ministry. Among the changes and new appointments are; Dr. Christopher Addison, the Minister of Health, is made minister without portfolio. Captain Frederic Guest, Aidecamp to Field Marshall French, becomes Air Secretary. Sir Alfred Mond, First Commissioner of Works, becomes Minister of Health. Viscount Peel, Under-Secretary for War,