

and the local retail price as announced yesterday is 20 cents. In other words the dollar is going further and the fact that some people have received an increase of wages will thus begin to be noticeable. It is believed upon good authority that prices will continue to go down and it is probably not too optimistic to predict that in a year's time markets will give little indication of the prohibitive conditions so obvious today. In the St. Thomas Mail Notes someone suggests to use the Immigration Fund for the purpose of buying cheap sugar abroad. This will not be necessary if the present state of the sugar market continues, and there is no reason to doubt that it will. But what it does appear is very necessary is the abolition of the Food Commission which while absolutely inactive as far as fixing prices or doing anything to regulate them is concerned, is instrumental in upholding certain high prices which were fixed long and merry ago when they may have been equitable. Some groceries maintain they have the right to ask the price fixed by the Food Commission although that price has outlived its time, and while the cutting of prices among some has helped to minimize this profiteering inclination it nevertheless shows itself when there is a chance of enforcing it. With no power of any consequence from the beginning, and its duties neglected as they have been, the Food Commission has been more annoyance than benefit, and in the name of the many sufferers who have been and are still the victims of its irregular purposes it is sincerely hoped that immediate steps will be taken to declare that august organization at an end. It will prove a delight to write its obituary.

Talking of prices reminds us that we read in the St. Thomas Mail Notes an advertisement of vine-grape at 25 cents a pound; a select quality it is claimed. Here vine-grapes were offered for sale up to last Friday at 60 cents a pound. The husbandmen in our vineyards must be on strike for higher wages. Our people are easily gouged and that is the chief fault.

LOCAL.

The schooner Creole sailed from here for St. Thomas at 10 a. m. yesterday with mails and passengers. The wind was fairly favorable at that hour but has since been so light as not to be reckoned upon. It is hoped that we have seen the worst of the October calm days which have played such havoc with our mail-communication.

According to the departure of the S. S. Parima that boat ought to be here about Thursday this week, bound for the southern islands.

Appreciable and almost continuous showers have fallen since last evening.

and today bids fair to be a wet one. The barometer which has been somewhat depressed since Saturday indicates probably some disturbance elsewhere this rain being our part of it.

According to the provisions of Executive Order No. 12, the National Bank of the D. W. I. would redeem its notes with gold, or exchange same for United States currency at the gold value (3½ premium) on and after the 25th. instant, this order revoking the privilege extended the bank during the Danish administration when conditions rendered it advisable to suspend the payment of gold. The Executive Order, however, has not gone in force so far as St. Croix is concerned, in which connection it is noted that it refers only to the head office of the bank at St. Thomas. In all probability a public notice of explanation will be forthcoming.

The vote taken last night for the opening hour for the cine shows [resulted in a majority] favoring 8 p. m. which is accordingly established.

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Dear Mr. Editor:

At the Lutheran Church in this town last Sunday night I was agreeably surprised to see the preacher in the stand where we have for generations been accustomed to look for the minister when delivering his sermon. I take this as a welcome sign that the good old pulpit will once more be restored to the use it was intended for.

Yours

LUTHERAN.

QUERY.

What about those bolshevist nurses at the Hospital here. Is it true they are making things disagreeable for the other hands some of whom have had to quit?

ONLOOKER.

Frederiksted, Oct. 25th. 1920.

The "Virginia" arrived yesterday at noon with a large mail and brought the following passengers: From Porto Rico:

Aileen Ford, Jose Zaquievos and W. M. Schrauder. From St. Thomas: Mr. Emilo Homanazal, Rafael Dantitt, Ivan Jackson, Mr. Halvor Berg, Rev. Fr. Mulligan, Rev. Fr. Watson, Lawyer O. C. Grannady, Lawyer A. E. Stakemann and Thomas H. Brown.

Owing to her late arrival at both ports San Juan, Porto Rico and St. Thomas, she was unable to load cargo.

She sailed at schedule time 6 o'clock p. m. with mail, and passengers as follows: For Porto Rico: Peter A. Pagan, Francisco Elcock. For St. Thomas: Robert Jones, Mr. & Mrs. L. Cooke, Mrs. Louise Baady, Charles Bronstorff, Elisa Sewer, Rosa Buntin.

U. S. PRESS NEWS.

CLEVELAND: Cleveland won the sixth game of the world's series by a score of one to nothing.

CONSTANTINOPLE: One thousand Greek, American and Jewish emigrants sailed from here for America on board the Turkish ship Gulljari, the first steamer departing for an American port from Constantinople since the war. She left without consent of the French authorities in control here and passengers do not hold American passports. United States Consular in this country is understood to have notified the State Department in Washington. The steamer does not bear a proper bill of sea. Ship is former Germania of the White Star Line.

CHICAGO: A slip of a pen in the hands of a clerk in the Board of Trade here sent prices tumbling, caused the Canadian Government to consider taking over the wheat crop there and caused a proclamation to be issued by United States Wheat Growers' Association urging holding up all sales of wheat by farmers until the price reached three dollars, it was said. Clerk mistook order for one thousand bushels for one million bushels.

OYSTER BAY, NEW YORK: General Fayoral, distinguished French soldier who came to the United States as the representative of Marshall Foch to the recent American Legion convention with his aid and American Army officers, visited the grave of former President Roosevelt here. The party later called at the Roosevelt residence paying their respect to Mrs. Roosevelt.

RIGA: Polish and Bolshevik delegates engaged in negotiations here will sign the armistice agreement at seven o'clock tonight. Hostilities to cease immediately after the adjourning of the convention.

STOCKHOLM: A despatch from Berlin says "there is no doubt that the Soviet army is facing demoralization. The new peace terms were forced through as a deep rate means to prevent this revolution but that measure was too late to prevent the spread of demoralization".

LONDON: The threatened sympathetic strike of railway men and transport workers in support of striking miners which would have forced virtually all industries of Great Britain to shut down have been postponed pending renewed negotiations which will be inaugurated Sunday morning.

NEW YORK: "Cox warns Business". Declares American prosperity hangs or trade with Europe. Certain to cease within year unless United States enters league.

MARION, OHIO: Senator Harding today in a formal statement announced great democratic leaders of history to testify to their opposition to principles embodied in the league of nations, particularly article ten.