

The Brass Bullet.

Friday Evening Concert

U. S. NAVAL BAND,

Christiansted, Virgin Islands,

This Evening Dec. 19th. 1919.

First Musician Jacob W. Paulus, *Leader*.

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PART I.

March... Our Fighting Men... M. S.

Rocereto

Waltz... Hawaiian Moonlight... F. Henri

Klickmann

Novelty... Spring Song... Mendelssohn

Blues... The Alcoholic... Albert Von Tilzer

Part II.

March... Hands Across The Sea... J. P. Sousa

Grand Selection From Carmen... G. Bizet

Fox Trot... My Mind is made up to Marry

Carolina... Ruby Cowan

Oh How I wish I could Sleep Till My

Daddy Comes Home... Pete Wendling

NATIONAL ANTHEM.

EDITORIAL.

One or two of our subscribers would like to know whether we intend to say anything in regard that part of the editorial in yesterday's Herald where the editor claims to have no time to prolong a controversy with this paper, so engaged he is looking after more important matters for the good of the population, even the editor of the Avis, himself. No, it is not our intention to make any reply to a remark so obviously absurd. We make it a point to endeavour to say only such things as embody at least a modicum of sense; likewise to answer only what reveals some seriousness. We are not quarrelling with the Herald and if that paper tries to pun us a little, we are game.

Local.

The S. S. Manoa from the States arrived at St. Thomas yesterday morning and at Frederiksted at daybreak to-day. No advice has yet been received as to whether she has a large mail which it will be, if the usual big Xmas mail has not gone via Porto Rico.

The S. S. Koroua from the Islands on her way to New York, is looked for before noon today.

Assistant Public Works Officer, Mr. Oluf Olsen, goes by Korona to spend the Xmas season in St. Thomas, to return early next year. During his stay in St. Croix

Mr. Olsen has been very actively engaged in road repair work, and has also given attention to the towns, the park near the King's wharf which is now being so well looked after, the new benches, pumps on public wells, planting of embellishing trees, etc., all having had his supervision. Street Inspector Heywood is directing the work in town, and we must congratulate him for the enhanced appearance of things near the water front.

The last two evenings have been enlivened with popular concerts by the Industrial and Native Brass Bands, both of which entertained large gatherings with attractive programmes including many lively airs. Tonight the Navy Band will play.

TELEGRAMS

ST. CROIX STATION.

Ottawa, December 14th.—Owing to the refusal of the news-print companies to comply with regulations of the Dominion controller of news-print, an order in council has been passed giving the news-print controller power to prohibit the export of paper from the country.

London, Dec. 14th.—Expenditures of the air force for the year ending March 1920 are placed at £10,800,000 in the estimates made public on Saturday. The personnel is given as 35,000 men.

Berlin December 14th.—In her Note replying to the last Entente communication demanding the signing of the protocol preliminary to putting the Peace Treaty into effect which is now on its way to Paris, Germany yields in her stand on the Scapa Flow incident to a certain extent.

Geneva, Dec. 14th.—The Ukrainian Bureau at Berne says the Afghan delegation which has been conferring with Lenine, Bolshevik Premier, left Moscow on Wednesday for home. Lenine and other officials saw the party off at the station. The Afghans, the announcement says, were satisfied with their visit and expressed the hope that Bolshevism would spread shortly to Afghanistan, in order, they said, to get rid of British influence. They expressed the hope that the Emir Government would be transferred into a republic under Russian-Soviet protection.

Chicago, Dec. 13th.—Orders removing all restrictions on the use of light and power from bituminous coal in the entire northwestern regions were issued tonight by the regional coal commission, the order to take effect on Monday. The orders were sent to all public utilities and railways in the region.

Washington, Dec. 14th.—The first definite move toward breaking the Senate

dead-lock on the German Peace Treaty came unexpectedly late on Saturday. On the heels of a three hours' discussion of responsibility for the Treaty signing, Senator Hitchcock, Democrat, urged a compromise through a Committee of conciliation and said he "held out the olive branch" during the discussion however. Senator Hitchcock said he would make no motion to bring up the Peace Treaty until some understanding had been reached in conference between Republican and Democratic leaders. "The time for debate has passed", he said. "I think it would be very unwise to bring it in and have it kicked around like a football".

Paris, Dec. 14th.—It developed with Premier Clemenceau's return from the conferences in London, that he had met with a slight injury on his trip to England through a fall on the destroyer, on which he crossed the channel on the northward journey. He alighted from the train at the station here with some difficulty because of his injury, and after having been enthusiastically received by the crowd gathered at the station, he proceeded directly to the Minister of War, and called for Dr. Tuffier, his physician, who made an examination of him and found that the Premier was suffering from a fractured rib. His condition is not serious. Notwithstanding the slight bruises which the fall had caused, he took part, as the despatches show, in activities in London, but returning to Paris, he confessed to some fatigue. With his arrival home, the Premier resumed control of the Government. He declared himself greatly moved by the cordiality of his reception in London, and very pleased with his conferences with Mr. Lloyd George and other Allied representatives. It was stated that the accord on all questions discussed was complete, and that a Note would be shortly issued making known the decisions reached.

London, Dec. 15th.—Mr. Lloyd George announced in the House of Commons this afternoon that no Irish Bill would be introduced at this session of Parliament. He promised a statement on Monday next giving an outline of the measures.

Washington, Dec. 15th.—The War Time Prohibition Act has been held constitutional by the Supreme Court.

London, Dec. 15th.—Lord Grey, Ambassador to the United States has been granted leave of absence from Washington in order to come to England and discuss several important questions with the Government, it was announced by Mr. Lloyd George at this afternoon's session of the House of Commons.

London, Dec. 15th.—The capture of the City of Poltava by the Bolsheviks is reported in a wireless message from Moscow. The message says further: "The Reds are marching triumphantly southward into Ukraine, which soon will be entirely under Soviet control".