

four hundred person, and we are spending close to forty thousand dollars for this service. We can go further and compare St. Croix with Vieques, all they have is one Chief of Police, one Corporal and eight patrolmen, and their expense is much less than that of St. Croix. They are about 12,000 people in the island of Vieques, and its size is about three-fifths of St. Croix. My argument is not one of criticism, but in favor of keeping down expenses. We are well satisfied with the Police Department as it, but we are not satisfied with the expenses. I am sorry if the Director of Police feels that the remarks made are personal to him.

(To be continued.)

EDITORIAL.

Again a change of Despatching Secretary is to be made through the transfer of Ensign C. W. Fox, U. S. N., who has graced that office for the last several months during which time he gained the goodwill of the staff in Government Office, and made one of the most favorable impressions on the general public in whatever respect there has been occasion to deal with him. Although a young man, Mr. Fox shows himself to have unusual ability and his tactics in general evidence appropriate training and discretion which attributes are so essential in a public official. Personally of a genial and unassuming manner, he has made many friends and admirers officially and socially, and it is with regret that his impending departure is received by a large section of the community which has found it a pleasure to extend him a hospitable welcome. The office of Despatching Secretary is one which has been filled by various appointments since 1917, and after Mr. Fox had been here a little while it was popularly felt that here was a man who ought to remain with us; but that is a matter not for the people to decide, and with sincere appreciation for every interest he has shown in our island, and with all good wishes for success and prosperity, we must now bid goodbye to Mr. and Mrs. Fox and hope they will carry some pleasant recollections from their stay here, and that it may be our pleasure to welcome them to St. Croix at any time circumstances may ordain their return.

LOCAL.

We have been asked to mention that the Native Brass Band will give a concert on the Wharf tomorrow evening.

Baseball.

The National past time of America. Let us get together and form a baseball league in order to compete with our Sis-

ter Island in the National past time. There is sufficient material on this island to form several good teams with a little assistance and cooperation. At present there are three teams on the island, namely: marines, officers and natives. Any one who attended the movies on Thursday night, can easily see from the score that was shown on the screen that the native team is rapidly developing ball players. If two more teams can be brought together a five team league can be formed.—Com.

Football.

Tomorrow afternoon on the Holger Danske Ground, the Dreadnought and the Christiansted Athletic Association Football Clubs, both of this Town will line up against each other for a match to be played on said day. Kick off at 4.30 p. m. precisely.

Lovers of the game are invited to the Ground to witness this contest.

We hope the day will be a favorable one.—Com.

TELEGRAMS.

ST. CROIX STATION.

London, July 12th.—Seldom have such scenes been witnessed in the House of Commons as that enacted yesterday when Mr. Lloyd George told of Mr. Harding's proposal, and announced Great Britain's hearty acquiescence it was apparent that Parliament, Downing Street and the Foreign Office looked upon the President's invitation as most momentous. Premiers of the dominions are reported to be planning to cut short the sessions of the Imperial Conference so that they may return to their home states and prepare for the Washington's conference. It appears to be the feeling in official quarters that discussions of naval armaments and other important matters should be held in abeyance until after the nations have met and have decided upon their future action regarding military and naval affairs.

London, July 12th.—Sugar in stock on the 9th inst. was 236,000 tons. Last year 159,000 tons.

London, July 12th.—Irish Republican Leaders, chosen to participate in the conference to be held with Government authorities in London on Thursday, left during this morning for London. They were Eamon De Valera, leader of the Irish Republicans, Arthur Griffiths, founder of the Sinn Fein, Austin Stack, and R. C. Barton, the last two being Sinn Fein members of the British Parliament. The delegates were accompanied by Laurence O'Neill, Mayor of Dublin, and by Count Plunkett.

New York, July 12th.—The raw sugar market was firm early today with sales of 10,000 bags of Porto Rico's and 1,243

tons of Philippine Island sugar at 438c cif. The refined market was steady and unchanged at 5.20 to 5.60 for fine granulated.

Washington, July 12th.—The annual naval appropriation bill was signed late today by the President. The bill carries approximately four hundred and ten million dollars. The bill represents a decrease of about eighty six million dollars in the original senate figures, an increase of about fourteen million over those first advocated by the House.

New York, July 12th.—Duncan and Mitchell, British professionals, today defeated Hutchinson of Chicago, winner of the recent British golf open championship and Kerrigan of Siwanoy, by a score of 6 up and 5 to play in a 72 hole match over the links of the new pelham country club. Duncan and Mitchell finished the first half match yesterday with a lead of three up. The British players were four up at the finish of the play this morning.

Rome, July 12th.—The proposal of Mr. Harding for a conference of restriction of armaments has been favourably received in Italian official circles and especially by Premier Bonomi and Foreign Minister Della Torretta, it was indicated today. This leads to the belief that Italy undoubtedly would accept an invitation to such a conference.

Berlin, July 12th.—A fire which broke out in the Blohm and Voss shipyards at Hamburg last night caused damage amounting to many millions of marks. The timber sheds, with great quantities of building materials were destroyed.

London, July 12th.—Harry G Hawker, the famous aviator was killed on the Hendon flying field today. His machine burst into flames as it alighted on the field. Hawke achieved fame in May 1918 when he attempted a transatlantic flight from New Foundland coast to Ireland, but failed, his machine falling into the water in mid-ocean. He was rescued by the Danish steamer "Mary". On his return to Great Britain he was decorated by King George. The Transatlantic crossing was achieved a month later by Capt Sir John Alcock, who himself died in December 1919 as a result of injuries received in a crash to earth near Cottebrand, France.

Paris, July 12th.—France has informed Germany that she will continue the occupation of the Rhine region until Germany has complied with the conditions of the treaty of Versailles relative to the punishment of those who violated the rules of civilized warfare in the world war. M. Briand told the Senate today. Replying to a question, he characterized the findings of the Leipzig court as "scandalous." M. Briand said the Government had decided to show Germany that France still had strength, and expressed the hope that the other Allied countries would join in the French view point.