

by the people of the Virgin Islands. Thank goodness the local legislative machinery hasn't the power if it has the will to touch these matters, and we are safe from being biased to buy where our means will not allow. An advice that might help the situation is that the local dealers bring down their prices, dry goods we mean, to meet the ability of the consumer to pay; there will still be a decent profit at that. We shall return to this subject editorially, and will be glad to hear from others on it.

LOCAL.

The Raporel steamship W. M. Tupper from New York arrived at Frederiksted Saturday morning last, and at this port noon the same day. She sailed yesterday afternoon taking mails for several of the islands.

The Tadousac called here Saturday bringing the week-end St. Thomas, Porto Rico and States mail, and returning at 4 p. m. with outgoing mails for the same places. Owing to some drawback the Mysery did not make the usual trip from San Juan the postmaster here advises, the mail having been brought over by the Tadousac which in all probability will carry the mail tonight or tomorrow. This placing of a Government vessel at disposal for carrying mail is a favor conferred by the Governor and should be much appreciated in view of the accommodation it affords.

Among the passengers to St. Thomas by the Tadousac were Despatching Secretary Fox and Capt. Lowell, Commanding Officer of the Marine Detachment.

According to a notice published by the editor in Friday's issue, West End News would be discontinued after July 31st.

Movie patrons and admirers of Elmo the Fearless will have an opportunity tonight of seeing one of the most interesting exhibitions from this famous serial which will soon be concluded. See programme advertised in this issue.

The Native Brass Band rendered an excellent concert to a large gathering on the Wharf last night.

TELEGRAMS.

ST. CROIX STATION.

London, July 28th.—Sir Richard Cooper Unionist, in the House of Commons yesterday asked Lieut. Col. Amery Parliamentary and Financial Secretary to the Admiralty, if he had any official information concerning the alleged divulgence by an official on the staff of Earl Kitchener, the British War Minister, who was lost in the sinking of the

"Hampshire" in 1916, of secret information respecting the intended trip of the Hampshire to Russia. Col. Amery said that no such information was in possession of the Admiralty and that no facts connected with the loss of the "Hampshire" were being withheld from the public. The question of Sir Richard probably was occasioned by the recent publication in a London periodical of an allegation purporting to explain the sinking of the "Hampshire" with Earl Kitchener on board.

Paris, July 28th.—France has informed the British Govt that the question of sending reinforcements to Upper Silesia must be disposed of satisfactorily before French representatives can attend a meeting of the Allied Supreme Council on August 4th, at which it is planned to discuss the entire Silesian question.

London, July 28th.—The Turkish Nationalist have decided to evacuate the Ismid peninsula, says an exchange telegraph despatch from Adabazar, at the base of the peninsula which lies to the east of Constantinople between the Sea of Marmora and the Black Sea.

New York, July 28th.—The raw sugar market was firm early today. After sale of 126 000 bags of Cuba's had been made at 3 cents cost and freight, equal to 4.61 for centrifugal, the Cuban Committee advanced the price to 3½ cents. Additional sales of 10,000 tons were made to the United Kingdom. Raw sugar futures were firmer on covering, owing to the firmness in the spot market, and prices at midday were 4 to 10 points net higher. No changes occurred in refined sugar.

London, July 28th.—The report that the Turks have approached the Allies with the purpose of obtaining a cessation of hostilities between them and the Greeks is unfounded, according to information received in official circles here.

Riga, July 28th.—Noticeable decreases in the spread of cholera during the past fortnight are reported in the Moscow "Pravda". The newspaper says the total registration of sufferers from the disease, since the beginning of this year, were approximately 35,000 a considerable increase over the previous announcement but the newspaper says this is due to a delay in filing the papers, most of which were for June. No new outbreaks of the disease have been reported in Moscow and Petrograd, according to the "Pravda", and they are now considered safe, as only six new cases were reported in as many months. Cool weather is said to have aided in restricting the epidemics spread.

London, July 28th.—Germany will abide by the decision of the Allied Supreme Council relative to the question of the transportation of a French division across Germany to reinforce the French troops in Upper Silesia, accord-

ing to information available here today. The German Foreign Minister, Dr. Rosen, informed the French Ambassador in Berlin last night to this effect, Germany's position being stated in a note handed the Ambassador, the advice states.

Washington, July 28th.—Lord Northcliffe, the British Publisher, now in the United States, in a statement issued here tonight said that, for reasons, of which he is not aware, invitation extended to him to stop at the British Embassy and to attend dinner here tonight had been withdrawn. Knowing the methods in India of Lord Curzon, the British Foreign Secretary, the statement declared, "Lord Northcliffe is pretty certain that Lord Curzon has adopted those methods here." The British Embassy was in semi-darkness tonight and inquiries from newspaper reporters as to the facts connected with the cancellation of Lord Northcliffe's visit elicited no response, beyond the mere statement that there was nothing to be said in behalf of the Embassy or the Ambassador. It was learned that the invitation to Lord Northcliffe to make his home at the Embassy during his visit to Washington was extended by Ambassador Geddes several months ago and long before the London Times criticized Lord Curzon as an unfit person to represent Great Britain at the disarmament conference called by Mr. Harding. As set out in Lord Northcliffe's statement tonight, he and Sir Auckland Geddes have been personal friends of long standing and it was understood that the extension of the hospitality of the Embassy to Lord Northcliffe and his staff was on a purely personal footing.

Dublin, July 28th.—An air of unusual optimism prevailed in Dublin today. Eamon De Valera had an informal meeting with some of his colleagues, after which it was confidently stated that a communication from him to Mr. Lloyd George might be expected soon upon the proposed basis of a conference. It was also declared that another meeting between De Valera and Sir James Craig, the Ulster Premier, was imminent, and that an acceptable solution of the financial difficulties had been found in the shape of Ireland's assuming a portion of the National War Debt. The Dublin "Evening Herald" understands that matters of tremendous importance were discussed by the Daily Eirann Cabinet on Wednesday, and that "the stage of discussion was passed and a fateful happy decision reached".

London, July 29th.—While no official statement has been issued, it is understood that the conference of Imperial premiers has reached an agreement on the naval policy of the Empire. The conference reaffirmed the scheme whereby each Dominion is responsible for its own defence coastally.