

LOCAL.

According to advices of the S. S. Korona expected here homeward bound, it is not calculated that she can arrive before Wednesday morning. The closing of the mail for New York has, therefore, been extended to 4 p. m. tomorrow, 2nd.

Fine showers fell here yesterday afternoon and again in the evening. The gauge at the fort records this morning 5½ lines.

The Secret of the Submarine will be continued this evening when the theatre will as usual be the center of attraction for an eager and interested audience. It should be remembered that the show is now starting at 8 o'clock.

The Virginia arrived at Frederiksted late yesterday evening. The mails were landed this morning and those for Christiansted will be forwarded by noon. There were some 80 bags, packages, etc.

There was a popular concert by the Navy Band last night. Owing to the wet weather only a few persons were round.

A refrigerating plant received by Mr. R. L. Merwin per the S. S. Parima last week is being erected in Frederiksted which will thus be rendered tolerably well provided for in the line of ice, its present source of supply being this town where the consumption of ice is alleged to be three times as much as in Frederiksted.

An electric plant has arrived for Lawyer A. E. Stakemann for lighting his residence and place of business.

Today is the fifth anniversary of the opening of the "Herald" and the founding of the St. Croix Labour Union, on which occasion a rural string band paraded the town this morning playing lively airs. A gala day for which an elaborate programme has been arranged is planned to come off at Frederiksted.

St. Thomas

By Cyril Creque

SYNOPSIS

Within the town limits of St. Thomas are centred three hills, presenting one of the most beautiful sceneries to the onlooker. When it rains, they are covered with very lovely green carpets, nature's apparel. The harbor is landlocked and the entire island is well enveloped by hills which stand like grim fortresses against any possible attacks from hostile forces. These hills in stormy weather break the violence of the angry

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ocean that would ruthlessly destroy the land. Her days of wealth and happiness should ne'er be forgotten, as there is hope that with the present change of government, the island's development will be but a matter of time.

St. Thomas, built upon three hills,
The harbor with its land-locked arms,
The balmy atmosphere that fills
The visitor with its soothing charms,
The scenery fair, the tropical growth,
The moonlit waters which by night
Surround its rockbound shores and both
Sweet mirth and pleasure doth invite;
May not these sights, these beauties rare
Among the grandest scenes compare?

Though but a dot the map doth show
To represent this sunlight land,
So far from plains of ice and snow,
And southern shores by zephyrs fanned:
When cooled by sweet, refreshing showers,
And nature dons her garments green,
What sights amid this land of ours
More fair or beautiful, are seen?
Or where the land upon this globe
That boasts a more resplendent robe?

The lofty hills that well surround
This humble land of peace and rest,
As if with outstretched arms were bound
The precepts lodged within her breast
To keep and guard from dire ill,
And so resist the ocean's rage,
When driven by a supreme will
That fain the land would endamage;
They seem eternal barricades
Against all daring, hostile raids.

Though yet within declining years,
There now stands forth a ray of hope
That bids us banish all our fears,
The chaos now in which we grope
Shall vanish, and new life shall spread
As sheds the sun her gentle rays,
Diffusing light above each head,
And brightening dull and dreary days.
Why darken then reminiscence
Of past days' bliss and affluence?

The feeble author's efforts here,
Cannot her merits true describe
Or with unerring vision clear,
True forecasts of her fate inscribe;
'Twere better left to minds that will
With wider foresight yet perceive,
And demonstrate with greater skill
The destiny that time will weave.
This tribute then, so richly paid,
Is but a patriot's zeal displayed.

TELEGRAM.

ST. CROIX STATION.

Marion, Ohio, Oct. 26th. — Direct denial was made by Senator Harding today of reports reaching the State Department, that Mr. Vanderlip was acting as his agent in Russia. "I have never heard of Mr. Vanderlip", said the senator, "he is not my agent and I have no agent. I know absolutely nothing about such a matter as is discussed in these despatches and have no interest in it whatever."

London, Oct. 26th. — Miss Sylvia Pankhurst in a letter which she wrote to Nikolai Lenin and which is in the hands of the Govt., is said to have made this interesting comment. "I expect six months' imprisonment. I have considered the hunger-strike but I am afraid that weapon has been destroyed since the Govt. is letting the Irish hunger-strikers die". Miss Pankhurst was arrested last week charged with publishing seditious literature and was committed to jail pending trial.

London, Oct. 27th. — A member of the miners' executive body informed the conference of Trades Union delegates here today that there was every prospect of terms for a settlement of the coal strike being reached tonight.

London, Oct. 27th. — The United States shipping authorities here said this morning they expected that the embargo imposed, with the inception of the coal strike, would be removed today. The embargo which prevented coasting vessels from discharging coal cargoes, has been removed and this was interpreted as meaning that the strike negotiations had taken a favourable trend.

London, Oct. 27th. — A jury of 12 men after ten minutes deliberation this morning returned an open verdict at the inquest over the body of Lord Mayor MacSweeney. The verdict was that the deceased had died from heart failure due to dilated heart and acute delirium following scurvy which was due to exhaustion from prolonged refusal to take food.

San Juan, Porto Rico, October 28th. — The Spanish cruiser "Espana" arrived here today for coal. She has on board Prince Fernando de Baviera y Bourbon, a brother-in-law of the King of Spain, the Duke of Arces, Generals Alansis and Arraiz and Minister Pia, forming a royal commission which will represent Spain in the celebrations to be held in Chili in November on the occasion of the discovery of the Straits by Magellan.

London, Oct. 27th. — A new difficulty has arisen, delaying the complete settlement of the coal strike, which this afternoon was believed to have been attained on the basis of an increase in the miners' wages, set forth in the earlier announcement this afternoon. That the difficulty is serious is indicated by the fact that the cabinet has been summoned to meet ear-