

with concrete. In Denmark they are paving the roads with stone and pouring the concrete between the stones, thus making it firmer, by using the concrete as a binder.

(To be continued.)

LOCAL.

The Creole arrived here this a. m. with the mid-week St. Thomas mails. Outgoing mails close by her at 4.30 p.m. today.

We learn that the plan for Mr. Pretto's ice-factory has been received, and that early arrival of the machinery is looked for.

Native Brass Band Honor's Wife Of Late Manager of Band.

The Native Brass Band entertained a large crowd of music lovers at its concert on Wednesday evening. The program comprised popular and attractive airs. After the concert the Band tramped homeward to the lively tune of "Cheer Boys, Cheer," the happy crowd following. The electric light was fine at the beginning of the concert, but about half an hour afterwards it began to show signs of dimness, which is not altogether good for the eyes of the musicians. It would be a good idea, if the large engine of the Electric Plant, which we hear is now in readiness for work, could be put in operation, so as to help the smaller one, which appears not to be equal to the situation, with so many houses drawing current. We are sure this matter will soon be looked after to the satisfaction of all—but this is not all about the Band.

We said the Band tramped homeward after the concert, well, it might well be termed homeward, as the tramp came to an end when the Band arrived at the home of Mrs. Frank A. Cruse, and none other but the wife of the late Manager of the Band, Mr. Frank A. Cruse. This was the former home of the Native Brass Band some years ago, which many will remember, until the Band was transferred to the present Bandmaster, Mr. Fred. C. Jackson Jr. All business as well as sporting men will recall the memories of the late Manager of the Band, so this honor paid on the part of the Band, after its first concert with the new instruments was very appropriate. The Band was well entertained, and played there for about an hour, when all went home quite satisfied with the evening's entertainment on the whole. Congratulations.—Com.

TELEGRAMS.

ST. CROIX STATION.

New York, April 11th.—Raw sugar

was quiet and steady early today. No sales were reported. The Committee quoted five cents for Cubas cost and freight, equal to 6.22 for centrifugal, while uncontrolled sugars were offered on the basis of 5.77 for centrifugals refined sugar was easy and unchanged to 25 points lower. Fine granulated 7.75 to 8.00. There was only a small trade in futures and prices at midday were about 5 points lower under liquidation.

London, April 11th.—Funeral services over the body of the late former Empress of Germany will be held at the House of Doorn tomorrow and will be attended only by members of her family, says an Amsterdam despatch to the Central News. The remains will be taken to Potsdam on Wednesday and another Funeral Service will be held there.

London, April 10th.—The respective contentions of Mine Owners and striking miners are now in the hands of the Prime Minister, who is to take them under advisement and to meet the representatives of the two sides in the coal dispute tomorrow. The Conference of the Mine Owners and the miners with Govt. Officials participating, met at the board of trade this morning, and at the request of the Prime Minister submitted at the afternoon session exhausted statements of the cases, which Mr Lloyd George arranged to discuss with them separately meeting the mine owners at 11 a.m. today and the miners at 12.30 P M after which the conference will be resumed. The prospects therefore are favourable, although it is still too early to say that the crisis has been averted. The Mineowners, even if they were willing to make new wage proposals, were today unprepared with any concrete scheme and the present indications are that the Conference proceedings will be protracted. An official statement was issued announcing that the Prime Minister had presided at the afternoon session which lasted from 4 o'clock until nine. There were present also Sir Robert Horne, Mr. T. J. MacNamara and Mr Bruce. Mr Evan Williams made a long statement of the owners case, and Mr. Frank Hodges and equally a long statement of the miners case. The Prime Minister then expressed a desire to have an opportunity of pursuing the statements and it was mutually agreed that no report of the respective statements should be published in the meantime. The Prime Minister added that he desired to have an opportunity of meeting the respective parties separately, preliminary to a further joint meeting. This was agreed to and the meeting for tomorrow was arranged. It is significant that, although in recent phrases of the trouble the Govt. has taken the attitude that now the industry had been taken out of Govt. control it was

a matter solely between the miners and mine owners, Mr. Lloyd George himself presided over the conference. The presence of the Chancellor of the Exchequer especially gave colour to reports that the Govt. contemplates affording temporary financial assistance to meet exceptional circumstances of poor yielding mines unable to afford to provide a decent standard of living. This was indicated by the Prime Minister at three meetings, in the course of his statements on the Govt's position, when he said the Govt. was unable to grant any permanent contribution to maintain the industry out of taxes. The Prime Minister showed anxiety to explain the work of the conference. The mine owners today wanted an adjournment until tomorrow to prepare their statement, but Mr. Lloyd George insisted that the conference reassembled at 4. According to some unofficial reports, the Govt. will even refuse this temporary assistance unless the miners, on their part, abandon their claim for a settlement of the wage dispute on a national basis, such basis not necessarily meaning uniform rates of pay in different districts, but insuring a minimum living wage. As it is believed the miners will insist on a national settlement, it would seem premature to predict a peaceful outcome of the conference and in the meantime the Trippie Alliance is not withdrawing its strike notices.

Washington, April 11th.—Daniel J. O'Callaghan, Lord Mayor of Cork, was ordered today by Secretary Davis of the Labour Department to leave the United States within sixty days from the date on which the state department held that he was not entitled to asylum in the United States as a political refugee.

London, April 11th.—Industrial peace in Britain, is nearer, as a result of a series of conferences between miners, labour leaders and the Govt. over the week end. The miners willingness to meet the owners at conferences today and the holding of the Conference is generally admitted to be another triumph for Mr Lloyd George. His ability to bring the warring parties together is a testimony to his statesmanship and to his personal magnetism. Meanwhile the Govt's taking no chances through the possible failure of negotiations and last night despatched blue-jackets to pump both the Scottish and Welsh pits where the pumpmen have abandoned working.

Paris, April 11th. The Turks have launched an offensive against the Greeks from Denizli 100 miles southwest of Afiumkarahissar in the direction of Sarikoi in an endeavor to envelop the right wing of the Greeks, says a despatch from Constantinople today. The Turks have been reinforced by ten divisions liberated from the Caucasus by the recent conclusion of the agreement between the Angora and Moscow Government.