

LOCAL.

The show at the theatre tonight is a complete drama entitled "The Secret Gift". It is highly recommended by competent judges in Frederiksted where it was presented last week, and we believe we can safely promise all who patronize it here a well spent evening.

The Creole arrived here at 4.30 p. m. yesterday with large Porto Rico mail, and some New York parcel post.

3rd August 1921.

Editor "St. Croix Avis",

Christiansted.

Dear Sir:

The following is the proposed schedule of the sailings of the Quebec Boats from New York:

S. S. "Parima" Friday	August 5th
S. S. "Guiana" Wednesday	24th
S. S. "Parima" Friday	Sept. 9th
S. S. "Guiana" Wednesday	28th
S. S. "Parima" Friday	Oct. 14th
S. S. "Guiana" Wednesday	Nov. 2nd

The following information will also be of interest to your readers:

The Quebec Steamship Company hope to dispatch the fine, new steamer "FORT ST. GEORGE" 14,000 tons displacement from New York on their "WEST INDIA ROUTE" on her first trip sailing Saturday, November 26th. This steamer although a sistership of the S. S. "FORT VICTORIA", which visited our port last November, is even finer in some respects. She has splendid accommodation for 325 first class passengers and 48 second-class passengers, no steerage. She has just been newly fitted and has 18 large rooms containing two beds and private baths and will be much the finest steamer that has ever been on the West India Route.

Yours very truly,

ROB'T. L. MERWIN & CO., INC.,
Agents

MILES MERWIN,
Secretary.

TELEGRAMS.

ST. CROIX STATION.

Montreal, July 31st.—Over a hundred persons were driven from their homes and nearly \$120,000 damage was done by a fire of undetermined origin which broke out in a garage at Water Avenue on Saturday afternoon, destroying the Garage and 15 autos, jumping across a lane and causing serious damage to nearly three blocks of residences on Marine Avenue and two stores, one on either side of the Garage. Men from seventeen fire stations used 24 streams to fight the blaze. Twenty one dwellings

were so badly damaged that their occupants were unable to re-establish their homes in them, while the shops and garage were totally destroyed. The fire was not productive of any accidents, the occupants of the houses being notified in time of the peril, and although firemen worked at close quarters against the blaze, no injuries to any of them were reported.

London, July 30th.—A Dublin despatch to the Westminster Gazette today says it is understood the "Irish Republican Parliament" will meet next Thursday or Friday.

London, July 30th.—Australia beat Essex by an innings and 8 runs. Essex first innings 109 Gilligan 31, Gregory 5/44 Essex 2nd innings 219. Australia 435 Collins 119, Bardsley 59 and Rews, 59. Gregory 50. London 7/44.

London, Aug. 1st.—Developments in the peace negotiations between Mr. Lloyd George and leaders of the Irish Republicans are imminent, it was reported here today, but Government leaders refuse to lift the veil of secrecy. There were certain deductions made from the arrival in Dublin yesterday of Mr. Arthur O'Brien, president of the Gaelic League in London but they could not be verified. One rumour was to the effect that Mr. O'Brien was the courier who would take Sinn Fein reply to Mr. Lloyd George, while another story declared that De Valera would himself return to London during the coming week, and that Sir James was also coming to this city. It also was reported that members of the Irish Republican Parliament which has been expected to meet during the coming week, have made preparations to receive a sudden call to Dublin and the British Government was declared to be ready to release imprisoned members of the Republican Parliament immediately after being apprised of the date upon which that body would meet. It was admitted in Sinn Fein quarters that there was a considerable difference of opinion among members of the Dail Eirann respecting the concessions to be demanded from England. Some members were declared to be adhering resolutely to the demand for full National Independence, and for this reason predictions were made that the meeting of the Dail Eirann, when held, would probably develop some still opposition to the leaders, who were represented as being resolved to adopt a compromise measure. It was maintained, however that De Valera and his immediate colleagues retained control of the situation and would carry the principle of compromise against the demands of extremists.

Paris, Aug. 1st.—It has been definitely decided that next session of the Supreme Council, at which the question of Upper Silesia will be taken up, shall be held in Paris beginning August 8th.

Cowes, Isle of Wight, Aug. 1st.—

Great Britain today won the second yacht race for the British-American Cup in the 6 metre class by 20 points to 15. This, with the first race last Friday at Ryde, puts the British racers ahead of the Americans 48 points 8 to 23. The British yachts Polla and Freya finished first and second respectively, and the United States entry Shella, which was dismantled in the race at Ryde last Friday, finished third. Jean five, Genie, Montauk and Grebe, United States entries, finished 4th, 6th and 7th, in the order named. The British yacht Victoria abandoned the race.

London, July 31st.—Archbishop Mannix, over whose return from England to Australia there has been considerable discussion, landed at Thursday island Queensland, without hindrance, according to a Melbourne despatch to the London Times. He declined to accord an interview, remarking that this was the time for silence.

Rome, Aug. 1st. Premier Bonomi announced in the Senate today that Italy had "heartily accepted" the invitation of the United States to the disarmament conference in Washington. A similar announcement had been made by the Premier to the Chamber of Deputies at the opening of Parliament recently.

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London, Aug. 1st.—A violent earthquake shock was felt at Leghorn, Italy, and elsewhere on Monday, says a despatch to the London Times from Milan. Severe damages was done in the Lugano district. A large building collapsed in Bari, burying persons. The full extent of the damage done and the number of victims is not known.

Dublin, Aug. 1st.—De Valera stated here that he had no intention of visiting London this week and that no arrangements had been made for a future visit there. He made this statement in answer to the questions by representatives of the press, as to reports that he was about to re-visit the British capital. It followed a speech which he made at the annual Congress of the Irish labour party.

Havre, Aug. 1st.—A lockout has been declared against the dock labourers who have decided not to accept a reduction in wages. They consider this impossible, as the cost of living in Havre is the highest in France.

New York, Aug. 1st.—The raw sugar market was firm and unchanged early today at 31/4 for Cuba's cost and freight, equal to 4.86 for centrals. Sales of 21,000 bags of Cuba's were reported. Reports that Germany was seeking large supplies in Cuba's led to active covering in the raw futures market and together with some burying by commis-