

NOTICE.

THE Motor Sch. Mystery will leave Frederiksted on Sunday morning at 9 o'clock sharp for San Juan, P. R., via St. Thomas, admitting passengers for both places. All passages must be booked not later than 4 o'clock p. m. the previous day.

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LOCAL.

The District Court was in session yesterday. In a case of larceny involving the absconding of sugar from the store of R. D. Benjamin, the Court sentenced the offender to 5 years hard labor. This was the only case in which judgment was passed yesterday.

The Communal School in this town is undergoing repairs, the wooden gallery structures of which there was one on each of the three floors facing the street being replaced with concrete work.

Back steps and entrance are being put in at the south side of the post office building, and we are told that this furnishes a long felt need dating back to the Danish administration when the matter was spoken of but not carried into effect. In these days with mails of quadrupled size and frequency, the absence of steps at the rear incurred the awkward necessity of transporting numerous sacks, boxes, etc., through the front room to the annoyance of patrons with whom the lobby is always crowded on such occasions. With the impending changes contemplated to meet the public convenience to a far greater extent than provided under existing arrangements, the old way would have been fairly impossible, not to speak of the increased facility to be afforded through the mail being received in and dispatched from the work room.

The theatre was not so well patronised last night as the excellent drama screened warranted. It was certainly a fine film and as a change from the customary serials, made up an excellent programme for the night.

TELEGRAMS.

ST. CROIX STATION.

Paris, March 15th.—Germany was yesterday called upon by the Allied reparation commission to carry out article 235 of the Versailles Treaty which stipulates Germany must pay before May 1921 the equivalent of 20,000,000 gold marks. The treaty provides that

this payment must be made in gold, commodities, ships, securities, or other valuables, and that out of this sum the expenses of the armies of occupation are first to be met. The commission also took steps to carry out article 233 of the treaty, which provides that Germany must be notified before May 1st. next the total amount of war damages imposed upon her by the treaty.

London, March 14th.—Replying to questions, Sir Robert Horne, President of the Board of Trade, informed the House of Commons that British exports to Germany in 1920 were valued at £21,000,000 and imports from Germany £31,000,000 the amount of the latter in the last quarter of the year being double that of the first quarter.

London, March 14th.—The naval estimates for 1921-22 amount to £91,186,869 gross and £82,479,000 net, it was announced by Lord Lee, First Lord of the Admiralty, today. In a statement explaining the estimates, Lord Lee said they were based on the Government's policy of maintaining a "one power" standard. It is the duty of the Admiralty to carry out that policy as economically as possible, giving full weight to the special geographical, international and other considerations, which have arisen since the war. This they are doing in no mechanical spirit nor with insistence upon numerical equality, and recognizing to the full the necessity of reducing expenditures to the lowest limits compatible with national security. The Admiralty have effected drastic economies and have agreed to assume risks which in ordinary circumstances they would regard as difficult to reconcile with full maintenance of the Govt's. declared policy. Lord Lee pointed out that the economic included a reduction in the number of capital in full commissions from 20 to 16 as compared with 38 in 1914. The smallest number that will enable the essential seagoing technical training of officers and men to be carried out properly. Other changes announced, are the placing in reserve of one of the four destroyer flotillas of the Atlantic Fleet, reduction of the North American and South African squadrons by one light cruiser each, complete temporary withdrawal of the South American squadron and the reduction of the personnel of the fleet during 1921 to 121,700 men as compared with 127,500 men in 1920. These changes, dictated almost entirely by the need of economy, make it incumbent on the Admiralty to maintain a reduced navy in a state of the highest possible efficiency. In pursuance of this policy 8 battleships armed with 12 inch guns, now in reserve, will be transferred to the disposal list. The number of capital ships on the effective list will thus be reduced to 33, including the Australian battle cruiser

"Australia", of which 14 will be in reserve. Of these 30 ships, the older types are becoming obsolescent and cannot be reckoned as efficient fighting ships for more than a few years and the sum of £2,500,000 therefore has been included in the estimates for replacement ships. It cannot be too strongly emphasized that in making this long delayed beginning with the replacement of obsolete ships, the Govt. neither commits itself to, nor contemplates any building plans in answer to those of any other power. Indeed it trusts it may be possible as a result of frank and friendly discussion with the principal naval powers to avoid anything approaching competitive building, either now or in the future. But in the meantime it would be a dereliction of duty on the part of the Royal navy to deteriorate through neglect to provide it with material which is equal to the best and in which it can feel confidence. It is also imperative to avoid irrevocable loss in time and building facilities which might make it impossible to retain our security should it be threatened. Lord Lee pointed out that the estimates showed a reduction of more than £14,000,000 gross and £8,250,000 nett on the estimates for the previous year. The First Lord probably referred to the estimates before they were revised. The non-recurrent war liabilities or terminal charges, he stated, would amount to about £8,250,000 including £3,150,000 for the completion of light cruisers, aircraft carriers, destroyers and submarines begun during the war. He anticipated that very few changes of this nature would remain to be liquidated after the end of 1922. The estimates which include 3,750,000 pounds for the completion of ships in hand, and 2,500,000 pounds for the replacement of obsolescent ships, correspond, after necessary deductions are made for non-recurrent war liabilities and increases in prices, wages, pensions, etc., with the pre-war figure of 34,500,000 pounds gross. The actual figures in 1914-1915 were 53,537,261 pounds, consequently there is a decrease of 19,000,000 pounds as compared with 1914-15.

New York, March 15th.—The raw sugar market was quiet early today. No business was reported, and prices were nominal. Porto Rico's were offered at 6 27 for centrifugal. Refined was unchanged at 8 cents for fine granulated. The volume of business is light and refiners are pretty well sold up. Futures were quiet. May, the only month traded in, was 3 points lower at noon.

Berlin, March 15th.—Talsat Pasha, former Grand Vizier and Minister of Finance of Turkey, was assassinated in Charlottenburg, a western suburb of Berlin, today. He was shot to death. The murderer, an Armenian student was arrested. The student accosted