

Then the battle ship California—another heavy dreadnought and other names too numerous to remember.

Then a steamer the "Mercy" delivering storage to the ship. Of course there were several of this type of steamers.

Now the men landed were several thousands too many to count, at such a time. We carried 50 first class passengers; then marines. The 50 passengers included St. Thomas and St. Croix.

Then all the sports that took place I here give you my program so as to kill the dull times. Now fellow Council men you have lost a big treat that money could not buy. And this has been my pleasant and interesting voyage to Culebra. Can we honestly say that Governor Williams is not the RIGHT MAN? We must support him every time as a father to his children, he cannot account for the others that think themselves above Almighty God. We have them here now and again.

Thanking you for space,

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Virgin Islands Commission Reports

Washington, D. C. Mar. 13—Report of the Federal Commission to the Virgin Islands was made to Secretary of Labor Davis, yesterday. The commission is George W. Woodson, Ia.; Cornelius Richardson, Ind.; Chas. E. Mitchell, W. Va.; W. H. Brown, Va.; Jefferson Coage, Del. The commission reported that the islands with a colored population of 24,000 and a white population of 1,900, has an illiteracy of less than two percent, a birth rate of 32 per 1,000 and a death rate of 25 per 1,000.

Due to our policy of treating the islands only as an outpost of defense of the Panama Canal, exports have dropped from \$3,500,000 to \$750,000 and imports from \$4,000,000 to \$1,800,000. The food of the workers is said to be largely a mess of corn meal and fish. The commission recommends that installation of water supply and an irrigation system because all of the present drinking water is obtained from rainfall caught in cisterns.

(2) Restoration of St. Thomas as a port of call.

(3) Institute a study for the preparation of bay rum which will enable the natives to manufacture it without the violation of our prohibition laws.

(4) Education of the native population from their long custom of consensual marriage to the moral code of America.

(5) Exchange of teachers and scholars between the public schools of the Virgin Islands and the colored colleges of America.

(6) Make the Virgin Islanders real citizens of the U. S. A.

(7) Urging the Department of Com-

merce to study business possibilities of the islands.

(8) Longer term for governors. The islands have had seven governors in the past three years.

—The Afro American, March 14, 1924.

TELEGRAMS.

ST. CROIX STATION.

Dublin, March 28th.—Mr. Joseph McGrath ex-Minister of industry and Commerce, has decided to retain his seat in the Dail. He is now engaged in forming an independent party with the other dissentients who support him.

London, March 28th.—The Labour Government may fall if the Premier is unsuccessful in averting a strike of subway motormen in sympathy with tramway and omnibus strikers, political observers predicted today. The sympathetic strike is scheduled for midnight and Mr. MacDonald summoned opposing parties in the transportation dispute to the Ministry of Labour early today for a desperate eleventh hour effort to avert the threatened walkout. Such a strike would complete the paralysis of London's transportation and its consequence, might readily involve the fall of the Government. The crisis is considered the most serious Mr. MacDonald yet has faced. Fearing the strike of subway workers inevitable, big business firms converted all available space into bedrooms to accommodate the employees, who will have to sleep near their jobs. A strike of electric light employees to plunge the City into darkness, in sympathy with the tramway and omnibus strikers is contemplated. In London shops were swamped.

Washington, March 28th.—The United States efforts to make the world dope free and to stop opium smoking had progressed a step when the League International commission of opium experts met to draw up two International conventions to make the American program effective.

Paris, March 28th.—Speaking about his return to the French Cabinet M. Poincare said. "I am not a Minister going out of the Cabinet, but a Minister charged with a new mission" In going to the Elysee he is credited as saying that the crisis was still unsettled and that it may last much longer. He also added that he could not tell anything, but was going to give President Millerand an account of his negotiations. At the same time M. Maginot, while going out of the Elysee, said "the crisis may not be finished on Friday". It is understood that M. Poincare's agreement to return means that the formation of the new Cabinet is completed. M. Poincare offered a portfolio in the Cabinet to M. Loucheur who requested time to reflect. M. Poincare arrived at the Quai Orsay building at 8 40 a. m. He conferred lengthily with M. Maginot and afterwards with M. Deselves. It is announced

that M. Poincare will retain probably only M. Maginot and M. Le Troquer of the old Cabinet. M. Poincare offered M. Deselves, now President of the Foreign Affairs Commission of the Senate, a portfolio, believed to be for the department of the Interior, but M. Deselves when leaving said that he prefers to remain in the present situation.

London, March 28th.—Mr. Mac Donald has summoned the tramwaymen executives to a conference in the building of the House of Commons at six o'clock this afternoon, the National delegates conference, representing 800,000 coal miners, was resumed to hear the mine executives report as a result of a discussion with the mine owners yesterday. The outlook is hopeful. In the conference given in the building of the ministry of Labour, Mr. MacDonald only attended its opening and then hurriedly departed without divulging where he was going.

London, March 28 h.—The Peking correspondent of the "Evening News" states that a Russian prospector, operating under the protection of the Red troops, has discovered enormously rich deposits of gold in Mongolia.

London, March 28th.—A despatch to the Central News from Shanghai states that a fire in that city has destroyed the office of the "Shanghai Times" and a warehouse containing two million dollars worth of silk.

London, March 28th.—Shops were swamped with demands for oil and kerosene lamps and fuel. The Secretary of the "British Fascisti" has written to Mr. Arthur Henderson, Home Secretary, offering the services of that organization to assist the authorities in connection with the strike and "prevent violence, intimidation, or destruction of property."

New York, March 28th.—A steadier tone prevailed in the sugar market today. There were bids of 6.65 for spot but holders asked higher. A local refiner bought 32,000 bags of Cuban for last half of April shipment at 6.78 an advance of 1/8 cent. While somewhat irregular, raw sugar futures were generally steadier, reflecting the improved tone in the spot market. An opening advance of one to five points was soon lost under liquidation and Cuban selling offerings were not aggressive and the market strengthened again on trading and buying. Final prices were one to four points net higher. Close May 5.04 July 5.13, September 5.10, December 4.60. No changes were reported in refined sugar prices, which ranged from 8.40 to 8.50 for fine granulated. A little better inquiry was reported. Refined futures were nominal.

Paris, March 29th.—The cabinet, as announced yesterday, with the following changes, is official. Minister of Justice and President of the Cabinet Lefebvre Prev, Interior, Justin Deselvev. Agriculture, M. Capus.