

\$9.50 for the third 500 feet and \$10.50 for the fourth 500 feet in depth, and that was when the price of labor, rigs, materials etc. was much lower than at present.

If wells are drilled deep enough to get flowing water no more expense is needed as it does away with pumping. A gate or valve should be placed in the outlet from the well and waste of water should be avoided by shutting it off when not needed.

With this letter I am sending you a statement and sketch of deep test wells; and I wish the people of the Virgin Islands a full and continuous supply of fine artesian water.

Faithfully yours,

CLARENCE L. PARKER.

St. Thomas News

On Friday last the Local Administration received word to the effect that its request for the Naval Band to make a tour of the United States has been granted. It is expected that such a tour would mean much to these islands, as it will serve to bring them more before the American public. For the past months newspapers on the mainland have been carrying articles relative to the band's tour. The other band from here, now stationed at Guantanamo, Cuba has been requested to join. The band expects to leave this island in the early part of next month.—*St. Thomas Bulletin, May 14th.*

TELEGRAMS.

ST. CROIX STATION.

London, May 14th.—(British United Press) The latest development in the Ontario Government scandal, coming close upon the heels of the Newfoundland exposures and the relations in connection with the American Tea Pot Dome inquiry, are arousing open discussion in Great Britain as to whether real political honesty exists on the Westward side of the Atlantic Ocean. The recent arrest of Jarvis and his son in Toronto has come as a keen shock to Mr. Jarvis many friends here. Canadians in London fear that the relations will endanger the reputation of the Dominions and seriously affect the inflow of British capital.

London, May 14th.—Their Majesties King George and Queen Mary, accompanied by the King and Queen of Roumania and His Royal Highness Prince Henry visited the British Exhibition at Wembley today and were received by Mr. Robert Rutherford, Chairman of the West India Committee, Mr. Algernon Aspinall, C. M. G. Commissioner of the British West Indies and Atlantic section of the Exhibition and Capt. G. Knight, Assistant Secretary of the West India Committee. The Royal Party visited the West Indian section of the exhibition and proceeded right through the court. His Majesty King George

said he was reminded of the tropics by his visit to this section of the exhibition. Various small purchases were made in the Jamaica Court and Her Majesty Queen Mary said that the section was lovely. King George also conversed with an ex-soldier of the British West Indies regiment, a Jamaican who was attired in a harbour police uniform.

Pekin, May 14th.—The Foreign Office today announced officially the death of Dr. Sun Yat Sen, the South China leader.

London, May 14th.—The Prime Minister told a questioner in the House of Commons today that he would not consider calling a conference of the inter-Alleed war debt until conclusions have been reached regarding the issues raised by the reports of the Experts Committee.

Torquay, Eng., May 14th.—Great Britain today eliminated Belgium from the 1924 Davis Cup competition, winning three out of the five matches which made up the first round contest between these countries. The British will play Spain in the second round.

Washington, May 14th.—Further steps were taken by the Government today to obtain postponement of Japanese exclusion. The President is understood to have presented again the administration's view that Japanese exclusion should be postponed until diplomatic negotiations can be conducted with Japan. The basis for the administration's anxiety over the matter was also set forth to the House members by the Secretary of State.

London, May 15th.—The House of Commons yesterday, without a division agreed to increase the Government guarantees in connection with the Empire Exhibition from 100,000 pounds to 600,000 pounds after a motion to reduce the extended guarantee had been withdrawn. Mr. William Lunn, Parliamentary Secretary to the Overseas Trade Department, explained that the cost incurred by the exhibition averaged, up to the opening day, was 2,823,000 pounds, less revenue totalling 594 pounds. A further 279,000 was required to complete construction of buildings and equipment.

Shanghai, May 15th.—Mr. Mackren, attempting to fly around the world, was unable to hop off today from Allahabad on account of the presence of water in his petrol supply, a message received from Allahabad reported. He arrived there yesterday from Nasirbad and hopes to leave tomorrow for Calcutta.

Hanoi, Indochina, May 15th.—Lieut. Doisy, who has arrived here on his flight from Paris to Japan was received yesterday by the Secretary General of the Colonial Government, in the absence in Japan of Governor General Merrin and Civic and military officials. The Secretary General praised the airman's endurance and courage which, he added, meant new glory to the name of the Frenchmen. Doisy was presented with an object of art as a

token of Indochina's admiration. On his arrival here he found a complete set of repair parts and a new engine for his plane awaiting him.

London, May 15th.—The intensive campaign by the Liberal Party, which has been boozed in the press as a reprisal upon the Labourites for the latter's hostility to the party which put them in power, is to open at Brighton next week, when Mr. Asquith will make an important statement of policy. A meeting of the Liberal Party last evening discussed the campaign and appointed a committee of management. Mr. Lloyd George strongly appealed to the members to exert themselves to the utmost.

Berlin, May 15th.—Dr. Weiss, chief of the Espionage Bureau of Berlin Police has been suspended from service pending a clearing up of circumstances surrounding the recent raid on the Russian Soviet Trade Mission here. This is the first step taken towards the satisfaction demanded by the Soviet Government in consequence of the raid.

Paris, May 15th.—The Coalition on the Left seems less and less decided on what to do with the victory won on Saturday's elections. The Socialist who claim the lion's share of the credit for defeating the Bloc National are beginning to show uneasiness at the continued absence of such men as Herriot, Painlevé and Poincaré who locally, they say, would be at the helm of the new coalition ship of state but all of them appear to be awaiting for some one else to take command.

STRUCK OIL; NOT INVESTIGATED!

One man identified with oil but who has not yet been mentioned in the Washington investigations is Herodotus. Our scholarly friend struck oil in Persia many centuries ago. Describing one of the ancient oil wells there he wrote:

"Near Arsericca is a well which produces three different substances, for asphalt, salt and oil are drawn up from it in the following manner: It is raised by a balance beam to which instead of a bucket half a wine skin is attached. Having dipped down with this, a man raises it and pours the contents into a reservoir. It is then poured from this into another and assumes the different forms; the asphalt and the salt immediately become solid, but the oil they collect and the Persians call it 'rhaudinance.' It is black and emits a strong odor." Apparently, the smell still lingers.—*The Pathfinder.*

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