

NOTICE.

SHOOTING and fishing on my properties, Longford, Castle Nugent, and La Prevally, are forbidden, and all trespassers will be dealt with by Law.

SVEND JORGENSEN.

Christiansted Post Office

ON MEMORIAL DAY, Monday 30th instant, this office will be closed at 12 o'clock noon. The mails for St. Thomas, Porto Rico and the United States will be closed and dispatched at 11 a. m.

B. R. LARSEN, *Postmaster.*

LOCAL.

All passengers sailing for the States ex S. S. Guiana must call for their tickets not later than Saturday 28th. 1921. 4 o'clock P. M.

Christiansted, May 26, 1921.

Editor "St. Croix Avis."

Dear Sir:

I have read the advertisement of "Pontifical High Mass"; Enquirer's query; and the rector's reply referring to a standard English dictionary as the source from which Enquirer could find the key to the answer of his enquiry,—and for curiosity I have consulted Webster's unabridged dictionary of the English language, and find "pontifical" defined as follows:

"Belonging to a high priest; as pontifical authority; hence belonging to the pope, popish". Since, therefore, pontifical and popish are synonymous terms, as Webster tells me, my understanding of the advertisement, is that a popish high mass would be held.

Yours very truly

AN AMUSED ONLOOKER.

Department of Education,
St. Croix, May 24, 1921.

CIRCULAR LETTER TO ALL PRINCIPALS, No. 20.

1. This office appreciates the work done by some of the teachers but is not satisfied with the work of all. Irrespective of how hard and how much some may work toward a goal the indifference and lack of attention on the part of a few will spoil the efforts of those who are trying hard. The above is said with reference to the per cent of attendance which should be brought up to not less than 90%. The attendance for the week ending May 20th. is as follows:

Frederiksted Junior High School..	94.55 %
Christiansted ..	94.32 "
Frederiksted Communal School..	85.89 "
La Princesse School	85.43 "
Christiansted Communal School..	82.44 "
Friedensfeld School.....	74.61 "
Peter Rest School.....	72.90 "
Diamond School.....	69.86 "
Annaly School.....	67.14 "

2. The Director knows there is an epidemic of measles, which will materially lower the per cent of attendance; however, this should be overcome by the end of next week. Attention of all principals is called to the remarks made by the Assistant Director with reference to children who are on the rolls and whose cases have been recommended for investigation and report. In the majority of cases the principals have not yet reported in toto.

3. With reference to par. 3 of Circular Letter No. 19 the schools of the island of St. Croix will be divided into three classes: Class 1—the two Junior High Schools; Class 2—the two Communal Schools; Class 3—all the Country Schools. A suitable reward will be given in each class to the school having the best attendance for the remainder of the year.

4. It is requested that the principals call the teachers together in their respective buildings and discuss this circular letter with them. Even though the parents be negligent the burden of securing a good attendance rests upon the action and the spirit each individual teacher takes. Many superintendents judge the teacher's efficiency by the report of attendance of her pupils in the back of her register. If upon investigation it proves that a child has been working it is the teacher duty to report that fact to this office. Should a child be living under unusual conditions, should a child be mentally deficient, should a child be a habitual truant, or for any other reason be irregular in its attendance the matter should be reported each week in detail until some action is taken for improvement by higher authorities. The burden of presenting these facts rests upon the individual teacher and should any teacher fail or be grossly negligent in her duties he or she may be tried by Section 23, Chapter XXXV, Title II of the Compiled Code of General and Special Laws for the Virgin Islands, which provides for a fine not to exceed \$100.00 or imprisonment not to exceed six months or both.

ARTHUR E. LINDBORG.

Asst. Director of Education.

TELEGRAMS.

ST. CROIX STATION.

Ithaca, New York, May 22nd.—Princeton won the Triangular race on Cayuga Lake on Saturday, defeated Cornell by two and one half lengths, and Yale

by six, Cornell took the lead at the start, but was unable to hold it after the quarter mile. Kells Bow in the Cornell boat, caught a bad crab at the mile and the boat lost several lengths, but was soon recovered and forged ahead, regaining two lengths. The bowman caught another crab at the mile and three quarters, losing his oar, and stopped the boat. The official time was Princeton 10.33, Cornell 10.47 and Yale 11.03 Cornell took the Freshman race by five lengths from Yale with Princeton third.

London, May 23rd.—The Germans on Saturday drove the Polish insurgents in Silesia back towards Cross Strehlitz for a distance of five miles, says a despatch to the Times from Oppeln. The Times correspondent declares there is every sign that the Germans have the resources of the regular army at their disposal. He adds that the Germans have been concentrating forces and making preparations for the past fortnight, and that indications pointed to a determined effort on their part to recover possession of Upper Silesia from the Poles. The movement is regarded by the Times correspondent as far more serious than mere reaction of the German population against the insurgent. He asserts the Inter-Allied Commission was unable to prevent the outbreak of fighting and is now just as powerless to intervene. The Polish insurgent according to the despatch have been steadily consolidating their possession and extending their control over the industrial districts of Silesia. They are reported to have succeeded in starting work again in mines, foundries, and factories, and now squeezing the Allied authorities out of the town they still occupy in order to complete their hold on the Railway between Kattowitz and Gliwicz. Every sort of pressure is being employed to compel the surrender of these two important towns. No food is being allowed to enter them, says the papers correspondent, but as this has not proved effective, the water and electric supplies of Kattowitz were cut yesterday.

Berlin, May 23rd.—Over tripped Telegraph and Telephone wires come reports from Oppeln that the Germans and Poles are engaged in heavy artillery and machine-gun-fire all along the Oder, especially in the vicinity of Krattitz. Both sides are entrenching and the people in several of the towns are panic stricken.

London, May 23rd.—Mr. J. R. Lonsdale, a member of Parliament, mid-Armagh died today.

Alexandria, May 23rd.—It was officially announced this afternoon that the total of twenty three persons had been killed and a hundred and thirty wounded in today's rioting. The Official Communique says, "The trouble started between low class Greeks and natives in Anastasis Street from an unknown cause. The in-