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The s. s. "Guiana" from New York is due at Frederiksted at 4 o'clock this afternoon and will leave shortly after for the islands.

The variety entertainment staged in St. John's School House last night by the Amateur Club of this town was well attended considering the inclemency of the weather and that there were other public attractions, and everybody appeared to spend the time enjoyably. The programme was commendably carried out, all the performers doing their parts creditably. The farce entitled "The Great Medical Dispensary" elicited continuous laughter throughout. It was announced at the close that the entertainment will be repeated for the benefit of the church next Wednesday night, April 11th.

The sloop Mizpah has not yet returned from St. Thomas.

The weather has been rather rainy since Tuesday. The rainfall measured at the fort this morning is 1½ lines.

The Luther League Social which was to have been held at the Parade Ground was on account of the weather, held at the parsonage last evening, where an enjoyable pastime was spent with games and refreshments.

Theatre goers will remember that the Sky Rangers will be continued at the theatre this evening. See ad on previous page.

## TELEGRAMS.

## ST. CROIX STATION.

Moscow, March 31st.—The death sentence imposed on Vicar General Butchka-vitch, communication of which was denied by the central executive commune has not yet been carried out, it was understood this afternoon.

New York, March 31st.—Lord Robert Cecil, who recently arrived here from London, has given a statement to the Jewish press, which appeared in the "New Palestine", organ of the Zionist organization of America, in its issue today. The statement says the British Government and the responsible right-thinking of England are for the establishment of the Jewish National home-

land in Palestine. "Great Britain will never withdraw from her promises", Lord Cecil is also quoted as saying: "I believe that when the history of the war comes to be impartially written the two greatest results will be the establishment of the National Jewish home and the creation of the League of Nations. The two are not really discordant. They represent the two great ideals for which we fought and by which we conquered, the ideals of nationalism and internationalism".

London, April 1st.—Forty-seven thousand miners in the Rhondda District of Wales will strike on Tuesday with the object of forcing five thousand non-Unionist miners to join the Miners Federation. The trouble has come about through the surface men and stokers organizing themselves into a union which the Federation refuses to recognize.

London, April 1st.—Mr. Coldie, British Vice Consul at Naples, has died of injuries inflicted by a man who attacked the official while he was visiting a grotto near the city in company with his wife, according to a Central News despatch from Naples.

Sofia, Bulgaria, April 1st.—All the members of the Radoslavoff Cabinet have been found guilty of the charge of having brought their country into the world war on the German side. All of them have been sentenced to imprisonment.

Brussels, April 1st.—The annual congress of Belgian Socialists opened yesterday and will continue for three days. The programme calls for discussion of international politics; with the Ruhr problems foremost, and the question of woman suffrage.

Rome, April 1st.—The Vatican issued a categorical denial that the Pope had taken any steps to intervene in the Polish situation, because such a rumour is destitute of any truth.

London, April 1st.—Mr. Asquith, leader of the Independent Liberty Party, in declining the invitation from the Liberals of Leeds to meet Mr. Lloyd George, Leader of the National Liberty group, at luncheon, as a means of assisting the plan for a reunion of the Liberal Wings, expresses the opinion that it would be better to postpone the function until progress has been made with active Liberal cooperation in the House of Commons and the constituencies, which he is most confident can be advanced a further stage. Mr Asquith says past experiences has shown that consolidation upon specific issues of grave and vital principles is the best cement for party unity. He heartily sympathizes with the objects of the Federation and greatly regrets his inability to accept the invitation.

Berlin, April 1st.—The Govt. has instructed Count Von Brockdorff Rantzau, Ambassador to Russia, to use his influence informally with the Russian Govt. towards securing amelioration or revoca-

tion of the sentences imposed by the Moscow Court upon the Catholic prelates, it was semi-officially stated today. It was added, however, that Germany would not make a formal protest.

London, April 1st.—A despatch to the Times from Constantinople says the National Assembly at Angora today unexpectedly, on a proposal made on behalf of 2,000 Kemalist deputies, voted by a large majority in favour of immediate elections, so that the new assembly would be ready to ratify a peace treaty if one is signed. The despatch adds that Ismet Pasha expressed his approval of the plan.

Essen, April 1st.—Four directors of the Krupp works were arrested by the French military authorities today charged with inciting the attack by the German workmen on the troops on Saturday, which culminated in the killing of nine Germans and the wounding of thirty-four others.

Paris, April 1st.—Prince Naruhisa Kitshirakawa, brother-in law of the Emperor of Japan, was killed in a motor accident at Bernay today.

Ottawa, April 1st.—Revenue received from Customs and excise during the fiscal year 1922 1923, which ended on Saturday, amounted to \$274,655,739, an increase of \$44,855,465 over the previous fiscal year, for which the total revenue was \$229,800,274. Excise tax collections showed there was also a marked increase in the revenue derived from Customs import duties.

London, April 1st.—The Foreign Office has issued the text of an identical note from the Allies addressed to Ismet Pasha, head of the Turkish Delegation which has the Near East peace proposals in charge, inviting the Turks to a resumption of the peace conference at Lausanne. The note excluded from the discussions any new proposals involving substantial modification of the territorial provisions already agreed upon, but offers to accept in principle Turkey's proposal redrafting the convention relating to the judicial status of foreigners in Turkey, in order to meet Turkey's ideas of reciprocity to such an extent as may be considered practicable. The only stipulation is that the powers cannot be regarded as pledged to any changes in the Lausanne treaty as recently suggested. With regard to Ismet Pasha's request that the economic clauses should be detached from the treaty and negotiated subsequently between the interested parties, the note says explicitly that these economic clauses must be rediscussed at Lausanne non-committally, but adds, the inviting powers believe it should be possible in the course of the new negotiations and by means of some mutual concessions to arrive at an agreement upon clauses of this nature to be inserted in the treaty. The note proceeds to explain, with reference to the securing of foreign capital