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LOCAL.

The S. S. Parima from New York via St. Thomas arrived at Frederiksted at 4.30 p. m. Saturday and sailed for the Islands yesterday afternoon.

The U. S. N. tug Tadoussac called at this port on Saturday bringing some officials. The crew has been indulging in the national game of baseball during the ship's stay.

The Pocahontus with Porto Rico and States mails reached Frederiksted yesterday morning, and the Vigilant with local St. Thomas mail arrived here at this end.

The mails this trip have been heavy, a total of some 84 bags having been received at Christiansted between Saturday night and yesterday. What had arrived by noon yesterday was delivered and we are informed that large batches received later will be ready for delivery this a. m.

The mail of yesterday brought the news of the disbanding of the Christiansted Navy Band the members of which will be discharged from the navy as from March.

Readers are reminded that their favorite of the screen "The Yellow Menace" will be continued this evening at the Christiansted Theatre in attractive parts.

Correspondence

The Naval band concert rendered yesterday afternoon, was a very remarkable

one. Its programme consisted of such tunes as: "Auld Lang Syne", "Home Sweet Home", "Good Night Ladies", "Till We Meet Again" and finally ended with "Homeward Bound".

There is an old saying, "You never see smoke without fire". There must be something in the air. *Com.*

St. Thomas News.

Last night at about ten minutes of eight o'clock an alarm of fire was given and on rushing out was found to be at the small house where the machinery for pumping water up into the reservoir is kept. The house was located below the wall of the De Beltjen Road. It is said the man who attends to the machinery was there during the morning, but left about midday. It is supposed the fire was caused by spontaneous combustion of the gasoline. *St. Thomas Bulletin, Feb. 23rd.*

TELEGRAMS.

ST. CROIX STATION.

London, Feb 23rd.—Yet another railway crisis has arisen. 13,000 signalmen, who are all members of the National Union of Railwaymen, threaten to strike if their demands for the standardization of wage rates are not met within the next fortnight. The men, angry with their own executive because of the delay in the negotiations with the railway companies, complain that every other grade of railway workers, except the shopmen and themselves have obtained the standardization promised after the last national strike.

Havana, Feb. 21st. — The establishment of a new service between Cuba and European ports in contemplation by the Cuban Line, which will use two vessels of large tonnage in the work. Officials of the company expect to inaugurate the service next June.

New York, Feb. 23rd. — Mr. Hawley, President of the Cuban American Sugar Co. and a member of the Sugar Finance Committee, appointed by President Menocal to normalize the sugar market in the United States, announced today that the committee had made its first offerings of raw product to the United States

trade. The price fixed was 4½ cents a pound cost and freight to United States ports and 4.60 cents a pound fob vessels in Cuban ports. These offers, Mr. Hawley said, met with ready acceptance here and in Canada. He added that the prices named were subject to change at 24 hours notice.

New York, Feb. 23rd.—There were no sales of raw sugar today and prices were normal at 4 4/8c. for Cuba's cost and freight equal to 5 6/4 for centrifugal. Practically all the refiners have withdrawn from the market owing to the uncertain situation in raw sugar. No change in quotations was reported in listed prices at 7.50 for fine granulated. Futures were easier under liquidation although the volume of business was light. Prices at midday were six to fifteen points lower.

London, Feb. 23rd.—At today's session of the Allied and Turkish delegations the fact was brought out that the nationalists and the Constantinople contingent were practically agreed upon what Turkey wants. The two delegates agreed on broad principles of their claims. These looked towards maintaining the integrity of the Ottoman Empire, but with recognition of the fact that the Allies would maintain mandates over certain parts of former Turkish provinces. They insisted on the rights of minorities under these mandates and demanded also the return of Thrace and Smyrna to Turkey. The liberty of the straits and military and financial control in Constantinople were insisted upon.

London, Feb. 23rd.—The Labour Party and the Trades Union National Congress at a conference today on the question of unemployment passed a resolution declaring the Govt's policy of extending the unemployment insurance act was lamentable and inadequate to meet the present situation. "The Govt. action bears little relation to the existing human suffering", the resolution added. It proposed continuance of constitutional parliamentary efforts to induce Govt. action for the benefit of the unemployed and urged that every opportunity be taken to use the bye-elections to bring pressure to bear upon the Govt. through the defeat of the coalition candidate Mr. Thomas, the railwaymen's leader in moving the resolution denied that Parliament was incapable of dealing with unemployment which was largely due, he said, to Great Britain's foreign policy. He would deplore any direct action by the labour interests, he said, holding that a general strike would be futile and contending that Parliament alone could solve the problem. In the course of the conference a lively scene occurred when a resolution providing that a deputation of the unemployed be allowed to address the delegates, was defeated amid disorder, and also a demand for the right of free speech.

Washington, February 23rd.—A Unit-