

ST. CROIX AVIS

SCHOOL ATTENDANCE REPORT NO. 36.

Week Ending May 18, 1923.

Municipality of St. Croix.

School	Class	Percent of Pupils not tardy.	Percent of Attendance.
La Vallee	Rural	100.00	100.00
Frederiksted	Public	91.73	99.73
Christiansted	Jr. High	100.00	99.40
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La Princess	Rural	100.00	98.55
Christiansted	Public	97.76	97.67
Peter's Rest	Rural	100.00	97.54
Diamond	Rural	100.00	97.14
Friedensfeld	Rural	96.91	93.44
Frederiksted	Senior High	100.00	92.00

LOCAL

Owing to low tide, the schooner Vigilant grounded in the harbor here on Saturday night, thus being unable to make the excursion trip to St. Thomas as had been planned. The intention to send over Mr. Armstrong's racing mare Lady Lucille to participate in races in St. Thomas on Whit Monday had been previously cancelled.

The football match previously announced, and played at Parade Ground on Sunday afternoon against the Merry Boys of Frederiksted, was won by the Alert club of this town, by 8 goals to 1. There was a large number of spectators, and interest ran high at the successful playing of the home team.

The Industrial Band played in the bandstand on Sunday night to the entertainment of a large gathering. The program was made up of choice selections, including new music, well rendered, applauded and encored.

The U. S. S. Grebe from St. Thomas arrived at this port at 11.45 a. m. yesterday, having as passengers for this island Lieut. Roy Barrett, who succeeds Lieut. Rappolee as Despatching Secretary here, Mrs. Hedrick, and eight enlisted marines. She brought otherwise one hundred and odd packages of cargo for the Public Works Dept. and the Marine Barracks, a Chandler car for Lieut. Barrett, and three bags of mail. The ship returned to St. Thomas at about three p. m. carrying some marines.

The congregation of the African Methodist Episcopal Church in procession yesterday headed by the Native Brass Band, marched down Company Street and up King Street to Holger Danske ground where a picnic was held. Addresses were delivered by Messrs. D. Hamilton Jackson, T. Ash and A. Francis. The Industrial Band also joined in furnishing music on this occasion. In the afternoon the Native Brass Band led the assembly to town, tramping around the

principal streets playing a lively march.

A cricket match played on the Holger Danske yesterday between the Invincible, a club of this town, and an eleven from Frederiksted, was won by the first named team.

A boxing match in the theatre on Saturday night between Fighting Bob and Peter Jackson resulted in a draw.

Yesterday was passed more or less uneventfully. Here and there private picnics and dances added enlivenment, and in town there was some masquerading on the streets in the afternoon, the "Flower Girls" under Mr. Harold Thomas being the most admirable. The pole plaiting was good.

The fans will remember tonight's show at St. Mary's Hall. "The Bronze Bell" is the name of the film to be screened, and a one-reel Vod-a-Vil extra. See ad in this issue.

It is advised as regards the withdrawal for repairs of the S. S. Marina from the Virgin Islands mail service, that it is expected to have the service continued by some other steamer which the company is negotiating for. As the contract with the Bull Insular Line was extended for six months from March 1st., the company will be obliged to take care of this mail service until the 1st of September at least, and information from the Washington authorities is expected shortly as to what provisions are made in this connection. Any important change will be communicated to the postmaster without unnecessary delay.

J' Acuse constituting the show at the Christiansted Theatre last night was very well attended and in point of attractive entertainment was a great success as predicted. There will be two more instalments of this picture.

The S. S. "Martinique" left New York on Thursday, 17th inst, having 22 tons of cargo for Frederiksted and 38 tons for Christiansted.

PASSENGERS LIST.

May 19th, per S. S. "Marina" from Porto Rico—Blanche Maynard, Franklin E. Jones. From St. Thomas—Mrs. A. Scholton, Miss A. Mullen, Miss Elizabeth Patrick, Major C. E. Nutting, Miss Ruth Waterbury, Miss Sarah E. Christian, Rev. Foster Richard Keeman.

TELEGRAMS.

ST. CROIX STATION.

Washington, May 16th.—The balance of the international trade turned sharply against the United States in March and continued so during April, according to

estimates made yesterday by the Commerce Department, which valued March imports at \$402,000,000 and exports during the month at \$341,162,000 in a supplementary statement by that Department indicates that customs collections from April imports had been equally heavy, and added, that during the first four months of the calendar, the United States taken approximately \$50,000,000 more in goods and commodities from abroad than it had sold.

New York, May 16th.—The raw sugar market was quiet early today and no sales were reported. Cuba's were available at 6½ cents, cost and freight, equal to 8.03 for centrifugals, and duty free sugars on the same basis. The continued poor demand for both raw and refined sugar discouraged holders in the raw sugar futures and opening prices this morning showed declines of 7 to 10 points, under renewed liquidation. There was covering at the decline and prices rallied several points from the lowest and at midday were 4 to 7 points net lower. The volume of business was light and the undertone was still more or less unsettled, pending the outcome of the Government's appeal to the Supreme Court in connection with the injunction proceedings. The market for refined sugar was unchanged to 25 points lower, with fine granulated listed at 9.50 to 9.90, and no improvement noted in the demand. Refined futures were nominal.

London, May 16th.—The Newmarket stakes for three year old colts and fillies, run at Newmarket this afternoon, was won by Lord Penrhyn's "Topgallant", who started favourite at 5-4 against. Aga Khan's "Teresita" quoted at 100 to 7, finished second, with the Duke of Westminster's colt "Twelve Pointer" in the third place, quoted at 11 to 7. Seven horses ran.

Ottawa, May 16th.—The Canadian sugar refiners were bound absolutely as to their selling prices by the New York raw sugar prices, and that present World conditions were such that consumers must look for further increases in refined sugar prices, was the intimation given this afternoon to the special agricultural committee of the House of Commons by sugar refiners, who were examined as to costs. Refiners declared that consumption in the United States had increased "enormously" and the World's supply of raw sugar appeared to be low. The present advances were apparently based on actual shortages. Prohibition with the absence of alcoholic stimulants, has created an enormous demand for sugared drinking one refiner stated. Mr. Neil, of the Royal Bank of Canada, denied that his Bank was in any way behind sugar speculators in Cuba. The bank, he said, had not a dollar loaned to sugar speculators in New York, Cuba, or the West Indies.

Moscow, May 16th.—The Ukranian Government has sent a note to Lord Curzon, with a copy to Mr. Ramsay Mac