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TELEGRAMS.

ST. CROIX STATION.

Chicago, Dec. 22nd.—Smouldering ruins today marked the site of the Dearborn street railway station, a landmark since 1834 and once called the best terminal in the world. It was destroyed yesterday. The blaze was believed to have started from crossed wires in the offices on the third floor. Hardly had the debris cooled before workmen started making the ruins at least temporarily useable and before midnight trains resumed the use of the huge sheds.

London, Dec. 21st.—The official Gazette announces today an action in bankruptcy.

Lausanne, Dec. 22nd.—M. Aroche of the French delegation, made an appeal to Rizanur Bey on military exemptions saying "Come make the Allies a little Christmas present on this point". The Turk, however, retorted angrily. "We don't believe in Xmas presents". Rizanur Bey also refused to agree to a provision for the preservation of Christian cemeteries in Tuekey. This caused much surprise among the representatives, as the Turks ordinarily are careful of all cemeteries. The Allies insisted upon the consideration of the clause, providing that the Turks must respect the work done under the League of Nations in recognizing and restoring their families women and children, who were seized and islamized by the Turks before the close of the Great War. The Turk also declined to agree to this provision and the sub-commission ended the session seemingly with a feeling of utter disgust at the attitude of Rizanur Bey which several members of the sub-commission described as highly insolent. The Turkish delegation has received instructions from

Angora that no agreements are to be made.

Rome, Dec. 23rd.—The probability that the Pope will call a meeting of the entire Catholic Episcopacy in Rome during the next jubilee year was announced in the papal encyclical issued today. Such a meeting would be a continuation of the Ecumenical Council which was held in Rome in 1870. Pope Pius encyclical recalls the recent conflicts in Italy and the efforts of the Church to quiet them. Among the peaceful events of recent years, it calls attention to the twenty-sixth annual Eucharistic Congress the great religious manifestation, attendant upon the transportation of the image of the Virgin from Rome to Loreto. The letter enumerates present world evils, which it says, are caused by a greediness for material, chiefly to be found in a return to Christ, which means peace, justice and love among all peoples, respect for order and authority and combating materialism, as well as teaching true democracy and brotherhood. Pope Pius announces the probability of his summoning a meeting of the entire Episcopacy of the world in Rome in the course of his approaching jubilee year, as a continuation of the Ecumenical Council at the Vatican held in 1870. The Pontiff praises efforts at universal pacification, he condemns divorce, modern dances and immodest fashions, and the encyclical expresses the hope that all those who are still outside the Church of Christ may enter it. The Pope says he is encouraged in this hope by the fact that nearly all the states of the world have entered into relations with the Apostolic See. He regrets that Italy, his country, and the seat of the Papacy is not among these, and protests against the situation of the Holy See in this country, which he says, has nothing to fear from it. The encyclical ends with an exhortation to prayer and the bestowal of the apostolic benediction.

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IT is hereby made known that the Horse, Carriage and Boat Tax for the first half year 1923 will be received by the Director of Police in Christiansted and Frederiksted from the 20th January 1923 to the 10th February 1923, both days included, after which the list of arrears will be transmitted to the same authority for further measures.

Each debtor of tax will be subject to a fine of Fres. 1.00 if the tax be under Fres. 25.00 and Fres. 2.00 if the tax be Fres. 25.00 or above, besides the ordinary levy expenses.

The tax lists will be distributed by the Police and are to be filled out in conformity with the ordinance of February 22, 1853 and returned to the respective Police Offices within 48 hours in the towns and 4 days in the country.

Government of the Virgin Islands of the U. S., St. Croix, December 27th, 1922.

C. E. RAPPOLEE,
Despatching Secretary.

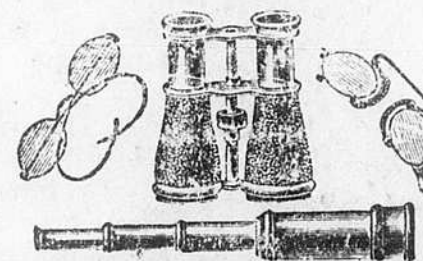
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IT is hereby brought to public notice that the Government has this date authorized Reverend ALFRED P. BANKS, to perform civil-religious functions in the Virgin Islands of the United States.

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ST. THOMAS.

11 December 1922.

J. J. GAFFNEY
Government Secretary.



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