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Yesterday afternoon about 5 o'clock one of the most dirty acts of battery and cutting took place on the road about Estate "Prosperity". It is reported that one Lucille John while on her way into the village met a party of other girls of her age whom she molested. This occasioned a scrimmage between her and one of her equal. Lucille then went into the village and her mother, Mary John, went on the scene and commenced a series of stone throwing at the girls which they in turn responded to. To make easy the situation Mary John took up a grass-knife belonging to one of the girls and grabbing Mary Plasket gave her a very serious cut on her left wrist. She was taken to the hospital where she would be dressed, taking 24 stitches we hear. —*West End News, Sept. 25th.*

We are glad to mention a good omen, in connection with the word Royal Mail which takes us back to good old days—The Ellerdale, Capt. Rait, from Calving, Porto Columbia and Cartagena, bound to Havre and London via the Azores, called here this morning for bunker. It is expected that the old company will return and re-establish. This will also add to the many good things in the shipping that St. Thomas can hope to be recipient of great benefit—Our harbor is safe and land-locked. Puerto Rico cannot complete.—*St. Thomas Bulletin, Sept 20th.*

We understand from very reliable source that the Raspoel Steamship Company has decided to make St. Thomas a port of call. Already a steamer is expected bringing much cargo for this

port. This line will no doubt give us two steamers per month. Cargo men will be taken from this port at a better wage than was formerly paid by the Hamburg American Line. We hope the laborers will remain in the island—With the Inter-Ocean Line and the Emergency Fleet Corporation and other lines that we can imagine will be established, St. Thomas will loom up once more.—*Ibid.*

TELEGRAMS

ST. CROIX STATION.

Washington, Sept. 23rd.—The Republicans took actual control of the Peace Treaty procedure, in the Senate today, by a three vote margin. The first test in the fight now being waged about the pact and its league of nations covenant came on a motion by Chairman Lodge of the Foreign Relations Committee to postpone for one week the consideration of some forty odd amendments which would relieve the United States from service on Commissions created under the treaty. The formal motion with a fixed date was put before the Senate after the Vice-President had sustained a point of order by Senator Hitchcock, leader of the Administration Forces, for ratification against a motion for infinite consideration, and it was reported 43 to 40 and was accepted. The motion, not of itself important, was accepted tonight by opponents of the league as the best possible index of the feeling and attitude of the Senate toward the treaty and the covenant, democratic leaders declared it meant nothing.

Washington, Sept. 23rd.—In this argument on the subject of the possibility of the United States being outvoted in the Council of the League of Nations, Senator Root today stated that Canada, through Sir Robert Borden, asked an opinion as to her eligibility to the Council. He then read the following letter to Sir Robert Borden, making the points clear: "The question having been raised as to the meaning of article four of the League of Nations Covenant, we have been requested by Sir Robert Borden to state, whether we concur in his view that upon the true construction of the first and second paragraphs of that article, representatives of the self governing dominions of the British Empire may be elected, or named as members of the council. We have no hesitation in expressing our entire concurrence in this view. If there

was any doubt it would be entirely removed by the fact that the articles are not subject to a narrow or technical construction. Signed C. Clemenceau, Woodrow Wilson, D. Lloyd George, at the Quai D'Orsay Paris, the 6th day of May 1919. The Senator said that this meant that Great Britain could thus have two votes on the council. He added, "In view of this letter, which solemnly assures the Canadian Statesmen that the Dominions were so fully recognized as members of that, their representatives were eligible to seats on the council, though the British Empire was already made a permanent member of that body, it would seem that argument ought to cease and that any contention, that the self governing dominions and colonies are not received as separate and independent entities with full right of membership as independent States in each case, ought to be no longer heard.

Rome, Sept. 19th—Associated Press: "If you don't rise, if you don't overthrow the Govt. which dishonours, you are unworthy of calling yourselves Italians". This declaration is made by Gabriel D'Annunzio in a proclamation addressed to Venice. The "Tribuna" stigmatizes the D'Annunzio attempt to incite the people to rise, saying that this has caused condemnation even among D'Annunzio's supporters. In an appeal addressed to Trieste, D'Annunzio says: "We are determined to remain in Fiume in the face of any opposition, to starve in its streets, to be buried under its ruins, burned alive in its houses if set on fire, meeting with a smile the cruellest death. Therefore we are invincible". D'Annunzio urges that money and supplies be sent to Fiume.

St. Lucia, Sept. 25th—Sharp shock earthquake 12.30 p.m.

St. Vincent, 25th—Slight earth tremor here 12.18 p. m.

PURSUANT to Ordinance of August 19th 1874 it is hereby made known that I have received announcement from Mr. LAUR NIELSEN that he, according to power vested in him by the joint stock Company "De danske Sukkerfabrikker", during his absence from St. Croix has empowered Mr. KNUD NIELSEN, Chief engineer, to sign the firm of the joint stock Company "St. Croix Sukkerfabrik" jointly with Director AXEL BERLAND.

The Police Office, Christiansted, St. Croix, September 8th 1919.

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