

SCHOOL ATTENDANCE REPORT NO. 1.
Week Ending Aug. 17, 1923.
Municipality of St. Croix.

School	Class	Percent of Pupils not tardy.	Percent of Attendance.
Christiansted	Jr. High	96.84	100.00
Frederiksted	Jr. High	100.00	100.00
Peter's Rest	Rural	100.00	100.00
La Princesse	Rural	100.00	100.00
La Vallee	Rural	100.00	100.00
Christiansted	Public	99.92	99.93
Frederiksted	Public	97.53	99.93
Diamond	Rural	100.00	99.78
Friedensfeld	Rural	97.64	96.81

CARD OF THANKS.

The Children, Grand-children and other relatives of the late Sherlock Marshall Schuster beg to thank every body who so kindly showed them sympathy during the illness and at the death of their beloved father and grandfather.

Christiansted, St. Croix, August 18th 1923.

LOCAL

3 lines of rain was measured at the Fort this morning, Kingshill 5 and Frederiksted 3 1/2 lines.

Among the passengers for Porto Rico by the "Romanita" were Mrs. A. R. McIntosh of this town who will be spending some time in San Juan, and Miss Hulyah V. Moore en route to Pricocke Municipal Hospital, Ponce.

The "Romanita" brought a large mail despite the receipt of direct States mail by the s. s. "Martinique" on Friday.

The s. s. Parima arrived at Frederiksted yesterday morning and sailed for New York via St. Thomas at 9.30 a. m. Some 45 passengers are understood to have embarked from this island. At this rate yearly depletion of population would be nearly 1100, sufficient to leave St. Croix uninhabited in another 12 years or so.

At the 11 o'clock service in the Lutheran Church yesterday Mr. McKetney of the Navy Band from St. Thomas, rendered the solo "Hearts and Flowers", accompanied on the organ by Miss Stevens; it was excellent. There was also a well attended song service in the evening selections being rendered in fine style by the choir. The solo "The Holy City" by Mrs. Albertina Petersen, a trio by Mr. Rivera on the violin, Miss Stevens on the organ and Mr. M. Stevens on the clarinet were well rendered, as well as a solo by Mr. John H. Motta entitled "Jesus

Lover of my Soul" sung to the air of "When the Swallows Homeward Fly" which showed the old man to be in good shape vocally.

The Native Brass Band gave public concerts on the wharf yesterday afternoon and evening to the enjoyment of the children and large numbers of people in general.

The third instalment of the beautiful film "The Holy Bible" will be screened at the Christiansted Theatre this evening. See ad on next page and secure your tickets in time.

The schooner Vigilant from Porto Rico arrived here this morning.

Football.

The football game played on Holger Danske ground yesterday between the Merry Juvenile and Blue Bird clubs resulted in victory for M. J. The score being 1 to nil.

PASSENGERS PER S. S. ROMANITA.

Aug. 18th.—From St. Thomas:—William M. Perry, Lieut. Comd. E. S. Stone, Mrs. G. Z. Stone, Miss Eleanor Stone, Miss Estelle Renneis.

Aug. 19th.—To San Juan:—Miss Mabel Christiansen, Miss Huiyah Moore, Mrs. Blanche McIntosh.

Aug. 19th.—To St. Thomas:—Mr. H. Dix, Mr. John Havard, Eugene E. May.

TELEGRAMS.

ST. CROIX STATION.

Bloemfontein, South Africa, August 15th.—The Premier, General Smuts, was given an ovation upon his appearance at the South African Party Congress after his recent indisposition. In an address to Congress he appealed for South Africa to stand in sympathy with Great Britain in her effort to save Europe from destruction. He exhorted all the nations in Europe, great and small, to rally round Great Britain and avert a world disaster. The position today was grave beyond words, the Premier said, and if the United States saw the European nations supporting Great Britain, he had faith that the United States would again rush to the rescue and save the break-up of Europe, the consequences of which might not be wiped out for a century. If all the nations acted together, he continued, there was still a possibility that France would see her danger before it was too late. The dissolution of Germany would be a far more serious thing than the fall of Russia. If Germany broke up, civilization would be put back a century or more. Whether Europe could stand the shock, it would

be difficult to say, as there was even a prospect of a breaking up of the whole world. General Smuts said he did not know whether the British Government would consult the League of Nations or call a special conference of the nations interested to take action. South Africa, he declared, cannot cut adrift from Europe because she is a small outpost with dangerous surroundings, a small outpost in a black continent, and if Europe went under we could not foresee the consequences and could not disassociate ourselves from European disasters.

Washington, Aug. 15th.—Any impression abroad that there has been a modification in the American Government's attitude on reparations was said on high authority here today to be wholly unwarranted. Surprise was expressed that unusual notice had been taken in London of the outline of this Government's position, as given to the public yesterday from the White House. It was pointed out that the White House spokesmen reaffirmed completely the position to which the United States had held since the reparations problem first became acute and had asserted categorically that the policies of President Harding will be the policies of President Coolidge, furthermore, the White House assurance that the United States would give "ready response" to proposals from Europe looking to the United States aid, was coupled with the specific limitation that it would be the first business of the new administration to see that any course adopted served the United States interests. It was also emphasized again that the policy and hopes of the Washington Government, as announced by Secretary Hughes in his New Haven speech last December, were unchanged.

London, Aug. 15th.—A big law suit pending against the Corporation of Manchester, the plaintiff being the Tramway Company Men's Union with 100,000 pounds involved. The action has been brought by the Union, for claims arising out of the war. It is alleged that the Municipality gave an undertaking that it would pay its employees at least half of their wages during their war service and that this promise was not fulfilled.

Toronto, Aug. 16th.—A further drop of 25 cents per hundredweight was recorded yesterday in the wholesale prices of Canadian refined sugar. This is now offered to the trade of Toronto on a basis of granulated \$9.84 per hundredweight. These prices are figured on a Montreal basis of \$9.50, allowing 34 cents for freight. Wholesale dealers yesterday seemed rather of the opinion that the decline in prices would be continued until the sugar was nearer the price quoted on the American refined.

Paris, Aug. 16th.—France and Belgium have agreed to make separate replies to the note of Lord Curzon regarding reparations. It is semi-officially announced that M. Poincare will answer in consider-