

STATE MAY HAVE TO PAY FOR
WORK OF HOOLIGANS.REPORTED CLAIM WILL BE MADE FOR
DAMAGE DONE TO THE STEAMER LAKE
ELLIKO.

We understand that in due course a claim will be forwarded to the Government to meet the damage done aboard the American steamer Lake Elliko alongside the direct Line Pier on Wednesday afternoon, when a lawless band of hooligans took possession of the ship and smashed up things indiscriminately, chopping up doors and port holes, etc.

This was the result of a shooting incident on the pier, when a hooligan crowd, seeking to wreak vengeance on the Third Officer of the ship, but with the paramount desire to loot, took complete possession of a steamer, ran the officers like rats into a hole, stole their money and clothing, and did all they could while the few members of the police force stood by and were helpless to check or prevent it.

ARMED POLICE COME OUT.

There is an old saying "better late than never" and it was somewhat refreshing yesterday, even two days after the event to see parading in and around Port Royal Street a special armed picquet of constables under Depot Inspector M. B. O'Sullivan.

A representative of the Gleaner ascertained that this guard had been specially drafted for duty on the waterfront, a tent being pitched for the men at the Waterpolice Station, where they made their headquarters. It was also a wise move in selecting so experienced and tactful an officer as the Depot Inspector to undertake such duties, and it would perhaps be a good thing for the young men of the Depot now under training, if they were brought on patrol duty a few nights in the lower section of the community. There can be no question that this area, embracing the commercial community, the wealth of the city and the gateway of the visitors to this island, needs far better and more competent supervision than has hitherto been the case. The wave of lawlessness along the streets demands it, and the proper supervision of the men supposed to be on street duty urgently requires it, otherwise the Government might find similar claims for damages like that done on the steamship Lake Elliko, pouring in.

Yesterday there was a great deal of talk as to what would happen in the event of the officer being discharged, but with the display of force mentioned above—and Inspector O'Sullivan's firing party never looks unbusinesslike with him at the head—all was quiet and serene. The Lake Elliko worked merrily—ly through the night and as the representative of the Coaling Coy., E. S. Pixley, told our Reporter last night on the dock,

he had not the slightest fear but that everything would go through without a hitch. He thought the re-inforced police guard very timely, even although a bit late.—*Gleaner*—*Barbados Globe*, Sept. 27th.

TRAFFIC IN CHILDREN.

The Argentine transport *Paysundu*, which arrived here for coal on Thursday last, has left behind her a tale of traffic among children which should lead to an inquiry or investigation between the Governments concerned. It is alleged that Argentine sailors, chaperoned by a couple of local guides, were successful in getting hold of two girls and several boys of this town—all of tender years—who were conveyed on board, washed, clothed and fed, with the intention of taking them to the ship's destination. What is the object of the kidnapping has not yet been positively disclosed. There are surmises that it was done with some heinous intention, but the real truth is not known in this respect. All that's known is, that through the influence of certain individuals, several of these boys and girls were fooled, taken on board, and money exchanged for them, and that if it were not for the information received by the Police and acted on by them, the bunch would now have been either victims or slaves. As it is, there is belief that three of them were actually taken away. The names of those rescued by the Police are given as follows:—

Lella Browne, Campions Land
Conrad Haynes, Carringtons Village
Errie Ford, Wellington Street.
Wilfred Hoyte, Suttle Street.

The three said to have been actually stolen are known—the girl as Violet, and the two boys as Archie and Rufie. The Police, we understand, are making inquiries with the view to a full report to the Government.—*Ibid*.

THE GREEN LIME TRADE OF DOMINICA.

The expected arrival at Dominica of the S. S. 'Lake Fife', of the Windward Islands Line, to take a trial shipment of green limes to Mobile, Alabama, was the subject of a note in the *Agricultural News*, May 29, 1920.

The steamer called at Roseau early in June, and left with 1,239 barrels of fruit, which, as shown by reports since received, were delivered in good condition.

Early in July the S. S. 'Lake Giltedge', of the same line, called and took the considerable shipment of 2,337 barrels and 747 boxes of fresh limes for the same destination.

On July 18 the 'Lake Fife' arrived from Mobile with sufficient material to make 20,000 standard boxes of 2 cubic feet

each. On the basis of 4½ cubic feet to the barrel, this number of boxes is equivalent to 8,888 barrels. It appears that the importing firm of Mobile is in favour of the use of standard boxes in place of the customary barrel, the latter being used generally in the trade in limes with New York.

The importation of so considerable a quantity of packages shows that the Mobile firm interested in this business is prepared to make a great effort to popularize Dominica limes in the Southern States. Given careful handling, and the present direct service by sea, it is felt that good results will be forthcoming.

This new development of trade with Mobile is opportune, as shipments of this fruit to New York have fallen off considerably of late. Opportunities of shipping to the latter port have been fewer than in previous years, but it is also evident that there is a lessened demand for limes in New York. This may be due to the effects of prohibition, as in former times green limes were used largely in alcoholic drinks. It is hoped that very soon the great value of the lime in 'soft' or non-alcoholic drinks will be recognized, and acted upon.—*Agricultural News*.

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