

NOTICE.

WE beg to advise customers of Christiansted Electric Plant that service will be resumed upon the evening of Sunday Feby. 20th.

Improvement of the service will be made as soon as necessary supplies already ordered have been received, in meantime we crave indulgence for present lack of service or for accident that may occur.

Current will be switched on 6.30 p. m. and switched off at midnight.

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Christiansted, St. Croix, Feby. 18th. 1921.

as well, are occasioned through not being able to obtain coal by the bag. The trouble appears to lie, not so much in the actual lack of coal, but in the reluctance of the producers to put it on the market at the price per bag fixed by the Food Commission. They are said to contend that while the price is regulated by the bag, there is no control of the retail of the article and it pays them better to sell it by the cent and get up to \$2 a bag. If we are not mistaken the price had been hitherto controlled at retail, and it is probably an oversight that this has not been continued. At the same time the term "bag" is not a fixed quantity or measure and rather than deprive the community of an almost indispensable article like coal it is suggested that it be sold in small bags such as an oilmeal bag, used as a measure. At that rate the Food Commission's restrictions will not be violated, although they would be evaded, and the price thus obtained would be satisfactory to the seller. As a matter of fact there has been little production of coal in Christiansted and even in Frederiksted where most of the coal is imported from St. Jan and Tortola; and if conditions here cannot be adjusted on the basis advanced, coal will have to be imported from other places. St. Jan coal is today selling in St. Thomas at \$1.20 a bag.

LOCAL.

No information concerning the Pocahontus which had not arrived at Frederiksted when inquiry was made this morning.

TELEGRAMS.

ST. CROIX STATION.

Sydney, Feby. 15th.—During a demonstration of the unemployed here today, Sir W. E. Davidson, the State Governor, was mobbed and a detachment of police stoned.

Belfast, Feby. 15th.—A passenger

train, carrying troops from Cork to Shilbursen is reported to have been ambushed between Ball-in-Hassig and Kinsale by Sinn Feiners armed with bombs and rifles. It is believed there were many casualties on both sides.

Johannesburg, Feby. 15th.—The returns from all constituencies in the Union of South Africa general elections are now in and the following results are, Genl. Smuts South African Party, 78 Nationalists, (Secessionist Party) 44 Labour 9, Democrats 1. Total results two total 134. The two tied seats will have to be repolled, and if gained, will give the party of General Smuts a majority over all of 26.

London, Feby. 15th.—The King, in his speech in Parliament today, stated that a bill would be presented dealing with the sale of alcoholic liquor in the light of the experience gained during the war.

London, Feby. 15th.—The King, today in his speech from the throne to the two houses of Parliament informally opening session, said, "The situation in Ireland still causes me distress. A misguided section of the Irish people is resorting to methods of criminal violence with the object of establishing an independent republic. Neither Irish unity or Irish self-govt. can be attained by this means. Arrangements for bringing into force the Govt's. Irish act are now well advanced, and I earnestly trust that in the near future, the majority of the people will show their determination to repudiate violence, and give effect to an act which confers upon them the responsibility of self-govt, and provides the machinery by which they can attain Irish unity by constitutional means."

London, Feby. 15th.—Sugar in stock on the 12th inst. was 190,000 tons. Last year 56,000 tons.

St. Lucia, Feby. 15th.—American steam yacht Corsair with Mr. J. Pierpont Morgan on board arrived 6 p. m. 13th and sailed for Dominica 6 p. m.

London, Feby. 15th.—The King in his speech at the opening of Parliament today announced that he was glad to say that arrangements had been made to renew personal consultations between his ministers in London and their colleagues in the Govts. of the overseas Dominions. His Majesty in dealing with this point, referred to the good results of such consultations during the last two years of the war and during the peace settlement, and added, "I hope the Premiers of Canada, Australia, New Zealand, South Africa and New Foundland, as well as the representatives of India, will be able to visit London during the coming summer, I am confident that discussions that will take place during their visit, will be of the utmost value in bringing about co-ordination, both in the external and the internal policy of the Empire."

New York, Feby. 15th.—There was less excitement in the raw sugar market to-

day and while no fresh business was reported, offerings were a little more general with Cuba available at five cents cost and freight, equal to 602 for centrifugals. In refined, one refiner quoted 7.25 for fine granulated and another 7.50. All other price lists were withdrawn. The futures markets were easier and prices at midday were about 14 to 25 points lower under liquidation.

Stockholm, Feb. 15th.—King Gustave today requested M. Branting to form a Cabinet to succeed that of the former Premier Baron De Geer, which resigned yesterday. M. Branting, who is a Socialist, and who has already held two ministries, accepted.

London, Feb. 15th.—New political ailments and the proposal of legislative and Governmental issued of tremendous importance to the people of Great Britain, were foreshadowed when Parliament re-assembled here today after a recess of seven weeks. Opposition in the Lloyd George ministry and discontent with many of the policies it has pursued in the recent past, seemed to have reached a climax, and it appeared the stability of the Cabinet would be given its crucial test before the final adjournment of the session next summer. Attacks on the Govt. seemed certain to centre about Ireland and the plans of the Premier for the future Govt. of the Irish people. Several former supporters of the coalition Govt. were among those who were most bitter in their comments on the Irish situation and appeared to be united with the opposition. The domestic situation centering about conditions of unemployment and high taxes, brought new elements to the side of those opposing Mr. Lloyd George, while the policies the Premier adopted relative to trade with Russia and acceptance of a British mandate for Mesopotamia, according to some political observers, have gone far towards disintegrating the apparently overwhelming majority held by him in the House of Commons. A collapse of the Lloyd George regime was not forecasted, as it was foreseen he probably would be able to control enough votes in the Commons to carry through his ministry's plans, but it was probable that the Premier would be called upon to fight in his vigorous manner, if he was to come unscathed from the struggle.

Melbourne, Feb. 16th.—Australia won the fourth cricket test match from England by eight wickets.

ST. THOMAS NEWS.

Plans for the school children exercises in commemoration of Washington's Birthday, February 22, 1921, have practically been completed. They will be held on the Parade Ground at the Marine Barracks, St. Thomas, commencing 9 o'clock a. m. The public is invited to attend the exercises.