

LOCAL.

The public is encouraged to participate in the diversion offered tomorrow as per program for boat races which may also be supplemented with athletic or other contests. It is seldom that any sport for general benefit is convened in the towns, and it is believed that many can enjoy a pleasant afternoon.

Tomorrow being a legal holiday there will be no issue of this paper.

Mr. Fred. H. Howard, manager of Estate Morning Star died there last night after a short illness from which it was understood he was recovering.

It is requested mentioned that the Post Office here will be closed at 9 a. m. on Washington's Birthday, tomorrow 22nd., and unless mail from St. Thomas arrive that day there will be no dispatch to or from Frederiksted.

There will be a regular meeting of the Home Service Committee this afternoon at 3 30 o'clock.

NEWS NOTES.

A subscription dance will be given at the Service Club, Christiansted, on the night of February 22nd. Dancing will start at 9 o'clock.

St. Thomas News

At 5 P. M. on the 5th inst., the Committee elected by the Colonial Council at informal meeting previously reported by the BULLETIN, met at the Committee's rooms.

The 7th elected member, Corneiro presided. Present were members Francis, Holst, Moorehead and Stakemann, forming the Committee in its entirety.

The Chairman laid before the meeting the advisability of consulting the St. Croix Council as the initial move to be taken, advancing the argument that a joint action by both Legislative Bodies would certainly give more weight to whatever plea or pleas might be sent North.

All the members concurred, and after a brief discussion it was decided to ask the Chairman of our Council to solicit the co operation of St. Croix.

A letter to the above mentioned effect was accordingly sent the next day (Feb. 6) to the Chairman of the St. Croix Council, and an answer has been received, stating that a caucus of the members reveal the fact that our move has their sympathy; a suggestion was offered that a joint committee from both bodies confer with the Governor before taking action; and, dependent on further advice from us, such a Committee would

be appointed at a meeting on the 12th inst.

On the receipt of this answer, which was by cable, the Chairman of the Council and Committee, G. C. Thiele and C. Corneiro held a conference and the latter was authorized to draft and dispatch a suitable reply, which he did, accepting the suggestion already stated.—*St. Thomas Bulletin, Feb. 14th.*

TELEGRAMS.

ST. CROIX STATION.

Berlin, Feb. 15th.—The Reichstag today voted confidence in Chancellor Wirth. The vote was 230 to 185.

London, Feb. 15th.—While there has been little alleviation of conditions in Belfast, firing at intervals throughout the day having been almost as serious as yesterday, adding considerably to the list of casualties, the general situation appears much more promising. Mr. Winston Churchill was able to give the House of Commons important news that on his suggestion, a joint commission had been agreed upon to investigate the facts of the border conflicts. Lord Birkenhead, in the House of Lords, in making a similar announcement added the opinion that he was not too sanguine in detecting in this step, hope of further cooperation between Sir James Craig, and Michael Collins affording a prospect of a Pacific settlement. A feature of the announcements of both Mr. Churchill and Lord Birkenhead was of the strong desire to afford fairplay to both Sir James Craig and Mr. Collins who were declared to be acting under most difficult circumstances. Another satisfactory incident was the release of 26 of the kidnapped captives through Mr. Collins efforts, while, according to Mr. Churchill's statement in the House, the Government evidently desires that the Northern Government should liberate the football players whose detention probably is the only reason why some of the kidnapped captives are still held. Mr. Collins had a long conference with Mr. Churchill this evening.

London, Feb. 15th.—Feeling on the continent is running high against the English football association in connection with their split with the French federation on the question of the inclusion of English professionals in the international game against France, scheduled to be held at Paris February 28th. Last Saturday the football association received a letter from the French association, stating that it was inopportune for France to meet a mixed team of amateurs and professionals with a team of French amateurs and expressing the desire to have the above match postponed. The Belgian football association have instructed their clubs to refuse engagements with any club connected with the English association and have unanimously resolved to support the French body. On behalf

of the English body it is pointed out that their wish is to send representative teams irrespective of the status of the players and if the continental team refuse to meet them it will be continental football that will suffer.

London, Feb. 16th.—The West India Committee state that Mr. Aleck Hamlyn has been appointed Honorary Correspondent to the Committee at Trinidad. Sir Gilbert Grindle, of the Colonial Office, was entertained at dinner by the West India Club last night, the function being presided over by Mr. Robert Rutherford, Chairman of the West India Committee.

New York, Feb. 16th. The early raw sugar market was firmer and prices advanced to the basis of 2 1/8 cents for Cuba's cost and freight, equal to 3.75 for centrifugals. There were sales of 14,000 bags of Porto Rico's late yesterday at 3.54 and today 91,000 bags of Cuba's February March shipment were taken by a local refiner at 3.75. The strength of raw sugar led to a renewed buying by Wall Street and Commission houses in the raw sugar futures market and prices at midday showed advances of 4 to 6 points with trading fairly active. The market for refined was unchanged at 5.00 cents for fine granulated. There was said to be fair export enquiry. There were no transactions in refined futures.

London, Feb. 18th. Questioned in the House of Commons today regarding increased charges of British ships entering Portuguese ports Mr. Harmsworth said representations have been made to the Portuguese Government calling attention to the injury its legislation would have on British shipping. Retaliation in the form of increased charges of Portuguese ships entering British ports was impracticable, he said, in view of article 13 and 15 of the Anglo-Portuguese treaty of 1914 which provided for reciprocal favourable treatment in shipping matters. Mr. Harmsworth understood that British ship owners were required to pay duties in gold, but he declined to answer a question as to whether German capitalists were behind the Government to purchase Portuguese shipping and whether that had anything to do with increased duties.

Washington, Feb. 16th.—An earthquake, described as very severe, was recorded last night at the Georgetown Seismograph Observatory. The tremors began at 10.30 last night and lasted until 11.10 with maximum of intensity at 10.32. The Rev. Father Trondorf, director of the observatory, estimated the centre of the disturbance to have been two thousand miles of Washington.

Paris, Feb. 16th.—Appropriations of over eight billion francs having been voted under the special 1922 budget, for expenses recoverable under the various peace treaties, the Chamber of Deputies today begun a discussion of how the necessary funds should be raised.