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St. Thomas News.

It will, without doubt, interest our readers to learn that Mr. D. E. Boardman, Collector of Customs here, has received orders from the Treasury Department at Washington, to enforce the Volstead Act, pending the final decision of Attorney General Palmer, relative to the correct application of the Prohibition Act to these Islands.

That this new injunction will be contested by our merchants goes without saying. Of course there is some talk from the other side relative to existing laws that "conflict with the constitution of the United States." This of course, is vague. We know for all certainty, that it has been distinctly stated that the existing laws shall remain in force until Congress shall otherwise provide. Congress has done nothing yet. The Prohibition Act is not at present, and cannot by any means be applicable to these islands; and we are upheld in our contention by those in high authority.

The only resource left to our merchants, whose business have been severely hampered for the past two years by this iniquitous measure, is, as has been advised, to make a test case of it. This sort of thing should by no means be allowed to continue.

Our Legislature, the governing power of the land repealed the iniquitous statute several months ago; and yet, up to the present our trade has been severely and unjustly hampered and crippled by an insidious measure, fostered by faddists and idealists on the mainland, and passed mainly through sycophancy and intimidation by our obsequious legisla-

tors. Away with it! St. Thomas Mail Notes, Oct. 23rd.

TELEGRAMS.

ST. CROIX STATION.

Paris, Oct. 26th. At the Foreign Office, it was said today, the Govt. is quite in agreement with the policy of Premier Venizelos in offering the Greek throne to Prince Paul, as he is the logical as well as the dynastic successor to the late King, owing to the elimination of ex-King Constantine and Prince George, who is also Duke of Sparta, from the succession. The Govt. is convinced that the alternative of a foreign prince is not realizable owing to the fact that no foreign prince is available, as those available will not accept. The French policy will be that of watchful waiting, it was added, and as the French Govt. does not anticipate any menacing move from Constantine, it will not take action unless the latter should attempt to return to Greece, when it would take such measures as is deemed proper to prevent the return of Constantine to the throne.

Montreal, Oct. 26th. The Dominion Sugar Coy. announced this morning that they are now offering beet sugar for sale at \$16 per hundred pounds, while the Arcadian, Atlantic, Canada and St. Lawrence refiners price \$17.90 for cane sugar, less five per cent for cash. These reductions have not yet affected the retail price, although they eventually will. Refiners here state that they are sure their new prices will meet any influx from the United States. The cost of sugar before the reduction quoted by these latter companies was \$19.50 per hundred pounds.

Washington, Oct. 26th.—Mr. Colby, Secretary of State, announced today that Mr. Young's commission has informed the United States States Department that Mr. Vanderlip of California, who recently obtained concessions in Siberia, was reported to have told Lenine that he represented Senator Harding the Republican presidential candidate. The despatches dated October 20th, said Lenine had informed Mr. H. Wells, the English writer, that Vanderlip had made certain proposals to the Soviet Govt. looking to the recognition of the Bolsheviki Govt by the United States, despatches from London yesterday said that Vanderlip had concluded an extensive arrangement with the Russian Soviet authorities by which an organization of Eastern United States financiers acquired a 60 year lease on a vast tract in Northern Siberia and Alas-

ka with exclusive rights to develop coal, oil and fisheries. Young's despatch stated that Vanderlip also was negotiating for concessions about Kamchatka, Siberia. Earlier in the day, State Dept officials, on the basis of the London despatches, said that since the United States had not recognized the Bolshevik Govt., no contract entered into by its officers would be regarded by the Govt. as binding. It was pointed out that the department announced its attitude toward the concessions granted by the Bolsheviki authorities when first signed on April 26th 1919 in a warning to United States business men and repeated on July 27th, 1920.

Movies. Movies. Movies.

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