

LOCAL

The s. s. Parima from New York arrived at Frederiksted and sailed for the islands last night. It is understood that she will be loading sugar in Barbados and, therefore, will be back homeward bound on Saturday next week.

The sloop Mizpah from St. Thomas has not yet returned.

The Grebe called at this port yesterday having as a passenger Miss Helen Buckley, niece of Governor Williams. She is the guest of Despatching Secretary and Mrs. Barrett.

Notes

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In spite of the heavy rains that have been falling, the St. Croix Sugar Factory is irrigating. The irrigation is done by the pumping of water from Morning Star gutter through the main pipe that leads from there to the Factory. A hose is connected to the different stops where there is a planted field and is irrigated by this device. It is a very good attempted experiment and hope that it will do much good so as to encourage the system.

In other parts of the world where irrigation is carried on the fields are not irrigated unless absolutely necessary, and is done at evening time when the fields are free from both the sun and heat.

Considering the moistness of the soil from the recent rains we have been receiving it would be a very good idea if the supply of water could be saved up for a time that it may be more useful, for there is no need irrigating when we have favorable weather as at present, for we will not be able to tell the results gained by the attempted experiment.

Sometimes we see light in the town clock. Sometimes we don't. What is the idea? Why not keep up a useful thing that is once started?

The prices of fish and other foodstuff are just the same and in certain cases higher as compared with the prices fixed by the last food commission that existed.

The poor people are satisfied to go ahead laboring under the exorbitant prices charged only—that the authorities of justice attention is called to go around and examine some of the scales and see to it that when the people pay for a pound of anything they receive a pound, for if it is not impossible to price the goods it should not be impossible to exact fair weight.

Our popular movie man Mr. Einar Svendsen deserves credit for the interesting way he runs his chain of Theatres

I think that he will be always willing to add something good by which to entertain his patrons. At present a good instrument is needed in the Christiansted Theatre as the one there presently takes away instead of adds dignity both to the place of amusement and the unfortunate pianist. It will be a very good idea also if either a Brass Band or Orchestra could be in attendance at such performances as those given on Monday and Tuesday evenings.

There's nothing more charming than the sweet strains of music.

TELEGRAMS.

ST. CROIX STATION.

Shanghai, July 6th.—Chinese customs officials Saturday raided the American sailing vessel "Talbot" in port here and seized arms and ammunition valued at fifty thousand dollars. The seizure was made on the ground that the munitions were to be landed in China, in violation of the Arms Convention. The seizure included two hundred pistols and rifles, four hundred revolvers, eight machine-guns and 125,000 rounds of ammunition. No arrests were made. The seizure was referred to the American authorities. The vessel recently arrived here from Vancouver with lumber.

Cleveland, Ohio, July 6th.—After endorsing La Follette as presidential candidate and profiting for the organization of a new political party next January, the conference for progressive political action wound up its convention early last night.

Madison Square Garden, New York, July 5th.—Governor Smith reached a new high mark in the balloting for a presidential nominee in the Democratic Convention today, when Ohio, breaking up her block of 48 votes that have been going to favorite sons, gave Smith 20½ and MacAdoo none. Another handful of votes was taken from MacAdoo in Michigan and given to Smith. The standing of the leading candidates on the seventy-fourth ballot was as follows. MacAdoo 510, Smith 364. This was a loss of 18 for MacAdoo and a gain of 29 for Smith. Davis received 78½ a gain of 12½.

New York, July 6th.—Fifteen of the sixteen candidates for Democratic Presidential Nomination tonight approved a statement declaring each willingly released all delegates committed to him "as completely as if his name had been withdrawn from the convention". The only signature missing was that of Mr. MacAdoo. Late tonight Mr. MacAdoo accepted the proposal of fifteen other presidential candidates to the Democratic National Convention, but with the provision that the unit rule and the two-thirds rule both be abrogated. Mr. MacAdoo further stipulated that with the resumption of voting, the low man be dropped on each succeeding ballot, until a nomination is made. He further stipulated that each of the delegates present from each States

shall be entitled to cast his pro-rata vote of the delegates from such States as are absent from the convention.

New York, July 7th.—The MacAdoo counter proposal for breaking the dead lock in the Democratic National Convention was turned down early this morning by the representatives of the other fifteen candidates. In a conference of candidates managers only MacAdoo men supported the plan which would have abrogated the unit and two-thirds rules, at the same time that the delegates would be released from the obligation to further support a particular candidate.

Paris, July 5th.—(United Press) A first class political sensation, which promises seriously to lessen the chances of success of the London Reparation Conference, scheduled for July 16th, has developed over the wording of Mr. MacDonald's invitation to the conference. It is understood that the statesman has in his invitation outlined what was to be discussed by the conference and has done so without consulting the French Government. The press comments bitterly on what is considered British high handedness and the French Cabinet for two hours on Friday discussed the situation created by the Franco-British misunderstanding. M. Herriot, it is earned, told the members of the Chambers Foreign Committee on Friday that he had sent Mr. MacDonald a telegram requesting a frank explanation of the form and wording of the invitation and had intimated that if England did not explain what was meant by the so called "programme invitation", France would make public her own viewpoints as to what should be included in the agenda of the conference. It is understood that the British Foreign Office has replied to this note by saying that the programme outlined in the invitation "bound only the British Government." The newspapers here emphasize that several points in the programme, as laid down by Great Britain are diametrically opposed to the French policy and to French interests. M. Herriot's enemies are using the situation as a weapon against him and the opposition press has begun a campaign similar to that which preceded the rupture at Cannes. The Premier's explanation before the Foreign Affairs Committee did not seem to quiet the excitement and the corridors of the Chamber of Deputies buzzed with discussions after the session. Opposing Deputies were predicting that the London Conference was already "ruined" and saying that M. Herriot's difficulties had been increased immediately. "Where is the perfect Franco-British accord reached at Chequer's Court", was the question voiced on all sides by opposition groups.

London, July 7th.—The Prime Minister announced today in the House of Commons that the Government had decided against the construction of a tunnel under the English Channel.