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GRADUATE NURSES WIN HEALTH SCHOLARSHIP:

American nurses to the number of 247 of whom 169 have recently been released from military service, have been granted post-graduate scholarships by the American Red Cross to enable them to take training in Public Health nursing. Because of the lack of nurses for launching the Health Conservation Program, the Red Cross appropriated \$100,000 for scholarships to remedy this situation. All scholarships are recommended by the Red Cross Directors of Nursing with final approval from National Headquarters. Of the 247 scholarships granted, 123 were for \$300 each permitting the nurses a four month course of training, while the others have been for six, eight and nine month courses.

•FIGHTING CHOLERA IN SIBERIA:

Energetic measures are being taken by the American Red Cross in Siberia to prevent an epidemic of cholera. The hospitals are filled and men and women suffering from the disease have been found at railway stations, on the street, on street cars and elsewhere. Vaccine, ordered by the Red Cross some time ago is now arriving in large quantities and is being freely used. Among the fourteen Red Cross doctors and nurses who are engaged in the work are several who have had extensive experience in stamping out cholera epidemics elsewhere, notably in the Philippines. The use of salt transfusion, through which the death rate has been greatly reduced, has proven a novelty to local authorities who

very gladly adapted themselves and their institutions to American ideas. The natives, however, still regard it as nothing short of an American miracle that people brought into the hospital almost dead could walk away unaided after an hour, as a result of the infusion.

ASK ROCKEFELLER AID TO IMPROVE HEALTH.

Dr. J. B. Grant Making Preliminary Study of Increasing Death Rate.

Dr. J. B. Grant of the International Health Board of the Rockefeller Foundation, is in San Juan to make a preliminary investigation of health and sanitary conditions in the island following a request from the Insular Health authorities for assistance in helping improve the health conditions in the island. Just what assistance the Rockefeller Foundation may render, if any, depends upon the results of Dr. Grant's investigations which will probably cover a period of six weeks. He will prepare a report based on his investigation and his report will determine whether or not the foundation will comply with the request of the Insular authorities.

The request was made some time ago because of the increasing death rate during the last three years and the apparent inability of the Insular Health authorities to combat the situation. An effort will be made to determine just what the causes of the increased mortality are due to and recommendations made as to steps to be taken to remedy these conditions. — *Porto Rico Progress.*

NOTICE

AN Examination for Pupil Nurses for the Municipal Hospital, Christiansted, will be held on Friday, January 9th, a. c. at 2 o'clock P. M. at the Nurses Room. Applicants must be over sixteen years of age. Those who are desirous of applying will appear at the time and place, when, if satisfactory, their applications will be held in view of vacancies occurring.

R. H. JENKINS,
Municipal Physician in Charge.

Municipal Hospital, Christiansted, St. Croix, V. I. of U. S. A., Jan. 5th. 1920.

NOTICE.

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that on and after July 1, 1920, all persons who wish to become teachers or become eligible for teachers' positions in the Public Schools, will be divided into four classes, viz:

- (a) Assistant Graded Teachers
- (b) Graded Teachers
- (c) Principal Teachers
- (d) Special Teachers.

In order to effect this classification, written examinations will be held on Monday, March 29, Tuesday, March 30, and Wednesday March 31, 1920.

Any citizen of the United States, or of the Virgin Islands, over sixteen years of age, who is known to be a person of good moral character, and of sound physical health, is eligible to sit at these examinations, provided permission is obtained from the School Director not later than March 20, 1920.

Applicants may receive full information regarding the nature of the examinations by applying at the office of the School Director, where textbooks and other literature will be furnished free of charge, for the purpose of assisting applicants in preparing themselves for examinations.

HENRY C. BLAIR,
School Director.

"For the Governor."

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FROM THE POLICE.

IN accordance with the Ordinance of 14th November 1908 § 3 all owners of firearms in Christiansted's Jurisdiction are hereby notified that a new sign must be taken out for 1920 before the 15th of February a. c.

Christiansted Police Office, St. Croix, the 30th Dec. 1919.

JOHN L. CURRY.

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CATHRINE LUDVIG