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GENERAL PERSHING TO BE IN SAN JUAN MAY 7.

Will Sail from New York on Transport Northern Pacific for Panama on April 25.

COMES HERE FROM PANAMA.

No Orders yet Received here Regarding his stay Which is expected to be very Brief.

General Pershing will visit Porto Rico on a trip of inspection on May 7.

This is the latest information received at the headquarters of the Military District of Porto Rico.

According to present plans General Pershing will sail from New York for Panama on April 25 on the Transport Northern Pacific and will spend probably five days in the Canal Zone inspecting the military establishment there.

From Panama it is now planned that the General will return to New York by way of San Juan stopping here for probably not more than a day. His visit here will be entirely official for the purpose of inspecting the Porto Rico regiment.—*Porto Rico April 2nd.*

WORK OF SEWAGE SYSTEM FOR SANTURCE PROGRESSING.

System Installed on Carretera to Stop 15; City Working in Talleres District.

While many had wondered what had happened to those engaged in constructing the sewerage system for Santurce, it appears that this work has been rapidly progressing all the time, but due

to the fact that the work is not being continued along the carretera, but in the barrio known as Tallers, and also in Cerra Street the public has not had such a good chance to watch its progress. "Few realize what a large district Talleres covers," says Mr. Arturo Rodriguez, who is Engineer Director of Public Improvement for the municipality of San Juan, under the bond issue. "It has been our aim to widen the street and put in the sewerage together so that each contract would be complete when finished. Accordingly, sewerage was completed to Stop 15, and Ponce de Leon Avenue was widened to that point. After that we branched off to the Tallers district, as conditions were very insanitary in this region, because of the lack of sewerage. A fine drainage system has already been established which collects all waters from Cerra Street, and causes them to pass through the big sewer which runs out into Martin Pena Channel. In connection with this job, the big clay pipe which once served as a drainage has been changed to an immense concrete sewer.

"This section of Santurce is much more densely populated than any one dreams of," said Mr. Rodriguez, "and presents a much more alarming situation than other parts of Santurce, because those living in the more desirable districts make it a point to have good cesspods, and there is not the danger of infection and disease due to bad drainage that there is in those regions where the poorer classes live. There are a great many mosquitoes, it is true," he added, "and there will be until the entire sewerage system is complete, but we must take the work section by section, and leave it in good shape before we go on to another section."

It is hoped that the work of widening Ponce de Leon Avenue will begin again in June. This contract is to cover the section of Ponce de Leon Avenue from Stop 15 to Stop 21. In speaking of the work entailed in this contract Mr. Rodriguez explained that there are 119 houses and lots affected by the widening of the Avenue.

"All property owners have consented to the plans laid out by the city engineers office, and have ceded the right of way to the city, but this does not in any way lessen the work which will have to be done by those of us who have the work in hand" said Mr. Rodriguez. "There are 34 houses in this section that will have to be cut almost in two. It is up to us

to deliver those houses to each owner with as many rooms as they had originally, and with better sanitary arrangements than they had previously, and all this will take time. The work on the sewerage system for this section will be going on in the meantime.

"We cannot set any dates," said the Engineer Director, but the public may be perfectly sure that we are doing our best to establish a complete sewerage system all through Santurce as quickly as possible, and when it is established residents of that suburb may look forward to being less troubled with mosquitoes"—*Ibid.*

Bekendtgørelse.

DET bekendtgøres herved, at undertegnede General-Consul og Specialkommissær for Danmark R. Baumann afrejser med Orlov til Danmark omkring den 20' dennes, og at Kaptajn F. V. H. Laub af St. Thomas vil fungere som Consul og Specialkommissær for Danmark fra min Afrejse at regne.

St. Thomas, Virgin Islands of the United States of America, den 16' April 1920
BAUMANN.

TRANSLATION.

Publication.

It is hereby made known, that having obtained leave of absence I the undersigned Consul-General and Special Commissioner for Denmark R. Baumann shall be leaving for Denmark about the 20 instant, and that, from the time of my departure, Commander F. V. H. Laub of St. Thomas will act as Consul and Special Commissioner for Denmark.

St. Thomas, Virgin Islands of the United States of America, the 16' April 1920.
BAUMANN.

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