

The Father and Brother of Anselmo, thank the public and his friends for the marks of sympathy and esteem manifested yesterday on the burial of his recovered bones.

Christiansted, 6th January 1921.

EDITORIAL.

It is our pleasure today to congratulate our popular and esteemed townsman Mr. Chr. Espersen, Senior District Chief of Police at Richmond Penitentiary, and Postmaster at Kingshill, on his completion of 25 years residence in St. Croix, which quarter of a century has been entirely spent in public service in various capacities. Mr. Espersen arrived at St. Thomas, then Danish West Indies, in 1895, and landed in St. Croix on January 6, 1896, in the military service in which he spent 3 years after which he filled the post of policeman here in Christiansted until 1903 when he was promoted police-sergeant at Kingshill with which situation was also incorporated that of Post Office clerk-in-charge, and assistant telephone manager. He filled that office until 1919 when the Police Force was reorganised and he temporarily appointed assistant director of police, a post now non-existent, and later district chief of police, then eventually senior district chief of police, the duties of which important callings he has discharged with ability, and to the satisfaction of the general public. In his private life too, Mr. Espersen has always displayed an active spirit taking part and making himself useful wherever the opportunity offered of helping a worthy cause or movement. In such connection may be mentioned his appearance on the roll as secretary of the St. Croix Shooting Club, a society that afforded considerable entertainment to the entire island for many years; also secretary of the Society for Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, and warden of the Lutheran Church at Kingshill.

Herewith our best wishes for many more years in the service of the government with health and prosperity combined.

LOCAL.

Patrons of the theatre will remember that the second instalment of the famous new serial "Pearl of the Army" will be presented this evening when the usual full house is looked for.

The streets were lighted at the principal points by kerosine oil lamps last night.

The Creole sailed for St. Thomas at 8 o'clock this morning.

Our new library which was opened to the public last Thursday evening is attracting many readers. The total attendance for the first three days was 195. The attendance at St. Thomas for a similar period was 316.

Miss Florence Stephens of Christiansted has been appointed local librarian. She will assume her duties January fifteenth. Miss Helen Critchlow, who has assisted ably in preparing the books for the opening, has volunteered to take charge of the desk until Miss Stephens begins her work.

The Misses Quin have given a copy of their father's book, "The Building of an Island". It is hoped this will be the nucleus of a special collection dealing with the Virgin Islands.

The Library Commission has adopted the following rules similar to those in force at St. Thomas and Frederiksted:

RULES FOR THE PUBLIC LIBRARY

The Public Library is free to all adults and older children for reading and consultation of books and periodicals. Small children shall be admitted only if accompanied by adults.

Only card-holders may take out books for home use. Card-holders shall be of three classes:

- Adults. On deposit of one dollar (Danish) any adult shall have a card which will be good indefinitely. The holder may give up his card at any time, in which case his deposit will be returned.
- School children in or above the fifth grade. With the approval of their teachers they may have cards without payment of a deposit.
- School children below the fifth grade. They may have cards without payment of a deposit if the parent or guardian in person makes application.

Only one book at a time may be drawn. Books may be retained two weeks with privilege of removal for another two weeks. A fine of two cents a day will be charged for books kept over-time.

Magazines other than the current number may be drawn for one week in addition to a book.

A teacher may draw two books at a time, only one of which may be fiction.

Lost books shall be paid for at cost price. This amount, less the fine which would have accrued, shall be returned if the book is found within one month of the time of payment for same.

Damaged books shall be paid for by the borrower. The amount to be decided by the Librarian.

In case of contagious disease the book must be returned to the Library where it will be disinfected or destroyed at the option of the Librarian.

The Library is now open daily, Sundays and holidays included, from three until six. It will be open alternate afternoons and evenings after the resumption of electric light service.

—Contributed.

St. Thomas News.

A young man by the name of Peter Wyner took ill yesterday in Central Park and was taken to the hospital when he died. Report says he was doped. —*St. Thomas Bulletin, Dec. 28th.*

The funeral of Mr. P. M. Marsan took place on Christmas Day, followed by a good number of friends. The deceased was once doing business here but had to retire on account of failing health to his family, we extend our sincere condolence. —*Ibid.*

This morning about 7.25 o'clock Automobile No. 29 collided with the electric pole on Polly Berg Hill, in front of the dwelling of Mr. Howard Hodge, throwing down the pole, bursting all the wires, and it was a miracle that the pole did not fall on the roof of Hodge's house, and sheer luck that a fire was saved from that vicinity as all the fuses was ablaze. Reports say that it was the chauffeur's fault. Mr. Christiansen and Mr. Ambrucksen hurried to the scene of danger, cutting away the wires, thereby avoiding damage. —*St. Thomas Bulletin, Dec. 29th.*

Last night at about 11.45 a woman gave an alarm that her son had fallen into the well at Commandant Gade (Garden Street). A policeman was summoned at the spot and a search was made with grappling hooks, but only old buckets came up. She was taken to the police station and examined, and the whole affair turned out to be a bluff, as shortly after her son turned up whistling a merry tune. This is one for the old year. —*St. Thomas Bulletin, Dec. 30th.*

TELEGRAMS.

ST. CROIX STATION.

Washington, Jan. 2nd.—In a New Year's message to President Wilson yesterday, King George said, "At the beginning of the new year, Mr. President, I hasten to offer you my cordial good wishes for your happiness and welfare and for the prosperity of the United States of America".

Berlin, Jan. 2nd.—Dr. Von Bethmann Hollweg, ex-German Imperial Chancellor, died last night after a brief illness on his estate near Berlin.

Nagpur, India, Jan. 2nd.—A boycott of the proposed visit of the Duke of Connaught to the east and a tribute to the memory of the late Mr. MacSweeney were voted in resolutions adopted by the