

That public markets should be established in each town for the safety and health of the inhabitants. This necessity has not yet received any consideration.

That the island is entirely deficient of a proper and adequate water supply which is so essential to the health and comfort of the inhabitants and which condition has been already remedied in the neighboring English Islands as essentially necessary.

That our roads, though good in a sense, have of late been greatly neglected and are urgently needing extensive repairs. The old system of road repair which under the former administration worked so well have in the past few years become increasingly difficult to maintain owing to the conditions in the island.

That the necessary attention in the way of dredging be given the harbor of Christianssted so as to make same easily and readily accessible, which, if possible, may provide an additional source of revenue for the island in the future.

That the memorial already forwarded by the Colonial Council regarding the currency situation is again confirmed; the absence of any decision and abatement of this present unbearable situation costing the inhabitants thousands of dollars monthly which is unnecessary and in fact ought not to be.

That nationalization certificates be issued to all people entitled thereto who obtain such rights under the Treaty and a Bureau in these islands be established for that purpose.

That better postal service communications between the islands and service within the islands be granted and established. That the postal authorities in Washington view and treat these islands as under separate and special conditions owing to their poverty, and that a service equal to that enjoyed under the Danish Administration be restored.

That in conformity with the correspondence between the Secretary of State and the Danish Minister relative to the Treaty, the existing funds be respected in accordance with the informal promise then made.

That the Immigration Fund be continued according to the purpose for which it was created and your Commission during your visit to the island inquire most searchingly into the necessity and reasons for continuing and maintaining this system as it is of vital interest for the island in its future agricultural existence and development. Only by a close study of this question can the real merit of the plan be realized.

That the Colonial Council be given full jurisdiction over all taxation.

That the great blessing of irrigation be realized and seriously considered. A study of climatic conditions will reveal that the rainfall of this island is very uncertain and in consequence agriculture is correspondingly affected. If it is possible for an irrigation system to be estab-

lished the future prosperity of this island would at once be assured. The south side of Porto Rico experienced the same unfortunate conditions until the uncertainty of crops there was assured by Government's assistance along those lines.

In conclusion we beg to express the hope that these our petitions and recommendations will merit and receive your earnest consideration and cooperation.

ROBT. L. MERWIN,
Chairman.

F. COULTER, D. C. CANEGATA,
Vice-Chairman. Secretary.

The Chairman then handed the memorial to the Chairman of the Congressional Commission (Senator Kenyon) and continuing said, "There being no further business before the Council I adjourn the meeting and the Congressional Commission will immediately open their session which is the object of their visit to the Island."

The meeting closed at 9.45 a. m.

The meeting advertised for last night in the Moravian School House was held but was very scantily attended. We shall endeavor to furnish some details of it in our Monday issue.

The Navy Band entertained the public with a lively variety programme last night.

Farewell

TO H. WILLIAMS, G. NUGENT, AND
L. MEYERS

Having heard that you boys are going to depart from your dear old home Santa Cruz on Wednesday the 3rd March I therefore take the opportunity of wishing you all a safe and pleasant passage and all God speed.

I must need say that from the time I knew you 3 boys being members of the D. F. B. C. and friends of mine that said Club is losing 3 great players, but better can't be done the time has come when you boys have to go in the outer world and get some experience, but I will say this, you boys must never forget your dear beloved mothers and families, and the many pleasant days you spent during the years you were here.

I also hope that the time will soon come when we all will meet again, if not in life or death, with Our Heavenly Father in His Kingdom.

I must now close with these few words:

"May God keep His loving hands over you Boys in danger,

And may your sorrows be few."

I am,
Yours true Friend,

REUBEN BRUN,
Member D. F. B. C.

Christiansted, V. I. U. S. A., Feb.
27th 1920.

TELEGRAMS.

ST. CROIX STATION.

London, Feb. 16th.—Great Britain, it was learned today, has instructed Admiral De Robeck at Constantinople, to announce the fact that the Allies have decided not to deprive Turkey of Constantinople. If the persecution of the Armenians continue, however, the Admiral has been instructed to say that the Peace Treaty with Turkey may be considerably modified.

Kingston, Jamaica, Feb. 18th.—The destroyer squadron of the Third Atlantic United States Fleet arrived here today under the command of Rear Admiral Plunkett. Great preparations have been made to welcome the officers and men during their stay of six days.

Ponce, P. R., Feb. 26th.—Six U. S. Naval Seaplanes, accompanied by the U. S. S. "Shawmut", left here at 9.15 a. m. reported for Guantanamo.

Washington, Feb. 19th.—A temporary injunction to prevent the sale of thirty ex-German passenger liners, recently offered by the Shipping Board, was granted today by Associate Judge Bailey of the Supreme Court. Justice Bailey said that on examination of the statutes, he was of the opinion that they did not show any intention on the part of Congress to place in the President or in the Shipping Board, powers to sell the ships. Application for an injunction was made last Saturday by Mr. William R. Hearst and the hearing on it was held last Monday, while the ships were being offered at public auction. The Board announced yesterday, that it had decided to reject the bids received and at the same time that it had asked Congress for authority to again offer the ships at public auction.

Paris, Feb. 19th.—M. Deschanel, the new President of France, in a message to the Senate and the Chambers of Deputies laid stress on the necessity for making plain the country's situation to the public, and the duty of her own citizens to give in return their full share of economic support to the nation. The first duty was to establish clearly before the country, the diplomatic, military, economic and financial situation, he said later, in referring to the ties of citizens, and he declared that any Frenchman who shirks the payment of his share of taxation, commits an act analogous to that of an officer who deserts his trench, or flees the battlefield. Referring to the situation in Russia, the President said, "The Russian people fought on our side for three years for Liberty. May that people soon master itself and resume its civilizing mission in the plenitude of its genius."

London, Feb. 13th.—The Lettish Legation here has announced that the Lettish Government has decided to open peace negotiations with the Soviet Government of Russia, in conjunction with other border states.