

Hurricane Signals.

IN the event of an impending hurricane, the following signals will be given from the Forts at Christiansted, Frederiksted, and King's Hill;—and the telephone centrals will also inform all subscribers—(country ones first.)

During the day:—One hurricane flag—(a red flag with a black square in the centre) will be flown. If this island is in the path of the hurricane, TWO HURRICANE FLAGS (one above the other) will be flown.

During the night:—Two rockets will be fired at an interval of five minutes.

Office of the Director of Police, Frederiksted, St. Croix, V.I.U.S., 16th July 1924.

F. COULTER,
Director of Police.

DISEASES DANGEROUS TO PUBLIC HEALTH IN THE VIRGIN ISLANDS OF THE UNITED STATES.

During the month of June, 1924, the following diseases of interest to the public have been reported in the Virgin Islands:

In Saint Croix.

Dysentery	2
Filariasis	5
Trachoma	9
Tuberculosis	1

In St. Thomas.—St. John.

Pellagra	1
Tuberculosis	2

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Chief Sanitation Officer,
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Mails Close

for the United States by s. s. Parima at 4.00 p. m. today and for the Leeward and Windward islands, Barbados, etc., by s. s. Bolivar at 11.00 a. m. tomorrow, 19th.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE COLONIAL COUNCIL FOR ST. CROIX.

(Continued from yesterday's Avis.)

1st Member for Frederiksted Town (Jackson) remarked: Mr. Chairman. I am quite in accord with the proposal of the Honorable 2nd Member for Chris-

tiansted Town to add one more sergeant to the budget inasmuch as one will be discharged tonight. While I consider that the Police Force is too large, I don't say they are over paid, but I say that the number of policemen is quite out of proportion to the number of inhabitants. I remember going down to a little city in Indiana of 7,500 people to take up the practice of law after I had got my license; I went to the Court House to find out the condition of affairs; I found that there were only two policemen and a sheriff in that city. I immediately came to the conclusion that there was no place for a lawyer. We have, it is true, developed a well equipped and efficient police force; I say efficient considering the conditions under which we labor here in St. Croix. They are well drilled men; they make a splendid appearance to strangers; when they are reviewed they make us feel proud, but still I have always held and still do hold that our police force is too large. To prove that there is no necessity for such a large police force we have only to consult the records. If you look at the records of the Police Court you will find that all the offenses charged are of a very trivial nature and instituted by private persons. We must look to the records for the necessity of this tremendous police force. When I spoke of a reduction of the force I mean eventually; I don't mean in the morning; no. I was saying that some of my colleagues will not agree with me, they may say that there may be a riot. If we have a riot we have soldiers which the United States Government is paying to maintain on this island for the protection of the inhabitants. There is no reason in the world for us to have such an overwhelming organization. In the days when there was murder; when we had the rumshops opened; when there was a murder every Sunday we hadn't such a tremendous force; now the rumshops are closed I see no necessity for such a top heavy organization. I cannot, however, at this moment vote for this money bill and as a result in the morning a man is put out of his job, and perhaps one of the most efficient men in the force.

1st Member for Christiansted Town (Abramson) remarked: Mr. Chairman. I don't quite agree with the Honorable 1st Member for Frederiksted Town as regards reducing the Police Force; I am not in sympathy with that idea for the reason that there is always a cry to do away with the Naval Government; and if that is done can the police alone take care of the situation? Instead of reducing the police force I advocate that we increase the number of its personnel. In Porto Rico and in the British Islands every block one goes to he finds an able-bodied policeman; I see policemen patrolling the country districts in Porto Rico; that is not done here because the force is not large enough. Let us sympathize with the police and let those that are

now employed hold their jobs. I repeat that instead of reducing the number of policemen now employed add two more to that number; let us try to encourage them to remain with us and not go away with every steamer that leaves this island for the United States.

1st Member for Frederiksted Town (Jackson) remarked: Mr. Chairman. I just want to explain my position. I am not speaking of reducing the force at present; I mean eventually. Even if the men are our friends and we find it necessary to reduce the number we have to do it. How are we going to show that it is necessary? By the record of the Police Court.

1st Member for Frederiksted Country District (Fleming) remarked: Mr. Chairman. I am in full sympathy with the proposal of the Honorable 2nd Member for Christiansted Town as regards bringing in an amendment to retain the number of sergeants now employed. We have no Marines in Frederiksted and therefore we should have sufficient policemen to guard that town. I wish to point out that formerly we had four night guards on the streets and two were employed at the Customs House. I also wish to point out that the Police are assisting in the enforcement of the prohibition law. It is supposed that the rum industry has been killed, yet a considerable quantity of rum is being manufactured and there are much more drunkenness today than before. If the force were reduced lives and properties of the people of Frederiksted would not be properly protected. I am of the opinion that the number of policemen in Frederiksted ought to be increased. The police in Frederiksted are giving fairly good service for the salaries they are receiving. We have no Gendarmes nor Marines in Frederiksted.

1st Member for Frederiksted Town (Jackson) remarked: Mr. Chairman. When I speak here I am not doing so with the intention of catching votes. I am speaking conscientiously as a representative of the people. I am speaking for the protection of the Treasury. I will not vote one dollar that I think is unnecessary expenditure. We have a budget calling for Pres. 1,223,269.85; I am going to vote for it because better cannot be done, but I am asking this Council if it is going to continue its policy of such lavish expenditures forever; and if it thinks that the United States tax-payers are going to throw money into their hats while they are sitting here doing nothing at all to increase the revenues of the island and clamoring to have life and property protected. The Honorable Member who spoke about protecting life and property would not have been here had the people of this island not been a law abiding people. Protection of life and property—We all want to be protected to the extent that we protect ourselves. When I speak here about reducing the police force I am