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and one of them sent an arrow through a Spanish Buckler which resulted in the death of the Spaniard two days afterwards from the poisoned arrow. There is a rather allegorical picture painted by O. Graeff and called:

‘THE BATTLE OF SANTA CRUZ’

“The first bloodshed in the New World”.

which most graphically depicts the carib women in the melee as much if not more than the men.

(To be continued.)

Chairman. In the budget for the current fiscal year the sum of \$4,000 was appropriated for the purpose of building a cistern; the site has been selected and purchased and during this time we have had in this Municipality Commander R. M. Warfield, (C. E. C.), U. S. N., he has great experience in planning and installing water systems all over the world. He stated that the capacity of the proposed cistern would not permit the impounding of sufficient water to supply the needs for Christiansted. He stated further that it would be a matter of economy to provide for a larger storage capacity, say one million gallons. To do this it was found necessary to introduce a money bill to provide for a storage of approximately one million gallons. The money bill before you as introduced by Government is to give Christiansted an adequate supply of water.

The *Vice-Chairman* remarked: As this matter is not on the order of the day I will take the vote as to whether it should be furthered.

Government Secretary (*Zane*) remarked: Mr. Vice-Chairman. For the information of the Council I might state that His Excellency the Governor feels that as the next Colonial Council meeting will not be held before April 14, and to avoid calling an extraordinary meeting it was necessary to hurry this matter through in time to place it before the Council at this meeting.

It was put to the vote and unanimously adopted that the money bill be furthered.

2nd Member for Christiansted Town (*Canegata*) remarked: Mr. Chairman. I believe in being an opportunist and I believe today is a very good opportunity for Christiansted. We are all glad to have this amount to increase the water supply. The plan and site have been approved and it is only a question of increasing the proposed quantity. I hope every member will vote for this bill, and I thank the Governor for placing this amount at the disposal of St. Croix.

1st Member for Frederiksted Country District (*Fleming*) Mr. Vice-Chairman: I would like to ask if Frederiksted will be treated in the same manner as Christiansted, and why so much Federal funds is spent in Christiansted Town for a cistern and not for the Country?

2nd Member for Christiansted Town (*Canegata*) in reply to the last speaker said,—You cannot start everything at the

same time. The project is already begun in Christiansted.

4th Member for Frederiksted Country District (*Andersen*) remarked: Mr. Vice-Chairman. Admiral Coontz says “put your most important needs down first”. I leave it to the Council to decide, what is most necessary to make the island produce.

2nd Member for Christiansted Town (*Canegata*) proposed that 1st discussion be closed.

2nd Member for Frederiksted Country District (*Curry*) seconded the member’s proposal.

The motion was put to the vote and unanimously adopted.

1st discussion closed.

With Government and the Council’s consent 2nd discussion opened.

No one requesting the word 2nd discussion closed, the Secretary read the Money Bill and the Vice Chairman put same to the vote.

11 members voted for 3 against.

The *Vice-Chairman* remarked: The Money Bill is adopted and goes to Government.

Item 5.

5. Colonial Council Bill No. 18.

Fourth Council, First Session.

Introduction of and discussion on Resolution introduced by 1st Member for Christiansted Country District (*Jessen*) providing for the appointment of a Commission of 7 members to revise the existing Police Regulations.

The bill reads as follows:

Colonial Council Bill No. 18.

Fourth Council, First Session, 1923 1924.

RESOLUTION.

Be it resolved by the Colonial Council for St. Croix in session assembled:

1. That a Committee of seven (7) members be appointed by this Council to revise the existing Police Regulations of 30th January 1915, and to draw up new rules and regulations for the control of all kinds of motor vehicular traffic on the Island, for incorporation in the Police Regulations, or to do the preparatory work on a separate Automobile-Law.

2. The Committee to be—if Government so desires—supplemented

with three (3) members elected by Government. These members accordingly to sit on the Committee as counselling members only.

HOLGER JESSEN,

1st Member for Christiansted Country District.

St. Croix, 8th January 1924.

1st Member for Christiansted Country District (*Jessen*): Mr. Chairman. I ask permission to strike out last phrase Section 2, and in introducing the resolution I wish to say that a resolution of the same tenor has been adopted twice in this Council and twice died. Some of the regulations are in conflict with each other and therefore need revision.

A similar resolution was introduced by me in December last, and it was suggested by the Chairman at that time that Government be represented on the Committee, therefore in drafting this resolution I made provision for that. I recommend the resolution to the favorable consideration of the Council.

To be continued.

TELEGRAMS.

ST. CROIX STATION.

London, March 17th.—The House of Commons tonight defeated by 347 to 13 a motion by Labour’s left wing to reduce the army to 150,000 men as a protest against what the movers regard as the militaristic trend of the Government’s army policy. The supporters of the motion urged that disarmament was the only way to secure peace. The Government speakers appealed to the movers not to press the motion to a division, arguing that disarmament could only be attained by international agreement. The debate was interesting only as showing how few Labour extremists were prepared openly to oppose the government.

Sacramento, Cal., March 17th.—The three army biplanes, which will make a 30,000 miles journey through the air lanes of the world, visiting twenty-three countries before they return to their starting point, Clover Field, Santa Monica California, reached Mather Field this afternoon on their first lap of their globe girding.

London, March 18th.—An earthquake was felt at Batna, Algeria, on Monday morning says an Algiers despatch to the Daily Mail. A girl was killed by the collapse of a house and several buildings were damaged.

Tokio, March 18th.—Many houses were demolished on Saturday evening by a severe earthquake which rocked the Southern section of Saghalien Island off the east coast of Asia. Several persons were injured, but none were killed. The shocks are continuing and the inhabitants are in a state of terror. In places eight foot fissures have appeared in the earth.