

Administrator's Notice.

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE VIRGIN ISLANDS OF THE UNITED STATES.
CHRISTIANSTED SUB-JUDICIAL DISTRICT.

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF A. M. COLBETH. DECEASED.

NOTICE is hereby given, that A. E. STAKEMANN, Auxillary Administrator of the above entitled estate, having filed in the District Court of the Virgin Islands of the United States his final account of the administration of the said estate the hearing of the same has been fixed for SATURDAY THE 17TH DAY OF MAY A. D. 1924 AT 10 O'CLOCK A. M. of that day, at the Office of the Judge of said Court in the Town of Christiansted, Island of St. Croix, and all persons interested in the said estate are hereby notified then and there to appear and show cause, if any they have, why the said account should not be settled and allowed.

Christiansted, St. Croix, April 14th 1924.

A. E. STAKEMANN,
Auxillary Administrator.

LOCAL

In this issue we reprint an article headed "The Virgin Islands" from the California Times bearing on the situation here and presenting in substance a somewhat different version of the Federal Commission's report to what we have seen elsewhere. Attention is invited to this article. As regards reference to the impoverished state of St. Croix being due to drought, that is simply a fact which we have always harped upon and which do not see how a change of government will improve. That the restriction of suffrage is not an American innovation we all know, but on this point we would have to say that the writer fails to essay whether he advocates it or whether conditions would be bettered with a change in this respect. That the judiciary system is identical with that of Alaska is not saying that it suits the islands here, and again we are constrained to feel that the writer has withheld arguments or recommendations where the same would have been valuable while passing over the matter as done leaves room for misconception. Of course everybody knows there is no rapine by marines nor anybody else for that matter, and neither is the unprosperous state of the islands due to any such false cause.

Word was received by the Guiana that Misses Olive Abramson and Kathleen

Samuel had passed the Junior Cambridge Examination which was taken December last. They are now preparing for the Senior examination. We congratulate the parents and children on this occasion.

Lawyer Hamilton Jackson informs us that he will speak on the wharf on Wednesday night. His subject will be "The Declaration of Independence and Senate Bill No. 2876." We are asked to invite all citizens. He will speak in Frederiksted on Thursday night.

Our words about the price of milk are proving prophetic. The Cooperative Dairy has gone back to the old prices of 10 cents a bottle and 12 cents a quart. Whoever imagines that there is any special consideration for the consumer in matters of this kind is simply fooling himself.

The Virgin Islands.

Extract from the "California Times" of Los Angeles, California, dated March 20, 1924.

The "outrages" of American rule in the Virgin Islands have diminished on close examination.

Recently a commission named by the Secretary of Labor and headed by George H. Woodson of Des Moines, Iowa, made a tour of inspection of the islands. So terrible were the stories of starvation, exploitation and beggary that arrangements had been made to send a relief ship on receipt of a radio message from the visiting commission. The relief ship was not sent; neither was the radio message.

The conditions of "oppression" vanished upon being subjected to the cold light of actual investigation.

The commission found that the commercial depression in the islands is due not to the demonical conduct of the United States marines or to the sway of the American Governor, but to the drought which has continued for three years.

The restriction of suffrage was found not to be due to the inequitable rule of the American administration, but is an inheritance of the Danish regime.

The judicial system which was bitterly complained against is almost an exact replica of the system in Alaska, which has been satisfactory.

The economic problem of St. Thomas is different from that of St. Croix mainly in that the latter island suffers from a great decline of commercial and shipping interests and the disastrous effects of the prohibition laws in the making of bay rum.

The commission found, however, that, in all, about thirty persons are concerned in the bay rum trade and that the shipping had been diminishing for many

years previous to the American rule.

Depression in St. Croix, the interests of which are agricultural, is undoubtedly due to the effect of the drought upon the sugar cane.

As a whole the charges were found to be without foundation and to be obviously the result of propaganda started in certain papers of the United States having racial axes to grind.

TELEGRAMS.

ST. CROIX STATION.

Peneville, K. Y., April 18th.—Two army tanks from Covington today were occupying commanding positions on the property of the Liberty Coal and Coke Company at S. raight Creek, the scene of a week's warfare between soldiers and persons who would prevent operation of the mine.

New York, April 11th.—Willie Hoppe retained his title of World's Balk Line Billiard Champion last night despite the fact that he was defeated in the final block of his 1500 point match with Edouard Horemans of Belgium. The score was 518 to 50 in thirteen innings, but Hoppe's enormous lead gained Wednesday night, gave him the match 1500 to 958.

London, April 10th.—The Russian Delegation, which is to negotiate with Britain on outstanding questions following the recognition of Russia by the Labourite Regime, arrived here on Wednesday. An Anglo-Russian Treaty will be drawn up in the forthcoming negotiations.

London, April 10th.—Captain Thomas, son of the Colonial Secretary, is an employee of the Canadian National Railway in Canada. After a years residence in the Dominion he has written an enthusiastic article for the Daily Herald, urging British young men to emigrate to the only country offering real opportunity for a career. He gives fair warning, however that hard work is necessary, but points out the splendid educational opportunities, emphasizing the chance of energetic young men to work themselves through the universities and draws a vivid contrast between chances for success in Canada and in England.

Washington, April 9th.—Harlan F. Stone New York, taking up the post of Attorney General today, announced as his policy the keeping of the United States "in the straight path of justice under the law." He proposed he said to make the constitution and the laws the "shield of innocence, but the swift avenger of guilt."

St. Johns, Nfld., April 9th.—The Premier announced today that the Government has decided to request the British Colonial Office to select a commissioner to conduct a new investigation of government departments, recently decided upon by the cabinet. The immediate aim of the second inquiry, as announced,