

S T. C R O I X A V I S

descend upon us and remain with us forever. Amen.

The *Vice-Chairman* remarked: The Chairman of the Council is not feeling up to mark to-day and therefore is not able to attend the meeting.

The *Vice-Chairman* read the following communications received since the last meeting of the Council.

1. Letter from Despatching Secretary (Barrett) dated January 21, 1924, forwarding Government Secretary's letter reading:

17 January 1924.

The Honorable,

The Chairman of the Colonial Council,
Saint Croix, Virgin Islands.

Sir:—

By direction of His Excellency the Governor, I have the honor to invite your attention to Section 28, Chapter 1, Title I, of the Code of Laws for St. Croix, which reads as follows:

"The Governor shall by executive order, prescribe the fees to be charged by the law courts, sheriffs, notaries and peace officers during the period of one year after this ordinance shall come into force, and at the end of the period of one year, the schedule of fees so being charged by the law courts, sheriffs, peace officers, and notaries, shall be submitted to the respective Colonial Councils for final ratification or amendment by the said Councils."

In accordance with the above, Executive Order No. 17-1920 was originally issued, and it was subsequently submitted to the Colonial Council and thereafter amended and ratified, for one year, on December 18, 1922 and approved by the Governor on December 28, 1922.

It would seem from the above that in view of the fact that the Colonial Council amended and ratified the fees for one year, they should have been again ratified on December 28, 1923.

Copies of this executive order are herewith transmitted, with the request that this matter be entered on the order of the day for the meeting of the Colonial Council scheduled for Monday February 18, 1924.

In this connection, it would appear necessary for the Colonial Council to ratify this executive order as of December 28, 1923, the date when its approval expired, and it would further appear that it is not necessary to limit its ratification to another year, since the Section of the Code above quoted provides for its final ratification or amendment. By final ratification would not mean that the fees cannot be amended thereafter, since the Colonial Council can at any time amend any enactment passed by it. However, it would eliminate the necessity of having to ratify the entire bill each year.

Respectfully,

WM. S. ZANE,
Government Secretary.

2. Letter from Despatching Secretary (Barrett) dated February 23, 1924, forwarding letter from His Excellency the Governor reading:

18 February 1924.

The Honorable,

The Chairman of the Colonial Council,
Municipality of Saint Croix,
St. Croix, Virgin Islands.

Sir:—

By virtue of the authority vested in me by the Colonial Law of 1906, under date of February 12, 1924, I postponed the ordinary meeting of the Colonial Council scheduled for Monday, February 18, 1924, until Monday, February 25, 1924.

By virtue of the authority vested in me by Section 36 of the aforesaid Colonial Law, I have the honor to further postpone the ordinary meeting of the Colonial Council scheduled for Monday, February 25, 1924, until Monday, March 3, 1924.

Respectfully,

PHILIP WILLIAMS,
Governor.

3. Letter from Despatching Secretary (Barrett) reading:

29 February, 1924.

The Honorable,

The Chairman of the Colonial Council,
Municipality of St. Croix,
St. Croix, Virgin Islands.

Sir:—

I have the honor to inform you that the Resolution which was passed by the Colonial Councils of St. Croix and St. Thomas and St. John in joint session on Thursday, February 7, 1924, has been sanctioned and approved in whole by His Excellency, the Governor of the Virgin Islands, under date of February 15, 1924.

I have the honor to be, Sir,

Respectfully,

R. E. BARRETT,
Despatching Secretary.

To be continued.

LOCAL

The local post office rate for conversion of the French and Belgian franc in the transaction of international postal money order business is fixed at 4 cents United States money, effective this date, it is advised.

The sloop "Carib" sailed from this port yesterday afternoon with the mails for St. Thomas.

The S.S. Bogota sailed from New York on Saturday evening, having 48 tons of cargo for Frederiksted and 76 tons for Christiansted.

TELEGRAMS.

ST. CROIX STATION.

London, March 8th.—It is stated on what appears to be good authority, that the Government of the Free State is doing its utmost to urge Westminster to

proceed at once to the consideration of the boundary question and the appointment of the necessary commission. The conference between the two Irish Premiers and the Colonial Secretary, which was held last month, adjourned until March 2nd and in spite of the fact that a week has gone past since this scheduled date, nothing has been done towards reassembling, the excuse being put forward that the illness of Sir James Craig is the cause of the delay. Nevertheless, it is hinted that the illness is really a diplomatic move, being a prelude to a definite refusal on Ulster's part to nominate a member of the commission. Should Sir James Craig take this course, it is understood that heavy financial pressure will be brought to bear on Ulster, which would make necessary a big reduction in the personnel of the North of Ireland constabulary. The highest authorities in London, however, are stoutly maintaining that on no account will they allow the conference to break down.

New York, March 8th. Raw sugar was steady and prices were unchanged at 7.16, duty paid. There was a sale of 20,000 bags of Cuba's to local refiners for March shipment and several cargoes were sold to Europe. Reports of continued European buying in Cuba were accompanied by a more active demand from trade interests and commission houses in raw futures. The opening was three points lower to three points higher, but the market later advanced and closed at about the best, or from 3 to 7 points net higher. Close, March 5.56, May 5.50 July 5.55, September 5.52.

Berlin, March 9th.—Greece has been added to the list of nations that have recognized Russia. The recognition agreement, signed here in Berlin, is without conditions. The signatories were Counsellor Aussem, representing Russia and M. Canelopoulos, the Greek Minister to Germany.

Bombay, B. I. March 9th.—Four civilians, were killed and five injured when the police fired on rioting cotton mill strikers here yesterday. The military later were called out to deal with the situation, a renewal of the disturbance being feared. There has been much incendiarism since the strike started. In one district 2,000 bales of cotton were set on fire and strikers stoned the lascars who were fighting the blaze. The damage is estimated at 30,000 pounds. The stoning of railway trains is another feature of the disorders.

Washington, March 10th.—The Weather Bureau today issued the following storm warning: "Advisory ten a m. Northwest storm warnings displayed Jupiter Inlet, Florida, to Washington, North Carolina and Northwest storm warnings displayed Cape Hatteras to Boston, Mass. Disturbance of increasing intensity off the Carolina Coast moving northward and another over Ohio moving northeastward"