

ORDER OF THE DAY

for the 2nd Ordinary Meeting of the Colonial Council for St. Croix, for the fiscal year 1923-1924, Fourth Council, First Session, MONDAY, AUGUST 20, 1923, at one o'clock p. m.

1. Production of copy of Minutes of the Municipal Committee for the Quarter ending June 30, 1923, forwarded by the Chairman of the Committee for inspection of Members of the Council.
2. Colonial Council Bill No. 11, Third Council, Second Session.
Continuation of 1st Discussion on Colonial Council Bill No. 11, Draft of Ordinance introduced by Government concerning Insanity Law, with Committee Report.
3. Colonial Council Bill No. 12, Third Council, First Session.
Continuation of 2nd Discussion on Colonial Council Bill No. 12, Draft of an Ordinance, introduced by Government, providing for the assessment, levy and collection of taxes for the Municipality of St. Croix.
4. Colonial Council Bill No. 3, Fourth Council, First Session.
Introduction of and 1st Discussion on Draft of Ordinance, introduced by Government, amending Ordinance concerning Public Roads in St. Croix.
5. Colonial Council Bill No. 4, Fourth Council, First Session.
Introduction of and 1st Discussion on Resolution, introduced by Government, authorizing that certain accounts carried on the books of the Municipality as assets be written off and charged to "profit" and "loss."

Colonial Council Office, St. Croix, August 13, 1923.

ROBT. W. SKEOCH,
Vice Chairman.

Mails Close

for the British and French West Indies by s. s. Martinique at 11. a. m. Thursday, 16th.

CARD OF THANKS.

Mrs. Finnigan, children, and relatives beg to thank all friends and acquaintances for their kind sympathy shown to them in their very sad bereavement.

EDITORIAL.

With reference to that part of the article reprinted in yesterday's issue from the *Louisiana Planter* in which the ex-

port duty imposed on sugar manufactured in this island is denounced as un-American, etc., we are of course forced to admit that the arrangement is singular and has probably, like other matters needing the attention of Congress, simply been overlooked. The desirability of removing every possible impediment to the thorough americanization of the islands requires no comment and it is believed that this matter should be represented by the proper authorities for early amendment. The fact that the island's revenues are small is no good reason for levying an irregular tax, and there appears to be nothing more to justify an export duty on St. Croix products to the United States than for an import duty in like manner, and yet the latter was removed simultaneously with the American occupation in 1917. As a fact the import duty could better be borne since this falls on the masses generally while the export tax strikes directly at a struggling industry already greatly handicapped. It is understood that in Porto Rico cane imported from Santo Domingo is converted into sugar which enters the States free, despite its foreign base.

LOCAL

Sloop Mizpah sailed with mails and passengers for St. Thomas yesterday afternoon.

Anita King, whose already great popularity was increased a thousand-fold when she became the first woman to drive a car, unaccompanied, across the continent, is the star in "Mistaken Identity" the screen attraction at the West End Movies Thursday Night.

This is a vehicle eminently suited to Miss King's versatile acting ability, and one which will gain for her host of new friends. The story tells of a southern girl's capture of the heart of a rabid woman-hater. Miss King, as Vivian Taylor, disguises herself as a dairy-maid on her father's estate, and it is in this costume that she first attracted the attention of satiated Martin Stafford, who is tired of all women. The events which transpire thereafter and the unexpected culmination of this romance furnish an evening's entertainment well worth a trip to the West End Movies.

At the opening of the play Miss King is introduced to her audierces just as she steps out of the "Golden Egg", the racing machine in which she was accompanied by the famed Barney Oldfield in a triumphant and one of the most exciting auto races ever presented upon the screen. —Communicated.

TORTOLA BOAT SUFFERS MISHAP.

On Thursday, shortly after leaving for

Tortola, the motor boat "Wanda" owned by G. E. Fonseca of Roadtown, became disabled through encountering heavy seas.

The "Wanda" had reached as far as Green Key, which lies about one mile east of this port when the accident occurred. She was filled with passengers among whom there was some scare.

The mishap was seen from the Signal Station and Harbormaster W. O. Simmons, ever ready to deal with such emergencies, was soon on the scene and towed the "Wanda" safe into harbour. — *St. Thomas Mail Notes, Aug. 4th.*

Rear Admiral Latimer has been entrusted with the Virgin Islands prohibition problem. The main industry of the islands is the manufacturing of bay rum, the base of which is alcohol. — *N. Y. Commercial.*

The last census of Porto Rico shows that there are 1,617 continentals, meaning Americans; 4,975 Spaniards; 530 French; 268 Cubans; 408 South Americans and West Indians, not including 663 Virgin Islanders. — *The Emancipator, Aug. 6th.*

UNLUCKY SUGGESTION.

A countryman went to London to visit some relatives and to see the sights. He remained until patience upon the part of his hosts, a married couple, had ceased to be a virtue.

"Don't you think, my dear fellow," remarked the husband one day, that your wife and children must miss you?

"No doubt. Thanks for your suggestion. I'll send for them." — *London Answers.*

TELEGRAMS.

ST. CROIX STATION.

Crefeld Germany, Aug. 10th.—German police today fired on a crowd of several thousand who were at a demonstration against the scarcity of food and the high cost of living, killing one and wounding ten.

London, Aug. 10th.—A Central News despatch from Berlin today said reports to hand from all parts of Germany show that unrest among the workers is increasing alarmingly, so much so that in political circles fears are not concealed that a revolution may break out as suddenly as that in November 1918.

Berlin, Aug. 10th.—A proclamation issued by President Ebert this evening prohibits the circulation of pamphlets demanding the overthrow of the constitutional government, or incitement to acts of violence or acts that are likely to endanger public order. The penalty mentioned in the proclamation for violation of the decree is three months imprisonment and a fine not exceeding 500,000,000 marks.