

A Proclamation

By THE GOVERNOR
OF THE
VIRGIN ISLANDS OF THE UNITED STATES.

BY virtue of the authority vested in me I do hereby set apart 12 February, 1921 and proclaim it a public holiday within the Virgin Islands of the United States for the purpose of observing LINCOLN's Birthday.

J. W. OMAN,
Governor.

Government House, St. Thomas,
V. I. 26 January, 1921.

Publication.

THE Government has been officially advised that, at the regular monthly meeting held 5 January 1921, the United States Geographic Board formally and officially changed the name of the principal city of the island of St. Thomas from Charlotte Amalie (Charlotte Amalia Amalienborg) to "St Thomas."

Government of the Virgin Islands of the United States, St. Thomas, 28 January, 1921.

C. C. TIMMONS,
Government Secretary.

NOTICE.

THE old southside road leading from Big Diamond Village, to estates Good Hope and Whim, and joining the centreline at Two Williams old school, not repaired by the Public for over fifty years, is now completed (including twelve new bridges 'or large culverts' of reinforced concrete) and is open for public traffic.

For the Road Commission

F. LUNNEY,
Chairman.

St. Croix, V. I. U. S. A. 1st. Feb. 1921.

We wish to extend our sincere sympathy to Mr. and Mrs. Chas. S. Mayhew on the sad occasion of the death of Mrs. Mayhew's brother, Mr. Alfred Kelly, who departed this life at Barbados on

the 15th ultimo following an illness of typhoid fever and pneumonia, at the early age of 19.

Our attention has been called to the publication of the Tupper's cargo being 22 tons for Christiansted, as incorrect, and upon investigation at the Customs it is ascertained that the boat had 55 tons of cargo for Christiansted. The figures in yesterday's issue will be corrected accordingly.

Readers and patrons of the theatre are reminded of the continuation to-night of the new serial picture "The Midnight Man."

The s. s. Tupper is in port loading iron to-day.

Correspondence.

Post Office, Christiansted,
Feb. 2, 1921.

Editor of the St. Croix Avis :-

For the correction of erroneous information published in West End News of this date to the effect that the week-end mail via St. Thomas was delayed through indifference on the part of the St. Thomas postal service which is represented as having neglected to forward the mail by the contracted schooner or the Raporel steamer, I feel constrained to advise the public that the facts are very contrary to what the West End News promulgates. In the first place the contracted schooner is required to perform but one round trip a week between Charlotte Amalie and Christiansted, which trip had been completed when the schooner sailed from Christiansted last Friday. The Raporel or any other steamship plying between the islands is not available for the exchange of mail between these offices and that is sufficient to explain why the mail should not have been looked for by the "Tupper". It should also be understood that the post offices have no appropriation for carrying mail between the landing place and the boat, which means that should it even be possible to forward mail by boats that will carry it gratis the postmaster must defray the expense of carrying the mail to the boat from personal funds. It may be of interest to know that it was because the crew of the Creole refused to fetch this mail when it was offered at St. Thomas why it was detained. Writing upon this subject Postmaster Streich at Charlotte Amalie regretted this delay very much. I will quote a part of his letter:

"I regret very much that I could not get the States and Porto Rico mail to you before Monday next but inasmuch as the 'Virginia' is not making the trip and the 'Pocahontas' sailed to Fred-

eriksted direct instead of calling here, there was no course open but to decide to hold the same here. You may be sure that I have left nothing undone to expedite its handling."

I consider the reference to the postmaster at Charlotte Amalie unwarranted and trust this explanation will prove adequate to remove false impressions that may have been occasioned thereby.

B. R. LARSEN,

TELEGRAMS.

ST. CROIX STATION.

London, Jan. 30th.—Members of the Prime Ministers official family in Downing Street today ridiculed a report that Mr. Lloyd George had warned the party whips to prepare for a general election in June.

New York, Jan. 29th.—Raw sugar was unsettled today, but no fresh business was reported, and prices closed unchanged at 3.77 for Cuba's, cost and freight, no change was reported in refined, which was quoted at 7.50 for fine granulated. Business was light. Trading was dull in futures. Prices however were steadier on covering, and the closing was 2 to 5 points higher for January 4.03, March 4.09, May 4.23, July 4.40.

New York, Jan. 30th.—Appeal for practical "Neighbourliness" between the United States and Canada was made by Sir George Foster, speaking last night at a banquet of the Superintendents of the Metropolitan Life Insurance Coy., at the Hotel Astor. "We are pretty good neighbours to you", said Sir George, we came over from Canada in 1920 and bought \$921,000,000 worth of stuff from you in the United States. This means that every man, woman and child in Canada on an average of \$115 in purchasing from the United States last year. The United States by the same statistics came into Canada and bought \$500,000,000 worth only, exactly five dollars for every man, woman and child in the United States. Let us be neighbours. Buy as much from us as we do from you, and when we come down here with our goodwill security, be above offering us 88 cents for our Canadian dollar". Disclaiming any desires to meddle with public affairs in the United States, Sir George referred to the Fordney emergency tariff bill, now before the Senate in Washington, as a measure that would "prevent us from sending down our cattle and sheep and agricultural products in order that we may pay you". Well there are but two things for us to do", continued the Minister. "One is to buy the extra four hundred million dollars worth from the people of the U. S. That is my appeal to the commercial portion of the United States. It may be a good thing to think of the things before we legislate too far".

London, Jan. 31st.—The editorials in the morning newspapers approach the