

Publication.

THE Governor arrived on U.S.S. Vixen at Frederiksted this morning, where he will be the guest of Judge and Mrs. Noll, Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, January 26th to 28th inclusive.

He will proceed to Christiansted on Tuesday where he will see those who desire an interview at the office of the Patching Secretary between the hours of 12.00 and 1.00 o'clock and at the office of Judge Noll in Frederiksted between the hours of 3.00 o'clock and 4.30 p. m. the afternoon of the same day.

Judge's Office, Frederiksted, January 26, 1920.

Virgin Islands Protective League

Branch of St. Croix, Virgin Islands.

For the Honor, Dignity and Integrity of the people of all classes, grades and complexions.

For Peace and Happiness in these islands.

For the Unification of the Masses!

For improvement along educational lines, morally, politically, industrially and otherwise

All persons desirous of becoming members may register their names at the headquarters of the United Laboring Association. *No dues.*

Citizens help to encourage the return of our native people to these shores.

MORRIS E. DAVIS *President*

CHRISTIAN TAYLOR *Vice-President*

JAMES ROBERTS *Secretary*

JAMES HENRY *Treasurer*

CHARLES HENRY *Sergeant-at-Arms.*

All persons belonging to Christiansted District may register their names with Mr. W. Abramson, Grocer—until Mr. Totten gives further notice.

THE Danish Consul-General at St. Thomas has received information that voting in First Zone of Slesvig will take place February tenth and about three weeks later in Second Zone.

NATIVE BRASS BAND.

Weather permitting, the above Band will give a concert in the Bandstand this evening.

Congress is sending a commission consisting of three senators and three representatives to the Virgin Islands to investigate whether it is timely to introduce a civil Government. — *Translated from Nordlysett Jan. 15th. 1920.*

The St. Thomas Bulletin of 21st. inst. publishes a detailed announcement of the prospective connection with the Carribe-

an islands of the Intercolonial Steamship and Trading Company, a Delaware Corporation, the steamers of which line will ply between these islands commencing on or about March 15th. this year, carrying passengers and freight in comfort and safety. The company is offering 30,000 shares at 75 cents per share, the par value being \$1.00, limited to 50 shares per individual. The project is represented as affording the chance to the small business man of becoming a shareholder in a shipping and trading enterprise capable of rapid development and vast expansion. Upon thirty days notice to the Company, investments made within one year from date of purchase will be refunded.

"Nordlyset" says that 112,000 pounds of danish butter were imported into the States some two weeks ago, shortly followed by 144,480 pounds, and more on the way. This butter is reported as sold at 64½ to 65 a pound. Here in St. Croix the last price of danish butter when the exchange was 5% on New York, was \$1.20 a pound.

"Socialdemokraten" has received correspondence inquiring why Denmark does not utilize the 25,000,000 dollars received from the United States in payment for the Virgin Islands, and other moneys from Steamship Companies lying to her credit in the States in the purchase of goods from the United States and thereby meet the high rate of exchange. The fact is says "Socialdemokraten" that the 25,000,000 dollars have long ago been transferred to London where they are held as deposit for for the buying of goods. The paper goes on to give a very interesting review of the monetary situation of Europe and the impossibility to circulate gold in proportion to the paper certificates. Could that be done the U. S. dollar would drop to its former value of 3 Kr. 73 Øre, instead of as at present 5 Kr. 67 Øre. The monetary exchange condition in Denmark is largely affected by the influx of the German mark note which is described as only a piece of paper without gold behind it. It is also alleged that the Germans are buying up quantities of dollars, and pounds sterling. These have of course unmistakably gold reserve behind them. The mark has also value as long goods can be bought with it in Germany, but Socialdemokraten says it can not be compared with the Danish Krone.

Says the "Pathfinder": so great is the shortage of small coins in France that the national bank has refused to give more than five francs in silver to any person. People who get possession of silver coins have them melted for the metal as it is worth more than face value of the coins. It is because of this practice that the nation is now suffering

such a serious silver shortage. Cigars, cigarettes and stamps are being used as tips in place of small coins.

To The Editor of "The Avis"

Dear Sir:

I am by this, closing the controversy, as far as I am concerned on the sugar prices question and I ask your permission to address a few words to our friend, the Editor of "The Herald".

Dear Ed. of "The Herald":

At the beginning of our argument on this matter, I could see that you had some misgivings on the situation, and if transactions relating to the same, had been as they ought to have, there must have been different results. I note in reference therewith, your own remarks, even at so recent a date as your last Saturday's issue—That there exists a possibility of fair quality sugar being put in the market at about 13c. per pound. However I will not continue the argument, merely observing as I am sure you will agree,—that such a practice of Super-dodgery (if I may borrow a word which a friend recently coined to suit the occasion) has never been known in the annals of St. Croix speculative business as we have found ourselves up to in recent Sugar dealings.

Yours very truly

A CONSUMER.

Christiansted, 26-1-20.

Editor of St. Croix Avis:

Dear Sir.

I beg to advise the public through you that Mr. D. Hamilton Jackson has instituted a law-suit against me.

I do still say to Mr. Jackson and will always say to Mr. Jackson in the face of this law-suit and the many more he may have to file, that with JUSTICE to the PUBLIC, he come out on public platform and submit his grievances.

If I am WRONG I'll apologize, if I am RIGHT I need no apology.

Mr. Theodore Roosevelt called Mr. William H. Taft a liar. Mr. Roosevelt dined with Mr. Taft that very night and shook hands over the latter's victory as President of the United States.

Mr. William Jennings Bryan ran against Mr. Wilson and hit each other mighty hard.

When Mr. Wilson became President, he made Mr. Bryan Secretary of State.

These islands are American now.

Public men who can't stand criticism ought not to be leaders, and should not be guilty of criticizing others.

A law-suit decision is not the decision of the PUBLIC, and I trust that PUBLIC OPINION will so express itself at least to ask the reason why.

Thanking you kindly,

I am, very respectfully

ASHLEY L. TOTTEN.

Delegate V. I. P. L.