

what improved between the islands and with Porto Rico. I intend to study this matter closely.

3. The substitution of American currency awaits the action of Congress. A bill gotten up by the Treasury was shown me before I left Washington.

4. The new code of laws is already in force in St. Croix and the one for St. Thomas and St. John will go into effect on July 1 next.

5. Much improvement has been made in the schools both materially and intellectually speaking, and the junior high school, established since your visit, is thriving. I shall inspect the schools of St. Croix later just as thoroughly as I am now delving into those of St. Thomas. I feel much encouraged from what I have seen.

6. The bunkering question is still in bad state.

7. I am taking active steps with the Post Office Department to establish mail service with St. John. Our service with San Juan and with St. Croix is now biweekly and very satisfactory.

8. I have not yet gotten to the agriculture question, but the Secretary of Agriculture promised me his help when I need it.

9. The bar at Christiansted is a very trying and dangerous one to mariners. It is a big question. When I have given it personal study I shall be better able to discuss the matter.

10. We have quite a good little library now here in St. Thomas, and it is most interesting to see how crowded it is with eager children. I shall see it greatly expanded, slowly but surely.

11. I am studying the question of local taxation and shall bring it vigorously before the councils. Please note my suggestion as to an amendment to the naval appropriation bill, at the end of this letter, dealing with officeholding and income tax.

12. As yet the councils are separate.

13. The judicial situation is still somewhat in flux. I shall have more to say of it later.

I desire to strongly recommend that you make an effort to attach the following proposed amendment to the naval appropriation bill now before the Congress:

Proposed amendment to H. R. 4803, Sixty-seventh Congress, first session, Union Calendar No. 5: On page 4, line 16, after the figures "\$343,440," add the following:

"Provided, that no person owing allegiance to any country other than the United States of America shall be eligible to hold office as a member of the Colonial Councils of the Virgin Islands of the United States nor to hold any public office under the government of said islands: *Provided further*, that the income tax laws now in force in the United States of America and those which may hereafter be enacted shall be held to be

To the Stockmen of this Island.

Gentlemen:--

We are offering a select lot of HEIFERS—a bunch of beauties really—
Come out and have a chat, and let us show them to you, it will be highly appreciated as an honor to us, and we hope it will turn out to be a pleasure to you.

Respectfully,

For Props. SALT RIVER STOCK FARM.

• H. M.

likewise in force in the Virgin Islands of the United States, except that the proceeds of such taxes shall be paid into the treasuries of said islands."

To my mind, it is most undesirable, if not incompatible with the changed sovereignty to continue in force the existing law which permits aliens residing in the Virgin Islands to hold public office and to sit as members of the local colonial councils. I do not believe it is necessary for me to emphasize to you the fact that such a condition is contrary to our ideas and is a hindrance to the Americanization of these islands.

As is the case in Porto Rico, the income tax laws of the United States should be in force and effect here, except that the revenues should accrue to the local treasuries. I shall greatly appreciate your assistance in bringing about this result. The governor is compelled to appeal to Congress each year for financial assistance toward the maintenance of the government of the Virgin Islands. While this may be necessary for a few years to come, it is believed that the amendment proposed above will assist very materially in making the islands self-sustaining.

Hoping that your interest in the islands will remain fresh and that I may have a visit from you, I am,

Very sincerely,

SUMNER E. W. KITTELLE,
Governor.

(To be concluded in tomorrow's issue.)

TELEGRAMS.

ST. CROIX STATION.

London, June 5th.—Mr. Wm. Crooks, who served as labour member of Parliament for nearly twenty years, died today.

Peco, Texas, June 5th. The Texas and Pacific railway tracks near here, are under water for a distance of about 1,200 feet at a depth of from three to five feet and traffic has been suspended over this section of the track, as a result of the overflow of the Peco's river.

Berlin, June 5th.—The Reichstag yesterday voted confidence in the government of Chancellor Wirth. The vote was 213 to 77, with 48 members not voting.

London, June 4th.—Members of the all England cricket club team to play against the Australians at Lords here

on June 11 will be as follows: Colonel Douglas, Essex. Knight and Hobbs, Surrey. Hearne, Hendren and Dirston, Middlesex. Wolley, Kent. The remainder of the team will be chosen later this week.

Paris, June 6th.—Newspaper despatches from Silesia report the continual arrival of German defence organizations in Upper Silesia and it is declared that the situation there is becoming increasingly serious. A proclamation has been issued at Beuthen by the Allied command, declaring that all houses in which machine-guns are found will be destroyed.

Pueblo, Col., June 6th.—State rangers have been to the lowlands of the north-side of the city early this morning to give warning of the approach of a new flood from swallows, 16 miles west of here, along the Arkansas river. The north and south of Pueblo are separated by a bridge, the approaches to which are flooded, so that passage between the two sections is impossible.

Denver, Col., June 6th.—Early this morning the Platte river here went out of its banks and is flooding several blocks of residence districts. The overflow was greatest in the vicinity of West Eleventh Avenue and Umatilast. Several squads of police have been sent to assist residents in moving out of their homes. The families are being cared for at the city hall.

St. Cloud, France, June 6th.—Tilden of Philadelphia, the world's grass court tennis champion won the world's hard court tennis championship here today, defeating Washer of Belgium in the finals, 6-3, 6-3, 6-3.

Pueblo, Col., June 6th.—Flood stricken Colorado today surveys the havoc of the most disastrous flood in the history of the United States. An accurate estimate of the loss of life and property damage is impossible at this time, with morgues crowded to overflowing, hospitals turning over patients to improvised relief stations and thousands homeless or suffering from exposure.

Mexico City, June 6th.—General Vizcaine former chief of staff for Gen. Gonzales, ex-provisional President, was shot yesterday in the military prison after being convicted by a court martial of fomenting a revolution against the government.