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REPORT

OF

DEPOSITS & WITHDRAWALS
AT

THE NEW ST. CROIX SAVINGS BANK

On Saturday the 29th Nov. 1919.

RECEIVERS:

In Christiansted

A. E. STAKEMANN Trustee.

In Frederiksted

R. E. HIGGINS Trustee.

Balance of deposits to 22nd Nov. 1919
\$ 66,600.17

23 Deposits, of which

19 in Christiansted \$ 330.85

(1 new)

4 in Frederiksted \$ 479.50

(- new)

\$ 810.35

\$ 67,410.52

10 withdrawals of which

8 in Christiansted \$ 48.60

2 in Frederiksted \$ 3.40

\$ 52.00

Balance of deposits to date \$ 67,358.52

Receivers for Saturday, the 6th Dec. 1919.

In Christiansted

A. E. STAKEMANN Trustee.

In Frederiksted

R. E. HIGGINS Trustee.

A. E. STAKEMANN
President.

SEES GREAT WATERING PLEACE AT COAMO SPRING

Walton H. Marshall, Director of Hotel Vanderbilt, Believes Springs have Great Possibilities.

Walton H. Marshall, manager of the Hotel Vanderbilt, New York, believes that in Coama Springs the island has a wonderful asset for future development.

"Europe has many watering places that have become famous with fewer natural advantages than at Coamo springs," said Mr. Marshall. "There is no reason why the springs at Coamo cannot be developed and become wonderfully attractive. There is a distinct field for a watering place of this kind in the West Indies.

While they were here officers of the Porto Rico Hotels Corporation, which company operates Coamo Springs had under consideration plans for improving the hotel at the Springs and making other improvements. It was definitely decided that for the time being no attempt would be made to enlarge the present facilities but that many repairs were necessary, including electric lights and running water throughout the building. The character of the main building at the Springs are in no way to be altered. Later as conditions warrant, a group of cottages possibly will be built near the main hotel building.

On Monday, following a meeting of the officers of the hotel company, Mr. Hernand Behn, the vice president gave a luncheon at the hotel for the officers and representatives of the newspapers on San Juan.

All of the officers of the hotel who came down on the Brazos last week sail today on the Coamo.—*Porto Rico Progress*.

RAILROAD EMPLOYEES ASK WAGE INCREASE OF 70%

Except Answer by November 28 or Threaten Strike; Manager Villar Says no Increase is now Possible.

Employees of the American Railroad Co. have presented claims to the company for a new scale of wages to go in effect on November 28th, which according to General Manager George Villar, represent increase of approximately 70%.

The men presented their demands latter part of October and advised Mr. Villar that they would like to have a reply

within 30 days. At the end of that time if increases were not granted the men proposed to strike.

If this plan is carried out it will cripple the railroad just at the beginning of the sugar grinding season.

"Our employees are today receiving 100% more pay than they did four years ago," said Mr. Villar. "We increased their pay in 1916, 1917 and 1918. The financial condition of the company at present makes it impossible for us to increase wages again at this time. Our books clearly show our condition. The Public Service Commission has allowed us some increases in rates but our earnings are still inadequate."—*Ibid*.

MORE IN SCHOOLS NOW THAN ALL OF LAST YEAR

Enrollment Taken at end of Second School Month Shown 167,685 in Island Schools

There are 7,000 more pupils enrolled in the public schools of the island so far this year than there were enrolled all of last year. According to a detailed statement by towns there were 167,685 pupils enrolled in all of the schools on October 24, which was the end of the second school month. The total enrolled for the last school year was 160,794.

In the rural schools there are 104,646 pupils enrolled while in the urban graded schools there are 55,562 pupils. In the high schools of the island there are 3,578 students and there are 3,043 pupils enrolled in the night school. Enrolled at the University in the college departments are 622 students; at Mayaguez there are 97, enrolled in the sub-collegiate courses, there are 137 students in the university high school at Rio Piedras.

There has been an increase enrollment of approximately 10,000 students during the second month of the school year.

In San Juan there are 674 students in the high school and 6,851 in the graded schools. In Ponce there are 532 students enrolled in the high school and 5,561 in the graded schools. Mayaguez has 276 students in the high school, Arecibo 234 and Caguas 205 *Ibid*.

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