

LIST OF UNCLAIMED MAIL FOR THE
WEEK ENDED JULY 21, 1923.

Miss Inger Bengamin,
Mrs. Angelina Benner,
Mrs. Mary Braffet,
Mr. Emile Broster,
Regina Brown,
Miss Maria Chewitt; 30 King St.,
Mrs. Josephine Daniel,
Miss Sylvia Jackson,
Miss Agatha Manuel,
Mrs. Rosan Marcus; c/o Calvin Perkins,
Mrs. Esther Oxstead,
Miss Elba S. Petersen,
Mr. Franklin Residue; 3 Market St.,
Alvara Stridiron,
Mr. Reginald Williams.

Post Office, Christiansted, Virgin Islands, July 23, 1923.

B. R. LARSEN, Postmaster.

EDITORIAL.

Under correspondence in this issue space is given to Mr. Ashley L. Totten's views on how he thinks the islands would gain a productive hearing for their cause on the mainland. It is a fact that up to the present little or no advance has been made in this direction, and as time goes on the necessity for action becomes more and more pressing. The exodus from St. Croix alone, the best of the island group, is in itself an indication of the fact that either nothing is expected in the way of amelioration of the depressed conditions, or that it is impossible to await such changes as may be coming. Now is not the time to scruple about differences of personal opinion nor of party prejudices; such tactics will get us nowhere in our judgement, and it appears that unless something wonderful happens within a short while ours will cease to be a question at all for there will be nobody left on whose behalf to wage it, or who will be able to wage it for himself. Mr. Totten's article is well written, and it must be conceded that he is or ought to be fairly well acquainted with what he purports to deal.

LOCAL

The sloop Mizpah sailed for St. Thomas with mails yesterday afternoon.

Today Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Twiford bid adieu to these shores after a residence of 29 months in St. Croix where Mr. Twiford has been attached to the Navy Post Dispensary as Pharmacist. We are sorry to see them go; in his duties Mr. Twiford is a capable man and he and Mrs. Twiford have made many friends here through their urbanity and genuine kindness representing a high type of American citizen. We wish them "God Speed".

A short but fairly soaking shower fell here at 3.30 this morning, which measured at the Fort 2 3/8 lines.

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Chr. Frørup on the addition to their family of a baby girl born yesterday.

Correspondence

7-25-23.

We pray the Police and dog owners to keep them off the streets during the midnight hours thereby showing compassion on

POOR LIGHT SLEEPERS.

WANTED TO KNOW

Has any Juvenile Football Team in this island refused to accept a written challenge from the Alert Football Club, that they should resort to challenge through the newspapers?

AN INQUIRER.

New York
7-6-23.

Editor of the Avis.

Dear Sir:—

As a native of the Virgin Islands, and one who is deeply interested in the future welfare of the people of the three islands, I beg leave to submit for publication a positive solution for the economic depression in the islands at the present time.

I am advancing this with absolutely no desire for controversy, and crave CONSTRUCTIVE (not DESTRUCTIVE) criticisms only.

I find that after listening to the various arguments advanced from all sources that the thing most needed at the present time is MONEY.

It is also admitted by all local newspapers that unless MONEY is in circulation within the very near future, STARVATION it will be.

I am writing to advise that it is indeed a waste of time to sit around idly and await results from any of the recent visits of commissioners, or any of the powers that be at Washington.

There is but one thing that they are interested in, and that is their political future.

I plead with you to remove from your minds the sad impression that anything will ever come out these fat promises.

The representatives of the Federal government, are dependent upon the people of the United States to keep them in office, and the only way to secure positive results in anything relative to the Virgin Islands, will be for you to throw yourselves in a gigantic appeal upon the American nation.

You have got to get together in the most serious manner, choose from among

you leaders who are not SELFISH, and employ the services of your kindred, to bring the knowledge of these conditions to the people throughout the United States.

The time has reached when everybody must step down and stoop in order to conquer.

I saw the "Russian Relief" and saw millions of dollars collected in one single day.

I saw American expatriates here collecting pennies about the streets in little boxes, and millions were contributed to their cause.

I want to assure you that the American people do not know anything about the Virgin Islands. They do not know that the Star Spangled Banner waves a signal of distress there.

Go to the American people, they will never let their flag trail in the dust.

Start PUBLICITY as a means to an end, and when you have done this, you will find an awakening in Congress.

You will find great statesmen there talking about your condition every day, and do you know the reason why?

Because the American nation will answer your grievances through their ballots.

America is ruled and run by politics, and American politics is operated by trickery and schemes.

If you want better conditions in the Virgin Islands, you must immediately group yourselves, become clannish, be all for one and one for all in this Great Big Movement to throw yourselves upon the American nation, and make the Virgin Islands a big political issue.

In order to make a success of this it is also imperative that these representatives chosen by you come prepared to meet all the big political parties and their leaders, and to go fearlessly before these large bodies and be as impressive as possible.

I solemnly advise against going to Washington until you have first succeeded in getting the American people behind you, and that task can be so easily accomplished, if those sent to represent would come free from selfish views, and be prepared to go to the American Negro whose aid is of greater worth than all the Virgin Islands Societies put together.

Now as I have oft times been quoted ignorant, and incapable of introducing any constructive ideas, I suggest that a feeler be sent to some of the leading colored and white editors, writers and other leading men of the United States as to whether such a plan is likely to bear good fruit, and if your readers will give some attention to this plan, I am prepared to furnish the names and addresses of those I have in mind, and to render any other service that I can.

I advance this suggestion Mr. Editor with no political aspirations, but merely for love of country.

ASHLEY L. TOTTEN.