

and thereby afford a better result when the lights are turned on.

OFFICIAL NEWS.

September 24, 1920.

Governor Oman attended the meeting of the Colonial Council for the Municipality of St. Thomas and St. John yesterday.

Judge Malmin, accompanied by his family, left for St. Croix this morning.

The suit recently brought by the Collector of Customs against several merchants of St. Thomas for alleged violation of the war prohibition acts, has been decided in favor of the defendants. The Court held that the acts did not apply in the Virgin Islands and that the defendants had complied with all local laws respecting the importation of beer.

Mr. J. F. Henry, recently appointed as Clerk of the District Court of St. Croix, accompanied Judge Malmin this morning.

Captain Otto E. Bartoe has been ordered detachment from duty in the Virgin Islands and will proceed to the States via the next transport. He will be relieved by Lieutenant Owen J. Kelly, ordered transferred from the Navy Yard, Charleston.

Ensign Jeremiah Smith, U. S. N. has been detached from the U. S. S. Vixen and ordered to the United States upon reporting of his relief Ensign Carey, who will arrive on the U. S. S. Kittery.

Benjamin T. Hunter, recently transferred by the Navy Department from Guantanamo Bay, has entered upon duty as Chief Clerk to the Commandant of the Naval Station, St. Thomas. Mr. Hunter, who arrived on the U. S. S. Gulfport, accompanied by his family has been in the Government civil service for 15 years.

Frederiksted, Sept. 24th. 1920.

The s. s. "Korona" arrived from Windward Islands yesterday afternoon at 4 o'clock. She landed some overcarried cargo, a few bags of mail and the following passengers:

From St. Kitts: Mr. Corner, Mr. C. W. Greenidge, A. Matthew, E. Michael and child, Mrs. A. Barnes and 4 children. From Antigua: Mr. Geo. A. B. Henry, Miss Juliana White, Miss Catherine Messiah. From Barbados: Miss Harriet Merwin, Mr. H. N. Dix.

The ship sailed at 8 p. m. taking 174 Steel Tierces, mails for the United States and the following passengers:

For New York: Veronica Critchlow.

Rupert C. L. Markoe, Rev. Geo. Englert, Mathilda Bishop, Miss A. Hark, H. Pilgrim, Mrs. Antoinette Abbott, Miss Anita C. Plaskett, Mr. Peter J. Gronnemose, Maude Lewis, Henry Samuel, Angelita Johnson, Mirriam Benjamin and child, Martina Tranberg, Ernest Jackson, Reinhold Larsen, Antoinette Reubel, Kathleen Gardine and child, Henry Hart, Idalia Jensen. For St. Thomas: Geo. Moorhead, Delia Esternel, Mr. & Mrs. P. Adamsen and child, Mrs. N. Thornberg Mary Harcastle, Uttilda Thompson, Joseph Kirton, Enza & Adina Phipps and child, Herman Host, Catherine Williams, L. M. Golden.

Correspondence.

Christiansted, St. Croix, V. I. September 23rd 1920.

Editor of the St. Croix Avis.

Dear Sir:—

Once more I beg space in your valuable paper to make matters plain. I have no wish, intention or desire for verbal or literary warfare. Should the proper time come we shall exercise that best of all gifts by the Creator of mankind which is reason. He himself says, "Come and let us reason together". Then we shall argue the questions and points with the courtesy that distinguishes gentlemen. I wish to show that you are mistaken in saying it was to help the fishermen to meet the high cost of living. It really was the cost of materials and the expense of carrying on the work that was agreed between the fishermen of this Town and of Frederiksted with the Food Commission, so an increase was allowed: the same conditions still exist. Now Mr. Editor some silly fishermen have bragged that they have never made more money than since prices have been adjusted. May I ask who or what industries that have not made more money? Has not your own and every official salary been increased? Can the drop of a cent or two in the shops warrant that your salaries should be cut down? Emphatically I say no. We often see price lists and ads. but when poor people go to buy the price is changed and often they only get 14 ounces to the pound. So when they have charged 32c. and take 01 2c. you only get 28c., they have robbed you 4c. Now I am quite ready to admit that I have never made more money but the purchasing value seems less. Now I have to remind all concerned that product is the producers property. He can charge what he likes. It is buy or leave. When our country is at war the Government can take over every and all industries and give proper compensation. As for that impudent and impertinent person who calls himself Dives or Divie's I shall simply consign him to the place where Divie's belong and in the future treat him with the contempt that all anon-

ymous writings deserve. If I mistake not the initials he is known by is M. P. but myself and others are doubtful if he has any legitimate right to M. P. This scrawler who had the impudence to place etc. between my initials and legitimate sur-name I think in his youthful days the name he was known by was the same as one of the States of the Union.

Thanking you for space and indulgence,

Yours Respectfull,

PHILIP K. G. TUTEIN.

Christiansted, St. Croix, 24/9-1920.
To the Editor of St. Croix Avis.

Dear Sir:—

Can you inform us whether the law under which the establishment of new firms, corporations, and other business companies must be duly reported to the court which then publishes a notice to that effect in St. Croix Avis is abrogated, or if in force why the "St. Croix Power Plant" is heard of only by advertisement from its accredited proprietor? Also, for the enlightenment of those interested, please give what information you have about the concession, contract, or whatever you choose to call it—if any there be—under which the so-called company operates, or let us understand if it is a fact that the said "Power Plant" has the power to levy any charges its directors are disposed to fix for current; to deliver or refuse light to the public as it pleases them, and to collect full payment from those on flat-rate when the current supplied has been only about half of what they are entitled to as may be proved by consumers using meters. For the information of skilled, licensed and authorized electricians, will you be kind enough to tell us what you know about the credentials of the electricians of "St. Croix Power Plant" and why their "wiring" will be considered in preference to that of other qualified and by Government authorized electricians. Furthermore, we will be glad to find out if the electrician of "St. Croix Power Plant" is authorized by Government to make electric installations, and if the wiring at the Cable Office was done by him.

Thanking you for any that you may be able to give us in this matter valuable information,

Respectfully,

ELECTRIC CURRENT CONSUMERS

TELEGRAMS

ST. CROIX STATION.

New York, Sept. 21st.—The New York Custom House was under the heaviest guard in its history because of a warning received yesterday that the Wall Street explosion last Thursday would be followed this afternoon with the blowing up of the great Govt. structure.