

Supplementary Order of the Day

for the 1st Ordinary meeting of the Colonial Council for St. Croix, for the fiscal year 1923-1924, Fourth Council, First Session, Friday, June 22, 1923, at ONE O'CLOCK P. M.

Colonial Council Bill No. 2.

1. Introduction of and first Discussion on Draft of annual budget for the Municipality of St. Croix for the fiscal year from July 1, 1923 to June 30, 1924, introduced by Government.

Colonial Council Office, St. Croix, June 19, 1923.

ROBT. L. MERWIN,
Chairman.

LIST OF UNCLAIMED MAIL FOR THE WEEK ENDED JUNE 16, 1923.

Mr. Daniel Brotherson,
Mrs. Jane Christian,
Mr. W. A. Codwise,
Mr. Charles Federiks,
Mrs. Christina Ford,
Cathrine Isaac,
Mrs. Roslin Joseph,
Mr. George Simmonds, c/o Evelyn
Harrigan.

Mr. Mathew Stephens,
Miss Miriam E. Thomas.

Post Office, Christiansted, Virgin Islands, June 11, 1923.

B. R. LARSEN, Postmaster.

TONIGHT!

BY

Industrial Brass Band

Special Farewell Concert in honor of Mr. Thorvald Henry Wilson. Ex-Musician U. S. N. Leader of a Local Orchestra, and member of The Christiansted Industrial Brass Band.

PROGRAM

March.... Ye Crucians... Delemos. arr. Forbes.
(Dedicated to The Christiansted Literary and Debating Club)
Waltz... Home Sweet Home... Hildreth
Foxtrot... Martha... Sanders
March... Election Day... Sarauw
(Dedicated to D. Hamilton Jackson)
Waltz... Tout a Vous... Sarauw
(Dedicated to Governor H. H. Hough)
Foxtrot... Blue Danube Blues... Kern
One Step... Oh Mandy Lou-Sweet Mandy Lou... Threlkeld

(With Vocal Chorus)

EXTRAS.

ANTHEM.

A. SEBASTIAN FORBES,
Conductor.

EDITORIAL.

Looking toward the budgetting of an increase of the appropriation for lighting the streets and public places in this town and Frederiks. ed all night instead of until 12 p. m., as at present, a list is being circulated for the signatures of those who favor the object and will thus express their support of it, to be appended to a draft to be submitted to the proper authorities for action. There is little reason to doubt that this movement will be popularly received in view of the benefit it contemplates for the community which is plunged into utter darkness at midnight just when the solitariness of the streets expose the wayfarer to danger, and virtually becomes an aid to the commission of crime. It might also be suggested that additional lights be installed in certain quarters now only sparsely or inadequately lighted, as "Freegut" section and some even less obscure points. It will assist the efforts of Messrs. D. Armstrong and A. R. McIntosh, who have the Christinnsted list in charge, if interested parties see these gentlemen without further delay.

LOCAL

The show at St. Mary's Hall last night was indeed a fine drama, well laid and acted. There was also some additional instrumental music by pupils of the Junior High School which greatly enhanced the evening's programme.

Political Peonage In The Virgin Islands

By ARTHUR WARNER.

(The Nation's Special Correspondent in the Caribbean)

St. Thomas, March 1.

(Concluded from yesterday's Avis.)

So far Congress has increased rather than relieved the industrial distress of the Virgin Islands. While ignoring them in other respects, it has extended to them several Federal laws without any advance knowledge of their inevitable consequences. Chief among these is the Volstead act, which was applied to the islands by special legislation in 1921, although it was not extended to the Philippines. Without regard to whether the prohibition enforcement law is good or bad for continental America, it is obvious that it has decreased the industrial opportunities of the Virgin Islands at a time when there was most reason for conserving every possible vestige of them. It has made useless the molasses of the St. Croix sugar factories, hitherto used for the famous Santa Cruz rum, while it has deprived St. Thomas of a once considerable commerce in the sale and transshipment of liquor. The busi-

ness men of the island are clamoring for change to permit at least of a resumption of the liquor trade for foreign account.

Objection is also made to the introduction of the Federal quarantine system, which does not permit a vessel to get a health clearance between sunset and sunrise. Under the Danes St. Thomas was a twenty-four-hour port. Today, when business is most needed, a good many ships that might otherwise put in for coal or oil pass by.

Congress owes it to the national honor and to the people of our most recently acquired territory to make up for six years of neglect by sending a commission to the islands. It should not consist of members of Congress, even of the ablest sort, because they would be unwilling to give the necessary time. Congress sent a commission of its own members to the islands in 1920. It stayed two days on St. Thomas, half a day on St. John, and three days on St. Croix, learning little and accomplishing nothing. What is needed is a small commission containing political, industrial, and agricultural experts who will spend two or three months on the islands with a view to making recommendations for a new political system and an economic revival. —The Nation, June 6th.

TELEGRAMS.

ST. CROIX STATION.

London, June 14th —The Austrian loan proved so popular and applicants only got such a comparatively small allotment of the amount they applied for, that dealings were started on the Stock Exchange this morning at a five percent premium. Some excitement attended the opening sales. Applicants for large amounts received ten percent of what they requested, while small applicants were filed on a 25 percent basis.

Boston, June 14th.—Cotton renewed its advance with a sharp rally on Monday of approximately a cent a pound, or \$5 a bale, July cotton sold at 28.80 cents a pound, at the bottom of the two months decline, which ended a little less than a month ago, July sold at 23.69. The full extent of the recovery is therefore five cents a pound, or 25 dollars a bale. The highest for the year for July cotton is 30.74, or two cents above current prices.

New York, June 15th.—The break in the raw sugar futures market unsettled the early market for spot raw sugar and prices were nominal today. No sales were reported and refined appeared to be out of the market entirely.

Moscow, June 15th —Lord Curzon's reply to the last Russian note, covering the points in controversy between the two nations, is considered in official circles here as eliminating the possibility of a break with Great Britain. The meaning of the note, however, is not exactly clear to the Russians and they have