

United States Press Representatives' Visit To St. Croix, Virgin Islands, U. S. A.

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AS REVIEWED BY BUMBLE BEE EN ROUTE

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(Continued from yesterday's Avis.)

At the foot of this hill to the left are the ruins of Peter's Rest grinding station. When the St. Croix Sugar Factory, commonly called the Central Factory, near Christiansted, was built in 1878 the company erected for such outlying stations to receive the cane from estates in the neighbourhood. It was then ground by powerful mills when it was highly charged with temoerlime to arrest acidity when it was pumped to the factory following the system then in use in Denmark and Germany, where the sliced beets were thus handled on their way to the sugar factory. But this system was wasteful and expensive and gradually discontinued, and this one at Peter's Rest ceased operationing about 1918 as the last of the stations thus equipped. The machinery was sold during the boom year of 1918 to parties in St. Kitts and the factory now transports its canes by motor trucks. Continuing on this road we approach and pass through Est. "Anna's Hope", now and for the past 15 years our agricultural station. The estate belongs to the municipality but the station is operated by the United States Department of Agriculture. The present agronomist, Prof. Thompson, and his able assistants have in the late years rather bent their efforts to the growing of vegetables with the object of developing an industry for export. Doctor Longfield Smith, the former agronomist in charge of the station from its inception, was an Englishman. It was he who developed the seedling cane Sc. 12/4 which has proven such a wonderful sugar producer and plants of which have been imported and successfully grown in Porto Rico, Santo Domingo and also in Hawaii. If the genial Doctor had done nothing else during his tenure of office than to produce this cane he would have, by this great discovery, earned his salary.

(To be continued.)

Fresh Vegetable Seeds For Sale

at 10 and 15cts. per pack at No. 39 King's Street.

Radish, Turnip, Cucumber, Cauliflower, Musk Melon, Ruta Baga, Lettuce, Parsnip, Squash, Onion, Sweet Corn, Beans, Peas, Spinach, Beet, Salsify.

JOHN ABBOTT.

WEST END MOVIES

FREDERIKSTED

Saturday Night 8.15

Trifling With Honor

8 REELS.

LOCAL

The s. s. "Guiana" from New York is due at Frederiksted at 3 o'clock this afternoon, having 300 packages for this island. The mail may be looked for by regular trip arriving here by 5.00 p. m.

The funeral of Mr. Frederick C. Jackson, Sr., yesterday afternoon, was a large gathering of people from various walks of life, indicating the popularity of the deceased. The service at the Lutheran Church was performed by the

Rev. J. P. Christensen who also conducted the burial rites. The Native Brass Band headed the procession playing appropriate airs, up King Street by Market St. to the cemetery.

Hon. R. H. Amphlett Leader: your contribution concerning the late expoliceman Jackson is received and will be inserted tomorrow.

Attention is directed to the add of the West End Movies where an 8 reel programme entitled "Trifling with Honor" will be screened tomorrow night. After a hard day's work this is just the picture to afford an enjoyable evening and there will be doubtless a full house. The name of the film suggests a state not uncommon in real life; there is too much trifling with honor anyway. See what the screen version is.

St. Thomas News

His Excellency, Governor Brantjes, of Curacao arrived here this morning from Curacao, via Porto Rico, on the S. S. "Catherine" on his way to the Dutch Islands west of us under his jurisdiction. The Governor is accompanied by his Aide, Lieutenant Voorthuisen.

Consul van Epps and Commander Stone boarded the "Catherine" to welcome the Governor and escorted him and his aide to the landing pier, where he

was met by His Excellency, Governor Williams and also received full honors. Later, the Dutch Governor called on Governor Williams, who returned the visit shortly after at the residence of Consul van Epps.

At noon a luncheon was given in honor of the distinguished visitors at the Executive Mansion by Governor Williams, and the party left this afternoon for St. Martin on the mail packet "Virginia".
—The Bulletin, March 1st.

The American Control Force consisting of U.S.S. Savannah, Bushnell, Camden, Beaver, Widgeon, Ortolan and 19 submarines of the "S" class, left yesterday for Port of Spain, Trinidad, where they will spend about three weeks. The ships made a pretty spectacle as they left the harbor, and many of the business places will miss the Gobs in search of refreshments, eats, curios, etc. We understand that the major part of them will return here before they leave for the North. Shortly after they left, a destroyer, a supply ship, and a tug arrived. Another destroyer appeared at the harbor entrance, but steamed westward.
—The Bulletin, 3rd March.

TELEGRAMS.

ST. CROIX STATION.

London, March 3rd—Lord Newton's motion in the House of Lords that the taxation of betting is both desirable and practicable, will come up on March 13th. The evidence brought by the House of Commons Committee, which last year inquired into the betting question in view of the proposal to place a taxation on betting was generally to the effect that gambling increased with the shorter hours of work and betting was greater still when there were no strikes. It is in this connection that Lord Muskerry will ask for information as to the proposed short hours of work.

Berlin, March 3rd—In the course of a speech, before an audience of German Catholics last night, the Minister of Labour, Henrich Brauns, said there were 5,000,000 unemployed persons in Germany and 15,000,000 dependent on public relief.

Brussels, March 3rd—Cardinal Mercier Belgiums heroic war cardinal; has issued a pastoral in which there are frequent allusions to the after war disappointments, including the general impoverishment of Europe and the gathering of great fortunes by the profiteers. He also scores Germany for her "evil" determination not to pay the Allies, for organizing fictitious bankruptcy making any generous move on the part of the victors out of the question, and, provoking economic perturbations, responsibility for which she falsely placed upon the Allied governments. Meanwhile until Germany pays we must work out our own solution.