

add that that was the procedure followed in St. Thomas with great success.

4th Member for Frederiksted Country District (*Andersen*) remarked: Mr. Chairman. Before passing over the Police & Prison Department I desire to ask the Hon. Government Secretary the same question I asked with regard to the Judiciary Department and that is, does Government consider an entire reconstruction of this department during the coming year? Last year the Municipal Committee forwarded a letter to Government recommending an entire reconstruction of that department. I think the Police & Prison Department is a little too expensive, it should be made to work in a way that it could be self-supporting. I notice that the prisoners are doing nothing; they should be put to work to help make the department self-supporting.

1st Member for Christiansted Country District (*Jessen*): Mr. Chairman. Last year an additional money bill for Frcs. 2,500 was passed by the Council providing for the destruction of mongoose. I have not seen any provision made on this budget; this law was created by Ordinance. Is it the intention to discontinue it?

2nd Member for Christiansted Country District (*Berg*): Mr. Chairman. One or two planters have told me that the method adopted for destroying mongoose has been very effective; with that in view I ask that the same method be continued.

Government Secretary (*Zane*) remarked: Mr. Chairman. In the estimates which Government received and upon which the present estimates are based, no mention was made of this item. The Police Department will be mainly concerned with this. However, you know the situation that we are faced with a deficit of Frcs. 14,000 which we cannot now see our way towards financing and that should be considered in the event an item is inserted to take care of the mongoose bounty.

1st Member for Frederiksted Town District (*Jackson*): Mr. Chairman. Six Sergeants were provided for on the budget last year, were they all employed?

2nd Member for Christiansted Town District (*Canegata*): Mr. Chairman. There were six sergeants provided for but only five were employed.

(To be continued.)

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The s. s. Bolivar sailed from New York on Saturday evening; having 31 tons cargo for Frederiksted, and 60 tons for Christiansted.

Correspondence

Dear Mr. Editor!

If 400 squatters produce in their fallow patch 30 watermelons each, how

where and when could they dispose of them?

Could one of the three Agronomists assigned to us by kind Uncle Sam, take charge and handle such, or any by product?

It is reasonable to suppose, that that ought to be part of their training and equipment for a position on a foreign station.

Agricultural-Missionary-Work.

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TELEGRAMS.

ST. CROIX STATION.

San Francisco, July 12th—The British Special Service Squadron, led by the world's greatest battleship "Hood" has sailed for the Panama Canal. The squadron will divide at the Canal, the Hood and two cruisers going through the Canal to Jamaica, while the four light Cruisers, Dragon, Dauntless, Danae and Delni will cruise around Cape Horn.

London, July 15th—His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales attended the "At Home" given by Hon. H. V. Myers and Mrs. Myers on the grounds of the British Empire Exhibition at Wembley yesterday. He sent the following message to the people of Jamaica. I was disappointed four years ago in my wish to visit Jamaica and see for myself this beautiful West Indian Island which is so closely associated with the early history of our Empire, but today I have the pleasure of visiting Jamaica on English soil and of admiring the attractive manner in which the Jamaica Court shows the resources of your Island" Edward P.

Olympic Stadium, Colombes, July 14th—The Chilean Lazza ran magnificently in the marathon race, covering the forty two kilometers in 2 hours 52 minutes 54 seconds.

Paris, July 14th—M. Herriot will take with him to the interallied conference at London on Wednesday a suite of 30 persons. The official delegates will be M. Clemental, Minister of War and Count Peretti Della Rocca, Director of Foreign Policies.

Mexico City, July 14th—A monument in memory of the French soldiers who died in the war was unveiled yesterday with imposing ceremonies in the presence of President Obregon, his ministers and the members of the Diplomatic Corps. General Dumont, Military Attache of the French Embassy at Washington came specially to Mexico to represent his government at the ceremony.

Berlin, July 15th.—In seeking an explanation of the epidemic of suicides in Germany, some physicians are inclined to ascribe it to mental derangement arising from dealing in paper money of such enormous denominations. For a while, worry, due to economic causes was generally felt to be the explanation

of so many suicides, but closer investigation inclines physicians to believe that theory is not upheld by facts. In some cases a slight quarrel with a superior is sufficient to induce a man to commit suicide. In another a girl is dismissed from service and before looking for another job she turns on the gas. In a third case a young man comes home from college with a poor report and puts a bullet through his brain. Cases of this kind can hardly be ascribed to money worries, the physicians say, and have reasoned it out that peoples nerves were so shattered by dealing with figures of twelve and fifteen digits that they commit irrational acts on the slightest provocation.

Taskent, Turkestan July 15th—The Seismographical Observatory announces that earthquakes of great intensity have been registered the last four days and the centre of the shocks is believed to be at Pamir, on the Indian border. The Seismograph was thrown out of the alignment through the violence of the tremours.

Washington, July 15th—August 14th has been fixed for the formal notification to President Coolidge of his nomination for President by the Republican party. In his speech of acceptance he will sound the key note of the Republican Campaign.

San Francisco July 15th—Forest fires are raging from Southern California to British Columbia and news of the fate of many settlers in the path of the flames is anxiously awaited. It is reported that thirty five persons, including eleven children, are dead in one locality and it is believed that fifty two persons unaccounted for have perished within the last twenty four hours. The federal, state and private timber interests have united in fighting what is characterized as the worst forest fire situation that has ever existed on the western coast.

Buenos Aires, July 14th—400 civilians are reported to have been killed in the fighting in Sao Paulo, according to authoritative advices reaching here by way of Montevideo. The reports go on to say that the Brazilian rebels are winning all along the line and that Government reinforcements are arriving in the affected area. Conditions in Sao Paulo are reported to be getting worse, the rebels having established a provisional government and are now advancing on Santos, where fighting is in progress within sixty kilometres from that City and its inhabitants are becoming alarmed. The Government first line reserves have been called out and warships conveying troops are arriving in the harbour. Brazilian exchange has become demoralized.

Washington, July 15th.—When the United States army fliers reached Paris they had travelled 18,035 miles in 118 days, with 239 hours flying time.