

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

THURSDAY February 21st, 1924.

AS REVIEWED BY BUMBLE BEE EN ROUTE

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(Continued from yesterday's Avis.)

And now looms on the horizon Prof. Thompson, the present agronomist in charge and Mr. Perry who have succeeded in growing watermelons of a size and lusciousness that would put the "Old Dominion State" in the shade at an agricultural exhibition, and this, in January when watermelons are not obtainable in New York. Here take place all sorts of experiments to produce another industry in the island.

Continuing we pass on the right estate "Grange" intimately associated with the life of Alexander Hamilton in this island, for upon it, on the 26th of February 1768, his mother was buried. It was then the property of Chamberlain Robert Tuitt. If grave-stones were ever erected over the graves in the Lytton plot there is no evidence of them today. From the records of St. John's Church, Christiansted, then under the care of the Rev. Goodchild, the Burial Register to be seen today states the fact of the death and burial; and Gertrude Atherton, the Authoress, when here in the winter of 1901-2 to collect material for her book "The Conqueror", failed to find any trace of graves, though she caused a careful search of estate Grange to locate the burial spot. In the absence of any definite information she, however, caused a monument to be sent out from the States for erection upon the estate and which was put upon the hillside near the public road in veneration and memory of a mother of such an illustrious son. The inscription on the monument reads as follows:

RACHAEL FAWCETT LAVINE

1736—1768

SHE WAS THE MOTHER

OF

ALEXANDER HAMILTON

And here also is placed a monument nearby in memory of Danish soldiers stationed in Christiansted who died upon this estate in the Great House up the hill. These unfortunate men were moved there and quartered in consequence of an outbreak of yellow fever in Christiansted, in the fall and winter of 1885-6 in an effort to remove them from infection, as it was then thought that some obnoxious air had caused the infection instead of the crafty little stegomyia buzzing about. The change was in a large measure beneficial as the situation was a dry one and apparently at that time not infested with mosquitoes, and, indeed, the great majority were not infected.

(To be continued.)

THE services in the Lutheran Churches tomorrow will be held at the usual hours, morning and evening, and at King's Hill in the afternoon.

The Sunday Schools will be in session at their appointed hours.

The morning address at Frederiksted will be upon the Temptation of Our Lord and in the evening at Christiansted the topic will be The Half Way House.

A cordial invitation extended to all the services.

J. P. CHRISTENSEN.

The children of the late Frederick C. Jackson, Sr., desire to express their thanks and appreciation to all friends and acquaintances for sympathy shown during his illness and death. We feel very grateful for the letters of condolence and beautiful floral tributes received, and also for the courtesies and services rendered by the Lutheran Church and its Choir.

LOCAL

A radio received yesterday morning states that the U. S. S. Lark and Mallard will call at Christiansted. A liberty party of 80 men will be on shore for overnight liberty if the necessary arrangements can be made.

The s. s. "Catherine" is due today on schedule time, having 50 tons cargo for this island and 40 bags mail for Christiansted.

UNITED STATES FLEET MINE DIVISION

U. S. S. "MAHAN."

There will be a base-ball game Saturday afternoon for the championship of the naval ships now in the harbour, between the "Bainbridge" and the "Mahan."

Game to be played at the Athletic field at Frederiksted, at 3 o'clock. Everyone is invited. —Com.

In the District Court of the Virgin Islands of the United States. Christiansted Sub-Judicial District.

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF CLAUDINA JUST, DECEASED.

NOTICE is hereby given that the undersigned has been appointed Executor of the estate of CLAUDINA JUST, deceased.

All persons having claims against said estate are hereby notified to present same to A. E. STAKEMANN attorney of the undersigned at his office, No. 59 King Street in Christiansted, with the necessary proofs, within 6 months from the date of this notice.

Parties indebted to the said estate are requested to make payment to said A. E. STAKEMANN.

Christiansted, St. Croix, V. I. U. S. A., this 7th day of March 1924.

ALBERT NELTHROPP,
Executor.

Frederick C. Jackson Dead.

Patriotic Citizen—A sort of Bureau of local affairs—Under the Danish Regime the Dean of the Police Force.

By R. H. AMPHLETT LEADER.

*"He kept his honesty and truth.
His independent tongue and pen
And moved in manhood as in youth,
Pride of his fellow men".*

—Halleck.

In the death of Mr. Frederick Jackson, one of the landmarks of St. Croix has been swept away. A landmark so sure and accurate that he was often quoted as an authority on the subjects familiar to him.

Jackson was a patriotic citizen. When Johnson wrote "Patriotism is the last refuge of a scoundrel", he, perhaps, had in mind the man who let us say, having tried politics and failed; tried religion and failed, resorted to patriotism as "the last refuge". Such a man Johnson calls a scoundrel and justly so. Not so Jackson. Time and again I have spoken with men who knew Mr. Frederick Jackson from his childhood and I have been told that patriotism with him was a life. As a boy I have always admired his civic spirit as shown in his every day life.

Bureau of Local Affairs

About fifteen or seventeen years ago, it was a common amusement for the writer and his companions to stop Mr. Jackson and if he was in a "good mood" quiz him about one thousand and one dif-