

States now, it becomes necessary to make reply to our communications as quickly as possible.

Captain White remarked, Mr. Chairman. The Governor can inform the member that the Government has made every effort to lend every assistance to help the post offices, but it is contrary to the law of the United States and aboard ships to use the men such as you mention at the post offices. You no doubt are aware that the post office bill has just passed Congress, it is therefore possible that the protest made by the people are receiving consideration. It is very hard for the people in Washington to locate conditions down here and that is why the Governor would like to have a memorial from the people here to help.

1st. Member for Frederiksted Country District [Andersen] remarked: Mr. Chairman. We have been impatient for a long time, we have been waiting two or three months now. Judge Noll told us that some official from the post office in Washington was to come down here to investigate, but we have not seen and as yet.

Captain White remarked: You will receive more consideration if you talk to the head of the Department than to a subordinate.

The Chairman put to the vote and it was unanimously carried that 1st Discussion be closed.

The Chairman remarked: The Bill goes over to the next meeting or 2nd Discussion.

The Chairman would like to know if any member wishes to offer any opinion as to what day the next meeting should be held, instead of Mondays as requested by Government.

2nd Appointed Member (Noll) remarked: Mr. Chairman. I appreciate the remarks of 1st Member for Frederiksted Country District but I do think if members will take certain portion of the draft and industriously interest themselves it would not be necessary to meet so early in the day. We could well accomplish the work necessary between one and six o'clock in the afternoon. We had a great many committee meetings and some of the members had not even read the matter on which they had to report and had not the patience to hear someone read it to them.

4th Appointed Member (Blackwood) remarked: Mr. Chairman. I presume that the Hon. 2nd Appointed Member is alluding to the Committee in St. Thomas when he says some of the members knew nothing about the matter which they were to report on. As regards Government's desire to hold meetings every Monday, I do not blame the Government because the matter before the House is urgent. Monday is generally a slack day and every one of the merchants can get away from their work on that day. I live way up on the hills and prefer to come here at 9.30 o'clock in the

forenoon than leave 7.30 in the night as going home is a serious matter to me.

1st Member for Christiansted Country District [Stakemann] remarked: Mr. Chairman. If we say one o'clock it means one o'clock; if the Chairman call a meeting for one o'clock and members come at two o'clock we would lose one hour. If the Chairman will use his authority and fine those who do not come at one o'clock the members would interest themselves in being on time. It has been customary to hold our meetings on Monday afternoons and I propose that we keep to that custom. If two or three members keep away we may not have a quorum.

1st Member for Frederiksted Country District [Andersen] remarked: Mr. Chairman. As far as I understand I do not see why we cannot meet every two weeks, I believe we can accomplish all that is necessary by calling a meeting every two weeks.

The Chairman remarked: The consensus of opinion in the Council seems to be in favor of weekly meetings, and therefore I will put to the vote whether the meeting should be held weekly, on Mondays at 1 p. m.

It was put to the vote and carried that the meetings be held every Monday at one o'clock p. m. until the laws are passed.

The Chairman requested members to be punctual at one o'clock that the meeting could proceed and not to have to wait half an hour to form a quorum as frequently occurs.

There being no further business the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 4.10 o'clock p. m.

EDITORIAL.

The Dairy, that costly institution from which much was expected, and so far the only thing the public has received is the privilege to pay 3 cents more a quart for milk which 3 cents go toward defraying expenses of the dairy, is still closed as far as supplying milk is concerned, and the whole town, comprising many young children, and sick persons are without that almost indispensable article of food because the sellers for the sake of a few paltry cents per bottle refuse to place it on the market. Who says "KULTUR" is dead will be sadly mistaken on visiting St. Croix to find that in this stage of the world's history a condition of the present kind prevails in a civilized community and a poor and needy one to boot. Report says that one of the dairy partners who has declined to withhold milk from the Richmond-sickhouses and Leper-asylum has been expelled from the institution. Other reports also have reached this office to the effect that a proposal from humane minds to give notice to the public that the milk supply would be cut off at such and such a date was over-

thrown. Comment is unnecessary and will be most likely useless. The public, after all is the party attacked and injured and should know how to act.

LOCAL.

The Virginia arrived at Frederiksted on Saturday evening and 32 sacks of mail were received here in Christiansted around 11 p.m. and delivered to the public on Sunday morning at 8 o'clock, the regular business hour of the post office.

The Navy Band afforded the public a very enjoyable evening yesterday and was duly applauded for the excellent music rendered.

The Vixen is looked for today. His Excellency the Governor is expected to attend the meeting of the Colonial Council at which the code of laws will be on the order of the day, and other items interesting to the public.

Tonight there will be started a new serial at the theatre and the attention of readers is invited to the programme published elsewhere in this issue.

OFFICIAL NEWS.

May 1, 1920.

Governor Oman attended the meeting of the Colonial Council for the Municipality of St. Thomas and St. John on Thursday at which the second discussion was closed on ordinances relating to the Judicial and Educational Departments under the new code.

The resignation of the First Appointed Member, Mr. Valdemar A. Miller, was accepted by the Colonial Council on Thursday.

The General Court-Martial composed of nine officers in session at the Marine Barracks for the trial of an officer attached to the Naval Station, St. Thomas, adjourned sine die this morning, pending the arrival of a witness from Porto Rico.

NEWS OF THE DAY.

The St. Croix Tennis Club defeated the St. Thomas Tennis Club in the Championship doubles played on the local courts last Wednesday. Major Small, U. S. M. C., and Mr. Harry Armstrong defeated Ensign Newell, U. S. N. and Lieutenant Charles Lane [MC], U. S. N. in three straight sets by the scores of: 6-2, 6-1, 6-2.

Richard Zakers

is asked to call at the Post Office, Christiansted.