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Publication.

NOTICE is hereby given that the sum of Francs 330.70, income on their Royal Highness Crown Prince FREDERIK and Crown Princess LOUISE'S Silver Wedding Memorial Fund, will be available for distribution on the 28th of July 1923.

Applications, for participation in this distribution, duly certified, should be forwarded to the undersigned on or before the 20th day of July 1923.

Despatching Secretary's Office, Christiansted, St. Croix, V. I. 15 June, 1923.

R. E. BARRETT,
Despatching Secretary.

Publication.

IT is hereby brought to public notice that the sum of Francs 399.50, interest on Former Controller of Customs and Estate Owner in St. Croix PETER CORNELIUS BIRCH and wife ROSALINE ANTOINETTE, born CANTOR'S, Legacy for the poor and needy of St. Croix, will be on hand for distribution on August 1st, 1923.

Applications for participation in this distribution, duly certified, should be forwarded to the undersigned on or before the 20th day of July 1923.

Despatching Secretary's Office, Christiansted, St. Croix, V. I. 15 June, 1923.

R. E. BARRETT,
Despatching Secretary.

LOCAL

The Tortola boat "Britannia" is here with baskets at 25 cents a piece and good charcoal at 50 cents a bag, but it is complained that the coal is not moving. It is rather odd that we want burn coal our-

Concert

On the Wharf, Sunday Evening

BY THE

Native Brass Band

PROGRAM

1. March... "Election Day"... Herman H. Sarauw.
(Dedicated to Mr. D. Hamilton Jackson)
2. Valse... "Delilah"... Nicholls
3. Mon Homme... Yvain
Part II

1. March... "The Governor's Own"... Alton A. Adams
(Dedicated to Governor J. W. Oman)
2. Operatic Melody... Echoes From The Opera. Arr. Mackie Beyer
3. Banddidntstrike... Dalbey

STAR-SPANGLED BANNER.

FRED. C. JACKSON JR.
Bandmaster.

selves and yet fail to take advantage of buying it at a fair figure. This sort of thing will discourage boats from bringing the article. Foreign coal like this is durable and with other expenses considered 50 cents is cheap.

The s. s. "Romanita" is due today; having 10 tons of cargo for Christiansted and 17 tons for Frederiksted.

Remember the football match tomorrow afternoon between the Dreadnought and Athletic Clubs at 4.30 o'clock on the Parade Ground.

As per programme published in this issue it will be noted that there will be a concert by the Native Brass Band in the bandstand tomorrow evening. Special attention is invited to the first number "Election Day" by Mr. Herman Sarauw, dedicated to Mr. D. Hamilton

Jackson, and the Governor's Own by Bandmaster Alton Adams, U. S. N.

MARITIME SOCIAL NEWS.

The "Syria" docked at this port yesterday afternoon and Mr. Franklin Beners of the Customs Service dined aboard with the Captain and his officers in the evening. A smoker followed which was much enjoyed by the company. For blocks around the savory smell from the galley excited the olfactory nerves.
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Political Peonage In The Virgin Islands

By ARTHUR WARNER.

(The Nation's Special Correspondent in the Caribbean)

St. Thomas, March 1.

Three tiny dots where the Caribbean merges with the Atlantic. An area of 132 square miles, about one-tenth that of Rhode Island. A population of 26,000 persons, 92% of whom are wholly or partly Negro.

Such are St. Thomas, St. John, and St. Croix, once the Danish West Indies, but, since their purchase for \$25,000,000 in 1917, known as the Virgin Islands of the United States. Statistically speaking they are not worth much of the time or thought of a nation whose total territory embraces nearly 4,000,000 square miles, whose aggregate population approaches 120,000,000 persons. Yet there are reasons a part from size why the Virgin Islands are deserving of national attention, especially at this moment when they have reached political stagnation and all but economic bankruptcy. There is national honor—the fulfilment of treaty obligations, expressed or implied. There is what we like to call the "American standard of living" and how far below it we should be willing to see the people of any our of national territory descend. There is the influence that the administration of these islands has upon our foreign reputation, especially in South America and the West Indies. Finally, there is humanity—what Dives in prosperity owes to Lazarus in distress.

The visitor to the Virgin Islands after six years of American occupation finds the inhabitants filled with dissatisfaction, dismay, almost despair. The trouble is not all due to our administration. The United States took hold at a time when the islands were running down hill economically, a movement which attained the speed of a roller coaster when the world-wide business depression began in 1920. But American occupation has been ineffective, apparently indifferent, in the face of industrial disaster. The naval government has not even been willing to help the farmers of St. Croix by buying