

A PROCLAMATION

BY THE GOVERNOR
OF THE
VIRGIN ISLANDS OF THE UNITED
STATES.

BY virtue of the authority vested in me, I do hereby set apart **TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 1924**, and proclaim it a public holiday within the Municipality of Saint Croix, Virgin Islands of the United States for the purpose of observing **LINCOLN'S BIRTHDAY**.

PHILIP WILLIAMS,
Governor.

Government House,
Saint Thomas,
February 1, 1924.

BY request of Government a meeting of the Colonial Councils of St. Thomas and St. John, and St. Croix assembled in joint session will be held on **FEBRUARY 7th., 1924** in the Council Hall at St. Croix.

ORDER OF THE DAY

1. Colonial Council Bill No. 17.

Fourth Council, First Session, 1923-1924.

Introduction of draft of resolution embodying recommendations to better the economic condition in the Virgin Islands.

forwarded by the Municipal Committee of St. Croix

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Colonial Council Office, St. Croix, February 4, 1924.

ROBT. L. MERWIN,
Chairman.

LOCAL

The s. s. "Surinam" will not call at Frederiksted on her way north.

The U. S. S. "Swan" was piloted into this harbor by Capt. C. F. Møller at 8 o'clock last night the ship's searchlights playing on the channel and town. She left again this morning at 6 30.

There were hearings by the Federal Commission yesterday and last evening. So far Mr. Morris Davis was the only person on the stand last night.

The sloop Mizpah will be dispatched

from here this afternoon with the weekly St. Thomas mail.

The "Grebe" returned to St. Thomas yesterday afternoon carrying some mails.

CORRECTION

Avis Feb. 4, 1924.

Item referring to hydroplanes: second sentence is corrected to read "Yesterday there *were* (instead of *was*) some interesting performances" etc.

TELEGRAMS.

ST. CROIX STATION.

Washington, Jan. 31st.—The move to oust Secretary of the Navy, Denby, from the United States Cabinet has reached a point where persons close to the President have plainly intimated to Secretary Denby that he should resign and that his presence in the Cabinet is no longer desired. The feeling here today is that he is sure to be forced out. Belief continues to grow that Attorney-General Dougherty will also resign. Both men have been under fire in connection with the investigation into the leasing of the Government naval oil reserves. Adopt-unanimously the Walsh resolution for the annulment of leases of naval oil reserves in Wyoming and California, the Senate today plunged into a bitter fight over the Robinson resolution asking for the immediate resignation of the Secretary of the Navy, Denby, who signed the lease of the oillands to Harry Sin Clair and E. L. Doheny. The Walsh resolution was carried as presented by the Senate without modification of language. It charges that the lease of the naval reserves by former Secretary of the Interior, A. B. Fall, was made without authority and contrary to law. Meanwhile Secretary Denby continues to stand pat on his declaration that he would not resign. A new development which arose in the situation today was the issuing of a subpoena for E. L. Doheny, oil magnate, who is to appear before the Senate Investigating Committee tomorrow. The subpoena insuring Doheny's appearance was sent out after Senator Reed, Democrat, Missouri, had demanded that he be subjected to a searching examination "as to whether he advanced money to other public officials aside from Fall. Under a resolution introduced into the House of Representatives Harry F. Sin Clair, now in France, would be requested to return here and explain to Congress and the American public the \$25,000 loan to ex-Secretary Fall. Fall was today confined to his sick room. A medical commission is expected to report tomorrow to the Senate as to whether his condition will permit of his being examined. President Coolidge was in conference today with various officials and gave consideration to the qualifications of the counsel he has selected to prosecute the oil lease cases.

London, Feb. 1st.—As already intimated,

the Government's appointments to the Royal Household will be left practically to His Majesty. The Daily Mail, today says that Mr. McDonald holds that these appointments are largely ornamental and that the Premier is likely to consult the King's wishes to the matter. It is probable that three Peers will be found willing to act as whips for the Labour Party in the House of Lords. The names of Lord Kimberley and Earl De La Warr are mentioned in this connection.

London, Feb. 1st.—The members of the Government are beginning to show that they are at home in their new duties and they have begun to use the axe in the carrying out of anticipated economies. The first big cut in expenditures announced is in connection with the offices at White Hall, where a reduction is being made in the temporary staffs. A months notice has been given to 149 men at the Admiralty and 700 men in the pensions department have received warning that their services are about to be dispensed with. In the Paymaster General's office 30 temporary clerks will have to leave their posts within a week. Frederick Owen Roberts, Minister of Pensions, has sent a message to the staff of the department, in which he lays stress on the importance of dealing patiently and tactfully with all applicants for pensions. The Minister adds that the staff must not forget, in giving decisions on claims, that the benefit of the doubt, if there is any doubt, must be given to the applicant.

London, Feb. 1st.—Something like a "hands off the navy" campaign is running in the newspapers in consequence of reports that Philip Snowden, Chancellor of the exchequer, contemplated a reduction of 5,000,000 pounds in the budget estimates of 58,000,000 pounds. The Conservative newspapers not missing an opportunity to make the people's hair stand on end by picturing the new Ministers as economizing at the expense of their traditional bulwark. As far as can be ascertained, however, the cut in the naval estimates, if any is contemplated is not likely to be very drastic. The Daily Herald the Labourite newspaper, says the reduction will not be more than 2,200,000 pounds. The army is said to be threatened with a curtailment of its expense account. Furthermore, according to the Daily Mail, the Government has decided upon an additional economy in the dismissal of one thousand temporarily employed civil servants. Whatever can be saved by these various cuts is destined, if the reports are accurate, to be applied toward a reduction or abolition of the duties on sugar and tea one of the labour party's most cherished purposes.

Moscow, Feb. 1st.—A movement to canonize the late Nikolai Lenine as a Bolshevik Saint is gaining strength. As a further tribute to the dead Premier the newspaper "Labour" in Moscow the organ of the Communist Party in this city, pro-