

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.)

Continuing down King Street, with now a vista of the harbor, as we look down the street we approach and pass a large church on our right which is St. John's Anglo Catholic Church. The building was destroyed by fire in 1866, but was rebuilt in years following by great self denial of its parishioners in collecting the necessary funds for the reconstruction of their church. The church is now under the pastorate of the Rev. H. M. Pigott who has worked unceasingly towards embellishing this grand edifice with its high vaulted ceiling, spacious interior highly decorated with many interesting tablets in memory of bygone worthies and furnished with solid mahogany pews highly polished. The church is considered the largest edifice of its kind situated in any of the parishes of the Anglican Faith of the diocese of Antigua of which it was formerly a part.

During the British occupation of St. Croix between 1807—1815 it was the center of life and death of the army of occupation which was garrisoned in the neighbourhood of Christiansted and the church burial register bears mute evidence of the ravages of yellow fever at the time by the daily entry of the numerous burials in the adjacent church yard, so numerous that the Rector of the Regimental Chaplain could not perform the last rites of those unfortunate men.

The forces were under command of General Pakenham who later left his command in St. Croix and proceeded to the island of Jamaica to organize a great force which virtually became an armada, having among its troops soldiers who were some of the best of Wellington's troops who had fought on the Spanish Peninsula for descent upon New Orleans which he finally accomplished in brave military style in December 1814, and there met his death before "Old Hickory" who was fighting from behind bales of cotton as breast work hastily thrown up upon the appearance of the enemy, a most decisive and sanguinary battle was fought but to no effect as peace had already been signed at Ghent, Belgium; however, General Jackson by this engagement, though regrettable, earned a popularity that afterwards made him President of the United States and while our popular guest of St. Croix a few months before met his death gloriously but unnecessarily.

Continuing down the street to the right through a side street we catch a glimpse of the Holy Cross Roman Catholic Church, for many years in charge of the Redemptorist Order of Belgium, but since the transfer graciously surrendered to the same Order from the United States, their activities have been thorough and great towards educational improvement and the uplift of the people and many worthy beneficiaries among which is the continuation of the Convent Nuns who daily assume the burden of teaching the children of their church.

We see on the left a large building known as "Pentheny's Hotel". Here the traveller was received during the past fifty years through mother and son with the utmost hospitality and this all guide books and books describing the island during that period never fail to record. Across the street is a park formerly the site of the Court House many years ago and now a memorial park to the memory of Peter Carl Limpricht, Governor of the Danish West Indies from 1903 to 1912 who was greatly loved by all classes for his frank, jovial manner and ever courteous reception of all as he had served for many years before becoming Governor as Government Secretary in Christiansted for St. Croix. His widow still lives in town a recluse from the gay life of Copenhagen to be among the scenes of the life in St. Croix which she loves so well.

The translation from the Danish language of the inscription inscribed on the Monument reads in translation as follows:

PETER CARL LIMPRICHT

COMMANDER OF DANNEBROG

GOVERNMENT SECRETARY FROM 12 SEPTEMBER, 1883 TO 11 MARCH 1903.

AND GOVERNOR OF THE DANISH WEST INDIA ISLANDS FROM
APRIL 1903 to FEBRUARY 1912.

(To be continued.)

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The s. s. "Guiana" for New York is

due at Frederiksted at 6 o'clock on Monday morning from Windward Islands.

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Miss Eugenie Baker,
Mrs. Julia Bartley; Farm Hill,
Miss Emyline Beaunsen,
Mr. Alfrens Roynes; c/o Flastick,
Miss Edith Bryan; Gallows Bay,
Mr. Robert Dalton,
Mr. Ebbinesar Daniel; Free Gut,
Mrs. Christina Ford; Company St.,
Miss Catherine Harris,
Mr. Christian B. Henry,
Mrs. Ediza Herbert,
Mr. Alickzander Howard,
Mrs. Niome Jackson,
Miss Hilda Jordan,
Mrs. Elane Joseph; c/o Anesta Galway,
Miss Irene King; La Princesse,
Miss Margret Martin,
Mr. Johnny Mason; King Cross St.,
Mr. Edward Nickel,
Miss Dorthia Petersen,
Mrs. Francis Phillips,
Miss Elise Phillips; Hill St.,
Miss Elisia Pickering,
Mr. Herralder Richard,
Mrs. Mena Roberts; Hill St.,
Miss Helena Robinson,
Mr. Isaiah Ronan; 10 Hill St.,
Mr. Walter Rouse,
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Mrs. Dagmar Smith,
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B. R. LARSEN, Postmaster.

The first batch of sailors to be quartered at Parade Ground returned to their ship at Frederiksted yesterday and another contingent arrived later in the day. There are 26 tents in all erected two large and 24 small, each tent being furnished for two persons.

The very calm weather which prevailed last night is doubtless the reason for the non-arrival of the mail-boat from St. Thomas. A fair wind is blowing from a favorable direction this morning and the Mizpah may put in an appearance later today.