

son in this Council. I believe our Governor to be sincere in every respect, but I feel that when any public question is being discussed, and anyone has a strong opinion that the interest of his constituency is to be sacrificed, disloyalty lies in the holding of his tongue.

Any how the action taken by the Governor today shows that he is willing to adhere to the promise given the people of this island, to work in harmony with them for the benefit of the island and according to their wishes and desires.

1st Member for Christiansted Country District (*Stakemann*) remarked: Mr. Vice-Chairman. I am one of those who opposed the measure, and therefore, I wish to second the words of the last speaker. We are satisfied that the Governor wants to do what is right, and to work in harmony with the people, but there are people in this Council who are using the name of the Governor and trying to force measures on the people. The bill which is now withdrawn is the most unprecedented; I have never seen anything like it for the forty-six years I have been on this island.

A committee was appointed at the last meeting when the measure was being discussed, to investigate and report on the matter, and was given one hour to report; we had no chance to look around for another suitable site to recommend; I left the Council, and after I left, a motion was made to dissolve the Committee. Since, we have met, and two other sites were proposed for the institution.

What we would like to know is the real opinion of the Governor. We are inclined to work in harmony with the Governor, but not with some who pretend that they are working on behalf of the Governor. It is us who have lived here all our lives who know the sentiments of the people, and I am glad that the Governor is always trying to meet the wishes of the people. We are not trying to oppose the Governor, but we do not think it right to force anything through this Council, as was done in the last meeting. I hope the Governor will see things in their true light. I again beg to remark that we have full confidence in the Governor.

The Vice-Chairman remarked: I think Honorable Members will agree that by the remarks of the two last speakers, sufficient has been said on the matter. I therefore consider the matter closed. The Resolution is withdrawn.

To be continued.

LOCAL.

It is requested to announce that on Sunday evening the 25th., the Navy Band will repeat the concert rendered on Sunday night last, 18th.

The rumor concerning the Lake Leland

is advised as not correct it being the Connersville that is going to Frederiksted. The Lake Leland is looked for in Christiansted on or about Monday the 26th.

U. S. S. Tadousac arrived here yesterday evening and is now in port.

Schooner Creole arrived here this a. m. with St. Thomas and English mails.

Correspondence.

Christiansted, July 23, 1920

Editor "St. Croix Avis":—

In your editorial of today you announce the circulation of lists for signatures against prohibition, to be forwarded to the Governor under petition to veto the anti-prohibition bill just passed by the Colonial Council. I also note that the clergy of certain denominations named in your note are behind this action, and, upon inquiry, learn that the Anglican priest in this parish is not connected with the movement. I find in going through the array of parsons concerned that there is not a single native among them, nor a single one having any interests in this island beyond his "divine" calling, and it strikes me and a large majority of persons who have the welfare of this community at heart, that there ought to be people enough among the natives, who could espouse such a cause as this anti-prohibition movement if the same emanated from the people. Are we in need of foreigners to come here to legislate for us, or to confuse our local legislation? The community considers it impudence of the highest degree for these men who come from places where booze sells on every street corner to want to point out to us what is good for us in this respect. Let the shoemaker stick to his last, and the parson to the psalms, and the people can advise themselves in other matters, or if not, they can find in their midst those capable of championing any cause they wish to present to the Governor. Let the Barbadians go to Barbados and introduce prohibition there; let them write the British Government and see whether they can improve the morals of the laborers of which the worst type came here. They are too cunning or too astute to attempt that, then why come here with such poppyshow.

LET US LIKE ONE MAN GET UP AND BACK UP THE COLONIAL COUNCIL IN ITS ACTION ON THE PROHIBITION BILL, AND PUT OUR FOOT DOWN ON THIS INTERFERENCE BY FOREIGNERS IN OUR LOCAL AFFAIRS. I AND EVERYONE ELSE BELIEVE THAT THE GOVERNOR WILL DO THE RIGHT THING WITHOUT BEING URGED BY A FEW FOREIGN PARSONS, AND WE RELY ON HIM. A WORD OF ADVICE TO THE WISE IS SUFFICIENT, AND THESE MEDDLERS ARE ADVISED TO STOP. IF BY MONDAY

IT IS ASCERTAINED FOR CERTAIN THAT THE MOVEMENT IS STILL ON FOOT, A PUBLIC MASS MEETING WILL BE HELD FOR THE PURPOSE OF GETTING POPULAR OPINION FOR OR AGAINST, IN THE QUESTION. WHY DON'T THE PROMOTERS HOLD A PUBLIC MEETING? NO, BECAUSE THEY KNOW BEFOREHAND THEY WILL FAIL. HUMBUG, ALL OF IT!

Yours

ABSTAINER.

TELEGRAMS.

ST. CROIX STATION.

London, July 20th.—The approximate casualties in the present Arab revolt in Mesopotamia are three British and Indian officers killed and 14 wounded, 158 Indian troops killed or missing, and 232 wounded, according to a statement made by Mr. Churchill, Secretary for War.

Constantinople, July 20th.—Railway traffic has been interrupted by the fighting between the Greeks and Turks in the region of Adrianople. Representatives of the Allied Powers have advised civilians to refrain from travelling.

Warsaw, July 20th.—All the Bolshevik attacks along the front have been repulsed, according to reports. The Soviet troops have been repeatedly endeavouring to break through here with Lemberg as their objective.

London, July 20th.—Large reinforcements have been ordered from India to Mesopotamia to cope with the Arab revolt there, it was announced in the House of Commons today by Mr. Churchill said there was no reason for anxiety regarding the position. The British garrison at Romeika was holding out, he added, and was being supplied by air.

London, July 20th.—The Govt's reply to the note of Foreign Minister Tchitcherin of Soviet Russia regarding an armistice with Poland will be despatched tonight. It intimates that if the Russians advance further into Poland, all negotiations for trade between Great Britain and Russia will be broken off.

Warsaw, July 20th.—The long awaited attack by the Bolsheviks along the line of the river Styr in Volhynia has commenced, and has been repulsed by seven Polish divisions, according to announcements.

London, July 20th.—King Feisal of Syria has replied to the French ultimatum by accepting the French mandate for Syria subject to the League of Nations, and confirming other conditions, but objecting to the French occupying the territory mentioned in the ultimatum.

Doorn, Holland, July 20th.—Dr. Vandergerg, who assists the court physician in the treatment of the former German Emperor, was called into consultation at Doorn Castle yesterday, and decided that the condition of the former Empress was such as to forbid her being informed of Prince Joachim's death.