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St. Thomas News.

It will, indeed, be very gratifying to the public at large to know, that the Royal Mail Steam Packet Company has once again decided to run their boats this way, linking up Jamaica, Porto Rico, the Virgin Islands and Hayti. The headquarters of the Company will naturally enough be Kingston, Ja. The fine and comfortable steamer "Balantia" will be the first boat put on the route. It is contemplated to take in the route of the former Hamburg-American liner "Präsident."—*St. Thomas Mail Notes, Dec. 17th.*

We received a visit yesterday morn from Mr. Totten, whose arrival from the States via Porto Rico, we chronicled yesterday. Mr. Totten, who since boyhood has been known to us, emigrated many years ago to the States, where he now resides. He is the President of the Virgin Islands' Protective League, an organization of over 8,000 members, all natives of these American Virgin Islands, with headquarters in New York City. As is already well-known, he is accompanied by Miss Hendrickson, an ardent worker for the welfare of the League and all its tenets, one of the most important of which is the affiliation of all the former inhabitants of these islands now residing in the United States, into one solid body politic for the welfare and betterment of things social, economic, political and other wise, connected with them.

In the course of conversation, Mr. Totten wished it to be distinctly understood that neither he nor his companion, nor the Association they represent, has any intention nor desire whatever, to take

side with any one person or affiliation, against any other person or affiliation. "The Virgin Islands' Protective League", said he, "is for everybody (natives, irrespective of class, breed or colour. We are sent here", he continued, "to study conditions as they exist under the new government, and to report same to our Executive Board." He expressed some irritation that the mission of himself and companion should in any way have been misconstrued, it having been expressed in certain circles, and readily taken for granted, that they had come in connection with "certain local matters." By no means, Sir", he reiterated, and then he told of Dr. Weiss and Lawyer Latimer, and how the members of the League were mostly staunch Republicans, &c. &c. and many other things of an equally interesting nature. It is his intention, if he is still here on Friday, to give a lecture that evening in the New Apollo of which more anon.—*Ibid.*

SUCCESSFUL "BABIES' SHOW" AT MUNICIPAL HOSPITAL

Yesterday afternoon, there was a "Baby Show" held at the Municipal Hospital, for babies up to one year of age and in which 115 took part. The parents of those infants that were absent, will be asked to bring their little ones next week. The babies who were of various types, were in fine form, thanks to the "Infants' Welfare Clinic," which has been established for some time now at the Hospital; and which receives the babes for examination every Friday morning.

At the "show" yesterday afternoon, the babes were undressed, examined, and weighed. Those not in fit condition were returned to their mothers to be returned to the Hospital on Friday for further examination; while those in the "pink of health" were "stayed for a prize."

Placed upon a table, they were carefully examined, after which they were returned to their mothers to be dressed.

Of the number showed the following were the winners:—

1. Ernest Milliner, 7 months 22½ lbs; mother, Artagracia Newton, Prize \$5.

2. Gulda Parrot, 8 months 21 lbs; mother, Juanita Sprauve, Prize \$3.00.
 3. Edward Kalbfleish, 11 months 21 lbs, mother Louise Daniel. Prize \$1.00
 4. Ruth Richards, 7 months, 17 lbs, mother Adina Richards. Prize \$1.00.
- These prizes were furnished by the Local Chapter of the Red Cross. These shows will be continued every month, having for their object the rearing of healthier babes, and the incentive to mothers to learn to take better care of their young ones. The next show will come off on January 20, when besides the mothers, all others interested in the care and welfare of infants are cordially invited. The work done by the hospital in this particular care of infants cannot be too highly appreciated when we take into consideration the steadily decreasing mortality among our young, especially during the present year. At the close of the show, pictures of the infants and their mothers were taken; also one of the prize winners.—*St. Thomas Mail Notes, Dec. 18th.*

NOTICE

AN Extraordinary General Meeting of The St. Croix Club is hereby called to take place in the Club Rooms on SATURDAY the 27th, December 1919 at 5 o'clock p. m.

All members are urgently requested to attend.

Christiansted, St. Croix, December 9th, 1919.

For the Board,
WILH. JENSEN.
Secretary.

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