

necessary for further legislature to transfer funds from the Reserve Fund, such an ordinance will be introduced.

2nd Member for Christiansted Town (Canegata) remarked: Mr. Chairman. When the ordinance providing for loans for hurricane purposes was passed in 1916 it was said that no amount could be taken from the Reserve Fund unless authorized by ordinance.

The Chairman: If it is found necessary to draw from the Reserve Fund and an ordinance must be passed by this Council authorizing the transfer Government will call an extraordinary meeting. Ballot will be taken after recess to elect four men to assist toward carrying out the provisions of the ordinance just passed.

Item 6.

Colonial Council Bill No. 13, Fourth Council, First Session.

Introduction of and 1st discussion on Colonial Council Bill No. 13, draft of an additional money bill to the Budget for the Municipality of St. Croix for the fiscal year July 1, 1923 to June 30, 1924, providing for an appropriation of Francs 10,000.00, to the Public Works Department, for the purpose of repairing the small boat wharf at Frederiksted.

The Bill reads as follows:

Colonial Council Bill No. 13.

Fourth Council, First Session, 1923-1924.

DRAFT OF ADDITIONAL MONEY BILL

to the Budget for the Municipality of St. Croix for the fiscal year from July 1, 1923, to June 30, 1924.

Sub-Item 51, Maintenance, Public Works Department.

The Public Works Department is hereby granted the sum of Francs 10,000.00, for the purpose of repairing the small boat wharf at Frederiksted and to pave about five hundred square feet of approach to said wharf.

Proposed by Government.

Despatching Secretary (Barrett) in introducing the money bill said, Mr. Chairman. The intent of this bill is to provide for permanent repairs to the small boat wharf in Frederiksted. A survey of the wharf by the Public Works Officer of St. Croix makes it apparent that the sum of Francs 10,000.00 is necessary to effect the repairs. Government has been informed by the Municipal Committee that the temporary repairs already completed is adequate for the purpose until such time as the financial condition of the Treasury is improved. I simply wish to say that the Public Works Officer informed me today that it is very desirable to have the wharf repaired. At the time the additional money

bill was submitted I don't think it was known that a large number of ships will be calling at Frederiksted. The landing of men from these ships will cause great strain on the wharf. This Council will take into consideration the fact that the ships will be here during the winter months and grant the request Government would be glad.

To be continued.

LOCAL

The new Governor of the Virgin Islands, Capt. Philip Williams, U.S.N., and Mrs. Williams and party, landed here from the "Grebe" yesterday afternoon and were received with military honors. Those present included the Chairman and members of the Colonial Council and officials of the navy administration. The Native Brass Band was in attendance, and there was a large gathering of school children and spectators. We beg to welcome His Excellency and Mrs. Williams to St. Croix and trust that their stay will be agreeable.

The s. s. "Parima" for New York is due at Frederiksted at 7 o'clock on Sunday morning from Windward Islands.

The "Grebe" returned to St. Thomas after completing the landing of passengers etc yesterday. Those returning by her included Miss Gillette, Red Cross Supt., and Mrs. Lionel G. Lang.

The Navy Band under Bandmaster Alton A. Adams accompanied the Governor and will remain during his stay here.

Owing to the heavy winds the Mizpah could not put to sea until yesterday afternoon on the run to St. Thomas.

The Navy Band will give a concert on the wharf this evening.

The s. s. "Bridgetown" sailed from New York on Saturday evening, having 50 tons of cargo for Frederiksted and 75 tons for Christiansted.

Parties desirous of going to St. Kitts of attend Races do not require passports.

TELEGRAMS.

ST. CROIX STATION.

Vienna, Dec. 29th.—Severe blizzards continue throughout Austria, hampering communication. Food supplies in Vienna are diminishing and prices are rising rapidly. Three thousand freight cars are snowed in at Arlberg.

New York, Dec. 30th.—The Argentine is the most formidable agricultural and pastoral competitor of Australia and if her wheat output continues to increase at the present rate she also will embarrass Canada and the United States said H. P. Williams, agricultural representative of the Australian Government, who

arrived from South American countries on Saturday.

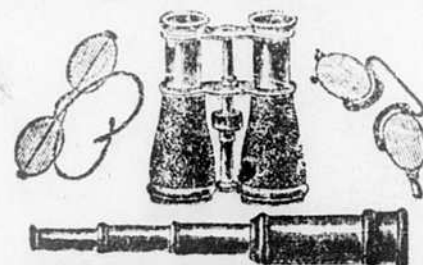
New York, Dec. 30th.—France has filed its official challenge for the 1924 Davis Cup contest the United States Lawn Tennis Association announced tonight. France is the second nation to enter the 1924 list for international team tennis supremacy. Ireland having sent the initial challenge a week ago. France will compete in the European zone in which her representatives became finalists last season, losing to Australia at Boston in the inter-zone contest to determine the challenger.

Vienna, Dec. 30th.—Seven ski runners, has perished in an avalanche, while ascending the Feldalpen Horn and two more on the Bloekenau in the Alps, and numerous parties of mountain climbers are reported as missing. In the Salzburg region the storm has abated, but the Arlberg route, forming the boundary between the Tyrol and Vorarlberg is still closed in consequence of heavy avalanches. The snowfall in Salzburg and the Tyrol is the heaviest in a decade. Near Vienna there are snow drifts 75 feet high.

London, Dec. 30th.—The Foreign Office has issued the following statement respecting the resignation of Sir Auckland Geddes as Ambassador to the United States "Sir Auckland Geddes having been informed by his medical advisers that the state of his eyes will not admit of his immediate resumption of work at Washington, has felt bound to tender his resignation. The following appointments in the diplomatic service have in consequence been submitted to and have received the approval of His Majesty. The Right Hon. Sir Esme Howard to be His Majesty's Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary at Washington. The Rt. Hon. Sir Horace Rumbold to be His Majesty's Ambassador and Plenipotentiary at Madrid." It is understood that pending the arrival of the new Ambassador Sir Auckland Geddes is returning to make necessary arrangement for his departure and to say goodbye to his numerous friends.

Antigua, Dec. 31st.—Sharp shock earthquake, lasting 11 seconds, experienced here 12 32 p. m.

St. Kitts, Dec. 31st.—Shock earthquake felt here 12.20 p. m.



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