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REPORT

OF

DEPOSITS & WITHDRAWALS

AT

THE NEW ST. CROIX SAVINGS BANK

On Saturday the 13th Dec. 1919.

RECEIVERS:

In Christiansted

A. E. STAKEMANN Trustee.

In Frederiksted

R. E. HIGGINS Trustee.

Balance of deposits to 6th Dec. 1919 \$ 67,498.99

20 Deposits, of which	
15 in Christiansted	\$ 203.49
(- new)	
5 in Frederiksted	\$ 10.50
(- new)	
	\$ 213.99

\$ 67,712.93

7 withdrawals of which	
5 in Christiansted	\$ 36.24
2 in Frederiksted	\$ 22.50
	\$ 58.74

Balance of deposits to date \$ 67,654.24
Receivers for Saturday, the 20th Dec. 1919.

In Christiansted

A. E. STAKEMANN Trustee.

In Frederiksted

R. E. HIGGINS Trustee.

A. E. STAKEMANN
President.

The Brass Bullet.

WORK HERE FOR EVERY WOMAN WHO WILL WORK

Embroidery and Sewing now Employing 5,000 to 10,000 Women; Work for all who Learn.

There is no need for any woman in Porto Rico to be unemployed, in the opinion of Mrs. Helen W. Courtois, who now has in her employ from 5,000 to 10,000 women making embroidery and undergarments.

"A year of experiments has convinced me that the women of Porto Rico are not only not lazy, as I was told they were, but that they adapt themselves to new kinds of work very quickly. In the past six months we have trained at least 2,000 women to make embroidery and now we start we are prepared to teach many more.

The only difficulty we now have is to let women know that there is work for them and how they may obtain it. To overcome this we have now obtained representatives in practically every town in the island to whom they may apply for work. To begin with, of course, the most difficult work can not be done, but we have such a variety of embroidery and sewing that there is something that every woman can do even from the six year old girl on up to her aged grandmother.

After one year of experimenting and organization, Mrs. Courtois said that in this year she had every reason to believe that a quarter of a million dollars would be distributed as wages in Porto Rico to the women employed by her. The amount that any individual earns is dependent chiefly on the quality of work done and the amount of time given to the work.

"Some of the women work only a few minutes each day, whatever spare time they may have", said Mrs. Courtois. "Others devote most of their time to our work and make very satisfactory wages.

The news we wish to tell the island is that there is work offered for every woman who wishes to work, and we want to tell of then how this work may be obtained."

The Department of Education and the commissioners of education in the municipalities are helping teach women em-

broidery through special instruction in and out of the school. In addition to this, Mrs. Courtois has her agents also giving instruction, and she says she is prepared to provide work for all who wish to learn. *Porto Rico Progress*, Nov. 28th.

PART OF PUERTA DE TIERRA MUST MOVE FOR DREDGING

Houses Must be Found for Hundreds of Squatters on the 'Flats'. Dredge Expected Here Soon.

Anticipating the work which is to be done on the harbor, Governor Yager is now wrestling with the problem of providing places in which a considerable portion of the population at Puerta de Tierra may live while the harbor dredging is under way.

The dredging of the harbor is to serve two purposes, according to the government plans. It is not only to deepen and enlarge the harbor but the dredged material is to be used to fill in the low lands along the water front in Puerta de Tierra and around through Miramar. To carry out this work hundreds of families now living in Salsipuedes, Puerta de Tierra, will have to move. Probably it will be at least two years before the reclaimed land in Puerta de Tierra is again ready to be occupied.

The problem of what to do with hundreds of families is a serious one because in most instances they are squatters, some of them owning their houses and some of them renters. More than a year ago work was started on a portion of the old insular fair grounds to provide a place where these people in Puerta de Tierra might go when the harbor dredging commenced. How to provide houses for them is still a problem for it is not believed that many of the snakes in which they now live should be moved even if they are substantial enough to be transplanted.

Actual dredging in the harbor probably will be commenced within three months. The War Department purchased a dredge at New Orleans the latter part of October and Governor Yager has been advised that the dredge will be sent here

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