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Congress May Change Virgin Island Laws.

PENALTY for BIGAMY, BOILING in OIL, REGARDED as a BIT TOO STRICT.

Washington, Feb. 19.—A general clean up of the Virgin Islands is recommended to Congress by the joint committee just returned from an investigation there, according to members to-day.

Senators and Representatives found a general state of neglect and much unrest among the native inhabitants.

Members are undecided whether the naval government which now exists should be replaced by a civil regime. The islands are in need of roads and farm machinery. An entire new legal code is needed, one Senator said, citing the bigamy laws, which provide a punishment of burning in oil.

Danish business firms, which are greatly in the majority there, paid only \$6,000 income taxes last year. Some members of the committee declared this Government has been deprived of about \$40,000 income taxes by firms in the islands.—*New York Evening Sun.*

Virgin Isles Hotbed Of Reds, Is Reported.

(SPECIAL TO THE NEWS.)

Washington, D. C., Feb. 23.—Senator Kenyon, Iowa, has just returned from a visit to Virgin Islands, where he found disease, poverty, immorality and bolshevism rampant among the islanders, 97 per cent, of whom are negroes.

Economically, the United States bought a "sucker orange" for \$25,000,000 when it purchased the Virgin Islands from Denmark, but they have an incalculable strategic value, commanding sea routes and the eastern approach to the Panama Canal, according to the Senator.

TELEGRAMS.

ST. CROIX STATION.

Montreal, March 1st.—On account of his appointment as British Ambassador of the United States Sir Auckland Geddes has telegraphed to the Mc Gill University, resigning his post as President of that University.

Washington, March 1st.—The British Govt. has been formally notified by the State Dept. that the appointment of Sir Auckland Geddes as Ambassador to the United States will be thoroughly agreeable to President Wilson.

London, March 1st.—The Earl of Bessersyde, Field Marshal Haig, was received by the King at Buckingham Palace this morning upon relinquishing his post as Commander in Chief.

Milan, March 1st.—As the result of a collision between crowds and the police here yesterday in which the officers attacked the mob, two civilians being mortally wounded, a general strike was declared at midnight and work has been suspended throughout the city today. The clash occurred in connection with a meeting of demobilized troops, the police opening fire when stones were thrown from among the crowds. Two men wounded died during the night.

London, March 1st.—The death took place tonight of Mr. Charles Garvice, the well-known Novelist, dramatist and journalist.

London, March 1st.—In the House of Commons the Premier stated that the list of war criminals would shortly be available, but that it was not intended that Great Britain should be represented at the trials in the German Courts.

London, March 1st.—It is authoritatively learned that unsuccessful attempts have been made to assassinate Lord Action, British Minister to Finland at Helsingfors.

Fiume, March 1st.—A siege of Fiume has begun with a stringent blockade against commodities, including foodstuffs. Perhaps we may appear to be lenient towards those occupying Fiume, said General Cavigda, of the Govt. Forces, but we are not so and we shall exercise an iron blockade against the forces of

D'Annunzio. I am not offering them the slightest atom but the children must be cared for and that is why I allowed 200 children to come out of Fiume and proceed to Milan. A correspondent has gleaned opinions of all sorts in Fiume and those of the citizens with whom he talked seemed unanimous that the situation was critical and that the city was now in the deepest despair, financially and commercially. We are starving, said a Banker who previously had been a strong supporter of Italian annexation. We are unable to go further. We are now ready for an international city. We want our port reopened to commerce and we want the city occupied either by a British or American Garrison. Our present state is impossible.

Washington, March 1st.—Nineteen thousand Armenians were massacred when the French evacuated Marash. A cablegram from Constantinople received here today says, "Regret to inform you the French troops evacuated Marash during the night. Unfortunately they did not inform anyone on the following day, surprised by this sudden release, three thousand Armenians made their first exit. They were massacred. Fifteen hundred others succeeded in reaching Ishie, but a great number of them were frozen. Out of twenty thousand remaining in the town, sixteen thousand were massacred."

Paris, March 1st.—General Lorond, Head of the Inter-Allied Commission in Upper Silesia, yesterday declared his intention of forbidding the introduction of Berlin and Breslau newspapers into the Plebiscite region, if they continue to spread false news and make hostile comments on the decisions of the Commission.

Berlin, March 1st.—The Berlin Socialists have passed a resolution or protest against the proposal of the Prussian Diet to compensate the former Emperor William for the loss of his throne and a warning was given that if the proposal is accepted the Socialists will withdraw from the Govt.

Tokio, March 1st.—The Imperial Prince is to take a two years Course of study at the French Military School at St. Cyr, and he will leave for France in April.

Hamilton, March 1st.—Mr. Taft, ex-President of the U. S., who is on a lecture tour under the auspices of the Dominion, says the Presidential outlook

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