

Fres. 9,532.60 and under Maintenance Fres. 81,275.60, making a total of Fres. 111,928.20, or \$22,385.64 in all for the Richmond Sickhouses; that's what it has cost to keep ninety-six sick persons for six months if the means are already expended.

For more than thirty years I have been a member of this Council, and my belief during that time has been that when an amount is appropriated for a certain institution, that institution had to be maintained, and it is not in the power of the head of any department to close an institution without first obtaining the sanction of the Governor and the Council. If the amount allotted to that department has been expended in half the financial year, which, to a certain extent, may be due to the present rate of exchange, I believe, under such circumstance, if the Government had come before the Colonial Council and ask for an additional money Bill, the Council might, indeed, have expressed its surprise in the usual *mild* form which the Council always adopts, but would vote an additional sum. If the Sickhouse was left open it would at least have afforded them shelter and even a little "ungi" and herring the people would have been thankful for; there is no doubt that many of them go to bed at nights hungry. Formerly we gave a good deal of alms to these people, but today we are not able to give as much as we did formerly as our means are getting smaller and smaller every day owing to existing circumstances. A most laudable work is being done in regard to children, but don't let us forget those who are old and are almost as helpless as the children.

I strongly recommend that Government look into this matter as soon as possible and re-open the Richmond Sickhouse so that the people can get a little food, if not an elaborate meal, but a little "fungi" and herring.

Despatching Secretary (Colby) remarked: Mr. Chairman. His Excellency the Governor is ready to reply by calling on Dr. Olephant to make a statement.

Accordingly Dr. Olephant gave the following elucidations: There in reality was no sorefoot hospital, there was what was commonly known as a Sickhouse and Insane Hospital; this hospital, the origin of it is from what I understand, an overflow of the Christiansted Hospital, and there was sent patients who are able to walk around and not confined to their beds. Some of those patients had sores on their feet, others Elephantiasis, and some what is known as Tropical, and not very painful. Those people were dressed in the dispensary and treated there.

The Doctor then gave a statement of the number of Mental and Sickhouse pa-

tients also number of patients discharged which is as follows:

	Mental	Richmond Sickhouse
Dec. 6, 1919.....	43.....	46
Dec. 13, ".....	42.....	46
Dec. 20, ".....	40.....	33
Dec. 27, ".....	34.....	30
Jan. 3, 1920.....	34.....	30
Jan. 10, ".....	33.....	23
Jan. 17, ".....	33.....	23
Jan. 24, ".....	34.....	22
Feb. 6, ".....	34.....	11
Feb. 13, ".....	34.....	10
Feb. 20, ".....	34.....	8

and continuing said. There are at present 11 cases in the Insane Hospital; they are all denoted cases; we have some that are having different forms of nervous diseases and are not discharged. Of the 38 cases cured and discharged all are receiving pension.

1st Member for Christiansted Country District [Stakemann] would like to know if the people from the Richmond Sickhouse and who are now on the streets begging are capable of working?

Doctor Olephant answered yes, and furthermore said that they were doing light work in the Richmond Sickhouse yard and cited a case where he offered one of those men \$4.00 per month to take care of flowers around his yard and the man never turned up.

[To be Continued.]

OFFICIAL NEWS.

March 9, 1920.

The American Consul at Port au Prince requested authority from Governor Oman yesterday to send via U. S. S. Henderson for trial, if possible, three alleged mutineers from Shipping Board steamer Giltedge, and first officer of same who are charged with killing a member of the crew. The authority was refused on the ground that the local courts were without jurisdiction.

The census enumeration of the U. S. Naval Station, St. Thomas has been completed and shows a total of officers and enlisted personnel together with dependent members of their families residents in the Virgin Islands to be 561. Census was taken as of January 1, 1920, by Pharmacist William C. Van Norden, U. S. Navy, who was detailed by Governor Oman as census enumerator.

The Code Commission appointed by Governor Oman reported great progress being made by the Colonial Council of St. Thomas and St. John. That Committee having completed all drafts so far submitted to it. The Committee is now meeting daily to draft a few remaining sections of the code.

U. S. NAVY PRESS NEWS.

March 7, 1920.

NEW YORK: New York's White Light district was given a new thrill last night when a twenty-inch water-main bursted in the vicinity of "Times Square" and flooded the streets for several blocks. Traffic was tied up by the flow of the water which turned to ice.

DAYTON: Fire of unknown origin last night completely destroyed the big tobacco warehouse leased by the American-Sumatra Tobacco Company of New York causing damage to the extent of nearly one Million dollars.

NEW YORK: Alice Joyce, motion picture actress, was married here yesterday to James Reagan, son of the proprietor of the Hotel Knickerbocker. The couple left immediately on their honeymoon.

BIRMINGHAM, ALA: Mrs. Braxton Comer, wife of the newly appointed United States Senator from Alabama died yesterday morning at the Comer residence here. Mrs. Comer was sixty-seven years old and had been ill a long time.

NEWPORT NEWS, VA.: The destroyers Welden C. Wood and George E. Badger were launched here yesterday morning at the Newport News Ship Building and Dry Dock Company. They are the last of the group of destroyers which were contracted for during the war.

NEW YORK: The storm king paid another unwelcome visit to New York yesterday just as the city was commencing to recover from the effects of the five million dollar blizzard of a month ago and within twelve hours the metropolis struggled with a driving sleet storm and a biting snow squall. Service on nearly all the trolley lines, Manhattan, and on some of the elevated lines was crippled. Ferry transportation was considerably impeded. Trains into the railway terminals were reported to be considerably behind their schedule.

ANAPOLIS: Closing their season in that branch the Midshipmen defeated Pennsylvania at water polo here yesterday afternoon. Twenty-two to six. In the best contested wrestling match held here for many seasons the midshipmen noted out a victory over Pennsylvania, seventeen to fourteen. The Naval Academy swimming team defeated Harvard by a score of thirty-six to eight points. In only one of five events did Harvard win first place. The midshipmen relay team established a New Navy record for the one hundred and sixty yards event which was finished in one minute nineteen seconds, one fifth of a second better than the record.