

In the District Court of the Virgin Islands of the United States. Christiansted Sub-Judicial District.

PROBATE DIVISION.

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF FREDERICK CARL JACKSON, SR., DECEASED.

Notice of Administration.

NOTICE is hereby given that the undersigned was on the 7th day of April A. D., 1924, duly appointed as administrator of the above named estate. All persons having claims against FREDERICK CARL JACKSON, SR., deceased, are hereby required to present their claims, with proper vouchers, within six (6) months from the date of this first publication, namely April 8th, 1924, to the undersigned administrator, or his attorney at No. 17 Church Street in Christiansted, St. Croix.

All persons owing the said FREDERICK CARL JACKSON SR., deceased, are requested to settle their accounts within said time.

FRED. C. JACKSON, JR.
Administrator.

D. HAMILTON JACKSON,
Attorney for administrator.

THE Lenten services in the Lutheran churches this week will be as follows:

FREDERIKSTED

Tuesday evening in Bethesda at 8 o'clock.

KING'S HILL

Wednesday evening at 7.30.

CHRISTIANSTED

Thursday evening at 7.30.

A cordial invitation extended to these services.

J. P. CHRISTENSEN.

Fresh Vegetable Seeds For Sale

at 5 and 10 cts. per pack at No. 39 King's Street.

Cabbage, Parsnip, Beet, Carrot, Onion, Musk Melon, Cucumber, Tomato, Turnip, Spinach, Radish, Lettuce, Watermelon, Alfalfa, Poppy Kohlbis, Cosmos Astor.

MIXED ANNUALS, WAVES of gold

Mignonette

EVERLASTING FLOWERS, all colors Mixed,

Ruta Baga, Pickling Cucumber, Squash Parsnip, Salsify Beans, Pencil Pod, Black Wax, British Wonder, Peas, Beans, Stringless Green Pod, Sweet Corn.

JOHN A. BOTT.

OFFICIAL NOTES.

In accordance with the wish of the Colonial Councils of Saint Thomas and Saint John and Saint Croix, as expressed in the joint resolution passed on April 4, 1924, in the following language, "that the Government of the Virgin Islands take such steps as may be necessary to inform the proper officials of the sense of this resolution and to request that Senate Bill No. 2786 be either withdrawn or that no further action be taken regarding it." His Excellency the Governor on Saturday, April 5, 1924, forwarded by radio to the Secretary of the Navy the full text of the Resolution, and requested that its contents be communicated to the Chairman of the Senate Committee on Territories and Insular Possessions and to Senator McLean of Connecticut.

LOCAL

In view of the expected arrival of the s. s. Guiana on or about Friday morning, it is requested advised that a direct mail for the States by this boat will be closed on Thursday, 10, at 4 p.m., pending definite information concerning the steamer's movements.

The mail-sloop "Mizpah" will be dispatched for St. Thomas this afternoon at the usual hour.

The s. s. Martinique sailed from New York Saturday evening; having 49 tons cargo for Frederiksted, and 86 tons for Christiansted.

The Virgin Islands.

New Possessions of the United States that are Governed by the Danish Laws and the Eighteenth Amendment—
—Robbed of an Industrial Market for Cane Juice—Rum and Water
—Strategic Value of a Beautiful Island Group.

(Concluded from yesterday's Avis.)

A European Monarch.

It is inconceivable that any section of this great republic should be governed by the laws of a European monarch. Yet the 26,051 people who constitute the population of St. Croix, St. Thomas and St. John are still subject to the Danish Colonial Law; the heading of which is:

"WE FREDERICK THE EIGHTH, by the grace of God King of Denmark, the Vandals and the Goths, Duke of Slesvig, Holstein, Stormarn, Ditsmarken, Lauenborg and Oldenburg, MAKE IT KNOWN by virtue of No. 17 in Law of this date concerning alterations in the Colonial Law for the Danish West India Islands of 27 November 1863 We have

issued the following Colonial Law for the Danish West India Islands.

Then follows the citation of the authority which is to govern the islands from that time on. The supreme authority is under that law, in all matters exclusively relating to the affairs within the boundaries of the islands vested in the "legislative power of the Kingdom."

Apparently there has been no change in this law since 1917. One of the members of the Colonial Council, in talking to the writer, urged that American newspapers bring to the attention of the Congress of the United States the necessity of an amendment to this colonial law, or, better still, the substitution therefor of a code of laws for the islands which will meet the changed conditions since 1917. In other words the people of the Virgin Islands, U. S. A., desire that the "U. S. A." shall mean something more than the attachment of the Eighteenth Amendment to the laws of the King of Denmark.

As a Winter Resort.

Away back sixty years ago the Virgin Islands were recommended as a great winter resort. During the 40's many residents of the eastern states spent their winters in St. Croix, and it is pointed out that Thurlow Weed, then the Editor of the New York Times, wrote in 1845: "We have now been here six weeks in Santa Cruz without experiencing the lassitude of weariness of which visitors complain. The weather has not been inconveniently hot, though the thermometer rate has ranged from 78 to 81 degrees."

St. Thomas.

The island of St. Thomas, as one approaches it from the nearby marine base at Culebra, affords a wonderful picture as the city of Charlotte Amalia, as it was long called but now known as the city of St. Thomas, comes into view. St. Thomas Island is next to St. Croix in size, and is about twentyfive miles to the northward. The islands together will some day become a great winter resort for Americans, but first of all the American government, which has taken them over, must do something more than supply a military government.

Strategic Value.

To understand the strategic value of the Danish West Indies, or, as they are now called, the American Virgin Islands, one needs to view them from the cockpit of a hydroplane. From 1,000 feet above the hills and in an air journey of 100 miles one can view the hills and valleys of Porto Rico, the rugged contour of Culebra and the wonders of the Virgins, and from this height an understanding can be reached as to the reason why President Wilson succeeded in convincing the Senate of the wisdom of paying \$25,000,000 for the little group of islands formerly belonging to Denmark. Had the fates decreed that Germany should win the war,