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SAYS PEARY DID NOT REACH POLE

Admiral Peary did not reach the north pole, in the opinion of Prof. George Hill, astronomer at the naval observatory, Washington. Prof. Hill thinks that the pole does not occupy a fixed position but moves about somewhat like the north magnetic pole. In the last two years it has moved 60 feet, he says. He thinks Peary imagined he was at the pole when in reality he was some distance away. *The Pathfinder.*

EXCAVATING AT AMERICAN LUXOR

Neil M. Judd of the National Geographic Society is excavating in Chaco canyon, N. Mex., the site of one of the most important prehistoric ruins in the country. Pueblo Bonito, as it is known, was an aboriginal apartment house of 900 rooms, four stories high, encircled by an outer wall. It stands in a canyon which has been deserted since before Columbus's time. The ancient ruins are semi-circular in shape. A long row of one-story houses connects the extreme wings. From the middle of the straight row a cluster of ceremonial chambers extend to meet the curved section, thus dividing the village and providing for each half an open court. In these courts sacred dances and religious ceremonies were performed. Some of the ancient walls still stand more than 30 feet high. The 400 ground-floor rooms occupy an area almost equal to that of the U. S. capitol building.—*Ibid.*

A FIRE EX-TINGUISHER PISTOL

A German inventor has worked out a

fire-extinguisher in the form of a pistol. It is light in weight so that it can be operated by a woman or a child, its combustion-preventing charge (usually sodium carbonate) being fired by a simple pull on the trigger. The powder is supplied in air-tight cartridges having percussion caps. The device which is said to be quite effective is well adopted for use in homes and for carrying in autos for emergency use.—*Ibid.*

ORDER OF THE DAY

for an extraordinary meeting of the Colonial Council for St. Croix, MONDAY, JUNE 4, 1923, at ONE O'CLOCK P. M.

1. Production and examination of Patents of Elections.
2. Election of Council's Officials.
3. Election of Members of the Municipal Committee and Substitutes.
4. Election of a Chaplain.
5. Election of Members of the Public Cemeteries' Commission.
6. Election according to Ordinance of 17 January, 1908, Paragraph 6, of one member to enter the Board of Management of the Asylum for Lepers etc.
7. Election of 2 men to take part with Government in deciding on the application to be made of the Golden Wedding Legacy of their Majesties the King and Queen.
Election of do. of the Silver Wedding of their Royal Highnesses the Crown Prince and Crown Princess.
Election of do. of the Nuptial Fund of His Royal Highness Prince Valdemar.
Election of do. of the P. C. Birch wife Rosaline Antoinette's Legacy.
8. Election of Members for the Commission pursuant to Paragraph 1 of Ordinance of 20th September, 1911, regarding measures against diseases of cotton plants.
9. Election according to title V, Chapter 12, Section 4, of the Code of Laws for St. Croix of a Jury Commissioner.

Colonial Council Office, St. Croix, May 28, 1923.

ROBT. L. MERWIN,
Acting-Chairman.

Supplementary Order of the Day

for the extraordinary meeting of the Colonial Council for St. Croix, MONDAY, June 4, 1923, at ONE O'CLOCK P. M.

10. Colonial Council Bill No. 12.
2nd Discussion on Colonial Council Bill No. 12, from Third Council, Second Session, draft of an ordinance introduced by Government providing for the assessment, levy and collection of taxes for the Municipality of St. Croix, carried forward on calendar by vote of meeting of April 28, 1923.
Colonial Council Office, St. Croix, May 29, 1923.

ROBT. L. MERWIN,
Acting Chairman.

Notice to the Public.

THE attention of the public is invited to the fact that repairs are being made on King's Street between Market and West Streets. Traffic will please detour from time to time as indicated by barricades, which will be placed only when it is necessary.

JOHN C. GEBHARD,
Asst. Public Works Officer.

Publication.

PURSUANT to paragraph 2 of the Charter of Foundation for Merchant WILHELM SMIDT'S Legacy for assisting poor persons in St. Croix, it is hereby brought to public notice that a balance of interest amounting to Fres. 651.85 will be on hand for distribution on 1 July 1923.

Applications for participation in this distribution, duly certified, should be forwarded to the undersigned on or before 22nd day of June 1923.

Despatching Secretary's Office, Christiansted, St. Croix, V. I. 28 May, 1923.

C. E. RAPPOLEE,
Despatching Secretary.