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THE DANISH WEST INDIES

ANNOUNCEMENT is made of a renewal of the effort by the United States to purchase the Danish West Indies from Denmark. The price quoted is \$25,000,000. They are valuable as a naval base.

A treaty for the sale of these islands to the United States for \$5,000,000 was signed in 1902, but was rejected by the Danish landsting. A previous treaty for their sale in 1867 was rejected by the United States senate.

The Danish West Indies lie 40 miles east of Porto Rico and consist of three small islands—St. Thomas, St. Cruz or Santa Cruz and St. John—with a total area of 138 square miles. Their population is 30,000. The foreign trade of the islands is about \$130,000, with imports slightly exceeding exports.

St. Thomas is 13 miles long and varies in width from 1 to 4 miles, with an area of 33 square miles. It consists of a single mountain ridge, the peaks of a submerged range, culminating in West mountain, 1555 feet elevation. The climate is tropical, modified by sea breezes. Hurricanes and earthquakes are frequent. The only town is Charlotte Amalie, with a population of 8540. It boasts of the finest harbor in the West Indies, a land-locked basin, three-quarters of a mile across, entered by a narrow channel only 300 yards wide. The depth of water in the harbor is from 27 to 36 feet.

This island was once the great distributing center of the West Indies. Little sugar is grown, the products being aloe, fibrous plants and fruit. Its chief importance now is as a coaling station. The population of the island is 11,000, mostly negroes. It was discovered by Columbus in 1493, first colonized by the Dutch in 1657, then by the British in 1667, and in 1671 passed under Danish control. During European wars of the eighteenth century the neutrality of Denmark gave a great impetus to the trade of St. Thomas.

St. John lies four miles east of St. Thomas, is ten miles long and two and one-half miles wide, with an area of twenty-one square miles. It is a mass of rugged mountains. It is well watered and most fertile, but has little commerce. In Coral bay it possesses the best harbor of refuge in the Antilles.

St. Cruz is the largest island of the three and lies sixty-five miles southeast of Porto Rico. It is twenty-two miles long and from one to six miles in width, with a population of 18,500, mostly negroes. It is mountainous, but on the south side marshy. Sugar is the chief product. It was discovered by Columbus in 1493 and owned in turn by Dutch, British and Spanish, being purchased in 1733 by Denmark. Its principal harbor, Christianstad, is choked with mud.

English is the principal language spoken in the three islands.

A REAL LOSS TO THE WORLD

IN the past few days two of the world's greatest citizens have passed away. The achievements of these scientists outrank those of monarchs on tinsel thrones, surpass those of the iron-crossed captains of human butchery and transcend those of the dollared masters of human exploitation because they have added substantially to the knowledge of the world and its enlightenment and have benefited humanity.

Eli Metchnikoff, the noted Russian bacteriologist who died last week, contributed materially to the mastery of the ills that affect mankind. He discovered that it was through the action of the white corpuscles of the blood in consuming disease germs that the body was kept healthy. From his discoveries has grown the system of anti-toxins which have made the ravages of certain diseases negligible. He found that sour milk was inimical to the bacteria in the intestinal tract and that its use prolonged life. He left the world a definite formula for controlling fatal disease and for attaining old age.

Sir William Ramsey, author of the chemistry text books of our school days, who died Sunday, added an important chapter to our knowledge of the elements of which the universe is composed. He discovered argon and isolated helium, krypton, neon and xenon. His investigations showed that helium is a gaseous emanation of radium. His earlier work with organic chemistry, his study of liquids and gases resulted in solving many of nature's mysteries.

The loss of such men is a material loss to the world. Not only the present, but all future generations, reap the benefit of their endeavors. The world is the better for their having lived—and a better place to live in.

POLES SEND THANKS TO AMERICAN NATION

THE HAGUE, Netherlands, July 25.—The Polish bureau here today informed the Associated Press that the Polish delegates to the congress of nationalities at Lausanne, Switzerland, have sent a cablegram to President Wilson thanking the American nation for the action begun to secure the economic misery in Poland, and hoping that the "sacred watchword of liberty and independence for Poland will find a ready echo in America."

DEATH FROM LOCKJAW FOLLOWS A BLOW

CHICAGO, July 25.—William A. Ulrey, aged 15, is dead at his home here today as the result of lockjaw from wounds said to have been incurred when he was struck down with a pair of heavy grass shears at the Saddle and Cycle club, about a week ago. Nicholas Moga, a gardener, has been ordered held to the grand jury on charges of manslaughter. Ulrey died yesterday.

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BLACKLIST OF AMERICAN FIRMS CREATES FRICTION

WASHINGTON, July 25.—Protection of American business houses named in a commercial blacklist prepared by Great Britain is looked for in vigorous action by the United States. Early steps may be taken, it was indicated today, unless satisfactory explanations come from London in reply to informal inquiries by American Ambassador Page. President Wilson has let it be known that he is deeply concerned.

Officials see complications in the reported intention of the allies to take concerted action along the lines of the British trading with the enemy act. That would increase difficulties of the business concerns and would extend diplomatic interchange. The state department already has gathered a mass of information regarding the blacklist for use in whatever action it may take.

NEW YORK, July 25.—The committee of protest formed by fifty or more New York firms and individuals on the British trade blacklist widened its scope today and sought aid from merchants and bankers throughout the country. It was announced that fifty letters and telegrams offering support in the movement against the enforcement of the blacklist have been received here from prominent persons in other parts of the country.

The local committee has organized by selecting as its chairman Leopold Zimmerman of the banking house of Zimmerman & Forsyth. In a statement made public today, Manrice B. Blumenthal, counsel for the organization, said:

"We are making haste slowly because the great importance and far-reaching effect of the controversy between the two countries require that the American side be presented deliberately and without excitement or clamor."

TUBERCULOSIS LOSES FRANCE 116,000 MEN

NEW YORK, July 25.—Tuberculosis has caused the discharge of 116,000 soldiers from the French army up to April 1 of this year, according to figures brought here by William P. Hollingsworth, vice-president of the American war relief clearing house for France and her allies. Mr. Hollingsworth, who has just returned from Paris, said that he received this information from the French government.

There is more Cataract in this section of the country than all other diseases put together, and until the last few years was supposed to be incurable. For a great many years doctors pronounced it a local disease and prescribed local remedies, and by constantly falling to cure with local treatment, pronounced it incurable. Science has proven Cataract to be a constitutional disease, and therefore requires constitutional treatment. Hall's Cataract Cure, manufactured by F. J. Clancy & Co., Toledo, Ohio, is the only constitutional cure on the market. It is taken internally in doses from 10 drops to a teaspoonful. It acts directly on the blood and mucous surfaces of the system. They offer one hundred dollars for any case it fails to cure. Send for circulars and testimonials. Address: F. J. CHENEY & CO., Toledo, Ohio. Sold by Druggists. Take Hall's Family Pills for constipation.

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