

U. S. TO PAY BIG SUM FOR THREE ISLANDS

[Continued From First Page] the east coast of Porto Rico. They are 142 square miles in area and support a population of 27,000 persons. Nearly all the inhabitants of the islands are negroes, who live by the cultivation of cane sugar.

Efforts to Acquire These Islands Dates From War

The value of the Danish West Indies to the United States springs from the unusual excellence of the harbors of St. Thomas and Santa Cruz. The possession of these harbors is considered to be of the first strategic importance by American naval authorities. The island of St. Thomas lies in the track of all vessels from Europe to the Panama canal. The city of Charlotte Amalie, situated on a deep bay, the entrance to which is narrow, making a splendid natural harbor, is a focal point for the commerce of the West Indies. The most important German, French and English mail companies still maintain coaling stations there.

It was the belief of Secretary Hay and of President Roosevelt that German interests were back of the defeat of the treaty. They believed that Herr Ballin desired to obtain St. Thomas as a base for the Hamburg-American Line, and, indirectly, for the German fleet. The hypothesis of German interference with President Roosevelt's attempt to buy the islands, however, is not believed by those in closest touch with the subject to-day.

Another Good-As-Gold List of Domestic at Sale Prices Lockwood Sheeting; bleached; 81 inches wide; cut from full pieces; one of the best makes; good weight. Sale price, yd., 30¢.

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Belts Wonderfully low in price for the Pre-Inventory Sale Silk Belts and Girdles, in various styles and colors. Sale price, 39¢.

Denmark's Acceptance of Offer Is Received Special to the Telegraph Washington, D. C., July 25.—As officially confirmed here to-day, the Danish ministry has formally communicated to the United States its willingness to accept the terms offered by Secretary Lansing for the three Danish West Indian islands, and the treaty of cession is about to be signed at the State Department by Secretary Lansing and Constantine Egan, Danish minister and minister plenipotentiary of Denmark.

Decide Whisky Has No Money Value in Georgia Special to the Telegraph Atlanta, Ga., July 25.—Judge Ben Hill, of the Superior Court, has ruled that under the new prohibition law whisky cannot be regarded as property and, therefore, has no value.

Couple Far Apart Sign Marriage Pact Special to the Telegraph Douglas, Ariz.—A marriage contract between Private Louis Bansemer, U. S. Army, First New Jersey Infantry, on border duty, and his sweetheart, Miss Ethel M. Sergeant, in Newark, was executed formally here. Bansemer signed a contract in the presence of a notary and witnesses that had previously been signed by Miss Sergeant.

DISLOCATES KNEE IN FALL; SECOND FALL REPAIRS HURT Special to the Telegraph New Martinsville, W. Va., July 25.—Mrs. Everett Shepherd, of Clinton street, was recently the victim of two accidents, in which one righted the damage done by the other.

Bowman's PRE-INVENTORY SALE

Use The Telephone Prompt attention given to telephone orders and delivery. We pay toll on out-of-town calls.

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A Saving At Every Turn In The Basement This great home furnishing center is a most profitable place to visit during the House Cleaning Sale. Only a few of the savings are mentioned here.

CHAPTER II. About a sale that IS a sale. A sale that is to clear out all lots that are not to be duplicated again, or incomplete in some manner, or surplus. But in all, you are offered good, serviceable merchandise in abundance.

Crepe de Chine Blouses A clearance of colored blouses in this summer's styles and shades; to go at these low prices: \$1.79, \$2.59 and \$3.89

Substantial Price Cuts In Women's Underwear & Hosiery Union Suits, of bleached cotton; fine ribbed and open mesh; sizes 5 and 6. Seconds. Sale price, 19¢.

Bissell Cyco Bearing Carpet Sweepers Fully guaranteed; nickel frames; rubber furniture protectors on each corner. Sale price, \$1.98

Save on Wanted Notions Special brassiere shields. 39¢ Broken lines of fancy buttons, doz., 20¢ New fancy pearl buttons, one-fourth off former prices.

Wool and Fibre Rugs— Make a good floor covering, at a small cost. 6x9 ft., at \$2.29; 9x12 ft., at \$4.49.

Four Important Items In Draperies on Which to Save Lace Curtains — about twenty-five pairs of net, scrim and marquise, in white and ecru, at one-half former prices.

Below is a simple explanation of some of the many items and the clearing out prices. That is all. No exaggeration about the character of the merchandise; just a price list with prices lower than you have seen for some time on the same qualities.

White Voile Blouses Clearing at \$1.29 and \$2.29 An excellent collection of fine voile blouses from our better grades. Every style belongs to that class of leaders that have made voile blouses so popular.

Thread Silk Hose, plain black and colors; also some fancy; double soles; wide garter tops. Sale price, pr., 65¢.

Girls' Middies Plain white, white trimmed in rose, Copenhagen and dark blue; belted style with pocket, or plain; sizes 6 to 14 years. Sale price, 35¢

Girls' Tub Dresses — closing out lot of gingham, chambray, percale and combination white and gingham middie styles; belted and Empire styles; 2 to 6 and 6 to 14 years. Sale price, 98¢.

Children's Dresses — pretty styles in percale, gingham and chambray, for girls 2 to 6 years; broken sizes. Sale price, 49¢.

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Visit the Furniture Floor— And Save Mahogany Poster Beds, full size; Colonial patterns; beautiful turned posts and cross rails; slightly marked. Two only. Sale price, \$16.75.

Solid mahogany china closet. Sale price, \$19.75. Solid mahogany serving table. Sale price, \$19.75. Fumed oak serving table. Sale price, \$8.75.

A Saving on Summer Skirts Will Interest Every Woman Striped Skirts A large number of striped wash skirts in a number of styles; most favored patterns. Sale price 79c and \$2.98

Silk and Woolen Skirts A number of those fine Jersey silk skirts in colors and colored stripes, are going out at \$6.50

All These Savings Are Good to Read About Following is a list of First-Day-of-Sale offerings of which there is a sufficient quantity of each for your selection to-morrow.