

VIRGIN ISLANDS, THEIR LOCATION AND HISTORY

What Uncle Sam Got for His 25 Million Dollars Paid to Danish Government

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"No perennial rivers flow into the sea across this dreary waste throughout the nearly 1,000 miles of its extent. Except for brief periods after heavy rains the interior, all the seaward drainage of the country loses itself in a wilderness of sand. Similarly, much of the drainage to the east and west flows into the Great Britain from the British territories lying to the west of the Transvaal.

"Only one reasonably good port exists along the coast between the north and south limits of the territory. And this—Walvis bay—with a small area around it—was the only harbor of the British colony in 1884. The existence of this tiny island of British territory in German Southwest Africa, above all the fact that it comprised the one port, sorely needed by the colony, was a sharp thorn in the sides of the Germans. The artificial harbors constructed by the Germans at Etvakopmun, just north of Walvis bay, and at Ludertzbucht (Angra Pequena), 200 miles to the south, were only makeshifts.

"But there is a somewhat brighter side to the old German Southwest Africa. When one sails along its forbidding coast, the beach of the strip of sand is an upland country which, though it will not support agriculture, is well suited to stock raising. Hundreds of thousands of cattle, sheep and goats are raised there. Ranches are of tremendous size like those in the old west of the United States. Camels were imported by the Germans for use in the drier portions of the country, and are doing well.

"In the northeastern corner of the territory, which is in the tropics, the conduct of agriculture is possible. Cotton, tobacco and cereals may be grown. The principal exports, however, are diamonds and copper.

"Even the strip of sand along the coast has proved in one place to be spectacularly valuable. Diamonds were discovered in the sand by railroad workmen in 1908 and the country now produces approximately one-fifth of the world's output of diamonds. In 1914 the value of the diamonds from this field reached \$45,000,000. It is believed that the gems have been washed up from the sea, and is situated in the principal town of the group, Charlotte Amalie, and Coral Bay on the island of St. John. St. Thomas harbor is probably the best developed harbor in the West Indies, and is naturally protected except from exceptionally strong hurricanes. Coral bay, though entirely undeveloped, constitutes an even more commodious and better protected harbor of refuge. These harbors were valuable to the United States in themselves, but it was even more important that the United States prevent their falling into the hands of possible enemies.

"The Greater Antilles, made up of the larger of the West Indies, and the Lesser Antilles, composed of the smaller islands, together form a gigantic crooked arc enclosing the Caribbean sea. The Virgin Islands are at the elbow, the closest point to Europe. Past this point streams the traffic between Europe and the Panama canal, between New York and both the east and west coasts of South and Central America, and between the Greater and the Lesser Antilles. It has been said that the larger of the West Indies, and the Lesser Antilles, that they are 'on the road to everywhere.' To this fact has been due the importance of the town; and the town in turn has given to the islands of St. Thomas and St. John what importance they have had in recent years. Its accessibility, its good harbor, its facilities for coal and storage, and for dry dockage and repairs to steamers, gave Charlotte Amalie a place of pre-eminence among all the harbors of the West Indies before the war. The falling off of shipping during the war was a hard blow to its prosperity.

"In November, 1917, soon after the United States were taken over by the United States, the American Virgin Islands had a population of slightly more than 25,000. This was not a great deal over half the population in 1886. Nearly 93 per cent of the inhabitants in 1917 were negroes or mulattoes. A large proportion of the few whites are Danes. English has always been the predominant language, however, because the trade of the islands has been largely with the United States and with the English West Indian colonies.

"The Virgin Islanders have shown an eagerness to become Americanized. In its administration of the islands the navy department has increased and bettered school facilities, and has cleaned up and enforced sanitary regulations in Charlotte Amalie and the other two towns, both on St. Croix, Christiansted and Frederiksted. The

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WANTED TO RENT—Three or four unfurnished rooms for light housekeeping. Apply P. O. Box 614, giving location and price. 4-30-21

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TWO UNFURNISHED rooms for rent at 414 Dock street. 4-30-21

FOR RENT—Three rooms, one single; two double; modern conveniences. 214 Red Cross street, phone 883-W. 4-30-21

NICELY FURNISHED rooms for rent, hot and cold water. Young men of refinement and good habits, no other need apply. Phone 1992-W, 110 Orange street. 4-30-21

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FOR RENT—One large and one small room, southern exposure and central location. Phone 1461-J or call 312 North Fourth street. 4-29-21

FOR RENT—Restaurant and 16 rooms near Lumina, Wrightsville Beach. Also large cottage near Lumina. Samuel Bear, Sr., and Sons. 4-27-21

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LOST—A white envelope with two negatives. Mrs. Rhodes, C. W. Yates Co. 4-29-21

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MORNING STAR WANT ADS.

Real Estate

RESTAURANT FOR SALE—Little gold mine, owner sick, unable to attend to good corner, come see it stay long as you like. Carolina Business Exchange, 7 Masonic Building. Phone 483. 4-24-21

AT CAROLINA HEIGHTS we are offering for sale a comfortable six-room bungalow, with large lot, can arrange very easy terms. James & James, Inc., Agents. Phone 153. 4-10-21

610 MARKET STREET is an elegant home. It has eight rooms, two baths with tile floors, hardwood floors throughout, including of hobbes; furnace, gas heaters, large attic; also garage. Property in perfect condition. Good terms; early possession. James and James, Inc., phone 163. 4-23-21

SUMMER HILL lots are cheap out here. I will sell you a lot and put you a four-room house on it for \$1000.00. These lots are fine. They are all high and dry and convenient to the car line and hard road. Cash or credit. L. H. Hanby, phone 483. Room 7 Masonic Building. 4-24-21

NOTICE—For sale or rent, five-room furnished cottage at Wrightsville Beach, N. C. C. D. Maffitt, phone 880 or 1834-W. 4-6-21

309 CASTLE STREET is being thoroughly renovated and repaired. Can be bought on easiest of terms. James & James, Inc., sole agents. Phone 153. 4-10-21

FOR SALE—Valuable business property at Ninth and Red Cross. Vacant lots and dwellings. This is an opportunity of a life time to secure this valuable business property. See terms. L. W. Moore, Sole Agent, 204 Princess street. 4-29-21

217 NORTH SEVENTEENTH; six room bungalow home, well built, screened, garage, etc. Good terms, price right. See W. P. Fletcher, Agent, 103 Chestnut street. 4-29-21

NORTHERN EXTENSION, Wrightsville Beach, we have a three room cottage, partly furnished for \$1,500; half cash. Owner lives in Florida and has no use for same. See W. P. Fletcher, Agent, 103 Chestnut street. 4-29-21

FOR SALE—Nice home, four miles from town, on hard road. Four room house, kitchen, garage, tenant house, national children's books, five acres of land. Fruit and shade trees, hot water. School close by. Owner must sell account of ill health. Address, Owner, Route 2, Box 192, city. 4-29-21

Miscellaneous For Sale

HATCHING EGGS and baby chicks. White Leghorns \$2.50 per 15. If chicks are purchased, they will be 1 day old on delivery about May 25th, order at once as the supply will be limited, chicks 25c each, or 15c each for 50 or more. 20c per cent cash required with chick order. C. J. Craig, next to Bethany Presbyterian church, Castle Hayne road, Wilmington, N. C. 4-29-21

COAL! COAL! WOOD! WOOD! Dry pine and oak split to order. Good weights and full measure. A. E. Kirby, phone 1858-W. 4-29-21

FOR SUNDAY—Strawberry, chocolate and vanilla ice cream; angel food, the all-cream ice cream, made of pure cream, nuts and cake. Delivered in any quantity. Warren. Phone 455. 4-30-21

FOR SALE—Art square, piano bench, gas stove, waffle iron, matting art square, and coal grate, cheap. 913 Market St. 4-30-21

ICE! ICE! ICE! For the convenience of the public we have opened an ice box at 514 Nixon at Love and Union hall. 4-30-21

GREATER Investment series now open for May 7, 50c per share weekly, maturing \$100 in three and one-half years. Get the shares; we pay the taxes. Price more than one-half million dollars. Carolina Building and Loan Association, largest in Eastern Carolina, L. W. Moore, secretary, 205 Princess St. 4-30-21

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USED CAR WANTED—I want to buy direct from owner, slightly used high-class, light automobile. Will pay cash for bargain. P. O. Box 712. 4-24-21

FOR SALE—One five-passenger Mitchell, 1920 model, latest new, in perfect condition. Price \$1,200. Call and respond with P. O. Box 419 or Phone 212. 4-24-21

HAVE YOUR CAR cleaned for Sunday. We wash for \$1; wash and polish, \$1.50; wash and grease, \$2. Used Car Exchange, No. 12 Dock street. 4-29-21

FOR SALE—One Ford Model 1920 model, self starter, shock absorbers; good condition. Apply Frank P. Reese, Orton hotel. 4-30-21

DODGE touring car, used about 10 months; in fine mechanical condition, looks good; five new tires, spot light, and other equipment. For sale cheap. 248 S. Third St. Phone 1087. 4-30-21

Miscellaneous For Sale

FRANK LOVICK—I have just received a new stock of registered cows free from tuberculosis. Milk 50 cents per gallon; 15 cents per quart. Free delivery. Castle Hayne Road. 4-24-21

MACHINERY FOR SALE—Dry kilns, planers, boilers, engines, pumps, builery, shafing and all kinds of power plant equipment. See for price list. Oliver Carter, Wilmington, N. C. 4-24-21

WORK LIKE HELEN B. HAPPY—Give our stenographer Miss Helen B. Happy a chance to figure with you. Wall board, lumber, shingles, brick, there is no other line of roofing than the CAREY line. If you can't phone or come write us, we are working hard for business and want your Melver Lumber Co., corner Sixth and Campbell. Phone 1555-W. 4-24-21

If you listen at our competitors' knocking or soiling old Grouch Complaint. It will make Melver Lumber Company sound. Like just what they want. 4-24-21

FOR DRY PINE and oak wood, stove or fireplace; prompt delivery. Phone 601-J. 4-17-21

GARDEN SEED and flower seed. Now is the time to plant. Heister, Egg Dye, "Rit," Sunset, Aladdin Tintex, Rainbow, Diamond and Putnam's dyes. Now is the time to brighten up your shirtwaists, etc. J. J. Bunting, Bunting Trug Co., Second and Princess. 3-19-21

SCREENS, cabinet work, window frames, sash and turn work, all kinds. Just get our prices; that's all. Roderick & Land, Eighth and Wooster street. 4-11-21

FOR SALE—One 50-hp. motor; one 40-hp.; one 25-hp.; one 10-hp.; all in excellent condition; prices quoted on application subject to prior sale. Chubbourn-Bate Co., Wilmington, N. C. 4-25-21

WOOD! WOOD! WOOD!—For nice pine or oak wood, by loads and quick delivery, call phone 940-J. Williams Wood Yard. 4-11-21

WOOD FOR SALE—Green edging strips, \$1.50 per load, delivered reasonable distance; also green slabs cut slove lengths, \$1.75 per load. Chubbourn-Bate Co. 4-11-21

FOR SALE—Juniper shingles, juniper board, boards and trim. Brunswick Lumber Co., Bolivia, N. C. 4-29-21

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Miscellaneous For Sale

FOR SALE—TWENTY MILK COWS—Here we are again, with 20 head of the finest fresh high-grade Jersey, Holstein and Guernsey milk cows ever offered at public auction, Davis-Daniels Co.'s stable, Wilmington, on Saturday, April 30, at 12 o'clock. When we say sell we mean sell. Come and see these cows Saturday morning and make your selection. Several of these cows now milking 4 to 5 gallons per day. They are all young and fresh and have young calves with them. Twenty veal calves will be sold at this sale. This is an opportunity you cannot afford to miss. Invest in a milk cow and you will make 100 per cent on your money in one year. Thoroughbred Jersey heifer to be given away at this sale. Freight allowances: We will pay one-half freight on cows to be shipped fifty miles or less. All cows loaded free of charge. Come one, come all. Bring your sister, wife and mother, and you will remember this day as the happiest day of your life. No blues will be there. Everybody happy. Come! Come! Come! R. C. Griffin & Bro., Monroe, N. C. 4-28-21

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