

Our Neighbors of the Caribbean Sea — Nassau and the Bahamas

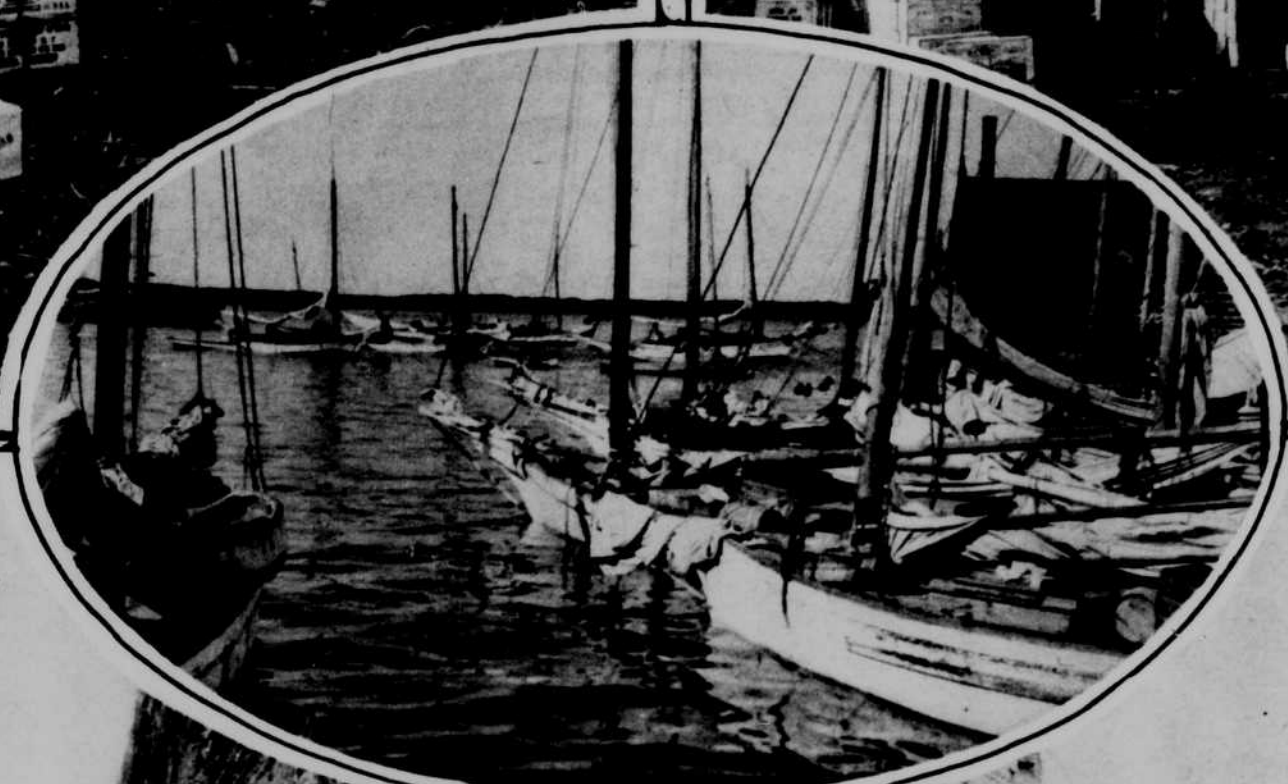
This is the first of a series of travel pictures taken for The Omaha Bee by Louis R. Bostwick, the Omaha photographer, on a mid-winter cruise in the tropics. Another page of views will be shown by Mr. Bostwick next Sunday.



The Nassau commission merchant has a friendly smile as he contemplates how brisk will be the demand for his precious Scotch. Perhaps it is one-half water.



Ready for loading on the dock at Nassau. The photographer identified among the cases: Old Bridgeport Rye, P. & O. Scotch, White Label Scotch, House of Lords Scotch, Highland Queen Scotch, Royal George Scotch and Johnnie Walker.



Fleet of fruit and sponge boats in Nassau harbor. The Nassau sponge exchange is one of the largest in the world.



"The Queen's Staircase," a flight of steps 80 feet high cut into solid rock. Union street to old Fort Tincastle.



Main street, Nassau. The liquor industry keeps everybody busy so no one has time to stretch the telephone wires properly.



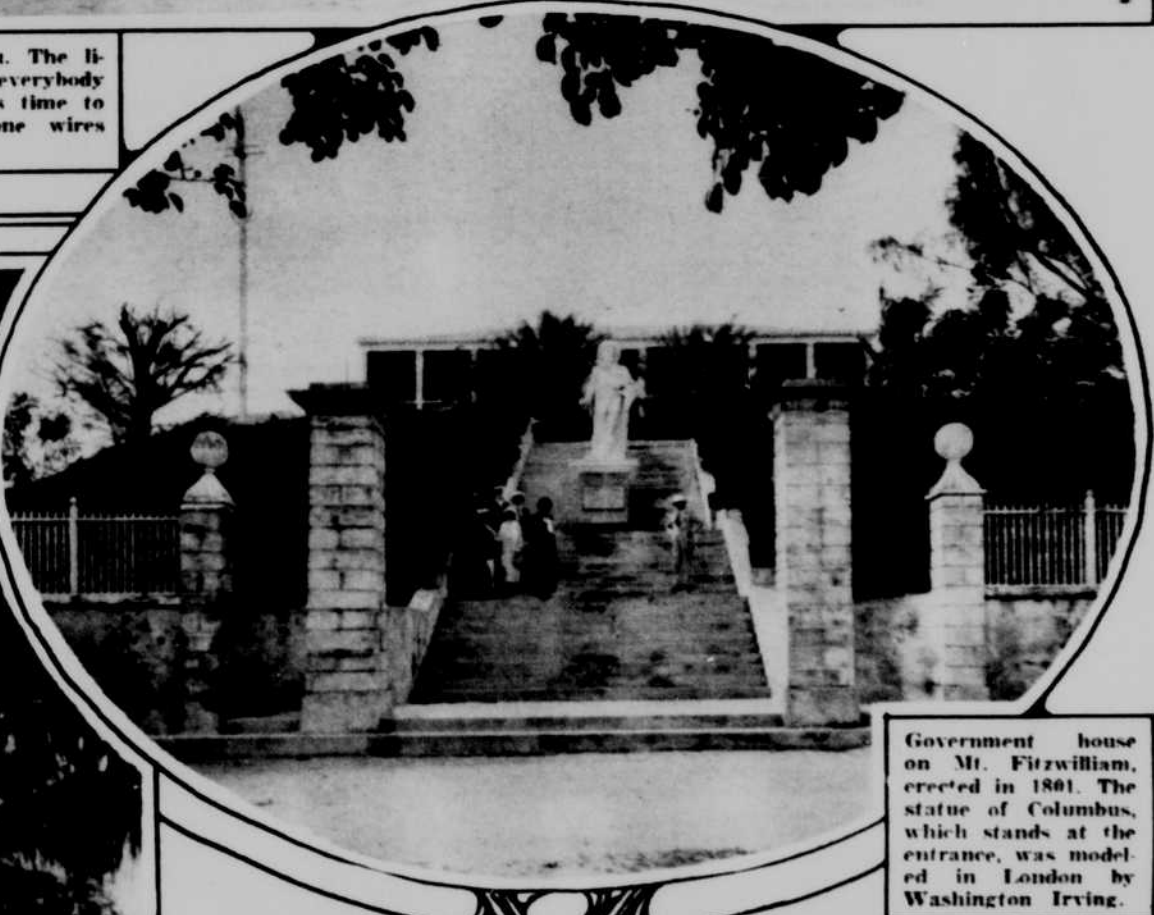
St. Matthews, the oldest church in the Bahamas. It is of Norman architecture, surrounded by a high wall with a quaint old Spanish gate at the entrance to the churchyard.



Victoria Avenue Nassau, a typical residence street.



Sorting sponges for market.



Government house on Mt. Fitzwilliam, erected in 1861. The statue of Columbus, which stands at the entrance, was modeled in London by Washington Irving.



Group of Omaha tourists in the friendly shade of a silk cotton tree said to be 200 years old.