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A Picture of the Wild and Wooly West. Though abounding with excitement, attracts the attention of the most "phlegmatic". An interesting time is in store for everybody at the West End Movies.

Concert On The Wharf

U. S. Navy Band, St. Thomas, V. I.,

Sunday Night August 26, 1923.

ALTON A. ADAMS, Bandmaster, U.S.N.

— PROGRAM —

March... Washington Grays... Grafulla
(Virture)... Semiramide... Rossini
Waltzes... Sobre Las Olas... Rosas
Song... What Are The Wild Waves Say-
ing... Clover
Grand Selection... Faust... Gounod
(By Special Request)
March... With The Colors... Sorensen
STAR-SPANGLED BANNER.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE COLONIAL COUNCIL FOR ST. CROIX.

(Continued from yesterday's Avis.)

Item 3.

Colonial Council Bill No. 12, Third Council, First Session.

Continuation of 2nd Discussion on Colonial Council Bill No. 12, Draft of an Ordinance, introduced by Government, providing for the assessment, levy and collection of taxes for the Municipality of St. Croix.

Government Secretary (Zane) remarked: Mr. Vice-Chairman. In connection with this bill which has been pending for more than two years the Government wishes to reiterate its former stand that this Colonial Council should accept a tax ordinance which is more consistent with American ideals than those now in existence. At this time I wish to ask one question—The Government has received a Sub Committee Report from the Committee of the whole House, I wish to ask whether the Committee of the whole House has reported to the Council?

The Vice Chairman remarked: I was away from the island at that time, the information can be furnished by one of the members who were present.

Government Secretary (Zane) I ask this because Government has no record of that.

2nd Member for Christiansted Town (Canegata): Mr. Vice-Chairman. I believe the Honorable Government Secretary is correct. As you will notice the Committee Report has been signed by

the Sub-Committee. That is an error. I consider those names on the Report should not be there, because the Committee was a Committee of the whole House and not of the Council. If the Committee of the whole House adopted the Sub Committee's Report, then the report should be signed by the Chairman and Secretary of the Committee of the whole House and not by the Members of the Sub-Committee.

Government Secretary (Zane) remarked: Mr. Vice-Chairman. With that in view this bill comes to a standstill until the Committee Report is acted upon by the Council. I would suggest that this formality be gone through before proceeding further with the bill.

1st Member for Frederiksted Town (Jackson) remarked: Mr. Vice-Chairman. When this matter was brought up here at the last meeting I told the Chairman that I was unable to discuss it as I was not provided with a copy of the draft. What I said then holds good now. I am still without a copy of the draft and therefore not in a position to discuss the matter.

The Vice-Chairman remarked. I am sorry the Honorable 1st Member for Frederiksted Town hasn't a copy of the draft, however one will be furnished him in the very near future. I would also like to hear from any other member who has not got a copy.

There was no further request for copies of the draft.

4th Appointed Member (Blackwood) remarked: Mr. Vice Chairman. The sub-Committee Report was accepted in a sort of fashion by the Chairman of the Council. The Report should have been placed before the House and accepted paragraph by paragraph. The signatures appearing on the Report are perfectly in order.

Government Secretary (Zane): Mr. Vice-Chairman. I urge that this matter be proceeded with without further delay.

The Vice Chairman remarked: Government has expressed its desire that the matter holding up the bill—adoption of sub-Committee Report by the Council—be proceeded with immediately.

1st Member for Frederiksted Town (Jackson) remarked: Mr. Vice Chairman. Before the vote is taken on this matter I wish to go on record as saying that this matter is not properly before the Council, because it has not been properly circulated.

Government Secretary (Zane) remarked: Mr. Vice-Chairman. Government considers that the Honorable 1st Member for Frederiksted Town has a right to a copy of this ordinance and requests that the Chairman of the Colonial Council furnish him with one and that the whole matter go over until the next meeting.

His Excellency the Governor remarked: I sincerely trust that hereafter every member will be furnished a copy of this

bill; and that no member will say that he has not received nor seen a copy. I hope every member will study the tax law together with the recommendations of the sub-Committee so that when I call an extraordinary meeting you will be prepared to discuss the law without any excuse. This bill has been before the Council for two years and two months, and I feel that it could have been passed or rejected before two years and two months. It is not my desire to hamper you with extraordinary meetings from time to time, but it is my desire that members give serious attention to legislation. I hope when we come again to discuss the matter that every member will be prepared to attend to business.

4th Appointed Member (Blackwood) remarked: Mr. Vice-Chairman. I sympathize with His Excellency's views on this matter. The sub-Committee worked hard on this job; it is a gratis job and not a very pleasant one. To sit on a tax law and frame it in a way that would please everybody is a job I would not like to undertake again in a hurry. This Committee Report should be accepted by every Member of this Council, and every member who has the interest of the island at heart should try and be prepared to vote for or reject the bill the next time we meet.

1st Member for Frederiksted Town (Jackson) remarked: Mr. Vice Chairman I hope that my remarks that the bill is not properly before the Council has not been misunderstood. I did that to safeguard the bill and the Council; some one may refuse to pay his tax and take as his grounds that the law was not properly placed before the Council. I do not believe it would be dignified in a member of this Council to run around to places where he thinks a copy of the law might be to study the law. As a duly representative member of the people he is entitled to all the privileges of the Council. Whether or not a member borrows a copy of the law, or happens promiscuously to see a copy, does not give him the right to come here and vote on the matter without giving it careful study. I hope the interpretation put upon my remarks will not remain in the minds of the Members of this Council. I did it because I wanted to safeguard the act and the Council. The Chairman will find me voting for or against the bill as soon as I receive a copy.

To be continued.

LOCAL

The Industrial Band gave a public concert last night, executing a fine collection of pieces in their usual excellent style which elicited loud applause and encores from the enthusiastic gathering around. The crowd enjoyed the jazz.