

was Mr. H. L. Roper, clerk in the West India and Panama Telegraph Co's office in this town, who is being transferred to St. Thomas. During his sojourn in St. Croix Mr. Roper proved himself a very amiable young man and made many friends with whom we join in offering him good wishes.

Our readers are reminded of tonight's show at the theatre when "Peg O' the Ring" will be continued with 6 highly praised chapters in episodes 4, 5 and 6.

The sloop Carib for the safety of which some anxiety was felt after her departure from Frederiksted just before the storm of last Tuesday, arrived here on Friday, all well.

OFFICIAL NEWS.

Ensign Storer G. Decatur, U. S. N. R. E., personal aide to Governor Oman, who went to the States on leave via the U. S. S. Kittery on August 4, 1919, has made a request to be placed on inactive duty and will not return to St. Thomas. He is at present at his home in Kittery Point, Maine.

Passed Assistant Surgeon Paine, U. S. Public Health and Marine Hospital Service, the chief quarantine officer of St. Thomas, called on Governor Oman this morning. Dr. Paine and his family will sail for the States via the S. S. Guiana next Tuesday.

The U. S. S. Kittery arrived this morning with Lieut. J. W. Whalen, Medical Corps, U. S. N., and Mrs. Whalen, Ensign V. Bentley, U. S. N., Mrs. Schroeder, Mrs. Geverts, 44 enlisted men and 38 tons of cargo on board. The U. S. S. Gulfport will arrive at St. Thomas next Tuesday and will sail thence for New York.

The sloop "Carib" from St. Croix is reported to have put into Little Cruz Bay at St. John with a broken bowsprit.

Lieut. C. C. Timmons, Supply Corps, U. S. N., and Mrs. Timmons arrived by the "Kittery" at West End on Saturday night. They are visiting the Despatching Secretary and Mrs. O'Hagan. Lieut. Timmons is on duty in the office of the Government Secretary at St. Thomas.

WEATHER REPORT.

St. Croix, Bar. 30.00, Ther. 86, E. partly cloudy.
Rainfall for past 24 hours, 7/8.

To Editor St. Croix Avis:

Dear Mr. Editor:

We have read Father Daily's letter in today's paper, and before going further beg your permission to say

that we accept the explanation he offers. We have no animosity against anybody and judging other by ourselves, we gladly withdraw our objections to his remarks now that he states our conclusion differs from his meaning. However, in respect to the logic intended to offset our version of his saying the title was used to catch the people, we cannot agree with him.

Let us examine the comparison Father Daily has sketched for us; let us see whether there can be any analogy between the case before us, and the catching of fish by bait. Catching fish by bait presupposes certain fixed theories, among the principal being that the fish we design to catch, like the bait we intend to use, will readily recognize it, and therefore bite at it and be caught. We cannot leave out the speculation of securing bait that the fish will recognize as something they like. Even artificial bait made up for convenience, is so prepared as to pass for the real bait it resembles. That some fish will not bite, even when the best bait is used, is not due to any fault in the bait, but must be attributed to the fact that the bait contains a hook which is to result in the destruction of the fish, which fact many fish know. Failure to make a haul is, therefore, shown to be due, not necessarily to lack of potency in the bait, but to superior intelligence in the fish. And fishermen with any experience will substantiate this and tell you that they do not waste their time in experimenting to haul these wise fish, but go where the fish do not know of the hook and will bite at the bait and be caught.

Now let us suppose the title in question is offered as a bait which those who offer it believe the people will like; what harm can it do if the people do not like it? And if it is quite sure the people do not like it there is no necessity to be anxious for fear they would go to see it. For instance, suppose you had a pond with some fine fish and you saw an angler throw in his line with a stone or a piece of wood on the hook, would you grow very nervous that that man was going to catch your rare fish? Certainly you would tell yourself that there is no fear, because the fish don't like stone and wood and recognizing them as such will not bite at them. Furthermore how can we consider the title a bait any longer when we are told at one time that it carried "a promise of something emphatically salacious", and again that "birth" is a stereotyped word which when linked with "control" takes on a very specific meaning? Surely a bait is an allurement, something to deceive; well if the title disclosed so emphatically what it really carried behind it, and the words used in the title give such a specific meaning, then the title ceases to be a bait in the common sense of the word, and the people had a right to feel that it had been said they could be induced to go to the theatre be-

cause something clearly vulgar was advertised there. Either the insinuation taken offence at is really expressed, or it is implied that the people are very stupid.

It's just the logic we are for, we all feel there has been "much ado about nothing" when the whole thing is boiled down. We therefore bow off, forgetting that this incident ever occurred.

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TELEGRAMS

ST. CROIX STATION.

London, Sept. 2nd.—The Times which prints a vigorous plea by Lord Fisher for a reduction in naval expenditure, does not support him entirely in its editorial comments, thinking that his inference that the peace cost of the navy is too enormous, is unjust and liable to be misunderstood. Recent additions to the pay of officers and men, says the "Times", were delayed till the last moment and even now do not err on the side of liberality. Naval supplies have doubled. The British Empire after all proceeds the Times, is an association of states, whose highways are ocean highways. Lord Fisher of course knows this well but the letter which his zeal for economy has dictated may tend to obscure the minds of men less wise. The peace problems of the Navy involve both sea power in the Pacific and the development of the Dominion Naval forces. Both are in suspense until Lord Jellicoe makes his report, but they suggest that the disappearance of the German Fleet is not an end of all things for the British Navy.

Paris, Sept. 1st.—Cardinal Mercier who leaves today for the U. S., has been entrusted with a delicate Mission in that country by the Holy See, according to the Journal. The newspaper says that the Cardinal will lay before President Wilson his views concerning the League of Nations.

Coblenz, Sept. 2nd.—French troops are incomplete in the control of the situation at Ludwigshafen where an attempt to establish an independent republic in the Palatinate, appears to have come to a head early yesterday according to German newspapers, a number of adherents of Dr. Haas of Tandrau attacked the Post Office at Ludwigshafen and after a four hours fight succeeded in overpowering the resistance of the Post Office Officials. Two persons, the Postmaster and another official are reported to have been killed during the fighting.

Winnepeg, Sept. 3rd.—News of another sensational gold strike, this time in the contract Bay District 70 miles from Kenora was brought to Winnepeg yesterday by Robert Wachman, a Chicago salesman who claims to have made the find. The strike, according to Wachman, is a pay streak containing \$200,000 to \$300,000 gold to the ton, surrounded by ore that will mill more than \$100 to the tons.