

CHRISTIANSTED THEATRE

8.15. MONDAY EVENING 8.15.

At Bethlehem Sunday Evening 7.30

"Vera Gordon" in "The Greatest Love".

"The Greatest Love," is, of course mother love, which is greater and more lasting than the love of a man for a maid. And Vera Gordon, who made herself a star overnight through her wonderful work in "Humoresque," has been selected for the important role of Mrs. Lantini, the real head of a little family of Italian emigrants who come to this country in search of liberty and the better life. Though her son, grown to successful manhood, is accused of murder, and is sentenced to the death chair, her steadfast love never wavers for an instant. Her boy has told her he is guiltless and her mother heart knows that he speaks the truth. How she proves her faith justified forms one of the most gripping stories of the year.

Show concluding with a One Reel Comedy.

All Lit Up" by "Snub Poland"

THURSDAY

"PRISCILLA DEAN"

IN

"THE VIRGIN OF STAMBUL"

ADMISSION

Reserved Seats.....25c.
General Entrance.....15c.
Children 15c. and 10c.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE COLONIAL COUNCIL FOR ST. CROIX.

(Continued from yesterday's Avis.)

4th Member for Frederiksted Country District (*Fleming*) remarked: Mr. Chairman. We are coming up against the worst time I have experienced in St. Croix, and yet we are seeking to impose a tax upon people who are unable to pay. I think it would be much better to let this tax question go for some future time when we have more rain. Today we are out looking for something we haven't got. We are not able, in a sense, to feed the laborers. I lost thirty-six head of cattle last year for want of water. I think it unfair to impose more tax on us. If it is the idea to turn the island in bush, then go ahead and increase tax. As one of our old Council Member, John Hewitt, once said,—"Let well enough alone." We may have to call upon the Red Cross for help soon. I ask to let well enough alone.

Government Secretary (*Gaffney*) remarked: Mr. Chairman. With regard to the remark made by the 4th Member for Frederiksted Country District it might be well to review the history of this tax legislation. The Council record shows

that it was first introduced in the Council on December 22, 1921. The Government of the Virgin Islands is acting upon a mandate of the Congressional Commission.

The ordinance is now called up, a time when half of the members of the Council is about to retire; and under the Rules of Business all matters pending on the docket will die with the Council. It would seem from these facts that we are no further than we were in December 1921. Unless the bill be enacted before the Council dies it would become the duty of the Government of the Virgin Islands to report the matter to the Congress of the United States for action by them.

The *Chairman*: In reply to the Government Secretary I wish to say that according to precedent all bills pending on the docket when the Council dies are re-introduced in the new Council.

2nd Member for Christiansted Town (*Canegata*): It is a general rule made two years ago, not a precedent.

The *Chairman*: It is not in the Rules of Business, but a rule adopted years ago. Some Chairmen enforced it and others did not, but I have followed the rule since I am Chairman.

1st Member for Frederiksted Country District (*Andersen*) remarked: Mr. Chairman. May I ask when a Congressional Commission happens to visit this island for only a day are we then in

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Anti-Sludder Ticket.

honor bound to pass laws based on their recommendations, when we know their argument is unfair? A few months ago I had a talk with a Congressman and during our conversation the Income Tax Law came up and he told me that Congress never knew that we had passed an Income Tax Law down here in 1921. He said not many members in Congress know much about the Virgin Islands. I suggested that something must have been wrong between this Government and the Congress. In view of all that I cannot give much credit to the Congressional Report of 1920. Every one knows it is not a good report, so I think the less we talk about it the better it would be for all concerned.

3rd Member for Frederiksted Country District (*M. M. Skoock*) would like to know whether Government is strong in its demand for a personal tax.

The *Chairman* answered yes.

3rd Member for Frederiksted Country District (*M. M. Skoock*) remarked: Mr. Chairman. After considering the matter further Government may see its way clear to meet the Council half way, especially as the Council has a name and record for meeting the Government in many instances more than half the way. I do not think that by this attitude Government thinks we are opposing the measure or are disloyal, at least I don't feel that way, especially as the difference between the new and the old system is so little. I believe the Government will see its way clear to waive the personal tax. We should have hopes that something may turn up and the whole matter will turn out to be of economical value to the island.

Government Secretary (*Gaffney*) remarked: Mr. Chairman. It is my personal wish that I could give some hope to the Honorable 3rd Member for Frederiksted Country District that there is a middle ground covering this matter but personal property receives the same protection and administration as real property therefore I cannot give any hope. They go hand in hand—Real and personal tax.

4th Appointed Member (*Blackwood*) remarked: Mr. Chairman. With regard to remark made by the Government Secretary concerning the length of time this ordinance has been before the Council, I sympathize with him. It might have been discouraging to see that we have taken so long a time before taking