

LOCAL

1½ line of rain was measured at the Fort this morning.

The funeral of Mrs. A. J. Blackwood is advised as taking place in Frederiksted and up to now has been fixed for 8.30 on Sunday, 3rd instant.

The 6 reel drama "The Flapper" screened at the Christiansted Theatre last night was indeed a very pretty picture and deserved a larger audience than the one present.

CORRECTION

In yesterday's Avis, second page second column, twelfth line from top please read: "It is understood" instead of "understand"

Football.

BLUE BIRD F. B. C. TO MEET MERRY JUVENILE ON SUNDAY AFTER-NOON ON THE HOLGER DANSKE

After many months from playing, the Blue Bird Football Club, captained by Ralph Dennis, will again have the pleasure to meet against the Merry Juvenile Football Club, captained by James Bough on Sunday afternoon on the Holger Danske Ground.

Game commences at 4.30 o'clock. Both Clubs being strong we are sure to keep the spectators spellbound. The Merry Juvenile is sure of victory, but the Blue Bird takes things easy.—Com.

"The C-at Came Back."

By R. H. AMPHLETT LEADER.

Judging from the caption of this article one would, naturally, expect to read something about cats; or at least, a particular cat that strayed or was stolen but eventually "came back". But be not deceived ("evil communications corrupt good manners" and this communication is NOT evil); be not deceived I say, nothing about the feline species is within the purview of this article. What this article treats on is the Hon. Francis Coulter, Member of the Colonial Council. Not an account of what Mr. Coulter has or has not done during his twentyone years in the Council—not a dissertation on how it was worth one's while to attend the Council in the "days of old" when the fearless Stakemann and his twelve apostles shaped legislation and the role played by Coulter who was Peter—not an analysis of Coulter's major speeches which Coulterites describe as being delivered with a voice *a la* Mr. Cum-ber and Anti Coulterites as being *false* but which impartial minds know to be

tremulous but perfectly natural—not a Character Sketch by any means—but simply a "talk" on this gentleman's success in being his own successor for the seat of Member for Frederiksted Town and Suburbs and after succeeding himself five times and failing at the sixth, he nevertheless, "came back".

Understand then at the outset that were it not for the return of the Hon. Francis Coulter to the Colonial Council I had not written this article.

HIS OWN SUCCESSOR.

Of course you are wondering why I have chosen such a caption when all the "talk" is about Coulter. Well, you see, it is this way:—

Once upon a time (so the story goes) a man owned a cat which he tried to get rid of many times without success. Finally he got a boat; rowed far out to sea; tied a large stone to the cat's neck with the strongest rope obtainable; tossed the poor creature into the deep blue sea; rowed back to the shore and walking homeward feeling that what he had done last he should have done first, upon arriving home the man found the cat on the doorsteps drying its fur.

SIMILARLY IT IS WITH COULTER. Every four years, since 1902, huge stones have been tied around his neck; time and again he has been tossed into the deep blue sea of defeat before election, but at the first meeting of the Council after election Coulter is the first man to take his seat when the Chairman rings the bell—he "came back".

This reminds me of a conversation between a commercial agent and myself which took place in the Council Hall four years ago when Mr. Coulter last succeeded himself:—

"Who is that Sherlock-Holmes-like individual?" enquired the agent.

"That's Coulter", I replied.

"What! The man who was to die from the recent election returns?"

"The same", I answered. "You see stranger, Coulter is our political cat; politically speaking, he has nineteen lives."

So there you have the analogy:—The C- came back, C-, one time cat; one time Coulter—see?

WHAT'S IN A C?

Election is the oldest form of choosing. C, the initial letter of *condemno*, I condemn, was the letter inscribed on the ballots by which the Roman jurors voted to condemn an accused party. Here we have the letter "c" in voting. Athenian voters used to cast oyster shell ballots and there was a peculiar manner in which the ballot had to be CAST. "C" again. To this day certain African tribes select a Chief by spinning a cocoanut. Again "c". Then there is c in Coulter. Speaking about things lucky and unlucky! Certainly, there must be something in the letter c in selecting and electing.

Coulter has been a member of the

Colonial Council so long that that Body would look odd without him. He used to be a mere member, but he has been more than that for some time now. He is a sort of Uncle Joe Cannon or Henry Cabot Lodge—a fixture—something like the Chairman's gavel, the Colonial Law, the Rules of Business, or the Order of the Day. It is about time that the Council pass a Draft of Ordinance (a model of diction and literary polish) making Francis Coulter a member of the Colonial Council for life.

It was my opinion during the recent election that Mr. Coulter was missing an opportunity of attracting the Muse of History by running for the Council again. Mr. Coulter held that he could attract the Muse at the end of his twenty-five year term. (He was thinking of election not selection). Whether he can four years from now as well as he could have recently is disputable; but what is indisputable is that, although not representing the same constituency, he "came back."

TELEGRAMS.

ST. CROIX STATION.

Berlin, May 28th.—Two million miners and tens of thousands of metal workers are now on strike in the Ruhr, according to a special despatch to the "Vossische Zeitung". Although these figures are probably grossly overestimated, it is believed that every mine centre in the Ruhr is idle, as a result of the tactics of the Communists, who are visiting the pits and forcibly ejecting the workers.

London, May 28th.—Reuter's learns that the Ministry of Agriculture has removed the embargo on the admission to the United Kingdom of South African slaughter cattle.

Washington, May 28th.—Efforts will be inaugurated today by the United States Treasury officials to reconcile the proposed prohibition regulations with the position taken by the five foreign powers which have expressed their views to the State Department in connection with the Supreme Court decision barring liquor from United States territorial waters.

London, May 28th.—Mr. Stanley Baldwin was chosen leader of the Conservative's Party at a party meeting today. The meeting was attended by the Conservative Members of both the House of Lords and the House of Commons, who are supporting the Government. It was presided over by Lord Curzon, who moved the election of Mr. Baldwin as leader of the party in succession to Mr. Bonar Law. The Foreign Secretary's speech felicitated both the party and the Prime Minister, on the choice. Prime Minister Baldwin, meets Parliament for the first time as head of the Ministry today, when the House of Commons re-assembles after the Whitsuntide holidays Mr. Austen Chamberlain's letter to his