

Christiansted, 29th May.

Dear Mr. Editor,

Can you, or anybody else, for that matter, explain by what rhyme or reason the entrance to the District Court is kept open when the court is not in session, but closed and pad-locked when the court is trying cases in which the public may be interested.

A painted sign-board placed over the most logical entrance to the court-room reads thus: "Entrance District Court". This is as it should be, but this entrance is also used as a garage for the Despatching Secretary's car and as the housing of this car seems to be of more importance than the use of this passage-way by the public as the entrance to the court, the gate is ordered locked prior to and during the sessions the public being obliged to seek entrance to the court through various other channels.

In my mind this procedure is irregular and not conducive to order, therefore either of the two things should be done:—remove the sign-board, placing it over such an entrance as will be available as an entrance when the court is in session, or provide some other and more suitable garage for the car in question.

It would be interesting to know if the Hon. Judge of the District Court was aware of the fact that, the official entrance to his Court was ordered locked on Monday 28th inst. before and while his court was in open session.

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MOVIE FANS!!

Look:— Look! Look!

Are you interested in seeing a Real Horse Race on the screen? Then go and see Douglas Mc Lean in "The Home Stretch" at St. Mary's Movies this evening.

See also the Metropolitan Race Track with its tinsel and glamor,—its Rainbow of Silken-clad Jockeys.

See the jockey Johnny Hardwick—born on the track—nursed in its wisdom Johnny always remembered his father's last word "Son I am dying all I have to leave you is "Honey Blossom" if you handle him right he will surely make you a fortune" Don't miss this picture you can only see it once.

Next week you will have the greatest fun in your life, the film King, Queen, and Joker is coming off, make sure you see this picture.—Communicated.

Yesterday afternoon a fire of great intensity took place at Est. Whim, burning parts of Campo Rico, and Hannah's Rest, several squatters plant cane were burnt. Mr. George Morton is said to have suffered the greatest loss. The origination is unknown.—*The Agricultural News, May 28th.*

News has been received from Copenhagen that former Governor Konow has been rated to vice Admiral.—*The St. Thomas Bulletin, May 24th.*

TELEGRAMS.

ST. CROIX STATION.

Ottawa, May 24th.—Immigration during April totalled 9,500, or 41 percent higher than in April of the previous year. British immigration number 4,671 in comparison with 2,043 in April 1922, immigration from the United States 2,149 compared with 3,268 in April of last year.

Paris, May 24th.—M. Poincare and his colleagues in the Cabinet today submitted their resignations to President Millerand, but the president declined to accept them. The action of the ministers was the outcome of the refusal of the Senate to proceed with the trial of Marcel Cachin and other communists charged with alleged acts against the French Republic. M. Poincare informed the correspondents that he interpreted the vote in the Senate as proof of want of confidence in the Cabinet, which made it impossible for the Ministry to act against communist plots. The Ministry remains in office, President Millerand holding that the vote of the Senate was purely juridical and without political effect. Immediately after the meeting of the senate, M. Poincare called a council of ministers. A brief discussion took place, and then the Premier and his colleagues proceeded to the Elysee Palace to place their resignations in the hands of the President. The Senate, sitting as a high court in secret session, voted relative to the trial of communists on the following points. 1. Can the court declare itself competent or incompetent. 2. Should the question of competency be referred to a committee. 3. Is the court competent. The Senate voted in the affirmative on the first question and in the negative on the last two questions, the final vote being 148 to 104. After the vote was taken the high court formulated its decision in substance. "The matter before the court is not of a nature reserved for its examination, hence it is not necessary for the court to proceed with the hearing. The cases against Cachin and the others should therefore be sent before a competent body for decision.

Paris, May 24th.—The rapid increase in the cost of living in the Ruhr district and an anticipated further drop in the value of the German mark may make necessary the issuance of the special currency which the occupation Allies have had in view for the Ruhr and the Rhineland, it was said at the Foreign Office. France and Belgium have agreed on the principal details of the issue, which can be put out on short notice if it becomes necessary. The new money will approach as nearly as possible the present German money, it is said, but whether the value of the mark will be

chosen as the unit of value remains to be decided. In any case France and Belgium will wait until the scarcity of currency makes the issue absolutely necessary, before resorting to it.

London, May 25th.—The King held a privy council at Buckingham Palace this morning. He also formally received Mr. Stanley Baldwin who kissed the hands of the Sovereign on his appointment as Prime Minister and first Lord of the Treasury.

Berlin, May 25th.—Special despatches from the Ruhr this morning report that work has ceased in all the Ruhr mines. The correspondents assume that a general strike of the miners has been declared in sympathy with the Dortmund strikers.

Moscow, May 25th.—Fifteen persons, all of them Princes, Generals and Noblemen, have been executed as a result of the discovery of an active counter revolutionary plot in the Soviet republic of Georgia, says a despatch from Tiflis to the Pravda today. The names of those executed are not given, but it is said all were active participants in the movement.

Shanghai, May 25th.—Panic seized the bandits of Paetzuku yesterday as Chinese Government troops launched a determined advance against the outlaws in an effort to break up their communications and force an international problem involving the kidnapping of foreigners from the Shanghai-Peking express. The Peking Government's plan to relieve the captives by force, apparently is to be put into operation at once. The cordon of troops about the Paetzuku stronghold was tightened in all directions yesterday.

Dublin, May 25th.—For the first time in several months, President Cosgrave will appear at an outdoor meeting next Sunday, when with Professor John Mac Neill, Minister of Education, he will address a political gathering at Kilkenny. Mr. Cosgrave's decision to be present is regarded as a striking indication of the Government's confidence that Ireland is returning to normal conditions. A band of Irregulars was captured yesterday in West Ireland. A large quantity of arms ammunition, and explosives were seized.

New York, May 25th.—The liner Homeric, which arrived yesterday, brought \$5,465,000 in gold from England. Of this amount \$5,000,000 was consigned to J. P. Morgan and Company, for the British Government account.

London, May 25th. Admiral Brock, commanding the Mediterranean Fleet, leaves the Malta base today on his flagship enroute for the Dardanelles. A flotilla of destroyers will follow tomorrow. This is the latest development in the Greek Turkish crisis. Mustafa Kemal has arrived at Ichataldja, where about 50,000 Moslems are concentrated behind the famous fortifications ready to fight if the Greeks cross the Maritza river and attempt to march through Thrace.