

The Native Brass Band

will play the following program on the Wharf To-night. Weather permitting:

Part I

1. March... "The Standard Bearer".... Fahrbach
2. Waltz.... "España".... Waldteufel
3. Uncle Josh Huskin' Dance... De Witt
By Request
4. Jazz One-Step... "When Jimmie Europe's Band Played The Blues Over There"... Archur

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1. March... "Gardes Du Corps"... R. B. Hall
2. Overture... "Scenes From Operaland"... Al Hayes
3. March... "Spirit Of The West"... Hummer
4. Ragtime-Spasm... "An African Symphony"... Lo ey

STAR-SPANGLED BANNER

FRED. C. JACKSON, JR.

Bandmaster.

The Chairman in reply to the last speaker said,—At the last meeting 2nd Appointed Member (Noll) made a statement which I understood of his personal opinion and upon that statement you withdrew your bill.

2nd Appointed Member (Noll) remarked: Mr. Chairman. The minutes will show that I spoke from a personal view point.

1st Member for Christiansted Country District (Stakemann) remarked. Mr. Chairman. That does not answer my question. I want to know why this bill is not considered compatible.

2nd Appointed Member (Noll) remarked: Mr. Chairman. I don't know that I ought to answer at all. I gave my honest opinion I am inclined to think that the Governor, by executive order, can put this law in force, but I do not believe it is in order to ask the Governor why he did not issue an executive order. If the Governor wishes to extend courtesy to the Council he is at liberty to do so

3rd Member for Christiansted Country District (R. W. Skeoch) and 1st Member for Frederiksted Country District (Andersen) entered the meeting.

1st Member for Christiansted Country District [Stakemann] remarked: Mr. Chairman. I think it would be a waste of time to make any remarks on this matter. The members declare that they do not know anything about the matter placed before them, consequently the whole thing rests with two men in the Council, one is an American Jurist and to every objection made he says it is

against American Jurisprudence. I only wish to say one thing, and that is, from the report of the Congressional Commission which is printed it is seen that it is not against American Jurisprudence when they provide that there shall be one judge for each island. So you see I have got some support, I consider one judge for each island would more facilitate the people, and if it is found out that we cannot have appeal to Philadelphia we can appeal our cases here and have a judge from Porto Rico come down twice a year to sit in the appeal court, that would be better than having one judge for both islands. I think the Congressional Commission has seen fairly and has judged well. Another thing, I have heard it said don't let us get a judge from Porto Rico as it would be like a wedge; I cannot see where that wedge can be used if a judge from Porto Rico comes and sits in an appeal court here. The Congressional Commission has recommended every item which we placed before them; they have recommended that there should be a Colonial Council for each island; does that look as if they want to put us under Porto Rico?

I know the Colonial Council is very much afraid of going under the Jurisdiction of Porto Rico. I don't see anything in that. Congress has not the time to take up our questions every minute, they have told us one thing, and I believe when an American means to do anything he does it. That's the impression I have of an American; therefore I do not see any reason why the Council should allow itself to be influenced by the saying that if they vote for a judge for each island they would be placed under Porto Rico. If the Council will be influenced by that thought, then I think it is time for the Congressional Commission to know what it is that has influenced the members of this Council to vote for one judge for both islands. It would be a good thing if the report of the Congressional Commission and the report of the Council be printed.

1st Member for Frederiksted Country District [Andersen] remarked. Mr. Chairman. Since our last meeting I have given thought to the question as to whether there should be one or two judges for the two islands and I am convinced that we should have a judge for this island outside the one for St. Thomas; I have spoken to a great many people and they feel as I do on this matter. If there is one judge for St. Thomas he would live in St. Thomas and his feelings would be for St. Thomas, and if we have one judge for this island he will live in and feel for this island. That's a point I wish the members of this Council to think over very carefully. About the scare of going under Porto Rico, I want it to go on record that I have no such fear. I recommend to the members of this Council to vote in favour of one judge for this island.

4th Appointed Member [Blackwood] remarked: Mr. Chairman. The question of this island going under the Porto Rico Government was discussed way back in Mr. Roosevelt's time, I do not believe myself there is much danger in the Porto Rico Government, but it is not desirable, the present form of Government is more satisfactory. In regard to the question as to whether there should be one judge for all the islands, I myself think it would be more satisfactory to have two judges, this have been recommended by the Congressional Commission; they have also recommended the continuation of two Colonial Councils, one for each island. In regard to whether we should have two police judges and whether they should be allowed private practice I don't see why such a practice should be condemned considering in former days we have had men sitting in the Courts as police judges and were allowed to practice law; I cannot see where it will be detrimental, except where it cuts down the practice of a private lawyer; of course this is a part of the discussion I don't feel myself qualified to speak about, it is better to leave that part to the two lawyers in the Council.

[To be continued].

The schooners Vigilant and Creole are here today; the latter with St. Thomas and English mails.

The stork visited the home of Mr. and Mrs. O. T. Mc Kay and left a baby boy with them yesterday morning. Mother and infant are well and we congratulate the parents and grandparents.

OFFICIAL NEWS.

May 11, 1920.

Governor Oman attended the meeting of the Colonial Council for the Municipality of St. Croix yesterday. The second discussion of the entire code was closed.

The Tug Hubbard with Lieutenant Harold K. Smoot on board left St. Thomas about 10:30 last night with towing hawsers and gear to assist in floating the U. S. Army Transport "Northern Pacific", aground at entrance to San Juan harbor. All materials required were very promptly offered by Shipping Board vessels now in the harbor. General John J. Pershing and his staff and all passengers on board were landed yesterday afternoon.

The U. S. Army Transport "Santa Lenora" is standing up from the south and is expected to arrive in San Juan shortly to render assistance and if necessary to handle all passengers.