

Supplement to St. Croix Avis, No. 170, 26th July 1920.

Correspondence.

The Editor of "St. Croix Avis."

Dear Sir:-

Just a few lines in praise of that excellent drama entitled "The Price Of Good Time" exhibited in the Christiansted Theatre on Thursday evening last. Without doubt it was one of the best plays shown here for a long time, and ought to have been seen by a much larger audience. As a rule the shows on Thursday evenings are not very well patronized, but we would like to mention for the benefit of the absent ones, that they are passing over lightly some very instructive numbers of the screen, which are never shown on any other evenings but Thursday. The serials might be alright in their way, but it must be remembered that we are compelled to wait eight or nine weeks before the whole of a serial can be shown, while on Thursday evenings we see complete stories, which is a decided advantage over the serials.

As we were saying, this seven reel drama of Thursday evening was an exceptional one, and we repeat very instructive, and is sure to meet a hearty welcome by our friends of the West End Movies to-night. Such high class dramas are the kind we appreciate, and hope to see many more of that class.

One thing before we close, and this we say without any offence to any one, will our aspiring movie pianist give us a new program to-night, considering that he has an electric bulb over his music? We would also appreciate a little more of what is called in the musical language "tone color". And last but not least, it would be excellent—if not too expensive, to get appropriate music for the movies, as on Thursday evening it was really funny to see the death scene in the last part of the drama, and hear a captivating waltz at the same time. Music for the movies can be had in the United States of America.

Thanking you Mr. Editor for space given, and good luck to the Theatre,

We remain,

MOVIE ADMIRERS.

TELEGRAMS

ST. CROIX STATION.

Warsaw, July 21st.—It is estimated that more than half a million men responded to the call of the Polish National Council of Defence, for troops.

Berlin, July 21st.—An official statement was issued today, declaring Germany's complete neutrality in the situation arising from the hostilities in progress between Russia and Poland. The statement was signed by President Ebert and Foreign Minister Simons.

Sandy Hook, July 22nd.—It was reported here tonight that in the event that Shamrock won the America's Cup either tomorrow or Saturday, the New

York Club would place a challenge in the hands of the representatives of the Royal Ulster Club for the race next year and that the United States Club would challenge with 116 feet schooner. L. Gardiner, the designer, is said to have been commissioned to draw plans for schooner, if the America's Cup is lost.

Paris, July 22nd.—W. K. Vanderbilt, the American financier has died here.

Sandy Hook, July 22nd.—The Shamrock will enter tomorrow's race against Resolute with a new top-mast and new top-sail, the regatta committee of the New York Yacht Clubs, announced to night. After Shamrock's Captain had notified the committee of his change he requested a remeasurement of her sail area, but the official measure was unable to reach the Lipton yachts moorings in time to do the work tonight. The committee announced however, that tomorrow's race will be run on the basis of a time allowance of six minutes and forty seconds for the Resolute, subject to any change that may result from a remeasurement of the Shamrock's topsail. This was the original allowance, but it was later increased to seven minutes one second, when Shamrock put in and used a rear gear club topsail. Shamrock's canvas will be remeasured after the race tomorrow and if the contest is at all close, the winner may not be known until several hours after the yachts have crossed the finish line. The new topmast of the challenger was reported to be much stronger than the old one, which showed signs of weakness, according to yacht club officials.

Montreal July, 22nd.—A cable to the "Montreal Star" says, Speaking in the House of Commons, Sir Hamar Greenwood, Chief Secretary for Ireland, estimated the value of property destroyed by the Sinn Fein at £2,955,772. The statement was based on official reports.

London, July 21st.—The refusal of the Russian Soviet Govt. to cease war against Poland at the behest of Great Britain, is contained in a Moscow wireless despatch received here today. The refusal also constitutes an appeal to the workers and peasants of Soviet Russia and the Ukraine. It is signed by Premier Lenine, Minister of War Trotsky, Foreign Minister Tchitcherin and Commissioners of Justice Kurski.

London, July 21st.—Mr. Lloyd George addressing the House of Commons today, said the Soviet answer to the Allies regarding peace with Poland was incoherent, ambiguous and a propaganda largely intended for home consumption. So far as he could understand however, the Soviet indicated its willingness to negotiate direct with Poland. The Premier declared that the Soviet Govt. also wanted to give Poland better boundaries than those named by the Allies. Mr. Lloyd George said there were some phrases in the Soviet message indicating the Bolsheviks only were prepared to discuss the matter with a proletarian Govt. He declared

the Soviet Govt. had no right to dictate to Poland what sort of Govt. the Poles should have. The Premier asserted that an independent Poland was essential to the whole fabric of peace and the Allies were resolved that they must arrest the destruction of Poland and the march of the Bolshevik armies through Polish territory. If the Bolsheviks overran Poland, they would be up against the German frontier and Mr. Lloyd George said, this would furnish Germany a great temptation with her million of trained men. It would be a cheap way, according to the Premier for Germany to get out of her obligations. "I only ask the members, to think whether it might yet have the effect of depriving the Allies of the fruits of a dearly bought victory". He pointed out that the Soviet Govt. had not been chosen by the Russian people and he declared that it was as great an autocracy as its predecessor. The Premier announced that the British Ambassador at Berlin had gone to Poland and it was possible Marshal Foch would go there later. It was to the interest of Great Britain and to Europe that Poland should not be wiped out, he declared. In order to test the good faith of the Soviet Govt. he explained, it was decided at Spa to advise Poland to apply to Russia for an armistice with view to peace.

NEW YORK, July 23rd 1920.

Flour, Blended Clears St. Lawrence Brand
pr. brl. \$13.50
Meal, Kilndried per 100 lbs \$4.00
New Season's Pork per brl. \$39.00
Heavy Mess Pork per bbl. \$35.00
Sugar—Crystals maximum per 100 lbs
\$16.56.
Molasses Sugar 89° test, no quotation.
Cotton, Middling Upland, at Liverpool
per lb. 26 77-100d.
Exchange, New York and London, 60
days' sight, \$3.73
Exchange New York and London, sight
\$3.76½

LONDON, July 23rd 1920.

Sugar, Demerara Crystals, Govt. controlled price for July. Duty paid per cwt. 146s. 3d.
Sugar-Demerara Crystals, (free of Govt. control) duty paid per cwt. 135s. 0d.
Moscovado Govt. controlled price for July duty paid 141s. 6d.
Moscovado free of Govt. control duty paid 110s. 0d. 120s. 0d.
Sugar Muscovado, (free of Govt. control price for July) duty paid per cwt. 150s. 0d.
German Beet 88°/c f.o.b. no sales.
White Java sugar cif United Kingdom 115s. 0d.—0s. 0d.
Demerara Rum, per gal. nominal.
Trinidad Cocoa, Good Middling Red per cwt. 110s. 0d. 0s. 0d.
Cotton Medium Fine Sea Island, at Liverpool per lb. nominal
Bank of England rate of Discount per cent. 7.
Consols 46½.
Three per cent rentes in Paris Fcs. 58.25.
All prices subject to correction.