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An interesting evening is offered at the Christiansted Theatre where a highly recommended drama film will be presented tonight. It is understood to have been shown with great success in other places and all who like a complete film in one show should not miss this one.

St. Thomas News.

A cable received here last evening by Mr. Boardman, Collector of Customs, gives us some consolation in realizing the fact that we shall yet be privileged to at least enjoy a glass or two of beer now and again. The text of the cable reads: "Circular letter No. not applicable to the Virgin Islands"

Therefore have a glass of beer tonight and tomorrow night.—*St. Thomas Bulletin, Aug. 2nd.*

The busy appearance of our main street to-day is just such as we would desire at all times, and we are looking forward to still busier days in the future, bringing work to our people and prosperity to the island.—*St. Thomas Bulletin, Aug. 6th.*

Yesterday was the celebration of the first anniversary of the "St. Thomas Club" of this town, and a dance was given in honor of its first year.—Many ladies and gentlemen were present, who enjoyed themselves up to the small hours of this morning.—*Ibid*

The idea of establishing small farms on the island in the near future by an acknowledged expert, is the most welcome to us at the present time. There are many who pray each day for their daily bread, but when provided with the opportunity to earn it, voluntarily run away from it. Let us hope that sufficient work will be thereby provided for willing hands.—*St. Thomas Bulletin, Aug. 8th.*

We are hoping to see a thriving town built within as short a time as possible; the position most suitable would be from the top of Polly Berg going east to Estate Thomas. There is at present a shortage of homes, owing to the reluctance of many landlords to rebuild their ruins for repair the dilapidated houses; and the building of small bungalows at the site here mentioned would greatly facilitate those whose occupations lead around that locality, the West India Dock.—*Ibid.*

The U. S. Navy Band of St. Thomas, justly celebrated and beloved in the Virgin Islands not only because of the ability of its members to produce excellent music, but because its members all claim St. Thomas as their home,

came over on the U. S. S. "Vixen" last Saturday to "root" for the Navy Officers' baseball team in its game against the Army.

Bandmaster Alton A. Adams arranged with Bandmaster Miranda of the 65th Infantry to give a concert on Plaza Balderioty Saturday night,—the first concert given in San Juan by U. S. Navy Band of St. Thomas. The program was as follows:

March, Washington Grays, Grafulla, Overture, William Tell, Rossini, Waltzes, Impassioned Dreams, Rosas, Fox-Trot, Ilo, Black, Danza, Todo por ti, L. Miranda, March, Virgin Islands, Adams, Fantasia, Creme de la Creme, Tobani, Berceuse from Jocelyn, Godard, Fox-Trot, My Mammy, Donaldson, Danza, Borinquena, Astol, Star Spangled Banner.

There was a large gathering on the plaza and the excellence of the music called for repeated encores.—"The Times", San Juan, P. R.

TELEGRAMS.

ST. CROIX STATION.

London, Aug. 6th.—Fewer than two hundred survivors of the Garrison at Nekor, which surrendered to the Moorish tribesmen, have arrived at Melilla, says a despatch to the London Times from Tangier. Among them are some women and children and many sick and wounded. A few survivors from Keluan also are reported to have reached Melilla they say that many of the garrison were shot after its surrender news from the column of General Navarro still is lacking. It is said that the tribesmen who took Mountarruit used Spanish artillery from Spanish forts, which they had captured. With the loss of Nekor, Keluan and Mt. Arruit, Spain's possessions in the region disappear, except from Melilla and its immediate surroundings and two small presidios on the coast. Between 1,500 and 2,000 square miles of territory thus all lost to Spain. Every day, the despatch continues, demonstrates more clearly how appalling the catastrophe has been, and how great a task lies before the Spanish airmen returning from flights, says the Spanish posts are all deserted, the roads are strewn with transport wagons and automobiles and hundreds of captured mules and other animals are visible in the camp of the tribesmen. It is stated that half the troops arriving at Melilla from Spain are untrained and quite unfit to take the field.

London, Aug. 6th.—County cricket matches this week resulted as follows: Middlesex defeated Sussex by 50 runs. Kent defeated Hampshire by 8 wickets. Leicestershire defeated Northampton by 186 runs. Gloucester defeated Somerset by 1 wicket. Kent defeated Middlesex by 243 runs. Hampshire defeated Gloucester by an innings and 52 runs. Sever-

al matches were abandoned because of rain.

Pittsburg, Aug. 7th.—The Australian tennis team yesterday won the preliminary round of the Davis Cup match here defeating the team of old country players. The Australians victory resulted from the defeat of Lowe of Great Britain by Andersen of Australia in the singles. The score was 6-2, 6-3, 3-6, 6-2. The old country team is now eliminated and the Australians play against Denmark in Cleveland next week.

Madrid, Aug. 7th.—The column of General Navarro, which was besieged by the rebellious Moores on Mount Arruit, has been annihilated according to a communication received here from the Spanish High Commissioner in Morocco.

London, Aug. 7th.—Mr. Lloyd George, Lord Curzon and a party of 40 left London at 11 o'clock this morning for Paris to attend the meeting of the Allied Supreme Council which begins tomorrow. The party travelled in special coaches attached to the regular train. Baron Hayashi the Japanese Ambassador was on the same train.

New York, Aug. 6th.—There was a lull in the sugar market yesterday, not an order for raws being reported, but inquiries from foreign sources were numerous and a renewal of active buying is anticipated within the next day or so. Current reports are that the failure of the Russian crops is going to have a vital effect on the sugar market. According to reliable information, Germany and the United Kingdom will buy heavily of Cuban raws. The reported purchase of 1,000,000 tons, which is said to be proceeding between the German and Cuban Govts., is declared to be for export to Russia. The United Kingdom has been a heavy buyer for the past several weeks, and it is believed that the sugar will be used for bartering with Russia. The latter country has practically no sugar on hand and will need more than 1,500,000 tons for rationing.

Dublin, Aug. 7th.—All the members of the Irish Republican Parliament now in custody will be released, with one exception, in anticipation of the meeting of Parliament called for Aug. 16th, official announcement that the prisoners will be freed was made yesterday. The exception is John J. McKeown, convicted of the murder of District Inspector McGrath. The general impression, expressed by the newspapers, is to the effect that the Govt. sanction freeing the prisoners, has been mired by making an exception in the case of McKeown. The murder for which he was convicted, was the shooting of District Inspector McGrath, during a fight, in which the Inspector tried to shoot him. McKeown also was the organizer of several ambushes in county Longford in which members of the Crown forces were blown up, by mines. At the trial several British officers testified in behalf