

CHRISTIANSTED THEATRE

8.15. MONDAY EVENING 8.15

EDDIE POLO

in

"THE VANISHING DAGGER"

Episode 5: THE END OF THE RUSTLERS

Episode 6: A TERRIBLE CALAMITY.

Have you ordered your tickets?

A D M I S S I O N

Reserved Seats..... 30 and 40c

General Entrance..... 20c.

Children 20 and 10c.

THE

Christiansted Co-operative Dairy

will sell SWEET MILK (whole milk) at 13 cts. a quart from January 1st 1922.

BUTTER

will be sold at 65 cents per pound from above date. Amounts of ten pounds and upwards will be sold at 60 cts. per pound.

Christiansted Post Office.

AS New Year's Day falls on Sunday, Monday, January 2nd., will be observed as a holiday at this office and business will be closed at 9 a. m.

We wish all the patrons of this office a happy and prosperous 1922.

B. R. LARSEN,

Postmaster

PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

COLONIAL COUNCIL

FOR ST. CROIX.

AT one o'clock p. m., Thursday, December 22, 1921, the Colonial Council for St. Croix held its 4th Ordinary Meeting in the Council Hall in Christiansted.

Present were: The Chairman, (Robt. L. Merwin), R. W. Skeoch, G. B. Fleming, W. S. Abramson, D. S. Armstrong, A. V. Nelthropp, J. Alexander, D. C. Canegata, F. Andersen, Holger Jessen, F. Coulter, A. R. McIntosh, K. Henderson and M. M. Skeoch.

Absent were 2nd Appointed Member (Noll) and 4th Member for Christiansted Country District (Ramsay). Furthermore the Chairman read communication from 2nd Member for Frederiksted Country

District (Curry) of his inability to attend the meeting, and also communication from 4th Appointed Member (Blackwood) informing the Chairman of the Council of his absence from the island.

His Excellency, Governor Sumner E. W. Kittelle, Government Secretary (Gaffney) and Despatching Secretary (Rapoleon) were present at the meeting.

The Council was opened with the following prayer by the Chaplain Rev. H. Piggot:

Most gracious God we humbly beseech Thee-as for the people of this Island in general; so especially for their representatives in Council assembled that Thou would'st be pleased to direct and prosper all their consultations to the glory and welfare of Thy people; that all things may be so ordered and settled by their endeavors upon the best and surest foundations, that peace and happiness, truth and justice, religion and piety may be established among us for all generations.

This we humbly ask through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Chairman remarked: Honorable Members the minutes for the last meeting have been duly published in the "St. Croix Avis" and unless any member has objections to make I will consider the minutes as published tacitly adopted.

There being no objection the Chairman declared the minutes as published tacitly adopted.

His Excellency, Governor Sumner E. W. Kittelle, then addressed the Council as follows:

Mr. Chairman and gentlemen of the Council, I come before you today with no prepared message, but to be with you a few hours, wishing that I might be here more often.

I am very much interested in the tax problem, and concerning the proposed tax ordinance, I notice that you are making progress. An impression seems to have been created that the Government is trying to impose upon the people of this island an unjust taxation; on the contrary, the Government is mere-

ly introducing in these islands a fair and just tax based upon American principles.

You will remember the Congressional Commission spoke of the law under which we are collecting taxes as archaic; that they are not in keeping with modern life and conditions. I have not come to give you advice, but to remind you that we are not seeking to impose a heavy burden upon you.

The tax law at home is much heavier than it is here in these islands. I was much surprised to learn that a large estate in St. Thomas was paying less tax than I have to pay upon a little house of mine in Washington, and I am sure that that property is worth ten times more than my property in Washington; and yet I am not complaining that I am taxed too heavily for my house.

I want you to have confidence in your Government and not feel that it is here to exert any oppression. I am not so much your Governor as I am your helper; there is no ulterior motive in my services; I am not one of those who is looking for reelection; I want the people to feel confident in the Government. The farthest thing from my mind is to try and put anything "over" on anybody, as we express it in the United States. Whenever I come before you I will place my cards face up on the table.

The other problem I am interested in is the water system. I am not prepared to say what this system should be, but I believe the people should have water to tide them through the dry spell. I heard in one of the large cities, I think Syracuse, they are enlarging their water system by issuing bonds. It is a problem that is occurring often, it is now occurring in Washington; Congress is growling, but it must be done. I think we should reason this problem out and come to some understanding about it.

I have nothing more to say to you; I am called to Frederiksted to say something to the children. I wish you a pleasant session, a Merry Christmas and a Prosperous New Year.

The Governor left the meeting.

(To be continued)

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Tomorrow being New Year's Day, we wish all our readers A HAPPY AND PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR.

The S. S. "Pulwico" sailed from New York Tuesday evening, having 67 tons of cargo for Frederiksted, and 65 tons for Christiansted.

The S. S. "Lake Filmore" is expected to leave New York on the 7th of January.

The Creole which sailed from here last Tuesday morning returned here this a. m. and reports having arrived at St. Thom-