

CHRISTIANSTED THEATRE

8.30. MONDAY EVENING 8.30.

"The Lure of the Circus"

Universal Serial Featuring

"Eddie Polo".

Episode 15: THE STOLEN RECORD.

Episode 16: THE KNOCKOUT.

Show concluding with:

"A Ragtime Romance"

Comedy 2 Reels.

Remember only one more show of THE LURE OF THE CIRCUS.

ADMISSION:

Reserved Seats.....	40c.
Two first and two last rows of reserved seats.....	30c.
General Entrance.....	20c.
Children 20 and 10c.	

EDITORIALS.

As we were saying yesterday, the Food Commission did not insist on passing on the proposition to increase the price of meat as introduced by Mr. Jørgensen, owing to the opposition raised against that scheme by neutral members of the commission which, we repeat, is too largely made up of men directly and personally interested in the raising of live stock. To be as effective and useful as possible, this commission, or any commission as far as that goes, should consist of parties having experience and ability to judge in the problems with which the commission will have to deal; but while it may include members directly affected by actions of the commission as a whole, there ought not to be that preponderance of representation which practically places the power to sway decisions one way or the other as suits the individual or collective, and alas! in too many instances, the selfish aims of those interested. In appointing members of this Food Commission it must be assumed that the Government was of the impression that the best selections had been made, and now that it is plainly shown that there are defects in the makeup of the commission because of too many members being interested in passing a certain measure, it is hoped that some steps will be taken to reorganize the commission in order that its primary object of serving the public interest impartially, may be achieved, or at any rate rendered more possible. To have a continuation of the present condition of things the Food Commission, with so many of its members interested in raising the price

of cattle because it suits their own aspirations, or of something else because their personal interests are served, instead of being of the slightest use will become a positive danger, and under these circumstances the sooner the commission is put out of power the better for all hands. The price of meat is now more than twice what it ought to be when considering the leathery steaks, and other so-called young stock which by upsetting the digestion of the community have exceeded any hardship experienced through the lack or price of sugar, and if the price of meat is to be raised then it should be done only on the basis of quality which is a feature now totally ignored. There is no sanitary inspection of cattle so far as known, and the oldest, toughest, wornout, diseased oxen that could never serve any other purpose are kindly sold the local butchers at extravagant prices for the feeding of the people who must be satisfied with what they get and be thankful it doesn't cost more. In fact most of the butchers complain they cannot obtain stock, or decent stock, and it is a fact that the miserable, pitiable objects sold locally would never be offered to, or accepted by the agents of the export trade. Where then can there be any comparison between the prices of cattle as supplied to the export trade and the local market? The attempt at raising the price of cattle on such a contention is unreasonable and ridiculous, and it is hoped that no heed will be paid to it. It has likewise been said that milk will take another rung in the H. C. L. ladder soon as meat as-

cends. As for milk, there seems to us to be more room for improving the quality of this commodity and the system of its delivery than of increasing the price. We will reserve further comment on this subject awaiting developments.

Owing to the absence of two members of the Food Commission at its meeting Thursday afternoon a catastrophe was barely averted. The gentlemen of the commission are doubtless busy, and have their other affairs to look after, but it is to be regretted that it is not possible to have a complete attendance at all meetings except in extreme cases where absence is unavoidable. The commission meets but seldom, and especially of late its business has called for careful and serious consideration, and all the efforts of its fighters, and we do not like to know the burden of piloting the public interest through the H. C. L. quagmire is left to one or two who, while conscientious enough to stand by their convictions, are unable to cast the sufficiency of votes to attain the object.

It is not our opinion that the Food Commission actually intends to attempt the prevention of export of raw sugar by dealers. The fact is that very few if any dealers hold enough sugar to make it worth their while to ship it anywhere.

LOCAL.

With reference to a recent communication regarding the closing of the left door in the theatre, the proprietor, Mr. Svendsen, asks to state that the wire barrier will be removed as soon as he can secure the services of a workman to put up a light wicket at the entrance in question.

The S. S. "Korona" from New York arrived at Frederiksted this morning and will sail for the Islands this afternoon.

Mail for New York per s. s. Guiana will be closed at 4 p. m. Monday 19th., official notice confirming or changing which will appear in Monday's issue.

With reference to newspaper comment and correspondence on the subject of the factories being forced to supply the local market with sugar at former low prices, it is pointed out that the factories are not to blame in connection with the present desperate situation, it being the Colonial Council which so modified the provisions for the Food Commission as to divest it of the power to be an effective and really useful body, and the Commission itself which refused to act upon the motion of Mr. M. A. Pretto who on April 26th when the price of sugar was 12 cents a pound proposed to approach the Government toward obtaining