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## U. S. TO QUIT SAN DOMINGO

President Wilson has directed that steps be taken to withdraw American control over affairs of government of the republic of Santo Domingo. "The restoration of public order and the protection of life and property have been substantially achieved," says Rear Admiral Snowden, military Governor of the republic, in a proclamation to its people.

American participation in Dominican affairs began in 1907 when the inability of the little republic to make interest payments on its national debt foreshadowed European intervention. To safeguard the Monroe doctrine our government entered into a treaty with Santo Domingo, giving us the right to name a receiver to collect the customs duties in the republic. It was agreed also that the public debt would not be increased without the approval of our government.

Revolutionary disturbance in 1915, however, increased the debt and the treaty was thus violated. Following their refusal to enter into a new treaty the U. S. government, in accordance with its treaty rights, landed marines at Santo Domingo in November 1916 and assumed friendly control of their government. Our naval force there grew until it now numbers about 2200 officers and men.

Under American administration the finances of the country were placed on a stable basis, great improvements were brought about in public works and particular attention was devoted to sanitation and public health. During the war

## CHRISTIANSTED THEATRE

8.00. THIS EVENING 8.00.

### "Burnt Wings."

FIVE REEL UNIVERSAL PRODUCTION.

Story Of An Artist's Wife Who Sells Herself in Order to Help Support Her Struggling Husband

#### The Story:

Joan Templeton is the wife of Ned Templeton, a struggling young American artist in Paris. They are in bad financial straits and the husband, Ned, succumbs to hunger. Joan, his wife, chooses the "easiest way" to gain money, acting on the advice of the threatening landlord. Returned to America Joan one day meets a wealthy man, named James Cartwright, in the hall to her husband's studio, and recognizes him as the man to whom she had sold herself in Paris in order to obtain money for herself and Ned. Cartwright learns who she is, and being desirous of procuring her husband as husband for his own daughter, Helen offers Joan a large sum of money if she will give him up.

Joan protests that in spite of what she did in Paris, her love for Ned is genuine. Later both Ned and Helen learn the truth of what transpired in Paris and Helen gives up Ned, while the artist returns to his wife, convinced that her love is true.

Beginning Monday Evening:

### "The Yellow Menace".

33 REEL SERIAL.

ADMISSION:

Reserved Seats ..... 30 and 40c.  
General Entrance ..... 20c.  
Children 20 and 10c.

our marines in Santo Domingo cleaned out the bandits who made frequent raids on the cities and kept the people in terror.

The gross revenues of the republic under our management increased from \$4,000,000 in 1916 to over \$7,500,000 in 1919. The educational system has been completely reorganized and during the past our ears school attendance increased from 18,000 to 100,000 pupils.

Before turning over direction of the government Admiral Snowden will appoint a commission of representative Dominican citizens, with an American technical adviser to formulate amendments to their constitution and draft new election laws. These will be subject to approval of the military government, a constitutional convention and the national congress of the republic, respectively. Our government took over similar control of Haiti, which is situated on the same island with Santo Domingo, but conditions there have not

yet warranted our withdrawal.—*The Pathfinder, Jan. 8th.*

## Red Cross Movies

Free! Free!

Friday Evening, Jan. 28th,

AT

## Christiansted Theatre

(Kindness of Mr. Svendsen)

Movies Showing Red Cross Activities in Europe and at Home.

Speeches by Prominent Citizens

Naval Band in attendance.

EVERYBODY INVITED!