

CHRISTIANSTED THEATRE

8.30 THURSDAY EVENING 8.30

BY GENERAL REQUEST

"The Kaiser, the Beast of Berlin."

In order to enable everybody to see this famous Picture, exhibition of same will be given THURSDAY NIGHT at normal prices.

ADMISSION.

Reserved Seats, Adults	40 cents.
Children	20 "
General Entrance, Adults	20 "
Children	10 "

MONDAY EVENING

THE LAST FOUR CHAPTERS OF

"The Lion's Claw."

THE MOST WELCOME AND POPULAR

XMAS PRESENT

IS A

Waterman's Ideal Fountain Pen

to be had from

Frederiksted Apothecary Hall.

EDITORIAL.

With reference to yesterday's editorial in "The Herald" purporting to vindicate that paper's attitude in connection with its remarks of Saturday last on the subject of 2nd member for Christiansted Town, Canegata, having brought forward a bill to have the Municipality provide a hearse for public use, and the difference of views expressed by this paper in its mild comment of Monday, it would appear that there is very little further to be said in this matter until "The Herald" gets to work and advances some real sound argument, or disproves ours. In reading the editorial of yesterday, one may be carried away by a play at words, but the critical reader will be sure to note that there are no logical conclusions to be drawn, and that the paper has failed to quote even one of the "number of instances on record" from which it assumes to derive strength in its present position.

In the first paragraph the editorial says that this paper is championing the cause of Dr. Canegata by attacking "The Herald". In the second paragraph it refers to our defense being weak etc. If language is to be taken in its accepted meaning, then we are accused of attacking and defending at the same time, an impossible position at all events. Going

on we find this paper represented as attaching a "different motive" to the Herald "than was meant", because we said that considerable space had been devoted to ridiculing Dr. Canegata. If "The Herald" was prompted by other motives than to ridicule the doctor, then all who read the article, and it was quite a majority of our subscribers who thought it uncalled-for, spiteful, and directed by a desire to ridicule, are very much in error for not as much as suspecting that it could be otherwise interpreted. It would be interesting to learn the true motive. We would be glad to give it publicity. The Herald would prefer to have its action classified as criticism to which all public men are subject for the good of the public. Perhaps the Herald will be kind enough to point out what earthly good it does to criticize a man for promoting the interests of his community in the only capacity he has of doing so.

The Herald mistakes this paper as essaying to call to attention that it was trying to decry the doctor's efforts while he was protecting public interest. That has not been said. What was stated is, that "it is feared that to decry the efforts of the members of the Colonial Council when protecting public interest, is likely to do no good, if not perhaps harm." This was a general remark, undoubtedly occasioned by the circumstance under consideration, but not having exclusive or even direct reference to it.

It must be borne in mind that in the instance in question, the measure is introduced by the 2nd Member for Christiansted Town, incidentally being Dr. Canegata who, in dispensing his duties as the people's representative is not acting in his professional capacity as medical practitioner, and it is the general opinion that there is no ground for cen-

suring the doctor for lack of tact in introducing the money bill to provide a hearse, the need of which had been brought to his attention through proper channels, as a member of the Poor Commission, and that the criticism was altogether needless. What the Herald means by saying that the member's action constitutes helping the undertaker to live, is not understood, it appearing that a hearse for public use would rather tend to impair private enterprise in that line. Considering that Dr. Canegata is but one of the medical practitioners in Christiansted, and that people will persist in dying anyhow whether or not provision for burial is made through doctors or anyone else, and in view of the fact that the editorial comment in this paper was an honest difference of opinion to which all free people are entitled, and whereas the Herald has neither defended its own position nor satisfactorily condemned that of the Avis, these remarks serve to conclude our version of the matter.

Local.

Today is the date named by modern "men of science" for the most remarkable phenomenon in which the planet Uranus was predicted to collide with the sun, the sun with the earth, etc., etc. It is a good thing that even astronomers can make mistakes at times.

The mail boat arrived here this morning with St. Thomas mail.

One William Harris, whose address in p. t. Municipal Hospital, St. Thomas, V. I., would like to get in touch with his sister Ortenza Harris, a native of Barbados, and residing in Christiansted up to about two years ago. Mr. Harris' address in the States will be furnished to his sister upon reference to this office.

An unidentified steamer is passing this port as we go to press. It was at first thought it might be the Korona, but that boat is not looked for before tomorrow. The Manoa had not arrived at St. Thomas up to last night according to information from that island.

OFFICIAL NEWS.

Deember 16, 1919.

Governor Oman attended the meeting of the Colonial Council of St. Croix yesterday and returned last night to St. Thomas. Commander Mink, the Medical Aid, and Lieutenant Commander Colby, Financial Adviser, are in St. Croix.

U. S. NAVY PRESS NEWS.

WASHINGTON: War Time Prohibition was held to be constitutional today.