

Friday Evening Concert

U. S. NAVAL BAND,

Christiansted, Virgin Islands,

Tonight May 14th. 1920.

First Musician Jacob W. Paulus, *Leader*.

March... "Call of the Wild"... F. H. Losey
Waltz... Dreamy Alabama... Mary Earl
Fox-Trot... I a'nt got weary yet... Percy
Wenrich

March... U. S. Field Artillery (Vocal Cho-
rus)... J. P. Sousa

Overture... Morning, Noon & Night in
Vienna... V. Suppe

Fox-Trot... Darkies' Jubilee... John M.
Turner

One-Step... Can you Tame Wild Wimmen
(Vel Cho)... Harry Von Tilzer

NATIONAL ANTHEM.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE COLONIAL COUNCIL FOR ST. CROIX.

(Continued from yesterday's Avis)

The Chairman answered the last speaker and said,—The measure before the Council is an Ordinance and the Council has the power to vote for or reject an ordinance. If it was a draft of law, so called, then the Council would be asked for their opinion.

4th Appointed Member [Blackwood] would like to know if the bill before the House is subject to amendment.

The Chairman replied, Not now.

2nd Appointed Member [Noll] The bill has been subject to amendment previously for two weeks.

4th Appointed Member [Blackwood]: Yes, but you cannot expect men who are not lawyers to pass on such a code of laws without giving it careful consideration. As I understand it you are trying to give us laws to suit conditions down here, it is said that the laws before us have been selected from State laws, a great deal of them are not comprehensive; why not pick out a leaf of Great Britain laws? The proposal here for judges and appeal court is the same as we have in the State of Maine, but it is quite different to what we have been accustomed to here, and therefore we should have a chance to go over them to find out how they are going to operate before we vote on them; we want laws that will give every man, woman and child fairplay. I know of an instance where a judge once said "I am the law". If that is going to be the case when these laws are passed, then I think it is best to listen to the advice of those who are versed in the law. We want to study these laws, give us time and when it is passed there won't be any trouble.

The Chairman read a paragraph of the Rules of business where it relates to 2nd

discussion and said, this is the second meeting in which 2nd Discussion has been going on, if 1st Member for Frederiksted Country District wishes to bring in an amendment he may do so and the vote will be taken on it.

1st Member for Frederiksted Country District (Andersen) remarked: Mr. Chairman. I understand this is the second meeting in which second discussion is before the House, but at first discussion we had not the Congressional Commission report, consequently it is not unnatural if a member brings in an amendment at this time. We were given to understand that it was Government's desire that no changes be made in the matter which is before us, and at the end of the second meeting the Congressional Commission's recommendations came to hand and it is in line with what many of us have desired; therefore it cannot be deemed unnatural if an amendment providing for two judges is proposed at this time.

The Chairman replying to the last speaker said,—The ordinance was placed before you today on continuation of second discussion and discussion closed and according to the the rules of business I can only deviate from the rules by a vote of the Council; I desire to be perfectly fair in my rulings. I cannot see where I am wrong by closing second discussion.

1st Member for Frederiksted Country District (Andersen) handed in an amendment to Section 5 of Chapter I which is as follows:

Colonial Council Bill No. 29.

AMENDMENT

I propose that Section 5, Chapter one be amended to read: There shall be appointed by the Governor two District Judges, one for the Municipality of St. Croix and one for the Municipality of St. Thomas and St. John who shall hold office etc.

F. ANDERSEN.

1st Member for Frederiksted Country District.

The Chairman read the amendment and said,—It is necessary to have a three quarter vote of the members present as to whether the amendment should be furthered; and it is also necessary to have a three-quarter vote as to whether it should be considered today.

2nd Appointed Member (Noll) remarked: Mr. Chairman. Before you take the vote on the amendment I wish to make a few remarks. The question before the House is very plain; it is a question that was brought up at the last meeting; the amendments have been printed and circulated, and for what reason this amendment is brought up at the eleventh hour? Nothing else but for the specific purpose of delaying this Council on this matter. Gentlemen if you want two judges vote in favor of the amendment, if you don't want two judges, then don't delay the law; if you want to Americanize the community of these

islands do something that will help Americanize them. Gentlemen let us be reasonable; if this amendment passes it will cause us to spend eight thousand dollars more yearly; get away from the idea of being afraid of having a judge who is going to try a case here and in St. Thomas. We have judges in the United States going up and down almost every day trying cases except when he is on vacation. If you annex this amendment you will have to spend eight thousand dollars to maintain your courts.

1st Member for Frederiksted Country District (Andersen) remarked: Mr. Chairman. It may be worth the while to spend the eight thousand dollars, for the reason that if we pass the law to have one judge, the judge probably will take up his residence in St. Thomas and we will not see him often.

The Chairman put to the vote whether the amendment should be furthered.

7 members voted for; 5 against.

The chairman remarked: The amendment is lost.

The Chairman remarked: I will now take up Chapter II, Department of Education.

1st Member for Frederiksted Country District [Andersen] remarked: Mr. Chairman With regard to the Department of Education I only wish to ask one question, and that is, according to the Colonial Law the Danish State paid the salary of the School Director. Is the Federal Treasury of the United States going to pay the School Director's salary, or is it to be paid by the Colonial Treasury?

Despatching Secretary [Colby] answered the last speaker and said, The Federal Government has already appropriated three hundred and forty-seven thousand dollars for these islands and in that is included salaries for the Department of Education. The Federal Government now pays the salary of the School Director.

1st Member for Frederiksted Country District (Andersen) remarked: Mr. Chairman. Some day we may not get an appropriation, what then?

The Chairman answered and said, The Governor advises me that he does not intend to make any change. The budget for 1920-21 will be here in a moment and that will explain.

The Chairman remarked: Honorable Members before you are three pages of Chapter II.

4th Appointed Member [Blackwood] would like to know if this matter is under 1st Discussion.

The Chairman answered no, it is under 2nd Discussion.

5th Appointed Member [Lunney] remarked: Mr. Chairman. We appointed a committee of nine members on these laws and the laws were examined carefully by them, and it seems very impracticable for us to sit here and bring in petty amendments and waste the time of this Council; if that is to be allowed it would show that we have great doubt