

# CHRISTIANSTED THEATRE

## 8.00. THURSDAY EVENING 8.00.

### JAMES J. CORBETT

IN  
"THE MIDNIGHT MAN"

EPISODE 10 and 11.

ALSO:

THE FINAL EPISODE OF

## "The Yellow Menace".

ADMISSION:

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

### Ordination Service!

THE REV. C. S. MAYHEW, who has laboured here in connection with the Bible Home and Foreign Missionary Society for the past five years will be ordained to the Christian Ministry on SUNDAY, 3 P. M. at the Gospel Tabernacle, Christiansted.

REV. JOHN R. MAYHEW,  
General Superintendent.

### PROCEEDINGS OF THE COLONIAL COUNCIL FOR ST. CROIX.

(Continued from yesterday's Avis.)

4th Appointed Member (Blackwood) remarked: Mr. Chairman. The New Sanitary Laws are not passed yet, so I presume that the Sanitary Commission is working under the old Sanitary Laws.

I do not know if it is absolutely necessary to carry on the sanitary work to the extent that it is being carried on; they seem to be expending a lot of money; but one thing I do know is, that the department is operating in one of the healthiest spot on God's foot stool. I consider it right to enforce proper and necessary sanitary measures, but it should be done in an economical way and not distress poor people unnecessarily.

The complaints spoken of by the Honorable 1st Member for Christiansted Country District, I also have heard complaints of a like nature at the other end of the island. A complaint was made to me by a second party of a poor woman in Frederiksted who owns a small house

and lot which she was renting for eight dollars and it cost her forty dollars to comply with the sanitary department demands to fix the closet on the property. I had an experience with my wife's property here in town, No. 53 King Street, after complying with Dr. Rydeen's instructions in screening the closet with wire etc., I was requested by his successor to add a flue which seemed to me to be an unnecessary expense, and no doubt would be objectionable to the neighbours in the next yard.

I would also like to know by what authority fruit and vegetables are forbidden to be sold on the road in the country, and at the houses in town? My sellers have complained that they have been put to considerable inconvenience by sanitary officers in this town! and one seller claimed that he was selling fruit to a woman at Beeston Hill, when a policeman came along and told him that he was breaking the law, as the Government had given orders that no selling should be allowed on the country roads. I don't believe that the Government ever gave any such order. It is a well known fact that in New York and Brooklyn, and as far as I know, in every state, vendors of fruits and vegetables, fish, meat, and ice, sell their goods through the streets, on the public roads and to the houses. Then why in the name of common sense should we in this little island be prevented from selling our foodstuffs in a cart or wagon fresh from the country which consumers are glad to get that way?

The Sanitary Department is also active in the country districts, their instructions would be carried out more promptly, where I am personally concerned, if we could command the labor to do so. We are pretty healthy on the north-side, we are having a good drainage; a mosquito or a fly comes to see us once in a while, but there is a cesspool near the pond

bridge in Frederiksted in which the refuse of the town are being dumped, that will breed more flies, mosquitoes and germs in a month than the whole north side would in an ordinary lifetime.

There is a good deal of talk of the splendid financial condition of this island as a result of this year's crop, the like of which the world has never seen before, and probably will never see again, but I do not consider we are sufficiently wealthy to begin paving our streets with gold; we need good roads, but we want them all over the island as well as through the centre line. In my opinion there is as much need for husbanding our finances now as ever there was. We are now facing a small crop, low prices and high costs of production. If the Honorable Government can be induced to spend some extra money to increase the production of the island which is on the decline, especially the north side of the island which is on the decline and is going in bush for want of labor to keep it clean.

I fail to understand why we do not hear anything from Government concerning the use of our Immigration Fund for the purpose it was designed, and the necessity of which was laid before our local Government, and a copy of same given the Congressional Commission, and which appeared in their report with the advice that this is a problem needing immediate attention.

We need labor and we need it badly, if the island is to be cultivated, and land owners have a chance to save their property and live. I don't think it would be any credit to the United States Government to turn the island out for want of labor. Immigrants from Europe are pouring into the United States by the thousands.

We want to live and we want this island to prosper, we want a chance to live so as to be able to pay our taxes.

1st. Member for Christiansted Town (Abramson) remarked: Mr. Chairman. I understand that application was made to Government to have a fish house built at the other end of the town so that the fishermen could sell their fish; and it is said that they were promised by the Despatching Secretary that something would be done. I am not referring to the present Despatching Secretary because he was not here at the time. I believe that two hundred dollars could be spent in that direction because much more is being spent in other directions, which, perhaps, is not as necessary as this. Speaking of sanitary conditions, if you look at the gutters you will see cesspools here and there; why can't the hospital run a pipe to drain their water into the sea? Instead of that the water of the hospital is thrown in the gutters and as a result there are cesspools breeding mosquitoes, flies and all kind of germs. I advocate that the Government build a small fish house at the other end