

After a long illness, Mrs. EMILIE JENSEN widow of gunsmith and merchant EMIL JENSEN, died yesterday at her residence in Hospital Street from where the funeral will take place at 4.30 this afternoon.

There is now a bulletin advertisement posted in the lobby of the Christiansted Post Office to the effect that sealed proposals will be received at the office of the Second Assistant Postmaster General until 4.30 p. m. October 7, 1919, for carrying the United States mails, by suitable steam or power boat for the term from November 1, 1919, to June 30, 1920, on the route from San Juan, Porto Rico, by Charlotte Amalie, St. Thomas, to Christiansted, St. Croix, 107 miles and back, twice a week, by a schedule satisfactory to the Department.

Schnr. "Creole" with mails and passengers, sailed for St. Thomas at 10 o'clock yesterday morning.

The Apothecary business of Jean Petersen, Frederiksted, has been purchased by our amiable proprietor in the same line at this end, Mr. Hans Bøje. We are told that the West End branch will be conducted under the same management as at present.

Yesterday was a very quiet holiday until in the afternoon when the Red Cross Sale started, and the Native and Navy Bands played on the grounds. In the evening the Industrial Band wound up the occasion with a fine concert in the pavilion.

Mr. Svendsen very kindly accommodated the Red Cross with lights in the wharf quarter last night. Being moonlight the electric current would not otherwise have been turned on.

We also learn that Mr. Svendsen generously offered to donate 50% of the proceeds of last night's cine entertainment in aid of Red Cross work, but that the local Board was unable to accept it without authority from the Red Cross Headquarters in Washington.

Despite the fact that there were other attractions, the theatre was well attended last night when the first six chapters of "Peg O' the Ring" were presented amid continuously enthusiastic cheers and admiring comment. This play is a series of thrilling, desperate, vigorous features of circus life, as exciting as they are realistic, as interesting as they are beautiful, and is sure to make a name among serials exhibited in this island. All who like to see circus stunts should visit the theatre during the course of this grand number and those who appreciate the senti-

mental will find that Crip is also actively contributing his part.

In order to excite interest and attention in the films, 3 sizes of \$10, \$5 and \$2 are being offered for the most intelligent criticism of this serial, which means it must be pointed out where faults and errors have been made in the staging and acting of the play.

Here is an example of an error in "The Purple Mask" recently exhibited. In the episode playing in the "Cafe Chat Noir" the Purple Mask steals some jewels and hides them on her person and detective Kelly orders all persons searched before they leave the restaurant; when the Purple Mask is to be searched she drops the jewels in detective Kelly's LEFT jacket-pocket, and when she later drives home with Kelly she recovers the jewels from Kelly's RIGHT jacket-pocket.

This was obviously an error made when the picture was "shot."

Another sample: The hero in a picture might be shown entering a telephone booth with a felt hat and coming out with a straw hat. These are the kinds of errors to look out for.

Christiansted, St. Croix, V. I.
August 30, 1919

Open Letter to Mr. Joseph W. Daily:-

Sir:-

On Monday 13th. instant, you accused me of intending to exhibit immoral pictures in the Christiansted Theatre that evening; and on Tuesday 19th., you accused me of having done so.

In your open letter to Mr. J. R. Mayhew, in St. Croix Avis of today, you state in your note No. 4, as follows:

IV. "Then keep before your mind the old axiom of logic: Quod gratis asseritur, gratis negatur. "That means if you make a statement without proof, I deny it without proof. The burden of proof is on you. To illustrate: "You call me a thief. I say I am not a thief. I am not to prove that I am not a thief, but you are to prove that I am."

In accordance with the above logic, I now hereby demand that you prove your accusations against me.

Respectfully,

EINAR SVENDSEN.

TELEGRAMS

ST. CROIX STATION.

Mexico City, Aug. 20th.—The Govt. announced that American troops had crossed the border, in a bulletin issued last night, but has given no information of its attitude. "El Universal" and "El Heraldo de Mexico" are the only newspapers which comment editorially on the situation. A protest against the crossing is made by "El Universal" and

demands for Mexico an opportunity to be heard before being outraged. The paper calls on all Mexicans to contribute toward the defense of their country. "El Heraldo" says the situation assumed a grave character and declares that the crossing by Americans was without notice or request for permission to do so. The Executive Committee of the Federation of Syndicate workers in the Federal district has issued a manifesto to its members, saying the committee is disposed to aid the Govt in the present crisis and asking President Carranza to bend all his efforts to secure the cooperation of all the Mexican people. The American Consuls at Tampico, Vera Cruz and Oaxaca the "Excelsion" says, have instructed the Americans in the outlying districts to come into the populated centres. General Juan Morres, Chief of Operations in the States of Sonora reports to the War Department, that the Yaqui bandits who killed the American Chaffeur named White have been dispersed with losses.

Marina, Texas Aug. 18th.—Lieut. Peterson and Mr. Paul Davis, aviators of the United States army, held captive for more than a week by Mexican bandits, who demanded a ransom of \$15,000 were rescued early this morning by Captain Matlock of the 8th Cavalry, who according to telegram, made journey into Mexican Rendezvous unaccompanied. The men are safe on American territory. Capt. Matlock brought back with him one half of the ransom money. He said after Lieut. Peterson had been released, Mr. Davis was then brought forward by the bandits, and the two mounted Matlock's horses. The bandits demanded the remainder of the ransom money, but Matlock and Davis answered by riding rapidly away.

London, Aug. 19th.—Disappointment and dissatisfaction that Mr. Lloyd George in his address in the House of Commons yesterday ignored the general demand for a general reduction of national expenditures, is the most striking comment made by most newspapers. Friendly and hostile editorials generally agree that the Premier made an excellent plea for economy in industry and increased production, and also offered some sensible proposals for future industrial policy. Such comments, however, overshadowed in most of the newspapers by sharp condemnation of what is termed the Premier's failure to recognize the extravagance and waste in Govt. departments, and failure to grasp resolutely "This Nettle". Newspapers of widely differing views declare his speech showed that the Govt. had no policy and does not know its mind. These newspapers declare the nation to be filled with disquiet at the Govt's failure to show a strong leadership.

Candelaria, Texas, Aug. 19th.—Troops of U. S. Cavalry crossed the Mexican border at 6.40 this morning in pursuit of