

... was shown in no less than six complete parts of the exciting and well screened serial, "The Flying Disk." There will be no more shows at the theatre this week.

Attention is invited to a programme on this page for a variety performance at the theatre tomorrow evening. A lively and enjoyable time is promised and it is hoped that patronage will be shown this native effort to entertain.

A program for the Easter Races is now out and this popular pastime is evoking the usual interest. The horses are all in fine condition it is reported and a successful day is looked for. At this time a suggestion to the management to give consideration to enhancing the seating accommodation of the Grand Stand is not out of place. At the last races on July 4, 1921 it was noted that due to the fact that the majority of spectators arrived in rented cars which were not available as seats on the ground the patronage of the Grand Stand was far beyond what it is accustomed to be and there was scarcely standing room not to speak of its being quite impracticable to get out or around after having once squeezed in. The enjoyment for all at the forthcoming races will be materially advanced by appropriate attention to this matter.

Correspondence

To the Editor of the "St. Croix Avis."
Dear Sir:—

One of the special features at the Anglican Church Service in Christiansted on Palm Sunday was the excellent rendition of that beautiful musical composition "The Palms". It was sung as a Solo by Miss Maud Adams; a native of Christiansted, but late from New York, and accompanied by the well known and accomplished Organist of the Church, Miss Marie Moorhead. It is evident that the young lady has had some training in the vocal field, and as her voice blended in grand harmony with the "legato" and sometimes "staccato" accompaniment of the organ, and what we term in the musical language "expressivo", one can very well understand that there was "music in the air."

Music is a natural gift of the Negro, and is bound to live there, so don't underestimate your own value and try to deter the progress of others by any unkind remark that savors of petty jealousy etc., for all of us cannot be a Adeline Patti nor a Caruso.

THE CRITIC.

VIRGIN ISLANDER PASSES AWAY

Faithful Wife And Mother Leaves Eight Children To Mourn Her Loss.

Friday morning (March 31st at the

Undertaking Parlors of J. B. Powell, 107 W. 136th St. New York City, was the scene of one of the saddest funeral services ever witnessed here.

Mrs. Gustav Erickson (born Gertrude Chab Christiansted, St. Croix, died, after a short illness, on Tuesday 28th March at her residence, 21 West 136th St., and was buried on the date above mentioned.

Mrs. Erickson had been ailing for some time, but it was only a few days ago that her complaints were taken seriously.

She was the product of Virgin Islanders who truly represent what is known as a kind loving and faithful wife and mother.

She was a young woman, yet to her, the duty of caring for her children, was far above the inducements which turn the minds of others.

She lived a noble life, the mother of eight children, the youngest of which is only three months old.

There was not a dry eye in the rooms as the little tots filed around the casket to take leave of their mother.

Her husband Gustav bore up well, though at one time it was thought he would break down when his two old schoolmates Mr. Max Danielson and Mr. Ashly L. Totten approached to offer sympathy.

The funeral service was well attended. A large number of Virgin Islanders and Americans were present.

Her two sisters Beatrice and Winnifred, all her brothers and their wives, and a large number of relatives were also present draped in deep mourning.

The Reverend Dr. Hutchins Bishop of St. Phillips Protestant Episcopal Church conducted the ceremonies.—Com.

(This is indeed a sad case, and the Editor extends heartfelt sympathy to the bereaved family). ED. ST. CROIX AVIS.

TELEGRAMS.

ST. CROIX STATION.

Geneva, April 4th.—M. La Carne, a French engineer in charge of experiments at the Vallet Observatory on the summit of Mount Blanc, has constructed a radio apparatus capable of resisting the temperatures of high altitudes which cause deterioration in ordinary instruments. He has already spoken with the Eiffel Tower at Paris and hopes that Alpine climbers, provided with small wireless telephone instruments, will be able to communicate, in case of need, with the Observatory on Mount Blanc.

Athens, April 4th.—The Minister of Finance has presented a bill authorizing the Government to contract a loan of one billion five hundred million drachmas.

London, April 5th.—Reuters Paris correspondent says that the National Alliance for increasing the population of France, in its campaign, declares that if the birth rate continues to decline, as at

present, France will have a population of only twenty five millions by 1965. Births and marriages have gravely decreased in the past year, and population according to statistics, is falling at the rate of two hundred thousand yearly.

Warsaw, April 4th.—The Polish Government has decided to open up for private development the oil fields in South Poland which are the property of the State. Before the war the production exceeded one million tons.

Athens, April 4th.—Further details regarding the bill authorizing the Govt. to raise a forced loan, state that all persons possessing paper currency must lend fifty per cent to the state, immediately the bill becomes law. A Parliamentary Committee has been appointed to examine the Bill. It further provides an ingenious device to realize the loan immediately, and automatically, whereby all banknotes in circulation would be cut into halves, one half remaining in circulation, representing one half of the notes value, while the other half would be converted into a bond of the compulsory loan bearing seven per cent interest. The National Bank would be obliged to lend the state immediately one half of the amount obtained by the division of the bank notes.

London, April 6th.—In connection with the recent sensational train robbery in France it is stated that if the robbers were after British foreign office documents relating to the Genoa Conference, according to the theory advanced by the French police, they overlooked the fact that important papers are never sent in mail bags, but always by a courier from the Foreign Office. Little importance is therefore attached to the incident.

London, April 6th.—The "London Times" announces the death of Mr. Frederic Villiers, the famous war artist.

Constantinople, April, 6th.—The Nationalist Govt. at Angora has accepted, with certain reservations, the propositions of the Allies, recently made by their representatives here who have been informed that the broad principles laid down in the reply are as follows. Anatolia, including Smyrna, must be evacuated within four months. The armistice may be renewed for an additional three months, if the peace negotiations are not terminated. The Greeks to evacuate the Eski-shehr-Afium Karah Issar-Kumal line within a fortnight, the evacuation of the rest of Anatolia to proceed under the supervision of Allied officers. In the event of the reply being accepted, the Kemalist delegates are ready to meet those of the Allies and Greece in three weeks time, to discuss the question of peace.

Belgrade, April 6th.—King Alexander has been confined to his room since Tuesday, but the nature of his illness has not been given out.

New York, April 7th.—Stock Exchange transactions yesterday were the largest in this city since 1920.