

LOCAL.

A large audience composed of the Danish element and others, representing the respectability of the Island, was present at the screening of the Danish film at the theatre last night. The occasion was opened with an appropriate address by the Chairman of the Danish Club, Mr. E. Gedde, and music, Danish airs, was furnished throughout the course of the evening by piano and clarinet, Miss I. Stevens and Mr. Juan Rivera performers. The picture showed King Christian's visits to Greenland, Iceland and the Faroe Islands, aboard ship, etc., etc., all fine, interesting and also instructive to see.

Correspondence

Editor of the St. Croix Avis.

Dear Sir:—

We allowed a week to pass since our article so that all the likely steam that might have arisen, a chance to blow off, and as it is not likely any internal combustion will take place now, we will make our final remarks.

The Editor of the Herald took up one of our points, and made some remarks on it, viz:—"Lawful authority". He made expression of opinion as to what is "lawful authority" and what was not. Well, we have not the leisure or the time to enter into a controversial disputation on the subject, otherwise, we could give the latest opinions on that subject, which would prove our point correct. We will content ourselves nevertheless, believing that we are right, and say to the Editor of the Herald" he is welcome to his opinion for we have no personal animosity against him for a different opinion.

What we wanted to make clear, was that his statement, "All of the people" did not endorse, what he had written. The Editor of the Herald, made another statement about our article. He said we wrote for the Governor to see. Now, that was another conclusion of his without being sure of the facts. For, if we wanted the Governor only, to know our opinion, we could have called upon him and told him so privately. We had not that, as our sole object: we wanted it seen elsewhere, and by others as well, and to let it be known that "All of the people" did not look upon the Governor or the Government with "SUSPICION" as said by the Editor of the Herald.

One more person claims our attention in this matter, and that is Mr. Brow. We will say to him that we admire his adroitness in passing the "Buck" up to us again. He asked us to answer a very pertinent question of ours. We cannot answer his question at present, except that "time will tell" and if we are wrong and he right, he will get his answer without our having to make it. The manly letter of Mr. Brow is commendable and shows a fair spirit towards a difference

of opinion, which is the only standard of ethics known to men of some ordinary intelligence.

The Editor of the Herald also held himself in hand this time, and invited discussion, but as we have stated above, we have no intention to enter into a discussion in this matter: we must therefore decline these offers.

Having expressed our exceptions to the Editorial notes of the Herald of 20th April a. c., we are finished with the subject for this time, but will remain to the end of the chapters, in this instance, and in all instances, whether ecclesiastical, political, governmental, or otherwise, always where the exigency of the occasion demands "Anti Humberg".

Thanking you for space, Mr. Editor, we are, as said above

Respectfully,

"ANTI-HUMBUG"

St. Croix, May 1st. 1922.

TELEGRAMS.

ST. CROIX STATION.

London, April 28th.—Major W. T. Blake of the Royal Air force, has been invited to take the place of the late Sir Ross Smith in the proposed around the world flight, the "Evening Star" announces, adding that it has been informed by Major Blake that he is taking Captain Norman McMillan with him, but has not yet decided on the type of flying machine to be used. The route will be through France, Italy, Greece, Egypt, Mesopotamia, India, Eastern China, Japan, thence via the Aleutian islands across Alaska, through the United States to New York, thence to Newfoundland and then across the Atlantic via Greenland and Iceland to Scotland. The Major expects to start about the end of May and plans to complete the trip in two months.

Paris, April 29th.—Queen Victoria of Spain and her two daughters, the infantas Christina and Beatrice, arrived here yesterday. They will remain until tomorrow, when they will leave for London to attend the funeral of the Queen's brother Lord Mountbatten.

POSTAL IMPROVEMENT WEEK.

May 1 to 6

LOST MOTION IS WEARING AND PROFITS NOBODY.

Today I want to meet the rural patrons of the island; those folks who live in the country but whose mail arrives addressed to the town post offices, and very often to no post office at all, - although not only the rural population is responsible for the needless labor which bad addressing of mail gives the local postal service, but many town residents as well, wherefore the time seems propitious for again pointing out the irregularity, the hardship it works on the postal service here, the way

to correct it, and the benefit to the addressees themselves that must surely follow appropriate attention to this matter. First of all let us consider the manner in which delivery of this mail is to be made. In St. Croix all mail, except Special Delivery mail, is called for at post offices, hence the important point is for the mail to get to the post office at which it will be called for, - and how is this to be accomplished if it is addressed to Christiansted when it is going to be called for at Kingshill? How is it possible to hand out this mail when called for at Frederiksted if it is addressed merely "St. Croix", or at best with the name of some estate or private residence, and in fact in any other than the right way, and is therefore at Christiansted where the post office staff having more than enough of its own to handle must nevertheless readdress it, postmark it, stamp it to bring to notice that it was improperly addressed, etc.? I can hardly believe that a resident of the Estate Wheel of Fortune, for example, in sending to Frederiksted for something would be satisfied if his messenger went to Christiansted first and then back to Frederiksted. Yet that is precisely the roundabout way the rural population of Frederiksted district get their mail. When mail is landed at Frederiksted, through bad addressing the folks in that quarter get most their letters and papers the next day because these were in the Christiansted bags where they will be put so long "Frederiksted" is omitted in the address. Lots of letters pass through this office addressed to names of estates with or without Christiansted being included, the most of such letters being intended for patrons of the Kingshill and Frederiksted post offices. Addresses of many of these letters include the names of houses, and private residences. Doubtless the names of houses may be pretty and edifying, but they are absolutely valueless from a postal point of view in this island where everybody is more or less known, and mail must be fetched anyway. Some people tell me that it is a waste of time to urge cooperation that does not extend some promise of gain to the other side. The gain is obvious here; it comprises earlier receipt of mail by addressees in rural districts and Frederiksted, incidentally a less bruised and more efficient postal service, and last but not least, a more satisfied public. Do your part along these lines for "Postal Improvement Week": Have your correspondents and publishers advised to address your mail to the post office at which you look for it. Let the name of the post office be written in bold letters, more conspicuous than the rest of the address; you who are getting newspapers addressed improperly, take the matter up right now with your publishers and have them add "Frederiksted" or "Kingshill" as the case may require, and watch for the result. Thank you.

B. R. LARSEN, Postmaster.