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AT THE
WEST END MOVIES
Sunday night 8.15

An obvious tale finely directed and staged in keeping with the manner of smart society.

Ethel Grey Terry is at her best in this familiarly worked triangle.

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Front Seats 10c.
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RAINFALL ON ESTATES BELONGING TO WEST INDIAN SUGAR FACTORY, ST. CROIX.

E's'ates.	Lines of rain in Feb. 1924.	Lines of rain Jan. 1st--Feb. 29th 1924.
Anguilla	25.	49.
Adventure	29.	39.
Barren Spot	42.	56.
Bethlehem	35.	50.
Betty's Hope	19.	27.
Bonne Esperance	23.	39.
Colq. Mt. Pleasant	30.	41.
Fredensborg	28.	46.
Fountain	32.	50.
Glynn & Windsor	29.	35.
Golden Grove	31.	42.
Jea'ousy	34.	50.
Lower Love	32.	55.
Mannings Bay	21.	42.
River	32.	47.
St. George's	28.	41.
Slob	29.	43.
Strawberry Hill	35.	48.
Two Friends	31.	46.

1 line = 3 m/m.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE COLONIAL COUNCIL FOR ST. CROIX.

(Continued from yesterday's Avis.)

Despatching Secretary (Barrett) in introducing the Money Bill said,—Mr Vice-

United States Press Representatives' Visit To St. Croix, Virgin Islands, U. S. A.

THURSDAY February 21st, 1924.

AS REVIEWED BY BUMBLE BEE EN ROUTE

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(Continued from yesterday's Avis.)

Count Moltke in 1750 was President of the West India & Guinea Co., one of its principal supporters and owner of shares of the Company as well as shares of the monopoly of the sugar refinery in Copenhagen, a subsidiary company. In the list of share holders of the Company in 1751 he is placed with his numerous titles next to the Royal House being Danish Prime Minister as the title is expressed in modern time. From this influential family in Denmark sprung the late Count Moltke, German General of the Franco-Prussian War fame.

The road now bears towards the west which after a short distance we see to the right and north a road which leads into Estate "Judith's Fancy", named in memory of Judith Heyliger, daughter of the scion of that influential family already mentioned. The ruins of the roads upon the estate bear evidence of what a considerable place it must have been, including a large burial plot for the family situated near by with interesting monuments of their day. Upon the estate is the best golf coast in the island, and near the sea, with its wind swept area which allows the health giving exercises without the feeling of heat, a more secluded position would indicate.

Continuing West the next plantation upon the right is estate "St. John," the centre in bygone days of many social functions for it ever was one of the principal plantations of the island.

Mounting the grade we rise to a level of 300 feet above the sea, now upon the right we view the buildings of Estate "Montpellier" more familiarly called "Dolly Hill," for nearly all the plantations have some other appellation other than the name they are officially known by. The name "Montpellier" harks back to the days when the Markoe family were such large owners of plantations in this island, the estate being named after their ancestral home in France from whence they fled as Huguenots to Holland as already mentioned.

Just off the bounds of the estate at the sea shore where the rollers from the north dash so constantly is a reef called the "White Horse", a menace to small trading vessels that skirt the coast so near in shore, on frequent voyages of passed days between the towns. Many a vessel, tradition says, came too close to the "heels of that horse" suffering loss of their vessel but not their lives being within swimming distance of the shore. The water all along the north coast is very deep to within a few rods off the shore with this exception which no doubt lured them to their fate.

We now roll down hill upon an easy grade where we pass on the right Estate "Morning Star", one of the better plantations in the island's history. As we strike the level just below we enter upon a scene that has a long story dating back to prehistoric man, for here near by, was the principal settlement of the aboriginal inhabitants. Our route carried us with the turn to the right to even a more historic scene, first is viewed a large mason work vat the relic of the days when the growth and manufacture of indigo was such a possible occupation and which according to Dryan Edwards in his history of the West Indies gives the gross profit as £1200 from 20 acres employing but 16 men. A forgotten industry today and crushed not by synthetic dyes so artfully manufactured in Germany. Thus bearing north along this road which during the halcyon days of the island was the outlet from the northside estates to which it leads, we passed the estuary of Salt River, which as it broadens is called "Sugar Bay". Near this site was the Principal carib village as evidenced by the numerous relics that have been unearthed. Here hundreds of potsherds, broken stones, impliments, bone, awls, etc., have been found. Soon our road brings us alongside the stream where the tide and brackish waters meet, where the shore is fringed with mangrove-trees whose over hanging branches take root in the water thus affording refuge for the spawn of oysters which completely cover the branches and thereby furnishing proof of the statement that "oysters grow upon trees in St. Croix". The mounds heaps nearby bear mute evidence of the diet of Caribs for the shells are there in great quantities near the shore where their village was built.

But while this neighbourhood has much interesting association, it is as well the scene of the first loss of life of an European upon the Western Hemisphere for into this bay came the boats of Columbus the 14th day of November 1493, when he discovered Santa Cruz in search of wool and water, the inward view from the sea no doubt encouraging him in such expectation. He records in the annals of his voyage that his peaceful expectation was here met with such an opposition and onslaught of the natives who plied their bows with such vigor in which the women fought as desperately as the men.