

**A** FAREWELL address will be given by the delegates of the Virgin Islands Protective League on FRIDAY EVENING 23RD INST. at the hall of the United Laboring Association at Frederiksted, St. Croix.

Miss Hendricksen's subject will be the Negro, Past, Present and Future. Mr. Totten will speak on what it mean to be a Person of color in the U. S. A.

The cinematograph exhibition of last night was a thorough success both as regards the excellence of the pictures and the interest they called forth, as that the audience was among the largest in a long while.

It is advised that the mail-boat, Virginia, will leave San Juan, P. R. this morning. With favorable wind she may arrive at Frederiksted by tomorrow afternoon.

Frederiksted is out of ice through failure of securing someone who understands to manufacture the article. The reference in West End News of yesterday that Christiansted cannot supply both places is denied. The proprietor of the factory here will certainly give a helping hand as he has done in the past.

A concert by the combined Naval Bands of both towns will be rendered on the wharf, Christiansted at 8.30 on Sunday evening; programme later.

REAR-ADMIRAL SIMS whose name has figured in recent news dispatches in connection with the naval affairs sub-committee's investigation of awards of naval medals, is according to an English newspaper which we have just happened to run across, the vice-admiral who was in command of the United States destroyer flotilla in European waters; and is a Canadian by birth having been born in Ottawa 59 years ago. The paper, however, says he has spent practically the whole of his life in the United States, where he graduated in the Annapolis Naval Academy with honors in the early eighties. He is described as one of the most expert officers in the American Navy, and as having made a record in the Atlantic destroyer flotilla which he commanded from 1913 to 1915. Speaking of him Sir Edward Carson said that he worked "in close touch and cooperation with our splendid First Sea Lord, Admiral Jellicoe", now with a British squadron visiting the West Indies. Admiral Sims is further mentioned as a man who neither smokes nor drinks

Editor of St. Croix Avis:

Christiansted, St. Croix.

Dear Sir.

An attack made on the delegates of the Virgin Islands Protective League by Mr. D. Hamilton Jackson, and pub-

lished in the West End News, has also appeared in your paper, and the people's paper the Herald.

I therefore request that the public be given an opportunity through you to read our defense.

Whatever private interview or correspondence Miss Hendrickson might have had with Mr. Jackson, and which he so ungentlemanly made public matter, must not be considered as a back down.

• If Miss Hendrickson did not make the statements appearing in the News relative to our lecture on class hatred, I did, and will not move one INCH to retract same.

And if all boastful prates made in private were similarly published, we would be impressed that the great Caesar had the Government and all in authority trembling with fear.

But we know that AMERICA never took water and AMERICA never will.

Now I say to Mr. Jackson that I am here to defend Miss Hendrickson wrong or right, just as his disciples defend him wrong or right.

We seek no further controversy, for he has the advantage of a newspaper, and we have not.

I hold no malice, and as I understand he wants an apology, I repeat my willingness for the good of the people and with justice to him.

But I must be convinced of the wrong I have done him upon a public platform, and according to such a decision handed down by intelligent JUDGES.

Until then I charge Mr. Jackson with blocking our work for the welfare of the people of all classes, because of personal grievances against me.

Thanking you kindly

I am very respectfully,

ASHLEY L. TOTTEN.

## U. S. NAVY PRESS NEWS.

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WASHINGTON: Admiral Mayo, Commander-in-Chief of United States Fleet during war, was witness today before Senate subcommittee investigating naval awards. He told committee that his letter to Secretary of December 23rd, recently made public, in which he said that board of awards did not give sufficient consideration to service at sea particularly to staff officers of fleet, was not to be considered in any sense one of protest. Admiral took view diametrically opposed to that of Sims who took ground that board had given too little consideration to records of officers who served ashore. Says board and Secretary were within their rights and prerogatives in changing recommendations for awards. Declares he does not assert he is satisfied with results of action of board and Secretary but says they had right to take such action as they wished and to assume the

responsibility. Asked regarding status of men who lost ships by submarines or mines he replied that he did believe policy in honoring such officers would be good thing for service, but said there were cases like Captain Christy of the "San Diego" and Commander Foote of the "President Lincoln" whose conduct during and after the sinking would entitle them to high distinction. Testified that during war Admiral Sims was supposed to be under his command but that in order to facilitate matters, Sims reported directly to Department. Says he made very few recommendations for awards; even in case of Chief-of-Staff Captain Jackson he only recommended navy cross. General Barnett, Commandant Marine Corps, to testify tomorrow.

FINLAND: Russians deported from America were given official reception today. After brief conference they were permitted to enter Bolsheviki Russia. Were given warm welcome.

NEW YORK: Police bomb squads and Federal Agents today searching for half a dozen radicals, believed leaders in bomb plots, reported to have been nipped in bud yesterday by arrest here on eighteen reds. Evidence of plots found in raids.

HALIFAX: Transport "Powhatan", disabled about three hundred fifty miles at sea, reported by wireless today that her two hundred seventy-one passengers would be taken off by destroyers when sea moderated. Despatch says steamer "Bardice" trying to get line aboard now. Both fire rooms full to water line. Bulkheads shored up and tight. "Northern Pacific" due tonight, will ask her to stand by also: Signed Randall.

WASHINGTON: General Wood, who, in speech Sunday night, is reported to have stated that Navy is a floating death trap will be called upon by House Naval Affairs Committee to appear before the Committee to explain statement. In Boston, General Wood denies making statement attributed to him and says he meant only ships filled with untrained men but stenographic records disagree with him.

NEW YORK: Serum rushed here from Washington is believed to have saved life of eight year old Lena Delbene victim of olive poisoning at hospital here. Her parents, a brother, sister and two uncles, died within week from eating germ laden olives.

WASHINGTON: Private advices from Mexico reports arrest of General Alvarada, former Governor of Yucatan by officers acting under Carranza's orders. Charged he was on way to join revolutionary movements and set up Soviet Government in Yucatan.

LONDON: Viscount Frediech, Lord Lieutenant of Ireland, has become a convert to Home Rule says Gazettes Bulletin correspondent