

Special Friday Evening Concert.

U. S. NAVAL BAND,

Christiansted, Virgin Islands,

September 5, 1919.

First Musician J. W. Paulus, Leader.

PROGRAM:

Part I.

March. Brisk and Ereezy...Sol Wolerstein.
Waltz. Bliss Eternal...Harold Bennet.
One Step. We Are All Out Of Step But
Jim Irwin Berlin.

Medley of War Songs and Patriotic Melodies. United We Stand...Al Hayes.

Part II.

March. High School Cadets...John
Philip Sousa.

Selection. Echoes from the Metropolitan
Opera House...Theo. M. Tobani.

Song. When We Went To Sunday School
...Egbert Van Alstyne.

One Step. General Pershing...Carl D.
Vandersloot.

NATIONAL ANTHEM.

EDITORIAL.

In reference to open letters exchanged between Mr. Einar Svendsen and Mr. Joseph W. Daily in recent numbers of this paper, several of our readers and subscribers, including patrons of the Christiansted Theatre, have called our attention to a remark of Mr. Daily, demanding that we bring to the notice of the writer of the letter, through this medium, the public exception taken, and resentment felt against what is deemed "a nasty slur" thrown without reservation at the whole community and embodied in the last part of the first paragraph of the reverend gentleman's communication appearing in the issue of Wednesday 3rd instant, and reading as follows: "If you were not to put on a film treating the subject the title proclaimed, then the title was used simply to catch the people as it carried with it the promise of something emphatically salacious."

Notwithstanding it is our private opinion that the intended meaning of this sentence may not contemplate an aspersion upon the morals of our community which can probably bear comparison with those of other places of like size and situated under relatively similar conditions, we consider it our duty to represent the injured feelings of our fellow-citizens who declare that the press is responsible for the publicity of, and therefore cannot be silent while giving out broadcast, an insinuation that the people of Christiansted will be induced to visit places of public amusement because lewd, or indecent entertainment is offered there. It is impressed upon us that the better classes in the community are unquestionably maligned in Father Daily's letter when it is borne in mind that the morals of the depraved could not be endangered by vulgar exhibitions,

whereas the patrons of the theatre are made up of different classes, respectable people being in the majority. The best course open to us is to hereby ask the Revd. Father Daily to make his meaning clear to the people who feel that they have been insulted without occasion, and we have no doubt but that he will do so.

The mail-boat Creole arrived with St. Thomas mails this morning and it is expected to dispatch her on the return trip at noon tomorrow (6th).

For the information of the public, it is advised that no mail for the States will be forwarded by the s. s. "Korona" expected to leave Christiansted about Monday the 8th inst., it being understood that the steamer is homeward bound via Cuba, in which case it would be to advantage to use the route via Porto Rico.

The six reel drama "Beans" was exhibited at the theatre last night and made quite a hit. It really proved a catching series of acts skillfully performed and so attractively arranged as to hold attention all the time. The main feature of the film was a beautiful girl's errand to San Francisco with valuable papers which were to be delivered there within a certain time. Her perilous exploits across the country, her loss and recovery of the papers, her getting in and out of jail, and the many comical exhibitions of her exercises in booming "Beans", her father's business which she desired to advertise, concluding with her betrothal to a lawyer who accompanied her on the journey and shared her adventures, form as thrilling and charming a story as any we have seen on the screen; and many persons declare they'd like to see it again. The show concluded with a comic that sent the audience home in good spirits.

OFFICIAL NEWS.

With regard to the use of phosphorus for poisoning land crabs, Dr. Longfield Smith, Agronomist in Charge of the Agricultural Experiment Station, St. Croix, states he used same and found it very efficient. He adds that phosphorus is very dangerous and in its pure form ought to be supplied to experts only. The mixture of phosphorus and corn-meal should be made up by a chemist and distributed. It is so poisonous that the greatest caution must be observed or else pigs, fowls, cattle, dogs, etc., will be poisoned. The correct way is to put the mixture right down the crab's hole below the reach of the other animals and not to put more in one hole than the crab is likely to eat. Dr. Smith states he will be happy at all times to furnish personal advice or send literature to persons on the subject of any particular insect or pest they wish to destroy.

A private attached to the Marine Barracks, St. Thomas, recently tried by court-martial for unlawfully entering a grocery store in the lower end of town and demanding beer from the proprietor, and upon being refused, using abusive language to the proprietor, was sentenced by the court-martial to solitary confinement on bread and water for thirty days, full ration every third day, and to perform extra duties for three months and to lose \$99 pay. The sentence has been approved.

In regard to present regulations covering the sale of bay rum as a toilet article, which requires purchasers to sign an application blank showing the use for which the purchase is intended, it has been noted that unscrupulous dealers have made sales to persons who signed fictitious names to such blanks, and in excessive quantities. It must have been apparent to these dealers that the names were fictitious, in view of their unusual character. An amendment to the present regulations is in course of preparation whereby dealers in bay rum or alcohol will in future be required to fully satisfy themselves of the identity of the purchaser, and a non compliance of the regulations in the future will be deemed sufficient to warrant the revocation of the license to sell these articles.

Under Government supervision there were recently sold at St. Thomas a number of surveyed lots at public auction. Through an error more was sold by the auctioneer than had been intended for sale, the mistake accruing in view of the fact that a part of the original number had been withdrawn for sale.

WEATHER REPORT.

St. Croix, Bar. 30.00, Ther. 86, E. partly cloudy.

Rainfall for past 24 hours, 32.

Reply to Mr. Svendsen.

Who is the man hiding behind you? He is indulging in guerrilla warfare. I take up categorically the statements in today's letter to

Paragraph I. "Surely the film had to deal with 'Birth Control' but having been advertised as a Comedy only a filthy mind could place a filthy construction upon it."

Answer. "Birth Control" is a stereotyped expression. You may argue that birth and berth are convertible terms, but linked with the word "control" "Birth" takes on a very specific meaning. The conclusion to be drawn from your contention is, that because it is a comedy it is all right. In other word if the same theme is acted in tragedy it may be all wrong. Whether it is Comedy or Tragedy does not enter into the morality of a theme. That is only the channel of the theme.