

The resignation of Lieutenant Paul Keller, Medical Corps, U. S. Navy, from the Naval Service has been accepted and he has been detached from the Naval Hospital at St. Thomas and ordered to proceed to his home.

Correspondence.

Christiansted, St. Croix, 26 July 1920.
Editor "St. Croix Avis".

Dear Sir:—

Please allow me space for a few remarks to "Movie Admirers". I agree entirely with "Movie Admirers" with regard to the pictures exhibited both Monday and Thursday evenings; as a proof that everything is being done to get the best possible pictures for the Thursday performances I can mention that I have succeeded in obtaining a film for the coming Thursday, which has been released in 1920; this will be the first time so new a picture will be exhibited in St. Croix.

With regard to the Serials I hope in the near future to be able to show a Serial in the course of 3 weeks.

To get the appropriate music for the pictures from the States would not be possible for the reason that I do not know more than one week in advance, which pictures we get here, so it would not be possible to get the music in time, but this does not naturally prevent a frequent change of program, nor a little more "tone color" and can surely not be any excuse for playing a waltz when a death scene is exhibited; the reason is that the pianist was so "mowed" that he forgot himself; please excuse us (the pianist, the bulb and myself) and we will promise to do better in the future.

Very truly yours

EINAR SVENDSEN.

Christiansted, St. Croix, V. I. U. S. A.
July 26th., 1920.

Editor of the St. Croix Avis:

Dear Mr. Editor:

Seeing you have openly expressed such a broadminded policy in the rather heated prohibition question, we venture to take advantage of just a wee bit of your valuable space to endorse with all our hearts, and all our might, and all our souls, the position and views revealed by "Abstainer" in his letter published in last Saturday's Avis. After reading today's Herald we feel all the more impelled to add at least one bolster to the edifice of plain truth and common sense so boldly expressed by the author of that letter. To read today's Herald is sufficient to convince anyone of average thinking ability that "Abstainer" certainly got the "goat" of those officious sky-pilots who, leaving the thresholds of the doors in their own native lands piled with rubbish, have

volunteered to sweep our polished pavement with a broom handle. The old saying that a stone thrown in a pack of dogs will draw a howl from the one that's hit is truly exemplified in "Abstainer's" shot which would appear to be a sort of repeating ball. We would like to ask the Herald why, in dilating on the nativity of the parsons, it singled out a German to try and make a naïve of him? We must confess we had looked for something stronger from the Herald. Perhaps these mushroom advocates of prohibition can tell us where they were all the time when rum was selling "to beat the band". Have they only now suddenly discovered that prohibition is necessary because perhaps in the absence of strong drink we will use more sugar, and that being so dear, *honey from Fredensfeld* will come in just handy? It is a pity these brilliant "stars" did not live in the old days; they might have made history in reforming Noah and Lot. We are preparing for a good laugh when these busybodies get their "lemon" from the proper direction.

Yours for Sincerity,

A FEW MODERATES.

St. Thomas News.

We notice we are not entirely forgotten in the United States, for in the May issue of one of Chicago's leading monthly trade journals, "The National Har-ness Review" we find the following.

A PROSPECTUS ON THE VIRGIN ISLANDS

The official Bureau of Information of St. Thomas, Virgin Islands, has issued a profusely illustrated souvenir pamphlet with the purpose of bringing in an interesting way, more prominently before the world at large, the Virgin Islands.

The book impresses upon the reader that now is the time everyone should be well-informed on the beauties of these islands, their wonderful climate and the great opportunities they present for investment of American capital. A copy of this booklet can be obtained from the St. Thomas Bureau of Information Charlotte Amalie, St. Thomas, V. I. U. S. A. The price is \$1.00.

If the number of pamphlets Col. Stride sent out last September had reached their destination, we should have had many more such kind notices.—*St. Thomas Mail Notes, July 17th.*

We beg to congratulate our young student friends, Misses Sigrid J. Levi, Gelda Paiewonsky and Terencia Daniel and Master Roy Bornn, who as students of phonography at the Convent School, (Ben Pitman system) have received a diploma for efficiency—over 100 words per minute—from the Phonographic Institute of Cincinnati.—*St. Thomas Mail Notes, July 20th.*

An American paper just to hand, gives us the information that Mr. Lucius J. M. Malmin, of Chicago, has been appointed Judge of the District Court of the Virgin Islands. Says the paper:

"Lucius J. M. Malmin, for more than twenty-five years a member of the local bar association, has been appointed Judge of the District Court of the Virgin Islands. This is the first United States appointment of a district judge for those parts. Judge Malmin will assume office on Sept. 1." According to the same news item, Judge Malmin is quoted as having said that the island will be strongly fortified, and become the Malta of the western hemisphere.—*Ibid.*

TELEGRAMS

ST. CROIX STATION.

Cork, July 21st.—A sensation was created here today by the issuance of a proclamation by Major General Strickland, Commander in Southern Ireland, prohibiting meeting and processions within a three mile limit of the Cork General Post Office. The proclamation will become effective tonight. It affects many local fixtures, including the city regatta.

Beirut, Syria, July 23rd.—French troops, in view of the failure of King Feisal of Syria to begin the execution of the ultimatum terms, have begun a march on Damascus. They have encountered no opposition, and are proceeding toward Aleppo.

Warsaw, July 23rd.—The Polish communication issued on Wednesday announces that the Bolsheviki have captured the town of Grodno, which the Poles defended with all their strength, in the south, the detachment of Red infantry which crossed the East Galicia frontier, was pushed back across the Zbruz river after an all day fight. Preceding the loss of Grodno, the Poles forced the enemy from the forts north of Grodno, but the Reds counter-attacked with reinforcements, compelling the Poles to withdraw to the south.

London, July 22nd.—A despatch to the London "Times" from Kovno, dated Wednesday, says the Bolsheviki now refuse to surrender Vilna to the Lithuanians on the ground of military necessity. The Bolsheviki have begun to establish a rival administration in Vilna, despite the protests of the Lithuanians.

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A. R. McIntosh.

Christiansted, St. Croix. 11 June 1920.