

1st Member for Frederiksted Country District (*Andersen*): Mr. Chairman before taking the vote on the proposal made by the Honorable 4th Appointed Member I would like to ask if the 2nd Member for Christiansted Town is under compulsion to make remarks?

The *Chairman*: No.

2nd Appointed Member (*Noll*): Mr. *Chairman*. I would like to offer an amendment to the effect that each member give his opinion on this matter.

1st Member for Frederiksted Town (*Coulter*) remarked: Mr. Chairman. I would like to say that it is not quite fair that the responsibility of the explanation should fall upon the Honorable 2nd Member for Christiansted Town alone. We may call upon him as well as the other four members of the sub Committee to explain.

3rd Member for Frederiksted Country District (*M. M. Skeoch*) remarked: Mr. Chairman. I know of no one more capable to explain the matter than the Honorable 2nd Member for Christiansted Town; however, as you wish it, the Honorable 4th Appointed Member may also give elucidations on it.

4th Appointed Member (*Blackwood*) remarked: Mr. Chairman. There seems to be some misunderstanding. I proposed that 2nd Member for Christiansted Town give an explanation. Every Member of the sub-Committee has worked faithfully and have made every effort to meet with the desires of Government, but at the same time we cannot squeeze blood out of stone; we cannot pay more taxes than we are paying at present. I think we have been fair and conscientious and have tried to work in harmony with Government. I cannot see how we can do more than we have done.

3rd Member for Christiansted Country District (*Robt. W. Skeoch*) remarked: Mr. Chairman. It is very kind of those gentlemen to protect our worthy Secretary, but I don't think he needs protection. He is always ready. If the proposal made by the Honorable 4th Appointed Member were adopted we would have reached further by this time. I for one would like to hear the Honorable 2nd for Christiansted Town.

To be continued.

LOCAL

Lt. F. L. Mc Daniel M. C. U. S. N. having completed his term of service on the medical staff here is transferred and leaves St Croix today by the Grebe. Dr. McDaniel is a man of exceedingly quiet and courtly manners and has done good work here as physician and surgeon. He is succeeded as physician at the Municipal Hospital by Dr. G. B. Tyler.

The Librarian of the Public Library Christiansted, has asked us to state that the very beautiful picture of the Marine Hospital and Telegraph Office which has

recently been hung in the library is indeed the work of Mr. Juan Rivera, but was presented to the Library by Miss Ruth Waterbury, field representative of the St. Croix Chapter of the American Red Cross. The Librarian further states that some new books have recently been received at the Library but will not be ready for the shelves until after a couple of weeks.

St. Mary's fans are reminded of the 7 reel drama which will be screened tonight. See ad. on previous page.

PASSENGERS LIST.

May 5th, per S. S. "Marina" from Porto Rico—Rev. F. W. Claire, Pedro A. Bloise, Angel R. Marcucci. From St. Thomas—Elodia Granie, M. Richetti, M. Crime, Marie Granie, Manassa Sanders, Rev. Geo. Griffiths.

May 6th per S. S. "Marina" for St. Thomas—Miss Blanche Conway and child, Mr. Alfonso Nelthropp, Miss Rosina Philipps and infant. For Porto Rico—Mr. Vincent Van Aller.

TELEGRAMS.

ST. CROIX STATION.

Boston, May 2nd.—Damage estimated unofficially at more than \$500,000 was caused by a fire tonight on State Street, in the heart of Boston wholesale district. After a two hour struggle the firemen said the flames were under control. The building of the Webster Thomas Company, wholesale grocers in State Street, in the basement of which the fire started suffered to the extent of \$200,000 officials of the company said. The stock of Thomas Wegenson Company, seed dealers, occupying the adjoining building, suffered \$300,000 damage by smoke and water, it was estimated.

Essen, May 3rd.—Two Directors of the Heinrichs mine and machine works at Hattingen have been sentenced by a French court martial to serve five years in prison and to pay fines amounting to \$250,000,000 marks. The Directors, whose names are Jaeger and Zoellney, were charged, among other things, with having caused the sirens of their plant to sound when occupation troops and officers appeared on the property, thus rallying an assembly of workmen which endangered the lives of the visiting authorities. The men were also accused of violating the coal export regulations and with "disturbing the public order". Their Company was alleged to have violated the coal export order in that it sent coal by an aerial tramway from the mine, just inside the occupied area, to the machine works which lie immediately across the Franco-Belgian customs border.

St. Johns, N. F., May 3rd.—Following an election campaign earned on amid the storms "of the fiercest of winters", the electorate of New Foundland went to

the Polls today to decide between the Liberal Administration of Sir Richard Squires and the Conservative opposition, officially led by Mr. John R. Bennett. Mr. Bennett took the leadership recently when it was vacated by Sir Michael Cashin, a former Premier, who, however, continued a big directing force of the opposition. The Squires Government has been in power since 1919. It has aligned with it the powerful fishermen's protective Union, whose leader and organizer, Mr. Coaker, is Minister of Marine and fisheries in the Administration. The Government sought support in their election campaign for the carrying out of a huge pulp development in the Humber valley by the Armstrong, Whitworth British interest. The bonds covering this development would be guaranteed by the Imperial and Newfoundland Governments. The opposition charged that the Governments Humber projects were visionary.

Washington, May 3rd.—The United States Government, taking a positive position with regard to the transportation of liquor into territorial waters of the United States, decreed today that the rigorous interpretation of the prohibition law given by the Supreme Court shall become effective June 10th. Mr. Hughes was requested by the Treasury to communicate notice of the decision to all foreign Governments. The Treasury which has jurisdiction over all prohibition enforcements, suggested that the Department of State advise foreign Governments that all ships entering the three mile limit will be subject to the new application of the law, without exemption, and that no further pronouncement may be expected from this Government regarding the effective date. While the position adopted by the Administration appeared to leave no road for a backward step, it seemed certain that representations will come from some foreign Governments who may regard the courts interpretation of the laws as an infringement of their rights.

London, May 3rd.—The application made to the election Judges by Captain Philipson, National Liberal M. P. for Perwick, whose election they yesterday declared void because his agents had made false and illegal returns and because corrupt practices had been established, for relief on the ground that Philipson's election agent had acted without his sanction or connivance, was rejected today by the Judges. Philipson is therefore unseated.

Ponce, P. R., May 3rd.—Secretary of War Weeks, and party will arrive here from San Juan at 3 p. m. Leaving here on U. S. Transport Grant about midnight.

Ponce, P. R., May 4th.—U. S. Transport "Grant" with Secretary of War Weeks and party left midnight 3rd, destination Panama Canal.