

CHRISTIANSTED THEATRE

8.00. MONDAY EVENING 8.00

THE GREAT SUPER SERIAL

"ELMO THE FEARLESS"

Episode 11.

"The Temple of the Dragon"

Episode 12.

"Crashing Through"

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NOTICE

that my general Power of Attorney given to Mr. A. C. BOUGH dated March 29th 1911 is hereby revoked.

SOPHIA SUMMERSILL.

St. Croix, Virgin Islands, July 15th. 1921.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE COLONIAL COUNCIL FOR ST. CROIX.

(Continued from yesterday's Avis.)

The Chairman (Coulter) took his floor seat, took the word and said—Mr. Chairman. The first remark, I wish to make in connection with the Police and Prison Departments and the proposals of the Municipal Committee which have been adopted by the Government and forwarded to the Council is, that the Committee has reduced the amount budgeted under Maintenance for "horse-shoeing for 12 Police Horses, repairs to saddles, bridles etc." from Frs. 3,500 to Frs. 1,000, that is to say, the Committee considers that 12 horses can be shod and saddles and bridles repaired in a year for Frs. 1,000. That is a very narrow margin. I presume that the Committee has taken into consideration the fact that the saddles and bridles are new. I should be very glad if this amount would be sufficient to shoe horses and repair saddles and bridles for the department for the fiscal year. I draw the attention of members, to the fact that this amount is very small, so that if it is found necessary that a

money bill be introduced later on for an additional amount to carry the Department through, I hope the Government, or the Council will have no objection.

In regard to remarks made by the Honorable 1st Member for Frederiksted Country District (Andersen) that when one policeman comes off duty he can pass the revolver over to another, I feel that I must restrain myself in replying to his remarks as I would like to. I certainly would never think of proposing that, and I would be exceedingly sorry if Government adopts such a proposal. If you are to have an efficient Police Force, as 4th Appointed Member (Blackwood) has said, you have to train and arm the men. Of what use would it be if the Police were called out and some have revolvers and some have none?

With regard to remarks made by 4th Appointed Member (Blackwood) I wish to say that the Police are taught to use their revolvers; they are trained in target practice and the amount called for in this budget is to furnish ammunition for target practice principally. If any member of this Council wishes to see a copy of the record card of the Police shooting, I would be perfectly willing to furnish a copy. The Police have shooting practice once a week at Frederiksted, King's Hill and Christiansted.

Telephones—The number of telephones have been reduced. That means we have to cut off one of the telephones of one of the Inspectors, or may be, that of the Director of Police.

A member of this Council remarked sometime ago that there was nothing wrong with the Police Force itself, what was wrong was with the Head of the Department. That was candid and honest criticism, and I want to take this opportunity, Mr. Chairman, to ask what is wrong with the Head of the Depart-

ment? There has been some hard remarks and criticism made about this Department, and I would like to know and I sure the Government would also like to know, just what and where the trouble is. There may be somethings about the Department that I do not know of, that I ought to know—things that are going wrong—if so, I would like to know of them, and try to put them right.

About a year or more ago I was promoted from another Department of the administration to the Police Department. It is true I had no previous experience of police work, but I had over thirty years experience of this island, its people, and local conditions, and I must have had some qualification for the position that justified the appointment. I entered the service with no intention of making a record, of turning things that my predecessors had done, upside down, to the contrary, I made up my mind to take matters very quietly for a time, wait, and watch, and see how things were working, and when I had some little experience to be then better able to grapple with the problems of the Department. I know that my appointment was very unpopular with at least one Honorable Member of this Council, who considered that his protegee, one who was already for some years a member of the force, should have been appointed instead, and probably feeling a little hard against me yet for that, but at the same time I challenge any member of this Council, or of the community, to say that there is less discipline among the members of the force today than there was a year ago, that there is in general, less respect for law and order in the communities, or that any one of them goes to bed nowadays with a greater feeling of insecurity than they did in the past. If there is anything against me, and the administration of the department I am responsible for, I would like to know it, and I think the Government would like to know it too, and now is the time, and the place to state it. I will sit for a reply.

The Acting Chairman (Blackwood) remarked: I do not think the Honorable Member has to ask for a reply to his remarks, if any member wishes to do so he has the privilege.

1st Member for Frederiksted Country District (Andersen) remarked: Mr. Chairman. I do not wish to make reply to the remarks made by the Honorable 1st Member for Frederiksted Town (Coulter). All I am interested in is, to get this little island as much self supporting as possible. I have gone to the trouble of studying the size of the Police Force in Porto Rico, I find in Porto Rico where there are one million three hundred thousand people that they have a total force of 693, or one policeman for each 2000 people. In St. Croix we have 37 men on the Police Force, one for each