

ton in the interest of these islands may be depended upon to use his influence in behalf of each and all local institutions, but his mission is especially connected with law business, as pertaining to the recently adopted new codes. He may be away three months.

During the short time Judge Malmin has been in the island he has displayed such a genuine interest in the affairs of the community, and manifested such unmistakable evidences of the American spirit of democracy as have not failed to win him the love of the people, high and low, of all shades of color, irrespective of class. This was to some extent demonstrated yesterday, when to the last moment before stepping aboard the launch, he could be seen shaking hands among the large group, including many natives, assembled to bid him farewell. It is indeed gratifying to report this popularity of an official gracing the auspicious office of chief magistrate; such a condition not alone features the hearty co-operation of the general public in administrative affairs, but bespeaks fertile ground for good influences on the masses whose moral and social conditions are bound to show benefited results therefrom. With a United States judge setting the example of Judge Malmin it would be a queer people who did not learn to fully merit the consideration shown both on the beach and on the public street.

The judge and family are hereby extended all good wishes for an enjoyable trip and good health to enable the pursuit of his errand which it is trusted will prove of general advantage.

At a public meeting held in the Christiansted Theatre last night a fisherman from Water Gut quarter is reported to have embraced the opportunity of airing his views on the sanitary measures responsible for the discontinued sale of fish in that part of the town. As an illustration of the obvious ill effects of the present system he said that when the fish was sold in Water Gut it was cleaned and gutted on the bay there, while now it is taken home and cleaned in yards, the entrails being flung on the streets. The speaker was heartily cheered. The chairman, however, is reported to have scolded him for digression from the subject before the meeting, and it is commented on that certain folks, for reasons best known to themselves, are averse to having the people talk out their mind on this sanitary question which would probably be settled to mutual satisfaction by an exchange of candid opinions now eschewed.

LOCAL

The S. S. Guiana homeward bound is expected at Frederiksted on Saturday morning, 20th.

The mail boat Creole is here today with St. Thomas mail.

Correspondence.

Editor The Avis:

Query of yesterday worked like a charm; there was light in the steeple last night.

P. R. H.

Christiansted, Nov. 17, 1920.

AT THE MOVIES

We cannot do otherwise than say a few words in praise of that excellent drama exhibited in the Christiansted Theatre on Monday evening. It was highly interesting from beginning to end. To put it mildly, it was one of the best pictures ever shown here for a long time. Mr. Svendsen has certainly made a mark with that 5 reel drama entitled "The Pointing Finger". Let us have some more of that kind soon, that is just the kind of shows lovers of the movies are looking for, and good serials between.

The management has announced that on Thursday evening (tomorrow) the soul-stirring drama "A Soul For Sale" will be shown. According to the St. Thomas papers, this 7 reel drama, with Dorothy Philips as the leading character, has a great moral lesson, and should be seen by all lovers of fine plays. The same papers contain a Notice in the program, advising "parents not to bring their children to this show (A Soul For Sale) bring them next Thursday". Prepare yourselves for this dramatic sensation tomorrow evening. Remember the time, 8 o'clock.

Au revoir,

MOVIE ADMIRERS.

TELEGRAM

ST. CROIX STATION.

Paris, Nov. 14th.—Genl. Wrangel's army, though beaten, is continuing to retreat southward, according to information received by the Foreign Office today, pursued by a well commanded Bolshevik army of 27 divisions. General Wrangel has suffered great losses and many of his officers have been killed. The evacuation of Sebastopol by civilians and foreigners, is under way, according to Foreign Office advices, but the members of Genl. Wrangel's Govt. were still in Sebastopol last night, although the Bolsheviks were reported to be occupying Simferopol and capturing many prisoners and large quantities of materials. Information reaching the Foreign Office, says the Bolsheviks did not storm the Perekop line, but by an enveloping movement of their left wing invaded the Crimea. They crossed over the ice-frozen putrid sea and attacked the main body of Genl. Wrangel's troops

which then were still holding the Perekop defenses from the rear. General Wrangel has decided not to attempt guerrilla warfare in the Crimea, the information adds, owing to the overwhelming Bolshevik forces on the Peninsula which are variously estimated at between 150,000 and 200,000 men. General Wrangel has gone on board one of the French warships in Sebastopol, but the vessel is still remaining in port, says the advice. The evacuation is continuing, but there is inadequate shipping for the number of persons seeking to flee. Genl. Wrangel's troops are declared to have fought splendidly in the battle of their defeat, which begun with the loss of Perekop and soon developed into a wild retreat toward headquarters at Sebastopol. Despatches received at the Foreign Ministry there, asserts that there have been no mutinies. The despatches say the white army inflicted heavy losses on the Bolsheviks, but that they were overwhelmed by the Reds, who are reported to be well organized and led. Some of their officers are said to be Germans.

Geneva, Nov. 12th.—Lord Robert Cecil, one of the chief authorities of the League of Nations Covenant, who is coming to the Assembly of the League as a delegate from South Africa, will support the proposed admission to the League of former enemy states, it is expected here. Italy, Switzerland, the Scandinavian States, some of the South American nations are understood to be favourable to such a plan. France, Belgium, Rumania, Jugo-Slavia and Czechoslovakia will resist the admission of Germany and Hungary, although they are not unfavourable to Austria and Bulgaria. There are indications in League circles that the drift toward admission of former enemy countries is strong and likely to reach the necessary two-thirds of the powers, unless a compromise is effected. The sentiment is growing that whatever may be the merits of the case, the discussion in the assembly is likely to develop a sharp controversy which the leading members of the League desire to avoid. Attention is being directed to the anomaly of admitting Germany while she is still technically at war with the United States. The meeting of the assembly will be held in the Hall of the Reformation Auditorium, seating 3,000.

Montreal, Nov. 12th.—The first Canadian passenger steamship to be built by the Canadian Government Marine is shortly to leave Three Rivers under her own steam for Halifax where she will be completed. The "Canadian Fisher" will take tourists on five weeks' trips between Halifax and the West Indies, it is announced today.

Washington, Nov. 12th.—The Department of Justice will at once begin an investigation of the story that a feud among New York Union housewreckers was back of the Wall Street bomb explosion, it was announced yesterday.