

CHRISTIANSTED THEATRE

8.15. THIS EVENING 8.15.

"EDDIE POLO"

IN

"The Secret Four"

Episode No. 3: "ACROSS THE CHASM".
Episode No. 4: "THE DIVE OF DESPAIR".

International News

1 REEL.

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"Lee Moran" in "The Rubberneck"

COMEDY 2 REELS.

IN ALL 7 REELS.

A D M I S S I O N

Reserved Seats.....25c.
Children.....15c.

General Entrance.....15c.
Children.....10c.

marked: Mr. Vice-Chairman. It was pointed out by the Honorable 2nd Appointed Member that the Tax Law is in a special category. It has been, by a motion made and adopted carried over on the calendar. I move that the motion be discussed. Government has received no request from the Chairman of the Colonial Council for additional copies. In my memory serves me right, (I will not go to memory, but will refer to the records), twenty-five copies of the ordinance were sent to the Chairman of the Colonial Council on June 6, 1921—more than two years ago. That is the record of the tax ordinance.

1st Member for Frederiksted Town (Jackson) remarked: Mr. Vice-Chairman. That may be very well, but could it be fair to my constituents to stand here and vote for a law affecting them and their property without allowing a portion of the people's representative to acquaint themselves with the law?

Government Secretary (Gaffney) remarked: Mr. Vice Chairman. What I said, speaks for itself. If any individual member wishes a copy of a law which he does not possess, he should apply to the Chairman of the Council.

1st Member for Frederiksted Town (Jackson): I do not think that it is the duty of members to apply. The Chairman should furnish members with copies. I move for an adjournment.

1st Member for Christiansted Town (Abramson) remarked: Mr. Chairman. Do I understand that the Tax Ordinance which the people of St. Thomas are crying over is the same law that is being asked to be brought up before this Council today? Why, just take a look

and see how dry the fields are and you will see that now is not the proper time to bring up such a law. We look upon our Government as our parent, but we cannot want them to crush us. Some of the people are now being poorly fed and cannot find work to sustain themselves, for this reason I do not feel justified to vote for more taxes at present. Of course the Government have the power to enforce the law if the Council refuses to pass it. "All that glitters is not gold." It is true that some money was made on this island in 1920, but it quickly returned from whence it came, and conditions today are worse than ever.

3rd Member for Frederiksted Country District (M. M. Skeoch) would like to know whether the tax law is under discussion.

The Vice-Chairman: Yes, it is under first discussion.

1st Member for Frederiksted Town (Jackson): Mr. Vice-Chairman. I made a motion for adjournment.

The Vice-Chairman: I have heard no one second your motion.

1st Member for Christiansted Town (Abramson) remarked: Mr. Vice-Chairman. I have a copy of the law but I contend that now is not the proper time to bring up such a law. It is our duty to support our Government, but just now we are not able to do so to the extent of passing this draft of ordinance. I feel it is impossible to put more burden on the tax payers.

3rd Member for Christiansted Town (Alexander): Mr. Vice-Chairman as a motion for adjournment is always in order I second the motion of the Honorable

1st Member for Frederiksted Town (Jackson)

Government Secretary [Gaffney]: Do I understand that the Council is refusing to discuss an item which is on the order of the day.

2nd Member for Frederiksted Country District [Curry] remarked: Mr. Vice-Chairman. This draft of ordinance has been before the Council for a long time and a Committee has studied it for a long time. What does the Council intend to do? Accept the Committee Report or not? The last time we met the majority of the Council was in favor of the Committee Report and felt the draft with the amendments made could be accepted. I would like to be advised what this Council intends to do. I hope the draft will not be sent to another Committee.

1st Member for Frederiksted Country District [Andersen] moved that 1st discussion on the draft be closed.

There was some discussion as to whether the motion made by the Honorable 1st Member for Frederiksted Town (Jackson), seconded by 3rd Member for Christiansted Town (Alexander) was in order, and the Vice-Chairman ruled that a motion for adjournment would not be in order while members were willing to continue business.

The motion made by the 1st Member for Frederiksted Country District [Andersen] that 1st Discussion be closed was put to the vote.

8 members voted for; none against.

1st Discussion closed.

1st Member for Frederiksted Country District [Andersen] moved that second discussion come on today.

2nd Appointed Member [Noll] seconded the member's motion.

Government having given its consent motion was put to the vote.

7 members voted for; none against.

The Vice-Chairman remarked: The motion is lost.

There being no further business before the House the Vice-Chairman declared the meeting closed at 6 o'clock p. m.

LOCAL

Movie admirers here and in Frederiksted are reminded of the fine shows to come off this evening as advertised in this issue, "Captain of his Soul" at the West End Movies and "The Secret Four" at the Christiansted Theatre.

The Native Brass Band rendered a fine programme last night and concluded with a tramp through Gallow's Bay and back to the west end of the town.

The U. S. S. Grebe arrived here at noon yesterday, and sailed again in the evening for St. Thomas. Among her passengers were Bandmaster Paulus, J. Solomon and R. Davis who have returned home on vacation.