

CHRISTIANSTED THEATRE

8.00. THIS EVENING 8.00

"THE LION MAN".

Episode No. 15:

The Furnace of Fury.

Episode No. 16:

The Relentless Renegades.

Show concluding with:

2 Reel Comedy.

A D M I S S I O N

Reserved Seats.....30 and 40c
General Entrance.....20c.
Children 20 and 10c.

has no remarks to make on the budget, it leaves it to the Council for disposal.

4th Appointed Member (*Blackwood*) remarked: Mr. Chairman. All I could say about the budget is, on March 22nd. I received a letter from the Government Secretary forwarding 6 copies of the budget for the fiscal year 1921-1922, for consideration and action by the Municipal Committee. On account of the Easter Holidays and other delays I couldn't call a meeting before April 11th, and we had to rush the budget through; we had two sessions on it, but in my opinion we ought to have half a dozen as it is rather bulky and many new departments have been created, we need more time to go through it. The Municipal Committee has recommended the budget with a few changes.

Our deficit is great at present, and if we vote \$250,000 for the building of a concrete road, there is no doubt that it is going to be greater. The budget is before Members and they are at liberty to criticise it; but I feel if we are to criticise it as we ought to, we ought to have some time to go through it.

1st Member for Frederiksted Country District (*Andersen*) remarked: Mr. Chairman. The Chairman of the Municipal Committee says that the Committee has gone over the budget rather superficially as it is rather bulky. I think it would be proper to have the budget this year go to a special Committee.

It might be painful to the Government to use the knife on the budget, but it wouldn't be painful to me if I am elected on that committee.

At a meeting sometime ago the Honorable Government Secretary submitted to this Council some statements regarding the actual revenues and expenditures in St. Croix since the transfer of the Flag; I noticed from that statement that the revenues in the past couple of years have been estimated much smaller than they later on proved to be, and in adding up the actual revenues from April

1st., 1917 to June 30th., 1920, I noticed that they amounted to Frs. 4,226,360, and that the actual expenditures for the same period amounted to Frs. 5,331,282, this makes a difference of only about \$200,000 for the period of three years, and if we then include the actual revenues for last year with the enormous income tax soon falling due, I believe we can fairly say that this island has been operated for four years on its own revenues. This of course is exclusive of salaries paid to Naval Officials.

I think this result is not so bad; and while the Council, in the past years, have passed the budget in the belief that most of the money came from the Federal appropriations; I think that with this knowledge to hand, it is quite fair that the present budget goes to a committee of the Council where the details can be carefully looked into and an attempt made to bring the expenses down to an economic basis in the neighborhood of our means. I do not wish to go into details today, but I recommend that the budget go to a committee of 7 members for further consideration and recommendation.

(To be continued.)

LOCAL.

The s. s. "Korona" for New York is due at Frederiksted at about 6 o'clock on Thursday morning, the 12th inst., leaving shortly after arrival.

Saturday's general election of Council members for the Christiansted country district resulted in the return of Messrs. T. Ramsay, and R. W. Skeoch. The by-election was in favor of Mr. S. Jørgensen. Mr. G. Nordby was elected at Frederiksted for the country.

A cablegram from Mr. Hamilton Jackson to the Herald on Saturday last advised that former Judge Malmin had presented the people's memorial to Pre-

sident Harding on the 5th. inst. It will be remembered that a copy of this document was tendered the Congressional Committee when in these islands in 1919.

The mail-schooner *Mystery* arrived at at 8 p.m. Saturday, but the mails for this town arrived only at 2 o'clock yesterday morning, and was delivered between 8 and 9 a. m. If there are two people on the job here in Christiansted, the postmaster and the mail carrier are. No information as to why it took 5 hours to land and dispatch the mail at Frederiksted is available.

The Native Brass Band accommodated with fine light in the bandstand, entertained a large gathering with some nice music last night.

Frederiksted, May 6th 1921.

The American s. s. "Lake Fackler" arrived here at 7.30 p. m. with 50 tons general cargo for Frederiksted and 40 tons for Christiansted and the following passengers from St. Thomas:—Lieut. J. W. Lytle, Lieut. Hughels, Mr. F. Ledesma, Mrs. Maud O'Neal, Miss Ruth Waterburg.

"THE TOAST IS JOE."

The great suspense which overshadowed the political life of the community is now over, and through the uncertain dawn of a new political day appears a figure which commands attention, and exudes a spirit of hope and confidence that the interest of the Christiansted district will be loyally represented in the reorganized Colonial Council.

Barely of an age that permits him to accept this honour, Mr. Joe Alexander brings a spirit of progressive vitality and practical ability, to assist in forming laws that govern this island.

Possessing considerable interest in our island, and of sufficient integrity and ability to command respect, who is more worthy to this honour of his people than he?

Not an orator, in the truest sense of the word, but with sufficient force to claim attention and inspire confidence in any assemblage, he pledges himself to defend and support the interests of his constituents, and work harmoniously for the progress of his island, and the welfare of the community.

His friends and relatives cannot but be proud of him, considering the influential forces that conspired to exclude him from this merit, and also the various subterfuges to confuse the minds of his supporters.

We look with satisfaction and hope on this first successful step towards the fulfillment of an excellent career, and may the principles of his judgement and conscience never be sacrificed to vain hopes, or sold for the bread that perisheth.

RESIDENT.