

CHRISTIANSTED THEATRE

8.15. THIS EVENING 8.15.

"THE PRISONER OF ZENDA"

So little need be said and so much can be about the "The Prisoner of Zenda." The story is established as one of the great romantic tales of modern times—a story of the sort that can never be written again, for the war, for one thing, has stamped out the picturesque, gaily uniformed little kingdom of Europe, where Sir Anthony Hope found his setting for the love story of Rudolf Rassendyl, the young Englishman who resembled so closely the king of Ruritania, and of the Princess Flavia.

It can never be written again in print, but it can on the screen, *with all his glamour and brilliance*. "The Prisoner of Zenda" is romance embodied: love in the net of court intrigue, cries at night by the black moat about the castle, duels to the death in the dark dungeons of the citadel, the clatter of hoofs along roads, white in the moonlight. The action is breathless, the excitement fairly stabs at you, the suspense is tightened to concert pitch.

Such a story, as dramatized by Edmund Rose, given into the hands of so masterly a director as Mr. Ingram, and enacted by a cast including Alice Terry, Terry, Robert Edeson, Lewis Stone, Stuart Holmes, Barbara La Marr, Edward Connelly, Malcolm Mac Gregor and Lois Lee, cannot fail to be one of the most splendid and thrilling achievement of the motion pictures.

TWO PERFORMANCES

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To Be Concluded Thursday.

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"PATSY'S JIM"

2 REELS.

ADMISSION

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

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

The naval regime in the Virgin Islands has not been without its benefits. The service of the hospitals has been extended, the sanitary arrangements have been bettered, and the schools have been greatly improved. In Danish times free education amounting to about three years of our primary schools was considered enough, and that was largely religious in character. The American occupation is offering the natives free education up to the completion of the high school. One reason for the success of the schools is that the naval administration has put them under civilian direction.

As a whole the naval administrators of the Virgin Islands impress one as competent and well-meaning, but their long saturation in giving and taking orders makes them misfits as government officials and public servants, especially when thrown among a people with different habits and physiology from their own. They have not succeeded in establishing friendly relations even with the white aristocracy of the island of St. Croix where the planter families virtually ignore them socially. This it is said is due to the indiscretion of one of the pioneer naval officers who expressed the opinion that there was not a family domiciled on the island for as long as fifty years that did not have "a lick of the tar brush" in it.

What has been said so far has to do

only with the political difficulties of the Virgin Islands. This aspect has been stressed partly because the responsibility for it rests flatly upon the people of the United States, but also because there is a remedy at hand which it does not offer a complete cure—that awaits the millenium—promises at least immediate improvement. The remedy is to end the unrepresentative and autocratic rule which the navy has superimposed upon and obsolete and absurd foundation surviving from Danish days, replacing it with American citizenship, civilian government and democratic institutions based on universal manhood and woman suffrage. Self-government should be extended by degrees, with virtual autonomy as the ultimate goal. It is inconceivable that a great democracy should hold indefinitely as political peons the friendly inhabitants of a peaceably acquired territory, meantime administering their affairs through a war-making branch of the government.

To be continued.

TELEGRAMS.

ST. CROIX STATION.

Winnipeg, Man., June 12th.—During the past year Canada has made steady progress towards the financial basis essential to orderly prosperity, declared

Mr. Crossin, President of the bond dealers association of Canada in his address at the opening session of the annual convention here today. A noticeable reduction in the amount of outstanding dominion notes not covered by gold, added Mr. Crossin, encourages the hope that shortly it will be possible for Canada to place her currency on a gold basis. Some of our bankers believe we could now resume and maintain gold payments without any undue strain on our resources or credit. This satisfactory position shows the adherent stability of Canadian financial life. The morning session was occupied with the presentation of reports covering administration and finance.

Troon, June 12th.—When the roll is called on the first tee of the old troon course on Thursday for the starting of the British open championship, many famous golfers will be missing. Among the British golfers who failed to qualify today are the veteran Harry Vardon, Roger Wethered, the British amateur champion, and Audrey Boomer, the former French title holder. Among the outsiders who failed to qualify the most famous Gene Sarazen, the United States open champion, and Jim Barnes, who formerly held that title. These players forfeited the opportunity to enter the contest for the title when they failed in the first and second rounds of the qualification competition to play the type of game necessary to get on the list of the elect. As it turned out, 159 strokes for the thirty-six holes were good enough and not a stroke more. Abe Mitchell, George Duncan, Edward Ray, Alexander Herd, J. H. Taylor, Cyril Tolley and other topnotchers in British golf all came through successfully. Walter Hagen, American golfer, who is the present champion of the British open championship squeezed into the tie for last place among those that qualified with 159 strokes. Yesterday he played miserably and he began even worse today, but played the last nine holes like the master shot he is and qualified. Joe Kirkwood, the Australian champion, repeated his Monday score of 76 and will get a chance at the title.

New York, June 13th.—The raw sugar market was demoralized early today by the sharp decline in futures, and refiners were out of the market entirely. Prices therefore were nominal.

New York, June 13th.—Nearly half the crew of the French line steamer "France" served notice on her captain, as the vessel sailed today, that they would refuse to make another trip to the United States on her unless arrangements were made so that they could get the two litre daily ration of wine provided by French law. The Captain declared the France would return on schedule if he had to recruit a new crew from the French Merchant Marine College.