

OBITUARY

A cablegram received on Tuesday brought the unexpected news of the death at St. Thomas of Mr. J. M. B. Lambert, teacher at the Nisky school. The deceased came to this island in 1912 to take charge of Mr. Thos. Ash's private school during Mr. Ash's furlough, and had lately been in the service of the Department of Education in Christiansted being transferred to St. Thomas about a year ago. Our sympathy is extended to the bereaved ones.

pend directly on activities in the concern for a livelihood, and in turn spend their earnings in town and thereby stimulate business in other lines. Since the transfer of La Grange the eagerness of seeing a similar deal closed here, to be followed by a consequent relaxation in the business depression has been keener than ever, and the reports that all interest in the matter have died as a result of reported failures to reach an agreement are discouraging to a tremendous extent. It is understood that the price named as acceptable for the factory concern here is \$100,000 the same as for La Grange. This figure is regarded as exorbitant by comparison since the factory here is stated to be of an antiquated sort, and the estates fewer and in a less favorable condition. On the other hand it is claimed that the factory is as modern as requirements demand since some \$90,000 was recently spent in putting in new machinery, etc., and that there is offered in the bargain a lot of material including a brand new engine, some \$6,000 worth of coal and other supplies, while there are \$30,000 stock on the estates. Conflicting arguments of this nature usually arise when a sale of such proportions is impending. Both sides are no doubt conscientious in their contentions, but it must be conceded that in the interest of the island generally it would be better not to buy the factory at all than to pay too much for it and have the whole thing go to rack and ruin in a short time, and the hard-earned investments of those who are going in for the promotion of the common welfare as well as their own gain, lost beyond recovery. In this matter it must be remembered that when the factory is sold and transferred those who buy have assumed a colossal undertaking for which they must make every possible preparation in advance. They will have numerous difficulties to surmount every now and then. It is to be hoped every righteous consideration will be weighed and that speedy means of overcoming differences between the contracting parties will usher in a basis for ending the suspense definitely and satisfactorily for all concerned. So far it is well that Frederiksted has been fortunate enough to have their end of the island provided for. Christiansted is not in the least benefit-

ted by that however; we all cannot go to Frederiksted even if there were inducement for all, and as matters stand there is no outward improvement in economic conditions at this end in contrast to what there was before La Grange was sold showing beyond a doubt that we must provide for ourselves as independently as if we were a separate island altogether.

Correspondence

November 21, 1922.

Mr. Editor:—

With regard to prices of admission to Christiansted Theatre: Before the manager extended his business to Frederiksted he got profit from two exhibitions of film in Christiansted; now he gets profit from four exhibitions of the same film. In other words where he formerly made \$100 he makes \$200 and by the commercial law of supply and demand that should enable him to give the public the benefit of reduced prices all around. Considering the transporting of film to Frederiksted and other expenses with Frederiksted shows there can't be much difference between cost of running shows here and there.

MOVIE ADMIRER.

Mr. Editor,

Even though I advocate money saving in all respects and especially in these depressing times, yet when the pleasure and comfort experienced in attending the Christiansted Theatre be taken in consideration, likewise the fact that such are not obtainable in Frederiksted Theatre in its present locality, I fully endorse the additional five cents charged.

Mr. Svendsen deserves much praise and credit for his energy in affording the public an appreciable place of amusement. Most of us need recreation after a hard day's work. Let us encourage Mr. Svendsen in his efforts and remember that he has to live.

At the same time I hope he will not so often cut off the film at an interesting point for the patrons will surely return without that stimulus.

THEATRE GOER.

Christiansted,
11-21-22.

An 'Acme' Road Roller and Scarifier arrived here yesterday by the S. S. "Bolivar." This machine is for use on the public roads and will be demonstrated by Mr. Rollin Brown, who was sent here for that purpose.—*West End News*, Nov. 20th.

St. Thomas News

CAUGHT IN THE ACT.

Yesterday James Todman, familiarly known as "Jimmy" was arrested while in

the act of one of his "black art" stunts.

It appears that Father Griffiths had called on one of his parishioners, one Sidney James, who had been ill for over a month, and found out that the obeah man had given him, in the attempt to effect a cure, a rather queer remedy.

This remedy consisted of a soup, the entire make up of which we could not learn, but among the ingredients were hairs cut from the sick man's body.

On learning what gruesome medicine his parishioner was swallowing, Fr. Griffiths, accompanied by a policeman called at the home of James Todman.

Pushing open the door Father Griffiths found James Todman engaged in another case, and another "patient" with him. On the floor was a lighted candle, and in a circle around it were ten twenty-cent pieces.

Surprised at the visit of so unwelcome a guest, the disciple of the Dark One said, "Hello Brother," to which Fr. Griffiths replied, "I am convinced that you are an obeah man," and had him arrested.

His patient, where did he figure in this little drama? Nowhere, for he had bolted as soon as the rival of the Dark One's disciple had entered.

Jimmy was later let out on bail.—*St. Thomas Mail Notes*, Nov. 15th.

TELEGRAMS.

ST. CROIX STATION

Turks Island, Nov. 18th.—Mr. H. A. Bascomb, Postmaster and Assistant Treasurer of the Turks and Caicos Islands, has been appointed Treasurer of Dominica.

Constantinople, Nov. 18th.—The Nationalists consider that the Sultan by his flight has surrendered the Caliphate, according to Kafet Pasha. According to Moslem law, when the Sultan leaves Turkish soil and enters Christian territory and places himself under Christian protection, he thereby loses the Caliphate, ceasing to retain authority over the Moslems.

London, Nov. 18th.—A Reuter's despatch confirming the flight of the Sultan says he was accompanied by his ten year old son, the Crown Prince, and that all the Sultan's wives remained behind.

London, Nov. 17th.—Hussein Hilmi Bey, President of the Turkish Socialist party, has been assassinated at Constantinople, says an Exchange Telegraph despatch from that city. The crime is ascribed to political motives.

Berlin, Nov. 18th.—Germany yesterday requested further relief from reparations. The request was made in the course of a hearing by the Reparation Commission on wood deliveries for next year. The German delegates said that Germany would be unable to deliver more than 1,440,000 cubic metres of the six million demanded by the Allies. The request was taken under consideration but is expected to be refused.