

Government Insurance.

The postmaster has received from the Treasury Department, a number of posters relative to Government Insurance Policies which will be displayed in public places. In the meantime we have been asked to disseminate the following information in connection therewith:

No. 1: Congress has decided that the Government of the United States will issue regular forms of Insurance Policies to which the present War Risk Term Policies may be converted. The policies already authorized are:

1, Ordinary Life; 2, Twenty-Payment Life; 3, Thirty-Payment Life; 4, Twenty-Year Endowment; 5, Thirty-Year Endowment; 6, Endowment at age of 62.

All those holding War Risk Term Policies may convert their present contracts to any of the new forms listed above.

No 2: Premium rates for all forms of Government Insurance may be secured from any of the following agencies: Army, Navy, Marine Corps, U. S. Post Offices, State Insurance Commissioners, Red Cross, War Camp Community Service, Salvation Army, Knights of Columbus, Jewish Welfare Board, Y. M. C. A. All Insurance Companies and their Agents.

No. 3: All Premium Payments for War Risk Term Policies or for the new Government Insurance Policies may be made by Cash; Check; Post Office Money Order. Checks and Money Orders should be made payable to Treasurer of the United States and mailed to U. S. Treasury Department, Bureau of War Risk Insurance, R. G. Cholmeley-Jones, Director, Washington, D. C.

CORRECTION.—In "Reply to Mr. Einar Svendsen" published in yesterday's issue, the word "perfective" in the 5th paragraph, should read "perspective," this mistake being a compositor's error.

MARRIED:

by the Revd. G. W. Critchlow at the Lutheran Church last night: Mr. Godfrey Genaro de la Motta son of our esteemed foreman and Mrs. John Motta to Miss Maud Lillian Simpson of Christiansted. The bride was given away by her uncle Mr. John Phillips and Mr. Jno. Motta acted as best-man. Our hearty Congratulations.

No St. Thomas mail as yet; the inclemency of the weather is probably the reason for the schooner's non-arrival.

32½ lines of rain were measured at the Fort this morning.

OFFICIAL NEWS.

The cable between St. Thomas and San Juan was repaired 10.30 a. m., thus re-

storing cable communication between St. Thomas and all places by lines of the West India and Panama Telegraph Company.

WEATHER REPORT.

San Juan, Bar. 29.96, Ther. 80, E. 22 partly cloudy.

Barbados, Bar. 29.93 Ther. 76, N.E. 22 partly cloudy.

Dominica, Bar. 29.86, Ther. 76, calm St. Kitts, Bar. 29.92, Ther. 74, N. E. 12 partly cloudy.

Port of Spain Bar. 29.96, 73, S. E. 4 partly cloudy.

St. Lucia, Bar. 29.86 74, 2 cloudy St. Thomas, Bar. 29.96, 78, E. 12 cloudy.

Christiansted, St. Croix, V. I.
September 3, 1919.

Rejoinder to Mr. Joseph W. Daily:-

Sir:-

In your reply in St. Croix Avis of today, you state that either the film was to deal with "Birth Control", or it was not. Surely the film was to deal with "Birth Control", but having been advertised as a COMEDY, only a filthy mind could place a filthy construction upon it. Even if the film had not been advertised as a comedy, the word "birth" does not necessarily have to deal with birth of children. If you will take the trouble to consult Webster's, or Century Dictionaries and other standard authorities on the English language, you will find that the word "birth" or "berth" (spelled either way), means "a place in a ship to sleep in; a long box on the side of the cabin for sleeping in". This was also the meaning of the word "birth" in the comedy referred to. That the word has several interpretations does not give you the right to insist upon placing filthy meanings upon it, especially when you were informed by me in advance, that such meaning did not apply to it. Under official news in St. Croix Avis of August 15th., and also in West End News of same date, you will find that vehicles and pedestrians are advised to give the corner of King and Queen Cross Streets crossing, a wide BIRTH. Would you perhaps also attach a filthy meaning to this Government notice?

In the second paragraph of your letter, you refer to birth control in connection with abortion and malpractice, in which connection it can only have an immoral meaning. But so far as I know you are the only person in this island who has been thinking of this connection when the film was advertised as a comedy.

Under these circumstances, I cannot consider your statement to me on the 18th. as "a well founded protest", especially not when I repeatedly asserted that I had projected the pictures the pre-

ceding night and that they bore no relation whatever to the item you spoke about.

When you state that you told an official on the 19th. that I had put on "Birth Control", and that he knew the idea the title conveyed, then I think it must have been you who suggested that idea to him, as had it been his own original opinion, he would most likely have approached me on the matter direct. It would appear to me that you are trying to evade the main question, namely, as I have been informed: that you said your informant had told you the film I showed on Monday night, 18th. was not as stated by me, absolutely harmless pictures,--but six reels dealing only with an "immoral" idea.

Concerning the poor "perfective" (perspective?) shown in my letter, I must say that it was not in the presence of ONE witness that you made your "statement" as you please to call it; but in the presence of a CROWD, and it is now known to everybody. Because as you claim, you made your "statement" only to one gentleman, does not relieve you of the responsibility for it; especially not, if this gentleman was a Government official. As everybody who have seen the pictures agree that they are absolutely harmless and have no connection whatever with any filthy idea, you ought now to be convinced yourself, and as a gentleman make an apology for your entirely unjustifiable accusations against me. If you have been wrongly informed, that would appear to be a matter entirely between you and your "man."

The last paragraph in your letter advising me to give the people "good clean shows", seems to me to suggest that I had anytime given unclean pictures, which causes me once more to remind you of your own logic: quod gratis asseritur, gratis negatur. That means, if you make a statement without proof, I deny it without proof.

Respectfully,

EINAR SVENDSEN.

Christiansted, St. Croix, Sep-
tember 2, 1919.

To the Native Brass Band,
Christiansted.

Brother Organization:

The Industrial Brass Band did not intend to cast any "slur" whatsoever upon you. How could you think so?

The Native Brass Band under consideration; the Industrial Band tried to get a little help also--and succeeded. It was not certain that this help (like yours) would have come from the Council; it was likely that if the Council did not favor it Government would have, and, therefore, it was shown why it was foolish to think so. That is all.

The words "it is the only Band