

Readers are reminded of tonight's show at the theatre where a very attractive picture will be screened. See programme in this issue and secure seats early.

As regards the non-receipt today of St. Thomas mails Capt. Möller of the Creole explains that the vessel is not to blame; when he applied at the St. Thomas post office for the mail at 5.30 p. m. yesterday, he was informed that it was after office hours and mail would not be delivered. Capt. Möller further learnt that the mail was not even made up.

Correspondence.

Christiansted, July 20th 1920.

The Editor the St. Croix Avis,

Dear Sir:-

You say the Municipal Committee is responsible for the impending loss of our electric light system. May it be asked whether electricity is of more importance than food? We have a Food Commission, and it may as well never have existed for all the control it exercises on prices of foodstuffs which are sold continually above the lawful prices, concern which complaints have been made over and over and over with no result. In the public print dealers admit they are selling over the lawful prices and still that useful body, the Food Commission, is not heard from either to punishing the guilty ones or fixing prices to suit. Is this community being made a laughing stock of, or what is it? Now we are to lose our electric light because the municipal committee, a body in which Frederiksted is more largely represented than Christiansted, so decides. Can't the public spend its money as it wishes, and if the public is willing to pay the price asked for electricity why should it be deprived of that right and privilege? After all, electricity is a luxury for it is used mainly by those who can afford it; here is no case of protecting the poor man who is left to shift for himself with regard to his daily food. If the municipal committee considers that the public money spent in installing lights in the different public institutions should be wasted rather than pay the increased price of current asked, then it has the right perhaps to ordain resumption of use of lamps or hurricane lanterns in those places, but the public has the right to maintain what it can pay for, and it is certain that in this question of whether the public will pay 40 cents a kilowatt hour for current or lose the electric lighting system, the higher price will be favored. Of course Frederiksted is delighted that we are to be like that old dingy hole after the 1st of August. But we'll see to that.

Thanking you for space

Yours

ELECTRIC LIGHT CONSUMER.

CHRISTIANSTED THEATRE

8.30. THIS EVENING 8.30.

"MRS." CHARLIE CHAPLIN" (MILDRED HARRIES)

IN

"The Price of a Good Time"

7 REELS.

This 7 reel production is typical of the producer Lois Weber and is genuine throughout.

The beautiful "Mrs" Charlie Chaplin, is playing the main role, and the name alone is your guarantee enough for a good evening's entertainment; if you want to see a good picture you certainly have the opportunity here.

It might be nice and good to have a good time, but it all depends on the price to be paid for it; would you like to pay the same price for it as was paid in this picture?

As a big rush for tickets for this exceptional performance is expected, you are advised to secure your tickets today rather than tomorrow, if you wish to get a good seat.

ADMISSION:

Reserved Seats.....	40c.
Two first and two last rows of reserved seats.....	30c.
General Entrance.....	20c.
Children 20 and 10c.	

Christiansted, St. Croix, V.I.U.S.,
July 21, 1920.

Editor St. Croix Avis:-

Dear Sir:-

In answer to correspondence in your paper of this date, I wish to state that according to the terms of its concession, the D. W. I Electric Company has no right to deny electric current for lighting purposes without the Government's consent, and is likewise unauthorized to charge any rate other than that approved by the Government. After 5 years of uninterrupted hard work, the condition of my health is such that I do not find it possible to continue the running of the power plant any longer, and this, in connection with other matters, compels the decision advertised. But, as the power plant is for sale, there is an opportunity for somebody else to serve the public in this respect.

Yours truly

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TELEGRAMS.

ST. CROIX STATION.

London, July 19th.—A general mobilization in Syria has been ordered in reply to the French ultimatum to King Feisal that he acquiesce in the French mandate for Syria, according to a despatch to the Times from Jerusalem. The despatch adds that if General Gouraud, the French Commander, does not receive a satisfactory reply by today, the French forthwith will occupy Aleppo and march on Damascus. Another despatch to the Times from Cairo quotes a report received from Haifa, Syria, dated last Friday, as saying the French had advanced in force to Rayak with armoured cars, aeroplanes and artillery and that it was assumed their destination was Aleppo and Damascus. The Times last Saturday printed a

report that the French had begun operations in Syria and were moving toward Aleppo and Damascus.

New York, July 18th.—A bulletin this afternoon says: "Capt. Burton will be given another chance at the wheel of Shamrock IV."

Constantinople, July 19th.—A circular has been posted on the dead walls of Stamboul, urging a boycott against the powers forcing the treaty on Turkey. It exhorts all Mussulmen to arm themselves with pistols, clubs and hatchets and drive out the weak leaders who yield to the demand of foreigners who are seeking to diminish the Moslem power.

Paris, July 19th.—The General Secretary of the League of Nations in announcing officially the postponement of the Brussels financial conference, says that a definite date for the conference will be fixed at a meeting of the council of the league at San Sebastian, Spain, on July 30th.

Wimbledon, July 19th.—Wm. Johnston of California, the United States champion, defeated A. F. Kingscote of Great Britain here in a hard fought match 6-3 4-6 3-6 6-4 7-5.

London July 19th.—The British Govt. today received a note from the Russian Soviet Govt., stating that Russia was prepared to agree to an armistice and to make peace with Poland.

Calgary, Alberta, July 19th.—360,000, 000 bushels is the estimate at present placed on the wheat crop of the three western provinces by Mr. Cameron, General Superintendent of the Alberta Division of the C. P. R. who returned to Calgary this morning after a close inspection of some portions of the provinces. Alberta's crop, he said, would be somewhere about seventy million bushels.