

as only yesterday head-winds having been encountered all the time.

Monday Night at the West End Movies a grand Boxing Competition will be staged. Kid Garcia and Young Polo being the St. Thomas Stars. The former arrived this morning with the promoter Mr. Morenga Bonaparte from St. Thomas.

PRESENTATION OF PORTRAIT OF PRESIDENT WARREN G. HARDING TO HIS EXCELLENCY, GOVERNOR KITTELLE. CHRISTIANSTED JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL, CHRISTMAS PLAY, DECEMBER 21, 1921.

Asst. Director Lindborg introduced Melville Stevens as follows:

Your Excellency, Ladies, and Gentlemen: I have the honor to introduce to you Melville Stevens, a pupil of the Junior High School, who will present to His Excellency Governor Sumner R. W. Kittelle the portrait of the President of the United States, Warren G. Harding. The portrait was drawn and the frame was made by Melville Stevens, under the supervision of his principal and teacher Mr. Juan E. Rivera. I take pleasure in presenting to you Melville Stevens.

Melville's address to Governor Kittelle.

As a token of our appreciation and high esteem, and on behalf of the Christiansted Junior High School, I present to His Excellency Governor Kittelle this portrait of President Harding.

His Excellency's acceptance and address.

"Captain Lindborg, teachers and pupils of the Christiansted Junior High School: It gives me much pleasure to be here with you tonight. I have attended Christmas performances on the other islands and I must say that this is equal to, or the best, I have attended. I want you to understand that I am your Governor just as much as I am the Governor of St. John and St. Thomas, and I am deeply interested in this island just as much as the others. Do not think because I am not here that I do not know what is happening; that is not so. Everything is submitted to me as it happens, and when I send my report to President Harding he will be very much pleased, as he is deeply interested in education to know the progress you are making. I happen to be personally acquainted with President Harding, who is one of the greatest men of his day. Besides his other great qualities he possesses that quality which the Giver of All Good gave to mankind, and that is HUMILITY. I myself am very much interested in education, and will do everything possible for the support of all educational institutions, and particularly the public schools.

Now you have a beautiful little island, very fertile, and can produce two or three times as much as it now produces.

The Government has sent down Professor Thompson, a man of wide experience along agricultural lines, who will advise us what is best to be done to make this island still more productive. We have already started school gardens on a small scale."

His Excellency impressed strongly upon the children that they should take sufficient interest along the line of agriculture, it being the most beneficial of all occupations. "It stands first", said His Excellency, "because we cannot exist without food, and we depend upon our soil for food. Therefore, go ahead and cultivate as much as is possible." The Governor then frankly told the girls that "women has never occupied her proper place in the world, that in his opinion, women are equal and in some cases even superior to men." They should work side by side with men and never remain one rung of the ladder below. Governor Kittelle then explained to the girls the three essentials of womanhood, namely, to learn to cook well, learn to sew and sew well, and learn to take the proper care of children.

His Excellency now turned to Melville Stevens and addressed him in the following language: Melville Stevens, I take pleasure in telling you that you possess a great talent, and I want you, when you go home, to take your testament and there read the story of the talent Christ gave to men, some of whom went and buried them. Do not bury yours, but so use it, climbing higher and higher until the time comes when he shall say to you, "What have you done with the talent I gave you?" You will then be able to say, "here is the talent you gave me, I have made the most of it." And then he will say to you "Well done, Good and Faithful servant."

To the Editor of "St. Croix Avis."

Dear Mr. Editor,

In your editorial comment in your esteemed paper of yesterday on the movie show in the Theatre of Thursday evening, we note you said "everybody went away satisfied." We are satisfied with the "Vanishing Dagger", and also appreciate Mr. Svendsen's efforts to entertain his patrons with such first class pictures, but we are of the opinion that the entertainment is brought to a close too early. We admit that six reels are shown, and that there is some improvement the passing of one reel to the next, which save time, but including fifteen or twenty minutes intermission, we would be glad for at least two full hours entertainment. On Thursday night we were on our way home at two minutes past ten. There was room for another reel of some other picture, as was done here some time ago, and also at St. Thomas at certain times. We are not advocates of midnight shows, but 10.15 and 10.30 o'clock are quite reasonable, judging

from the time the entertainment commences.

Thanking you Mr. Editor for space allowed, and with our best wishes for a successful 1922 for the Christiansted Theatre, we beg to subscribe ourselves,

THEATRE PATRONS.

Dec. 31, 1921.

TELEGRAMS.

ST. CROIX STATION.

New York, Dec. 27th.—The raw sugar market was unsettled early today, there were sales of 5,000 bags of old crop Cuba's reported, for early January shipment to a local refiner at 1½ cents cost and freight, equal to 3.48 for centrifugals. The committee's price was unchanged at 2½ cents cost and freight, equal to 3.86 for centrifugals. Raw figures were irregular, with selling at new low records and showing declines of 4 to 6 points at midday, while later deliveries were steadier on covering, and by commission houses at 1 to 6 points advance. There were no changes in refined sugar, with all refiners listing at 5.00 cents for fine granulated with light trade. Refined futures were without transactions.

Paris, Dec. 27th.—The Reparations Commission has decided to hold a special session on Thursday afternoon of this week to hear Dr. Fischer, Chairman of the German War debt Commission, and other German officials who have come from Berlin for formal discussions with the Commission concerning Germany's reparations obligation. At the meeting, it was said in French official quarters today, the German representatives may offer to pay the January and February instalments under certain conditions, which the officials are expected to name.

Washington, Dec. 27th.—United States exports to Canada declined by \$3,606,000 in November, as compared with the previous month, according to an official summary of the months trade issued today by the Department of Commerce. Goods were sold to the Dominion to the value of \$41,194,000 against \$44,800,000 in the previous month. On the other hand, it is announced sales to the United States showed an increase of nearly a million and a half dollars. The imports made shows goods valued \$10,875,000 were received from Canada against \$9,469,000 in October. United States exports to Great Britain fell off considerably. The figures are \$60,900,000 against \$84,953,000 in October. Imports from Great Britain were \$31,218,000 as compared with \$19,215,000.

Paris, Dec. 27th.—France's determination to have a powerful fleet and objections of the limitation efforts on the Washington conference were vigorously voiced in the Senate during a discussion of the Government's budget, Senator Henry Berenger, who reported the marine budget, said France was at a decisive turning-point.