

OUR THEATRES

THE NICKEL.

Edith Storey and Antonio Moreno, two well known artists, are in the principal roles of "The Dust of Egypt" which is the feature film at the Nickel theatre to-day and to-morrow. It is a blue ribbon story written by Allan Campbell and directed by George D. Baker. Other Vitagraph stars in the cast are Naomi Childers, Cissy Fitzgerald, Ethel Corcoran, Jay Diggins, Edward Elkas and J. Herbert Frank. There are six acts and every scene deals with ancient and modern Egypt. The spectator is taken back three thousand years and sees Pharaoh's beautiful daughter who becomes tired of her environments. The wise man is summoned and gives her two potions. The first potion will make the one who quaffs it the girl's slave in a love that has never been surpassed. The other potion causes a death sleep that will last three thousand years. An American is presented with the mummy, the beautiful girl awakes and entrances the American who only the night before announced his engagement to a brilliant young lady. The Princess is discovered in his quarters and becoming enraged she serves the love potion on the American. This is a wonderful picture and everyone should make an effort to see it.

THE CRESCENT.

Lloyd V. Hamilton, the funniest man in the movies and Bud Duncan are featured in "Millionaires by mistake" at the Crescent Picture Palace to-day. George Houth and Helen Wolcott are presented in "The Scarlet Chastity" a wonderful Lubin feature in three reels. To-day's issue of "The Selig Tribune", the world's greatest news film is a great number, chock full of interesting instructive news items including solemn procession in London, Eng., in commemoration of the sinking of the "Lusitania", Roosevelt's headquarters in Chicago &c. Professor McCarthy playing the latest and best music. Take in this big week opening show.

The S.S. Banan sailed yesterday morning for Halifax with a part cargo of fish and oil.

WANTED—A Young Man as Assistant in a nearby northern outpost business. Must have had experience, also some knowledge of Bookkeeping required. An outpost man preferred. Apply A.B.C., this office, stating salary required; applications treated confidentially. Must be able to give reference. oct17,41,cod

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WANTED—A Smart Boy to learn the Tailoring business. Apply T. J. ALYWARD, Water Street. oct23,tf

A Letter from Mr. W. H. Jackman

(To the Editor)

Dear Sir,—I have read the "denials" of Capt. Carly and Dr. Rendell to the verbatim report I gave in your Thursday's issue of certain remarks made by both at the Casino Theatre on Wednesday evening regarding Major Robinson; and in reply unequivocally state that I have nothing to retract.

I would say that when I penned my letter I had "no axe to grind" but was impelled by the commonest motives of humanity on behalf of our boys who were in the July 1st. drive, to ask for an explanation of the statements in question; and it found to be true, an investigation by the authorities of the facts. I would not let such a remark about any soldier of the Empire, black or white,—much less our heroes—go unchallenged; and much less would I agree to "hush" the matter if pressure were brought to bear on me. We know from past experience that "Ours" are not the ones to complain—no matter how harsh the treatment accorded them. Without being irrelevant I need only refer to the now historic matter of the clothing in the Dardanelles. Frank Lind's statement was like "a voice crying in the wilderness." He was discredited, and denials were made by various committees and officials, both at home and in England, that his complaint was not justified; and it was only months later (when poor Lind had made the supreme sacrifice) that his statements were found to be only too true.

I must charge Dr. Rendell with being guilty of trying to draw the proverbial red herring across the trail when he made reference to his son. Far be it from me to attempt to discredit his or any other of the brave sons who are fighting our battles for us to-day. I in turn, however, will plead guilty to endeavouring to make their lot as happy as it is possible for us here to do; and I shall, not only now, but always, strongly resent any slighting inference to their worthiness.

Dr. Rendell has enumerated his "denial" into four sections. I have only to say that I did not intend to imply that he addressed his remarks particularly to either Hon. Mr. Bennett, Capt. Carly, or Mr. Walsh. Had he done so I should have regarded his statement as private, being intended only for the person addressed and therefore confidential, but when he made a statement to nobody in particular (as he admits in his letter), I felt it my bounden duty for the sake of those fighting for us, to call the Colonial Secretary's attention to the matter and ask for an explanation. I go further now, and ask the Prime Minister to have the sworn testimony taken of those who were nearby on the night in question when the statements were made.

It very much appears like all other matters in relation to the Newfoundland Regiment where the welfare and comfort of our boys are concerned, that Herculean efforts are made to quash criticism. WHY?

Yours truly,
W. H. JACKMAN.
St. John's, Oct. 21st., 1916.

The bargin, Helen Stewart left Bahia for St. John's Friday. Capt. Sinclair who died there, is succeeded by a Norwegian captain.

The Truth About Our Caribou

(Editor Mail and Advocate)

Sir,—The writer in The Evening Telegram who signs himself "Newfoundlander" and to whose letter I made reference in your issue of Saturday betrays unmistakably that he is a "Tenderfoot" and knows nothing of what is going on outside his own tepee in St. John's when he says he has full confidence in the personnel of the Game Board, and blames pot hunters for the decimation of the caribou herds as if they alone were responsible. I have as little sympathy as anyone else for the fellow who kills having regard for nothing but the gratification of his own selfish desires and passions, and I make no apology for them, but I certainly do resent the lopsided verdict of "Newfoundlander" and others who impute to me who hunt for to keep themselves and families in meat the guilt of killing off our deer to such an extent as to threaten the existence of the herds.

Will "Newfoundlander" explain over his own signature just what he means by "Pot Hunters" for I read into his remarks a tone of contempt for the man who hunts for utility sake as distinguished from the "gentleman" who hunts just for pleasure.

Now if it comes to a question of rights as to who may hunt or who may not of course it is acknowledged that all men have equal rights, but behind this lies the equally obvious fact that he who hunts to supply his family with meat has a stronger claim.

I do not wish to be severe with "Newfoundlander" for I approve of his sentiment respecting the preservation of the deer as far as that goes, for it has been my consistent effort for twenty-two years to impress upon the public some idea of conservation of the wild life of the country.

Everyone is bold to-day in his expression of opinion regarding the extinction which threatens our "noble caribou" when the extinction is staring us in the face, but how many of the brave and wise ones spoke years ago when I stood alone in the breach. Everybody may see to-day the result of our carelessness, and the cry goes up, "deer are scarce, it is time to do something."

I have no desire to parade my power of seeing things clearly, but let me say it is infinitely more to the point to speak in warning of impending danger than to wait till the grasp of doom is upon us or we are prostrate under disaster that a little forethought might have avoided. When "Newfoundlander" puts the onus upon "pot hunters" he is aware of how many thousands of deer are or have been slaughtered for fox bait? Is he aware that the wild orgie (I can call it nothing else) of fox catching set afoot by the very Game Board whom he extols is responsible for the killing of more deer than ever "pot hunters" bagged? Is he aware of the slaughter which goes on under the guise of sport, when gentlemen (?) go up Sandy Lake or Hind's Plains for to get their "heads"? Has he ever seen hundreds of headless carcasses floating about Sandy Lake? Are they pot hunters who do this or are they the gentlemen who hunt for sport?

Speaking of the Reserve, has "Newfoundlander" ever seen the windfalls of that bunch of woods festooned with mouldering skeletons of the poor victims of the gentleman's (?) gun?

I am not aware of any salmon being sold to "fools" in St. John's that are unfit for human food. It is up to the Board of Health to get hold of "Newfoundlander" and make him tell just what he knows about this. What would make them unfit for food, surely not that they were caught on the "spawning grounds." There is something in this for the Game Board to investigate.

I am not aware of any salmon being sold in St. John's so late in the season as to permit the idea that they have been taken from the spawning ground. Salmon do not as a rule go to the "spawning ground" till October and do not spawn till November. It is permissible to catch salmon till the middle of September. If the fish are displayed for sale in St. John's after that date it is plain they must have been taken in nets in the sea, for he would be a "fool" indeed who could not tell the difference between a fish caught in the sea in October and one taken from the upper reaches of a river.

Nobody would attempt to sell except through the connivance of the buyer any salmon taken from the spawning ground, and he is a rare species of "fool" indeed who would go to such measures to get

Collections for Relief Societies

(To the Editor)

Sir,—I beg to enclose herewith copies of Code Telegram No. 554, of date 17th. instant, received by His Excellency the Governor from the Secretary of State for the Colonies, with respect to the subject of subscriptions, collections or remittances for Relief Societies operating in enemy occupied territory.

The matter is one of public interest, and I shall be glad, therefore, if you can arrange to give this telegram space in your columns.

I have the honour to be, Sir,
Your obedient servant
J. R. BENNETT,
Colonial Secretary.

21st. October, 1916.

No. 554.
Code Telegram from Secretary of State.
(Received 17 October 1916)

Desirable that it should be laid down that general subscriptions, collections, or remittances for Relief Societies operating in enemy occupied territory should not be encouraged. This does not apply to National Committee for Relief Belgium, which stands on special footing, but does apply to Polish relief and there excludes committees. Subscriptions, made with a view to Polish relief is only for relief of Poles in Russia and should be sent through H. M. Ambassador St. Petersburg or if preferred through Polish War Victims Relief Committee in London. Remittances to individuals in enemy occupied territory not being of enemy nationality may be allowed, provided conditions laid down in dispatch sent by mail are fulfilled briefly. Firstly, same individual not to receive from all sources more than £25 per month. Secondly, all remittances to be made through Bank in United Kingdom which can be supervised by H. M. Government.

BONAR LAW.

Laid to Rest

The funeral of the late Wm. Cook, butcher, took place at 2.30 p.m. Saturday from his late residence, Water Street. A concourse of citizens of all denominations attended, testifying to the esteem and respect held for the deceased. In the procession there were present the members of the Masonic Fraternity and British Society, in both of which organizations Mr. Cook was an old and prominent member. Mr. S. G. Collier had charge of the undertaking arrangements and the remains were enclosed in a beautiful casket. Interment was in the family burial plot in the beautiful Church of England cemetery. The services, both in the mortuary chapel and at the grave side were conducted by Rev. Hy. Uphill and Rev. Mr. Pike. Full Masonic honours were also paid to the memory of a good and worthy citizen.

Condition of Our Wounded

Copy of Cablegram.
London,
October 21, 1916.

Colonial Secretary,
St. John's.

Association visiting committee reports condition of following men in hospital, October List 2:—

Pressing favourably:—
1516 Small; 1774 Hanham; 2118 O'Reilly; 881 Sinclair; 2045 Patten; 1882 Lee.
Improving:—
1970 Hilliard; 2068 Sexton; 1756 Rideout; 1785 Bennett; 2055 Squires.
Slight Improvement:—
1745 Chislett.

Further lists will follow
REEVE.

Mr. James Murphy, the well known stoker who had been in Hospital for four weeks past, ill of slow fever, came out last week and is recovering, though slowly, his former health.

a fish that is worthless as an article to grace the table of an epicure. Such considerations as these make but empty vapor of "Newfoundlander's" talk. He is in vulgar parlance "talking through his hat."

"Calcar" writing in The Mail and Advocate a few weeks ago suggested the appointment of a commission to enquire into the whole question of game preservation and I should like to add my commendation to this sensible suggestion. It is high time that some action be taken, and that responsibility be taken out of the hands of men who have proven themselves incompetent to deal with the matter.

ARTHUR ENGLISH.
St. John's, Oct. 23, '16.

Death of Captain O'Brien

When it became known yesterday throughout the city that Captain Augustus O'Brien had passed away as the result of wounds received in recent fighting on the French front, universal and deep sympathy was expressed by all classes amongst whom the brave young officer was very popular. Gus, as he was familiarly known here, was a pioneer of the Catholic Cadet Corps and one of its most popular and efficient officers. When the war broke out he was one of the first, with the late Capt. O'Brien and Shimners, to suggest the formation and equipment of a contingent from Newfoundland for service at the front and he was with Company A of the first Battalion, which sailed on October 4th., 1914. He went through the campaign in Gallipoli without injury and came to Halifax, whence he took "D" Company over to England. He was dangerously ill in France on October 12th. and succumbed to his injuries on Saturday last. The deceased officer was a son of Mr. T. A. O'Brien of Lime Street and was for several years manager of Mr. Garret Dyne's bookstore in this city. In the general sympathy expressed for his parents and friends the Mail and Advocate joins.

STORES VERY BUSY

Owing to the fact that under present conditions women folk will not go out after dark, Saturday forenoon and afternoon saw the city stores busier than for several years past. Up to 5 p.m. there was a great rush on and in many places the help employed was hardly equal to the emergency. At night also there was a rush but nothing comparable to the business done in the afternoon.

FRISKY FROM FIREWATER

Saturday afternoon a little Esquimaux, in the uniform of a Naval Reservist, indulged rather freely and became so gay on Water Street that citizens and even his own mess mates objected to his antics. When he showed hostile intentions to Officers Tobin and Stamp, these stalwarts quickly gathered the little chap into the police station, whence a squad conducted him on board the "Briton" yesterday morning.

LOCAL ITEMS

The express which left here at 12.30 p.m. yesterday took out a large number of people, many of whom went to Sydney to seek employment.

At the Gower Street Methodist Sunday School yesterday afternoon Hon. R. K. Bishop gave a very interesting address on the Great Admiral Nelson, the Hero of Trafalgar.

A rumour went about the city last night that a resident of Pleasant Street had committed suicide by drowning. The police knew nothing of such a case and it evidently was one of those canards which are started from time to time.

VESPERS AT 3 P.M.

In accordance with the announcement in the press Vespers were sung at the Cathedral yesterday at 3 p.m. the vast edifice being filled with worshippers. Rev. Dr. Carter and Father Conway officiated, the latter reciting the Rosary of the Blessed Virgin and the former imparting Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament. Rt. Rev. Monsignor McDermott, V.C., occupied the pulpit and preached a very eloquent sermon. The Monsignor prefaced his sermon with a reference to local conditions and referred to the danger of children being allowed on the streets after nightfall. There was physical as well as moral risk and parents should see to it that their offsprings be kept in doors once darkness sets in.

A DESERVED PROMOTION

The many friends of Major Henry Shea in St. John's will learn with extreme pleasure that yesterday his father, the venerable Dr. Henry Shea, had news that his son had been promoted to the rank of Lieutenant-Colonel. Lieut.-Colonel Shea is a son of Newfoundland, of whom all must be proud. He served in the Boer war with distinction, and when the present great struggle began volunteered for active service and proceeded to France where he has given valuable service with the Royal Army Medical Corps. To his aged and esteemed father, sister and other relatives we tender our congratulations.

Drowned at Sea

Baine, Johnston & Co. recently received a letter from Capt. Enon, of the bargin Atilia, saying that a seaman on the ship named Arthur Pavy was drowned on the vessel's voyage to Bahia. The accident occurred on August 2nd and the man while attending to the lights fell overboard. The weather was very stormy and dark, and the unfortunate man could not be rescued under the circumstances. Pavy was a native of Grenada, B.W.I. and was 36 years of age.

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