

### Twenty per Cent Cut in Wages in Sydney Mines.

### Baldwin Govt. Abandons Policy of Protection—Poincare will Present Measures to Maintain Stability of the Franc.

**PER CENT CUT IN WAGES.**  
SYDNEY, Jan. 15. The British Empire Steel Corporation late this evening posted a notice of a wage cut of twenty per cent in its mines, effective at midnight tonight, when the present wage contract expires. This followed the collapse at noon to-day of the wage conference between the miners and operators which have proceeded during the past several days.

### LABOR WILL BRING UP QUESTION OF CONFIDENCE.

LONDON, Jan. 15. The Parliamentary Labor Party decided to-day to bring up the question of confidence in the Baldwin Government for decision during the debate on the reply to the speech from the throne.

### ANNIE M. PARKER ABANDONED AT SEA.

LONDON, Jan. 15. A telegram from Lundy End, Cornwall, states that a message was received from the steamer Groendijk, sent at 7.44 p.m. Jan. 14, when the steamer was about 600 miles off the east coast of Newfoundland, saying she had taken off the entire crew of the Canadian schooner Annie M. Parker. The message stated the schooner was floating and dangerous to navigation. She left Oporto, Portugal, for Newfoundland, on December 7th.

### U.S. WARNS HUERTAS.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 15. The Government is preparing to inform Adolfo De La Huerta directly that the United States will not tolerate interference with its commerce with the port of Tampico in the course of the present uprising against the Oregon Government.

### CREW DESERT MEXICAN GUNBOAT.

NEW ORLEANS, Jan. 15. The police received a report late to-day that the crew of the Mexican Federal gunboat Bravo, in port here for repairs, had deserted and barricaded themselves in a house on Royal Street. The Department of Justice has detailed a force to round up the men.

### KILLED IN JAPAN QUAKE.

TOKYO, Jan. 15. Fifty persons are believed to have been killed in Tokyo, Yokohama and other districts in to-day's quake. The many persons were injured. No fatalities among foreigners were reported. A report stated six hundred houses were demolished in Yokohama. Odawara, about 75 miles west of here, suffered the greatest damage, as it did last September, when a stock market suspended operations owing to failure of communication.

### PROTECTION ABANDONED.

LONDON, Jan. 15. The much mooted question of how Baldwin Government, in view of overwhelming defeat in the recent elections on the protective issue, will handle the subject in the King's speech was settled to-day when the king from the throne candidly related to the country's rejection of

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### Annual Meeting GREAT WAR VETERANS' ASSOCIATION.

**DOWN TO BUSINESS.**  
PARIS, Jan. 15. The Committee of Experts began this morning the task of examining the resources of Germany. The members met promptly at 10 o'clock.

### Beautiful Musicals Heard at the Nickel.

**MISSSES DRURY AND HARRISON RENDER HIGH CLASS PROGRAMME.**  
Misses Drury and Harrison delighted last night's audience at the Nickel by their beautiful vocal renditions which evoked the applause of their hearers. These artists are well up to the standard of the class of performers that have secured at various times by Mr. J. P. Kely, the popular manager of the above theatre. The musical bill of last night will be repeated for the last time to-night together with that splendid story, "Souls for Sale" written, adapted and directed by Rupert Hughes, the famous author.

Much had been predicted for this smashing feature, with its cleverly developed plot, its thrilling climax and its exceptionally chosen cast, all worked out under the deft hand of the author himself, but unlike other much heralded pictures, this one does not disappoint.

As may be surmised from the title, the story deals with the unfounded belief that a girl must sell her soul to win fame in the movies. The heroine, pretty Eleanor Boardman, believes this, but finds souls are a drug on the market in the movie colony. However, she does obtain a part in the movies, and the film discloses how success is actually won before the camera.

The never-to-be-forgotten scene occurs at the end when the immense circus tent, large enough to hold 10,000 persons, is wrecked by a tornado at night. Then lightning sets it afire. The villain, Lew Cody, is insane with jealousy and tries to murder Tom Holy, who is Frank Mayo. He doesn't of course, but for a time it looks really serious for Frank Mayo and Eleanor Boardman.

Another first class Goldwyn cast is in "Souls for Sale" including Barbara La Marr as the "movie vamp," Mae Busch, Richard Dix, and other well known players.

### THE HOOSIERS.

The city jail's an evil place, all full of deadly smells, and ad-eyed mortals in disgrace look out from rusty cells; young men and old, in dismal case, who might be wearing bells. And more are coming every day to swell the trowry throng, the glowing youth, the dotard gray, whose choice the path of wrong; and they might all be blithe and gay, their lives a grand sweet song. "This jail was built to hold ten scores," observes the warden blue; "it holds five hundred now, or more, there's not a vacant pew; and still we're swinging wide the door to take in convicts new." Oh, chee, it is a fearful sight, this drab imprisoned mob! It fills my bosom with fright; I have an anguished sob; why did these men forsake the right, to slay or cheat or rob? I do not see how any can visit in a jail, and not be then impelled to say, "Crime's useless, beastly, stale; henceforth I'll tread the righteous way, and earn untold 'six bits.'" I do not see how any can languish in a cell and not resolve to bravely try to quit the path to hell, when he may breathe free air and cry to prison doors, "Farewell."

### Vaudeville Attraction at the Crescent.

**FIVE ACTS OF LOCAL VAUDEVILLE TO-NIGHT.**  
To-night's big attraction at the Crescent Theatre is most unusual in that it contains as an added feature five distinct acts of the finest vaudeville that can be found anywhere in the larger cities. To give you an idea of what kind of a programme this is going to be the following are the various items—Show, Blindie and Snow, the musical Trio will render a programme of instrumental selections. Daisy Dolly and the popular Dan Delmar will appear together in a comedy sketch, "Up and Down Town." Joe Wheeler, the Newfoundland Ventiloquist has coaxed his doll "Jerry" to come along, and "Jerry" who is rather fond of the fair sex, has kindly consented to be present providing there will be no nobility present. "Jerry" is a thoroughbred democrat. Dan McCarthy will be heard in Scotch Piano-Accordion Solos, and this we may say is something really worth hearing. The fifth item on this bill will be several American Character Songs by Charles Bernstein.

Now to sum this up, 't'is an unusual night's entertainment! And the usual moving picture bill will be also run—and besides the admission fee remains the same.



### Majestic Patrons Delighted.

A large number of patrons were disappointed at not being able to see the extraordinary attraction at the Majestic on Monday and Tuesday; but those who failed to secure seats will have a good chance at the Matinee this afternoon or to-night. As predicted, Mary Pickford's best feature picture is "Tess of the Storm Country." It is the one big event of her famous career. A wonderful production in ten parts, an absorbing story that will win the hardest or most stern disposition to sympathy. In exhibiting "Tess of the Storm Country" the Majestic management must be satisfied in the assurance that not only have they been favored by the best of Mary Pickford's successes but also have the satisfaction of showing what might be considered the most impressive and the best film shown in St. John's for many years. "Tess of the Storm Country" will appeal to any and every lover of the screen. To-day is the last chance to see it; some have already seen it a second time. Paul Jacobson and John Buss, the Harmony Boys, were compelled to respond to the repeated and well deserved encores. Their renditions Gallagher and Shean, The Rosary, Smith's "Thru", Roses of Picardy, and other popular as well as late vaudeville hits were indeed much appreciated. To-night they will repeat their successes in the bill which is truly designated the best by far offered in this city for many months.

### CHEAP APPLES—We offer choice winter keeping apples: Spy, Stark and Baldwin at the low price of \$5.50 per barrel to clear quickly. Good chance for housekeepers. Nothing better in the house than a barrel of apples. EDWIN MURRAY.

### America's Loveliest Girl in New Film.

**FAMOUS ARTISTS ASSERT MADGE BELLAMY IS MOST PERFECT TYPE.**  
Acclaimed by Harrison Fisher, Penry Stanlaw, and other famous artists as the most beautiful girl in America, and urged by the men who make beauty contests to enter, with promises to win, Madge Bellamy has started her professional life with looks the average girl would lose an arm to possess.  
But if you think the "Profile girl," as Fisher calls her, regards her beauty as an asset, all you have to do is talk with her a while. This girl whose lovely features have enhanced such great pictures as "Hail the Woman" and has now been promoted to stardom, is now appearing in "Are You a Failure?" at the Star Theatre.  
"The worst thing I have to contend with," says Miss Bellamy, "is that the cameraman and director don't want me to move my features to make the expressions I think necessary in portraying the emotions of the part. Just as I am in the midst of a scene, the cameraman will cry out, 'Don't make your mouth move that way—it makes a shadow.' I don't stop to think where the shadows are coming, and I refuse to be just a pretty dummy."  
"The nicest thing about my work with Mr. Forman and his cameraman, Mr. Perry, is that they have let me interpret wifely little Phyllis Thorpe just as I liked. The producer, Mr. Schulberg, is a great believer in naturalness, you know."

### INTER CLUB TOURNAMENT.

The inter-club tournament, between the M. G. C. A. and C. E. I., came to a fitting conclusion in the Guards' rooms last night. The final result showed that the C. E. I. players had won out by a substantial majority. The highest individual table for the night was Capt. Alex. Campbell's table, (M. G. C. A.) In the play-off Mr. Campbell won out and received the special prize.

### Complete Change of Program at the Popular Star Movie To-Day!

**"Are You a Failure?"**  
A Comedy Drama of Youth, Love and Struggle, in eight parts, with Madge Bellamy, Lloyd Hughes, Tom Santschi and Hal Cooley.  
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That well-known Comedian **SNUB POLLARD**, in "BOW WOW, BOW WOW."—See Him!  
**MR. A. LAWRENCE**, in Selected Ballads.

THURSDAY:—"Sandy" and "Billy" Wallace, in an Operatic version of "YES, WE HAVE NO BANANAS."  
COMING—"COMING THRU' THE RYE," in Seven Parts. PEARL WHITE, in "PLUNDER," and LARRY SEMON, in "THE BARNYARD."

### SIDE TALKS.

By Ruth Cameron.

### CAN WOMEN HAVE A GOOD TIME ALONE?

What a good time women do have when they are all alone together! There used to be a tradition that men had a wonderful time when they went off by themselves but that women were never happy unless there was a man around. I don't know whether anyone still believes in that old tradition or not. But I do know this. It isn't true.

### Four Women At A Club.

Maybe these last few generations in which women have been getting new privileges, and new interests, and new occupations for themselves have made everything different, but when a group of congenial women get together, they certainly can have a wonderful time in these days.

I was sitting at breakfast in one of the pioneer women's clubs of this country, I was alone, and though I was enjoying the quiet and peace and beauty of that retreat so long as I was not having a hilarious good time. But at a table near me sat four nice looking middle aged women. And what a wonderful time they were having even so early in the morning! I am sure no group of men could have enjoyed their escape from domesticity any more. In fact I doubt very much if four men would have been in such high spirits so early in the morning, most men not being at their cheeriest at that hour of the day.

I don't mean, of course, that the women were laughing loudly or in any other way attracting attention to themselves. They were too well bred for that. But they were plainly full of things they were eager to say to each other (despite the fact that the breakfast was the aftermath of some overnight party) and plainly amused and stimulated by each other's company.

### Annual Meeting BRICKLAYERS AND MASONS UNION.

The annual meeting of the Bricklayers and Masons Union was held last night. The reports of the Secretary and Treasurer were read and showed the Union to be in a flourishing condition in every respect. Several matters of interest to the members were discussed and it is hoped to make the coming year a banner one in the annals of the organization. The election of officers for the ensuing year resulted as follows:—President—F. F. Whittle, elected. Vice-Pres.—Jas. Mullins, elected. Treasurer—Jno. Cochrane, re-elected. Assistant-Treasurer—D. Whittle, Jr. re-elected. Secretary—James J. Spratt, re-elected. Asst. Secretary—W. Edney, re-elected. Marshall—G. Noseworthy, re-elected. Executive Committee—E. Burridge, D. Whittle, M. Murphy, M. Coody, C. Burridge, J. R. Mullins, Auditors—Henry Gallop, C. Burridge.

### Prospero Sails North.

S.S. Prospero, Capt. Field, will sail at midnight for usual ports of call. The ship will take a full cargo of freight and the following passengers:—Messrs. J. Young, D. Barry, G. Bishop, J. H. Payton, G. Roberts, E. Toles, Capt. Knos, J. Roberts, Capt. Hannsell, W. Hannsell, M. Gent, W. B. Sturge, L. Field, J. Gittleson, R. Gillette, Jas. Strog, F. Greene, Hodge, H. Roberts, J. Bishop, P. Lane, Payne, Ryan, Vatcher, E. Hall, W. Campbell, Refr. Paterson, Fitzgerald, Gus Stone, C. Stone, Hicks, T. Hall, Wheeler, Hutchings; Messdames Brett, Shea, Hutchings and child, Miss Payton, and a large number second class.

### Schooner Cecil J., Makes Spanish Port.

A message received in the city yesterday conveyed the information that the schooner Cecil Jr. had arrived at Bonanza, Spain, after a trip of 28 days. The vessel met with rough weather while en route and it was necessary to jettison part of the cargo. The Cecil Jr. is bound for Saville with a cargo of fish, shipped from Bay Bulls by Messrs. Laro & Co.

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