

GOOD THINGS COMING TO THEATRES OF ST. JOHN

236TH BATTALION CONCERT AT LYRIC ON WEDNESDAY

According to advance reports received from the different places where the concert and vaudeville company of the 236th Battalion have appeared, excellence is evidently the predominant feature in every item on the programme they offer.

The company consists of professional artists who entertain in various ways. The proceeds are devoted to the defraying of recruiting expenses. The performance will start about 8.30. The performance will be assisted by the 236th Brass Band, formerly the 11th, and the 236th Pipe Band. Tickets are now being sold by some of the patriotic societies.

CAST Miss Ethel McLean, Sergt. Tozer, Sergt. Duthie, Pte. Blair, Concert March—236th Pipe Band, "Tumbling"—Lance-Corp. Wright and Pte. Arsenault.

Scotch Reel—Four Pipers. Musical—Miss McLean, Mrs. Godfrey, Capt. Godfrey, A Little Comedy—Pte. McLean, Highland Fling—Piper Ross.

Selection—Brass Band, "The Boys of the Bull Dog Breed," Sketch, introducing the poem "My Mate" by Robert W. Service.

Major Messerous, Sergt. Duthie, Sergt. Tozer, Sergt. Lawson, Lance-Corp. Cromwell, Piper Ross, Piper Scott and others. God Save the King.

FINE AT GEM

The Gem in "The Double Life" proved, on Saturday night, one of the best pictures the Gem has shown in a long while. It is a big Fox production. You'll like the vaudeville also, so come tonight.

FURTHER WORD OF THE PROPOSED STEEL SHIPBUILDING PLANT

The International Shipbuilding Corporation, Limited, which has been incorporated under dominion charter with \$2,000,000 authorized capital, is said to be backing which will ensure the success of the plans of the promoters.

It is reported that the company has the promise of support from both the British and Russian governments in the new scheme. Owing to the demand for tonnage to replace the vessels sunk by submarines, all the shipyards in the old country are taxed to their capacity, and this situation gives Canada an excellent opportunity to embark upon this industry.

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LUMBERMEN COMPLETE WINTER OPERATIONS Fredericton Mail—The lumbermen have practically completed their work in the woods, and the majority of the crews that have been working in this part of the province have returned to their homes. It is expected that the total cut will surpass that of 1916. Lumber prices are remaining with demand reported good. Lumber operators this year have encountered considerable difficulty on account of heavy snow. The snowfall during the present winter has been the heaviest in years. Hauling was interfered with to some extent by the heavy snow.

The matter which is now engaging the attention of the lumbermen is driving prospects. It now is thought that the snow and ice in the woods will provide excellent driving conditions unless a long period of mild weather wastes it too rapidly.

Eggs can no longer be regarded as a luxury, for there has been a drop of about ten cents a dozen in retail prices; the best near-by eggs are now at forty-eight cents a dozen, with other grades at 46c, 48c, and 49c.

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LOCAL NEWS

Advance spring display of pattern and tailored hats this week at McLaughlin's, 126 Germain street.

REMEMBER That there are 12,000 rolls of wall paper to be sold at auction at D. McArthur tomorrow morning at ten o'clock.

WANTED—Vegetable cook at Royal Hotel, 8-8.

NOTICE All members of King Edward Lodge, No. 30, P.A.P.B., are hereby notified to attend a special meeting tonight at 8 o'clock in their hall, Guilford street, West End. Business of importance. By W. M. Robt. Jones, rec. sec.

ATTENTION! Auction sale of wall paper at D. McArthur's tomorrow morning at ten o'clock.

PROFIT SHARING We give you part of our profits with every purchase on cigars, cigarettes, tocos and pipes. Save your coupons—Louis Green, 69 Charlotte street.

Consult Mrs. McMichael the Grass-croset expert, at M. R. A.'s Ltd, this week.

Free lecture on coxetry with living models at Bond's, Wednesday, 4 to 5.30 p.m.

Rummage sale, King's Daughters Guild, March 8th. Donations solicited. 8-7.

Great reductions at Amdur's, W. E. during the first anniversary sale this week.

The Quintine That Does Not Affect the Head Because of its tonic and laxative effect, Laxative Bromo Quinine can be taken by anyone without causing nervousness or ringing in the head. There is only one "Bromo Quinine." E. W. GROVER'S signature on box, 25c.

BOSTON PEOPLE ARE ENJOYING LOWER PRICES

Strain on the Family Purse Has Been Lessened Somewhat (Boston Globe, Friday)

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Scrofula And All Humors Give Way

There are many things learned from experience and observation that the older generation should impress upon the younger. Among them is the fact that scrofula and other humors, which produce eczema, boils, pimples and other eruptions, can be most successfully treated with Hood's Sarsaparilla.

This great medicine is a peculiar combination of remarkably effective blood-purifying and health-giving roots, herbs and minerals, which are gathered especially for it.

Lloyd's Sarsaparilla has stood the test of forty years. Get a bottle today—now—from your nearest drug store. Always keep it on hand.

GREAT MANY SEE OPERA HOUSE SHOW

The large throng of people that lined Union street on Saturday evening and the hundreds of patrons who had practically forced their way out of the Opera House after the first performance, is convincing evidence that the bill this week is attracting considerable attention.

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Lawrence and Gibson gave a clever and well merited applause. On the whole the programme was pleasing and will undoubtedly continue to attract large audiences.

Patrons did not take kindly to some of the jokes, which could very easily be eliminated without detracting anything from the performance.

PERSONALS

L. R. Ross, H. M. Hooper and H. B. Robinson are expected to leave Boston where they have been for the last few days on a business trip.

Colored Charles Meritt of Dalhousie is visiting his uncle, William E. McIntyre, 31 Colburn street.

New Ambassador Mexico City, March 5.—It is reported here that General Carranza had agreed to the request of Ignacio Bonillas that his appointment as ambassador to Washington be given quite an extension.

THE GOVERNORSHIP Fredericton Mail—Lieut. Governor Woods' term of office expires on Tuesday, March 6th, but it is pretty well understood that he will continue in office for some time yet.

ESTABLISHED 1894 The guarantee behind D. Boyaner's Spectacles and Eyeglasses is not a scrap of paper. It bears no signatures, no seals, none of the meaningless appointments of official habit.

It's written rather in PERFORMANCES than in phrases. High aims and high aspirations hand in hand, and such an alliance is the real guarantee behind every pair of glasses you get here.

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BUILDING SHIPS: ESSENTIAL IN OUR WAR WORK

British Firms Placing Great Orders in the United States—Opportunity is Knocking

To the Editor of The Halifax Herald: Sir—In a previous letter which you were good enough to publish I dealt with shipbuilding—a world-wide necessity. I now propose to deal with the second part of the subject—Shipbuilding—A Patriotic Duty.

In 1914, the last complete year before the war, the world's output of shipping of over 400 tons was 2,332,522 tons. That was an exceptional year of performance, the average annual output from 1910 to 1918 being about 2,000,000 tons.

In my last letter I gave figures to show that by the end of June at the present rate of reconstruction the loss of tonnage through war agencies would be nearly 6,000,000 tons. I made it clear that the world's shipbuilding output had greatly decreased during the war.

It is not a reflection on our business enterprise as well as our patriotism that British orders amounting to nearly 700,000 tons are now being executed in the United States.

February 27, 1917. JOSEPH M. TOBIN.

DARE DEATH AND ESCAPE

Tugboat of Belgian Refugees on the Meuse Run Gauntlet of German Fire

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Despite all their precautions, however, they were not able to escape a few weeks ago with 108 passengers, including two women, two children, a Frenchman, and a Russian. The Frenchman, writing from Maastricht, Holland, recounts the adventure as follows:

"We made our escape on the Atlas Y another tug run by the same company. During two days we had gone by night and in this way had been able to avoid without attracting attention. Chance favored us the second night, for by night and by day the tug passed out of it beneath the Wendre bridge without a single sentry being aware of it, and proceeded without incident until we reached Vise.

"There must be something in a name after all, for at Vise the German post was alerted. A sharp challenge was shouted from the old bridge as we approached. For answer the skipper put on full speed, and aided by the current we shot under the bridge, hushing against it and carrying some scaffolding away. As we did so the brilliant beam of a searchlight suddenly halloed at us, throwing her into strong relief against the vapory murkiness, and half a dozen bullets pattered on her deck and sides. In a minute there was great commotion on the bridge and shore, and shouts mingled with the shots. Nothing was out of sight within a few passengers were all crowded inside, our hearts in our mouths, the women clasping the children and praying.

"On we dashed, followed by the pitiless searchlight and a hail of rifle bullets. In a few minutes we heard the crackling of machine guns and the patter of bullets intended. The skipper, who displayed the greatest coolness, kept the boat in mid-stream while the engineers piled coal into the furnace to get the utmost possible speed out of her. We went under the new railroad bridge and crashed into the lightship Lexie with such terrific force that the shock buried her aside with her starboard quarter smashed to splinters and she sank at once. Five German soldiers aboard had been firing at us. They were still firing as she went down.

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TEN PER CENT OF THE WORLD'S MERCHANT MARINE DESTROYED New York, March 5.—Shipping destroyed since the war began, exclusive of war vessels, represents 10 per cent of the world's merchant marine as it existed on Aug. 1, 1914, according to figures published by the Journal of Commerce. Construction of warships has offset most of the losses.

The statistics record the destruction of 2373 vessels aggregating 4,511,100 gross tons of which more than half was owned by Great Britain. The next heaviest sufferers were the United States, France, third, Italy and Germany fifth. Entente losses have been about 75 per cent of the total, and Teutonic 25 per cent.

The figures list 202 vessels of approximately 420,000 gross tonnage as definitely reported destroyed during February, or since Germany's unrestricted submarine warfare began. This compares with 104 vessels of 38,851 gross tonnage in January, and Dutch shipping during February suffered losses heavier than any of the Entente Allies except Great Britain, which lost more than half of the month's total. The February figures were the highest for a single month.

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Do You Sleep Well?

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This Famous Duplex Spring The Georgia Sanitary Mattress is made of layers of pure white cotton felt, covered in heavy blue art ticking, imperial roll edge. It wooses and coaxes sleep by allowing the body to relax completely and rest comfortably. \$6.50 \$12-75 COME TO US FOR YOUR FURNITURE WANTS; YOU WILL BE WELL REPAID J. MARCUS 30 Dock Street Look for the Electric Sign

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"Now, Willie, define the word 'taxidermist' said Miss Hoad. "A taxidermist is a fellow that runs a taxidermy," said Johnnie. "No," said Miss Hoad. "A taxidermist is a man who stuffs birds. Have you ever seen one?" "Yesum," said Willie. "Our doctor came to dinner Christmas, and the way he stuffed turkey showed that he must be a taxidermist."

HAD INDIGESTION COULD KEEP NOTHING ON STOMACH

Indigestion is one of the worst forms of stomach trouble. The stomach becomes upset and you have a raw, debilitated feeling in it. After a meal you feel that you must get rid of that nasty, bilious, burning sensation; that souring and rising of the food which is so unpleasant and in many cases very painful. It is not necessary for you to be troubled with indigestion when Burdock Blood Bitters may be so easily obtained. This old and well-known remedy, which is a combination of nature's best roots, herbs, barks and berries will cure indigestion and all stomach troubles. Mr. LaSare Savoy, Pokemouche, N.B., writes: "About two years ago I was troubled with indigestion that had I could keep nothing on my stomach. I was sorely disappointed in everything I tried to relieve me. At last a friend advised me to try Burdock Blood Bitters. I took four bottles and can now eat anything that is set in front of me." That grand old medicine, B.B.B., has been on the market for the past forty years, and we claim, without any fear of contradiction, that it is the best cure for all stomach troubles. Manufactured by The T. Milburn Co. Limited, Toronto, Ont.

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