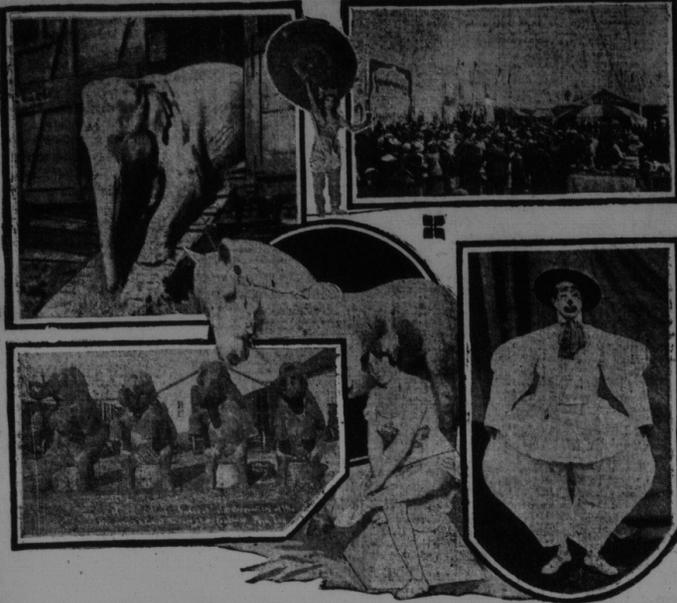


ROBINSON'S BIG CIRCUS SHAMROCK PARK TODAY



Robinson's big circus gives two performances on the Shamrock grounds today. The street parade leaves the grounds at ten o'clock sharp to main, to Dock, to Prince William, to Duke, Charlotte to Union, to Brussels, to City Road, to Wall St. bridge, to Paradise Row to show grounds.

The circus has been touring through different parts of Canada and comes to St. John with the reputation of being one of the best shows on the continent.

The Robinson circus will be a good one from the opening pageant to the thrilling hippodrome races. The performance will be replete with novelties that do much to make the regular circus acts more enjoyable.

Almost every event of national importance has been woven into the entertainment, burlesqued by the army of hussars lead by the king of jesters Steve Mico. The programme will be of high quality in its entirety, there are a number of acts whose excellence entitles them to special mention. Miss Grace Thomas, Frank and Carrie Miller and Gordon Orton are equestrians of pronounced merit. De Marc's troupe of hussars stand on their heads, ride bicycles, walk tight wire and stand erect on running ponies, they are a European importation. The Nine Net-

Seventy-two Days in An Open Boat, Only Three Of Fifteen Survived

Capt. John Wren's death at St. Andrews Recalls Terrible experience he and crew met with after escape from burning vessel.

Special to The Standard. St. Andrews, August 7.—With the death of Captain John Wren, which occurred at 9:30 o'clock last evening, St. Andrews loses one of its oldest and most highly esteemed citizens.

For the last few years, the Captain has been in failing health, and the end was not unexpected, although during his last illness, he was confined to his home only three weeks. Captain Wren was born at St. Andrews 78 years ago. For over thirty years, he followed the sea, and during that time he had had a most interesting experience through shipwreck. He was, at that time, in command of the Barque James W. Elwell of St. John, New Brunswick, and sailed from the Bristol Channel, laden with coal, for Valparaiso, in September of that year, with a crew of fifteen, including one woman, the cook's wife. About two weeks after rounding Cape Horn, it was discovered that the ship's cargo was on fire. A run was made for the Straits of Magellan, where was the nearest port, and the most likely place to fall in with a passing vessel. After contending with adverse winds for three or four days, a heavy westerly gale set in, and the ship had to be holed to. The cargo, at this time, was all on fire, and all hope of reaching the Straits, being abandoned, preparations were made for leaving the ship. It was decided that all had better get into one boat, and accordingly, the large boat was stocked with provisions, and the crew left the burning ship, on seventy-two long and dreary days, this little company was tossed about in an open boat at the mercy of the sea. Their experience was one of hardship, peril and nearly starvation. For weeks their only sustenance was mussels, or anything that crept from the sea. One by one the crew died from exhaustion and exposure, or becoming insane, committed suicide, until, when they were finally picked up and rescued by the White Star ship, "The Troop," Captain Parrells, there were only three of the fifteen surviving, and strange to say, the woman was one of them, and it is said, that she stood the experience better than any of them. The other two survivors were Captain John Wren and a sailor. Notwithstanding the terrible experience which this woman had through, on her arrival at Liverpool, she again shipped as stewardess on a voyage around Cape Horn. Afterward, she married the carpenter of the ship, and when last heard of, a few years ago, was living in Digby, Nova Scotia.

Hotel Arrivals. Royal. Mrs. Wm. H. Ryan, Miss Mary Aldrich, Miss Mary F. Hoyt, Miss Emily Hoyt and chauffeur, New York City; J. L. Melancon, Shelburne; J. D. Taylor, Wallacaburg; L. R. Harris, Montreal; C. H. Mitchell, Toronto; F. O. Allen and wife, Providence, R. I.; W. B. Stone, New York; J. W. Brenner and wife, Somerville, Mass.; Mrs. W. P. Allen, Y. D. Allan, J. D. Kennedy, New York; Miss Stokes, Miss N. C. Stokes, Baltimore, Md.; Miss S. B. Balcour Boston; E. E. Spangler, Chicago; S. E. Forbes, Harold N. Price, Montreal; C. A. Watson, Toronto; Jas. W. O'Neill, Boston; J. J. Harrigan, Worcester; A. G. Watson, Halifax; B. T. Hale, A. Taylor, Montreal; F. B. Kelly, Portland, Me.; W. A. Hodges and wife, Boston; B. J. Milligan, J. A. Milligan, New Jersey; A. Latham and wife, Indianapolis, Ind.; Alex. Gibb, Alex. Clarke Gibb, Miss L. J. Clarke, Montreal; J. E. Stillwell, Jas. H. Tucker, New York City; David H. Montgomery, Boston; Mrs. Chas. Read, New Boston, N. H.; Mrs. D. G. Bachelard, Manchester, N. H.; Geo. P. Root and wife, New Haven, Conn.; Helen A. Hanlon, Anna P. Herzman, Albany, N. Y.; Mrs. Fry and daughter, Brooklyn, N. Y.; H. J. Brookes, N. G.

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GERMAN TOWN ON WEST COAST OF AFRICA SEIZED BY BRITISH

London, Aug. 8.—(2.50 p. m.)—A British force on the Gold Coast, West Africa, has seized Port Lome, German Togoland.

London, Aug. 8.—Indications that both British and French troops are hurrying to the assistance of the Belgians are given in French official despatches today. The extent of the support is kept secret, as well as the route taken by the reinforcements. The French cavalry is said to have arrived on the scene at Liege, where masses of German troops are reported moving forward to support the strong advance guard, which was checked by the Belgians, and is reported from Belgian sources to have lost 25,000 men in killed, wounded and prisoners.

The German War Office declares the German check not a defeat, but a result of an heroic attempt of a small German force to advance in face of difficulties.

French and German troops are said to have come into contact in Luxembourg, where several German army corps are supposed to have concentrated.

Portugal decides to act as ally of Great Britain, under the terms of a treaty, by which it must supply 30,000 men.

Transatlantic lines running from Glasgow suspended their sailings today, causing the stranding of many Canadians and Americans.

War Risk Reduced. London, Aug. 8.—The war risks in insurance office today reduced its rates on cargo from 5 1/4 to 4 1/5 per cent.

Why Portugal Decided. Lisbon, via London, Aug. 8.—Portugal's decision to support England in general European war was announced today after Germany had demanded to be informed of her intentions.

British Troops in France. Paris, Aug. 8.—A fleet of British transports is supposed to have landed regulars at Ostend, Calais and Dunkirk. The British expedition numbers 20,000 men.

Transports for Canada. Ottawa, Aug. 8.—There will be plenty of transports for Canadian troops. They are in process of gathering now. The Olympia, held today at New York, is expected to carry some of them from Halifax.

A Big Seizure. Antwerp, Belgium, via London, Aug. 8.—The Belgian government today seized thirty-four German steamers and two sailing ships in the new port here.

May Carry Canadians. New York, Aug. 8.—Why the Olympia

was held and what the British Admiralty expected to do with her were matters the White Star Line officials asserted they could not explain. "I have no idea why the order was given," one of the officials said. A report was current that the Olympia was to sail for Halifax, and there he fitted out as a transport for the conveyance of Canadian troops to Europe. This could not be confirmed.

A Servian Advance. Nish, Serbia, Aug. 7, (via London, Aug. 8)—Austrian troops evacuated Visegrad, on the frontier of Novipazar, today. The Servian troops immediately reoccupied the place.

New York, Aug. 8.—The Olympic's passengers were transferred to the Adriatic after the suspension of the Olympic's sailings was announced. The Adriatic sailed at noon. The Minna had sailed at the same time.

A Wireless Report. New York, Aug. 8.—Theodore R. Lempe, manager of the wireless station at Tuckerton, N. J., announced today that the station had established direct communication with the wireless station in Hanover, Germany. Mr. Lempe said he had telegraphed Secretary Bryan to this effect and had offered to place the Tuckerton plant at the State department's service should the department wish to communicate with the American ambassador at Berlin, "or for any other purpose," especially to aid American tourists in Germany.

Cable communication with Germany has been severed for several days.

War and Business. New York, Aug. 8.—The statement of the average condition of clearing houses banks and trust companies for the week shows that the cash reserve in excess of legal requirements decreased \$1,719,050, leaving a deficit of \$43,116,000.

Note—Actual condition figures not issued today.

London, Aug. 8.—The Board of Trade returns for the month of July show that the imports into the British Isles decreased \$12,265,000, while the export decreased \$13,735,000.

Austrians in Russia. St. Petersburg, Aug. 8.—Austrian troops crossed the Russian frontier near the Roumanian border today and burned some villages.

London, Aug. 8.—Walter Runciman, secretary of agriculture, introduced a bill into the House of Commons today, giving the British government power to seize all food stuffs. The bill passed through all its stages.

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A board of three judges will determine which of the many solutions received is the most acceptable. The judgment of this board will be absolute and final. Nothing of a literary nature will be considered in the decision, nor given any preference in the selection of the winner of the \$10,000 prize. The last two reels, which will give the most acceptable solution to the mystery, will be presented in the theatres having this feature. It is understood that the newspapers, so far as practical, in printing the last two chapters of the story by Harold MacGrath, will also show a picture of the successful solution.

Solutions to the mystery must not be more than 100 words long. Here are some questions to be kept in mind in connection with the mystery as an aid to a solution:

No. 1.—What becomes of the millionaire?
No. 2.—What becomes of the \$10,000?
No. 3.—Whom does Florence marry?
No. 4.—What becomes of the Russian couple?
No. 5.—Who is the man in the hat?
No. 6.—Who is the man in the top hat?
No. 7.—Who is the man in the blue coat?
No. 8.—Who is the man in the red coat?
No. 9.—Who is the man in the black coat?
No. 10.—Who is the man in the white coat?

NOBODY connected either directly or indirectly with "The Million Dollar Mystery" will be considered as a contestant.

SYNOPSIS OF THE FIRST CHAPTER

Stanley Hargrave, millionaire, after a miraculous escape from the den of the gang of brilliant thieves, known as the Black Hundred, lives the life of a recluse for eighteen years. Hargrave one night enters a Broadway restaurant and there comes face to face with the gang's leader, Braine. After the meeting during which neither man apparently recognizes the other, Hargrave hurries to his magnificent Riverside home and lays plans for making his escape from the country. He writes a letter to the girls' school in New Jersey where eighteen years before he mysteriously left on the doorstep his baby daughter, Florence Gray. He also pays a visit to the hangar of a daredevil aviator.

Braine and members of his band surround Hargrave's home at night, but as they enter the house the watchmen outside see a balloon leave the roof. The safe is found empty—the million which Hargrave was known to have drawn that day was gone.

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CHAPTER III.

The safe in the Lonely Warehouse, after the departure of the police, did not wriggle out of all because Braine had added to his plans after she had left the apartment. But for the advent of the meddling reporter the coup would have succeeded, herself apparently perfectly innocent of all her plans to appear innocent and leave no trail behind her. She had gained the confidence of Florence and her companion. And she was rather self apparently perfectly innocent and leave no trail behind her. She had certain that she had impressed this lazy-eyed reporter and the stolid butler. She had told nothing but the rina Pushkin's cousin. But blood with her counted for naught. She had room in her heart but for two things. Braine had money to spend on her caprices.

"How long has your highness known Mr. Braine?" asked the reporter idly, as he smoothed away all signs of his recent conflict.

"O, the better part of a year. Mr. Hargrave did not recognize me the other night. That was quite excusable, for when he last saw me I was no more than a twelve-year-old child. I had to be 'built up' no longer regarding your mother. She is doubtless dead. Upon some trivial matter confined to the fortress. That was seventeen years ago. When you entered the fortress at St. Petersburg, you certainly were 'built up'."

"That is true enough."

"I did not recall myself to your fa-

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