

GOOD THINGS COMING TO THEATRES OF ST. JOHN

FACTS ABOUT THE BUSHMAN BAYNE PRODUCTION OF ROMEO AND JULIET TONIGHT

The stars are Francis X. Bushman, as "Romeo," and Beverly Bayne, as "Juliet."

The cost of production was \$250,000. The first picture was taken May 25, 1916, the last, August 23, 1916—thirteen weeks to a day.

The cost of the costumes alone amounted to \$35,000.

John W. Noble was general director; associated with him were Edward Elmer, assistant director; Rudolph De Cordova, Shakespearean adviser; Edward Powers, casting and costume director; Leander De Cordova, financial and assistant director; Harry Sotom, costume and assistant director.

A scenario made from William Shakespeare's great drama, "Romeo and Juliet," was submitted by John Arthur and accepted; Rudolph De Cordova modified and augmented this, and John W. Noble made the final changes.

All the leading characters of the play really spoke Shakespeare's lines while going through the appropriate action.

Whenever a player forgets a speech, the camera was stopped, and he was obliged to begin over again.

Several of the greatest theatrical families of America and England are represented in the cast, which includes a Booth, a Sothern, a Mantell, a Kemble and a Hall Caine.

Six hundred players were employed in the production of "Romeo and Juliet."

A special orchestral score to fit the various scenes of the picture was arranged by one of America's foremost composers.

Eighteen buildings, reproducing the old market-place of medieval Verona, were built for the production. A great storm destroyed these just as pictures were about to be taken and they had to be entirely rebuilt at a total of more than \$25,000.

"Romeo and Juliet" will be presented at the Opera House tonight, Tuesday and Wednesday. Two shows tonight at 7 and 9:45; afternoon, one performance only, at 2:30.

TONIGHT AND TOMORROW AT IMPERIAL THEATRE

The vicious selfishness of many of the ultra-fashionable class is revealed in all its heartlessness in the Paramount picture "The House of Lies."

ALL NEW AT GEM; AN ENJOYABLE PROGRAMME

One of Gem's vaudeville acts did not arrive in time for Saturday's performance—the Herbert trio. They are here now, however.

LOCAL NEWS

Christmas, 1916, Duval's, Waterloo, You know!

Come to the bean supper in Zion church Tuesday evening, Dec. 12, 12-12.

LOCAL 810 L. A. Coal Handlers and Trimmers. A full meeting tomorrow night. All members are strictly requested to attend.

Ladies! Get one of our clocks free. See The People's Cash & Credit Co.'s announcement on Page 7.

ROYAL ARCANUM St. John Council No. 188 meets tonight at eight o'clock for election of officers.

USEFUL AND SUITABLE You write prices on a new suit, she needs a new coat—why not make a present of one or both this Christmas?

BRACELET WATCHES Smalley & Co. are showing the finest selection of bracelet watches to be found in the city.

ANOTHER GOLD SHIPMENT Everybody was surprised last evening to note the prices on the new necklace and pendants on sale by Poyas & Co.

COME TO BARKERS, 100 PRINCESS STREET, AND SAVE MONEY BUYING FANCY GROCERIES, TOYS, DOLLS, GAMES, BOOKS AND STATIONERY.

PRIZE OF \$500. Last chance to get tickets for City Cornet Band 'round the world \$500 and other prizes tonight.

SPICIALS FOR SATURDAY AND SUNDAY Roast beef, 12c lb.; corned beef, 9c lb.; fresh pork, 20c lb.; mutton chops, 18c lb.; steak, 20c, and 22c lb.—Doyle's Cash Market, 103 and 209 Brussels street. Phone 137-31.

IN THE GRAY DAWN of this morning one of the policemen, who was doing duty in the vicinity of Charlotte street, had his attention drawn to a silk hat, which had been placed upon one of the monuments in King square.

HAVE YOUR PICTURE COPIED on a brooch or pillow top at the St. John Picture Store, corner Brussels and Exmouth.

TOMORROW'S PATRIOTIC FETE Tomorrow is the day for the great Patriotic Fete at the Union Club. See the Christmas room, the military room with its war trophies, the gift room, the candy and home made cooking exhibits.

HENDERSON'S BIG FINE SALE OF MEN'S CLOTHING CONTINUES THIS WEEK

NEVER BEFORE, says Mr. Henderson, in his sixteen years retailing, has he sold so many overcoats in one day as he sold last Saturday. The people were more than surprised to see such a large variety of men's overcoats to select from.

NOTICES OF BIRTHS, MARRIAGES AND DEATHS, 50c.

BIRTHS BARRY—On November 14, to Mr. and Mrs. Wm. J. Barry, of 55 Adelaide street, St. John, N.B., a son.

DEATHS MORTENSEN—Suddenly, in this city, on the 10th inst., Sina, beloved wife of Captain M. Mortensen, of 19 Winter street, leaving to mourn besides her husband, three sons and two daughters.

MAINE MEMBERS OF ST. JOHN RIVER COMMISSION ASKING FOR MORE MONEY

WASHINGTON, Dec. 9.—The St. John River Commission is again figuring in Maine calculations here. It is reported that Hon. Oscar Fellows of Bangor, and Hon. Peter Charles Keegan of Aroostook, will be here soon to prefer claims for services rendered for themselves and also in behalf of the estate of George E. Murchie of Calais, he having been a member of the commission at the time of his death.

THE COMMISSION was first appointed in 1869, Congress having authorized it at the instance of Senator Eugene Hale. Keegan, Murchie and Fellows, the original members of the commission, were paid \$5,000 each, it is understood, and something extra for expenses, along in 1910.

Now, as the report goes, the members of the commission, particularly Mr. Fellows and Mr. Keegan, are urging that \$10,000 be paid to each of the officers (the Murchie claim being for the estate) and wide sound officials of the state department to ascertain the prospects. Congress presumably would have to appropriate the money, as there is probably no fund in the state department from which the amount could properly be paid.

MR. Wm. Armstrong and family of Milford, wish to thank their many friends for kindness and sympathy extended to them during their recent sad bereavement.

LOCAL NEWS

Washington, Dec. 11.—Private advices from Paris confirm previous reports that General Petain, the defender of Verdun, is to succeed General Joffre in supreme command of all the allied forces on the western battle-front.

Don't forget "Folk Song" Night, St. David's schoolroom, tonight. Silver collection.

THE TWO BARKERS, Ltd., 100 Princess street, are offering boys' sleds, 30c, 60c and 80c; firely sleds, \$1.50, \$1.85 and \$2.40; Flexible Flyers, \$2.25; skates, 25c, 50c, 75c, 10c and \$2 per pair. Store open every night until 9 o'clock.

THE MAN who can't afford to pay a big price for his overcoat will do well to call and see our black melton overcoats at \$12. All sizes—Turner's, out of the high-rent district, 440 Main.

W. Alex Porter's grocery store, Union street, will be open evenings until after the holiday.

NOTICE TO PLUMBERS There will be a meeting of Local 531, Plumbers and Steamfitters to be held in their rooms in the Market Building at 8 o'clock tonight.

DIAMOND RINGS There is nothing more acceptable as a Christmas gift than a diamond ring. Our selection embraces all styles, solitaires, clusters, three and five stone rings, all of the highest quality.

THE FUNERAL of Mrs. Eliza Georgiana Marven took place this afternoon from the residence of W. F. Hatheway, 71 St. James street to the Stone church, where services were conducted by Rev. H. A. Cobby. Interment was made in Fernhill.

THE FUNERAL of Mrs. James Kennedy took place yesterday from her late residence, 57 Rockland road, to St. Peter's church, where burial services were conducted by Rev. P. McPhail. Interment

ITALY IS PREPARED FOR VIGOROUS WORK

Has 2,100 Factories Making Munitions for Carrying on the War—Stands With Allies

Rome, Dec. 9.—The allies do not desire to force Greece into war nor do they support any anti-dynastic movement in Greece, asserted Premier Boselli in a report on the new situation before the Chamber of Deputies. He reiterated the demand of Italy to maintain the war with her allies until the restoration of Belgium, Serbia and Montenegro was accomplished.

THE PREMIER recapitulated the whole history of Italy's participation in the war and enumerated the reasons which induced King Victor to enter into the struggle. As a proof that Italy was prepared to push her operations vigorously the premier announced that there were now 2,100 factories working on war material. The workers were one-fifth women, whose participation both in industries and agriculture was increasing.

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SERED BERG of Porsgrund, Norway, has sold his fleet of seven ships to Norwegian shipowners in Haugesund. One of the vessels, the steamer Eden, which was built in 1879 at West Hartlepool, has been taken over by a newly-formed company, which has purchased it for \$260,000.

JOHN SAMSON, of Campbellton, who died Dec. 2nd, was forty-eight years of age, and was born at Hamtown, York Co., but for about twenty years previous to removing to Campbellton resided at St. Marys. He is survived by his mother, Mrs. Mary Samson, one sister, Mrs. John Richards, and five brothers, Thomas, George, Havelock and Howard of Campbellton and Clarence of Camrose, Alberta.

JOHN FERGUSON died at his residence, Desdieu, recently, at the age of seventy-six years. He leaves his wife, one daughter, Mrs. John Wyres, and two sons, Robert of Matapedia and David at home.

CHRISTMAS NOVELTIES

Parlor Sweet Shops, Smokers' Sets, Chocolate Dolls, Noah's Ark, Stockings, Paper Flowers, Fancy Candy Bags, Cribbs and Cossagues for Table Decorations.

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MUCH IMPROVED. Charles Rankine, who was taken to the St. John Infirmary, as a result of being struck by a moving street car, is reported much improved this afternoon. It is said now that his skull is not fractured.

ACCIDENT A man named Richardson, in the employ of the Maritime Mail Company, was quite badly injured this afternoon. It is understood that he was crushed between an engine and a beam.

IS OVERDUE The Furness liner Messina, which left London for this port with a large general cargo, is six days overdue, and shipping men are beginning to entertain some fears, although adverse winds and seas might have detained the liner.

RAYMORE HEAD IN PORT The liner Raymore Head, which arrived in port yesterday morning from Glasgow with a large general cargo, was inward bound for the Donaldson line. She docked at No. 4 berth at Sand Point this morning.

NOW IN ENGLAND Mrs. A. Nottell of 27 Brussels street, received word this morning from her son, Driver Joseph Nottell, of the 1st heavy battery, who was recently wounded. He has been transferred to a hospital in France to one in England, and is doing as well as can be expected.

NEW STEAMSHIP One of the interesting arrivals of the winter port service will be a large new Manchester liner, the Manchester Hero, which was completed only a few months ago, and which made her maiden trip to Montreal. She is 400 feet long, 53 feet wide and 38 feet deep.

SLAVE RAIDS IN RUSSIAN POLAND Workmen Seized and Transported to Germany, Says Polish Member of Reichstag

Paris, Dec. 11.—Evidence that the inhabitants of Russian Poland have been subjected to a policy of forced labor and deportation similar to that invoked against the Poles, was contained in a speech recently delivered in the Reichstag by a Polish deputy, Tzompenski, which, with the debate to which it gave rise, was suppressed by the German censorship. It was published, however, in the Polish newspaper, Dziennik Poseniski, from which the following extracts are taken:

"This is not a trifling matter; it is a question concerning 300,000 men. At the end of 1914, over 25,000 Polish workmen belonging to Russian Poland, on German soil, were held, regardless of sex or age, and forbidden to return to their homes. Since the occupation of Poland there is no longer any reason for retaining these workmen.

"As this number was not sufficient for carrying through agricultural and industrial enterprises, the recruiting of others from Russian Poland was begun by means of labor centres, which succeeded in 80,000 cases. The men were assured that they would be employed for field work. Once they were there they were forbidden to return home or to change their place of employment.

"This is not all. For the last year, numerous Polish workmen have been seized by force and transported to Germany. It is said that persons coming out of the country for work were carried off by force. This occurred at Vilna. These rangers are difficult to verify, but we now have material proof that forced labor has been instituted by the Warsaw government, not only for persons receiving public assistance, but also for those not working and who, in course of time might become dependent on public charity. In short, suspension of work is being arbitrarily forced on the country so as to export the men to Germany.

KILLED TRYING TO ESCAPE "The German government based its defence of its acts on paragraph 43 of the Hague Convention, which authorizes the power occupying country to take all necessary measures for maintaining order. But even an unscrupulous jurist could not maintain that forcing workmen is the means indicated for preserving peace and order.

"A priest who has visited Polish workmen in spite of the fact that they could more easily have found work in the Kingdom of Poland than now. If they now are unwilling to emigrate it is because they do not wish to be submitted to modern slavery."

ROUMANIANS BRING THE ENEMY TO A HALT (Continued from page 1.) Four German Aeroplanes Lost Paris, Dec. 11.—Four German aeroplanes were brought down yesterday, two of them on the Verdun front, and two in the Champagne. Intermittent cannonading occurred south of the Somme last night. One of the aeroplanes was brought down by Sergeant Sauvage, his seventh. It fell in flames.

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THE BEST QUALITY AT A REASONABLE PRICE RINGS, BROOCHES, LaVALLIERES— This is a Jewellery Christmas

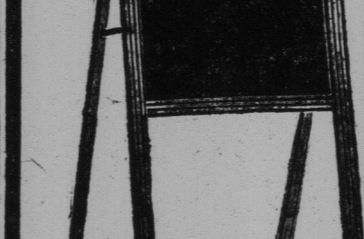
The well dressed woman will give gifts of jewelry a warmer welcome than ever before this Christmas. Fashion says that her jewelry must harmonize with the color schemes of her costume on each occasion.

Gift selections will be held for you, on payment of a small deposit, if you wish.

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KIDDIES' XMAS GIFTS

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PATRIOTIC CAUSES Contributed \$50 In acknowledging receipt of contributions for the Scottish Women's Hospital, through the Canadian Bank of Commerce, Mr. and Mrs. James F. Robertson were credited with \$5 in error, instead of \$50, the amount contributed.

DRAWING TONIGHT Tonight the City Cornet Band Patriotic Fund prizes, from \$50 down will be drawn at the Imperial. Tickets will be sold at the Imperial between 7 and 9 o'clock. Any citizen who wishes to help the fund, and at the same time get an excellent chance to help himself, can do nothing better than purchase a ticket. Tickets are from twenty-five cents to \$1 each.

PERSONALS The condition of F. C. Smith at the St. John Infirmary, is unchanged. He is critically ill.

THOMAS GORMAN still remains quite ill at the St. John Infirmary. Mrs. Fred Dunfield has returned to her home in Moncton after a brief visit to her aunt, Mrs. E. W. Hamilton.

REV. CHARLES KELLS, C. S. S. R., of St. Ann's Church, Montreal, arrived in the city today. He will be a guest of the Redemptorist Fathers in St. Peter's rectory, where he will make a ten days' retreat. Father Kells was formerly stationed at St. Peter's.

LORD SHAUGHNESSY arrived in New York on Friday afternoon on his way to Montreal after his recent visit to the other country.

THE ENGAGEMENT is announced of Mary Gertrude, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Chalmers, Smith's Falls, and Mendell McLeod Clarke, B.A., son of Mrs. J. W. Clarke, Ottawa, and of the late Rev. J. W. Clarke, St. John (N. B.). The marriage will take place on December 20th, at Smith's Falls—Montreal Mall.

STUDENT NURSE DIES IN MONCTON HOSPITAL Moncton, N. B., Dec. 11.—Miss Josephine McFadden, student nurse in Moncton Hospital, died yesterday from effects of hemorrhage. She was twenty-one years old, and had been a nurse there for nine months. She was a daughter of Conductor John McFadden of the Moncton and Buctouche railway. Her death brings deep regret to many friends of the family. The body will be taken to her home in Buctouche this afternoon. Members of the hospital trustees board will accompany the body from the nurses' home to the railway station.

WAR NOTES. Austro-German troops took the offensive yesterday in the region of Pomerany, southeast of Lemberg, but were brought to a halt by the Russian line. R. M. McNamara, infantryman, of Halifax, is listed as wounded.

LLOYD'S announces that the British steamer Nors, 772 tons, is believed to have been sunk.

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