

**GOOD THINGS COMING  
TO THEATRES OF  
ST. JOHN****WHIRLWIND SHOW AT  
THE IMPERIAL**

The Imperial is certainly going to wind up a bumper week in whirlwind fashion. The Paramount five-reel comedy "Rolling Stones" is one of those continuously funny stories dealing with boarding-house life in a big city. The boarding-house in this case is presided over by one Mrs. Brannigan who is referred to as the "Custodian of the establishment." Owen Moore and Marguerite Courtout assume the leading roles and they are supported by a gay array of laugh-makers. Then come the thrills and surprises in the "Beatrice Fairfax" story "The Forbidden Room." This is a counterfeiter's yarn and the rescue of the stenographer in this mysterious place constitutes the exciting plot. Another of the trained monkey comedies will be shown with Napoleon the Great and Sally, a couple of chimpanzees that are a great attraction on the vaudeville stage and that make very laughable films.

**COME TO THE GEM**

The two performances at the Gem tonight will see the close of the present entertainment programme. It is well worth seeing. There is a bumper bill for tomorrow and the holiday, exceptionally good vaudeville and Wm. Farnum in the greatest part he has yet played.

**JACK POWER WILL  
REFEREE BIG BOUT**

Kid Burns and Eddie Giroux leave for St. John tonight

John T. Power, St. John's well-known veteran boxer and trainer of many local champions, has most willingly consented to officiate as referee in the twelve-round bout between Joe (Kid) Burns and Eddie Giroux in the Imperial Theatre New Year's night. It was announced in the morning papers that Commissioner William Power, who had been asked to referee, had declined a request to act in this capacity, but upon reflection today the commissioner decided to hand the duties over to an expert as he felt the bout was going to be too classy and perhaps too fast for his limited knowledge of the fight rules. Consequently Citizen Power, accepted the invitation and with his characteristic good nature did not feel put out about it either.

The Montreal boxers will leave for St. John tonight accompanied by their trainers and seconds. Joe Page, whose railway duties take him as far as Chicago, will accompany the sporting group to this city. Finishing touches in training will be put on in local gymnasiums and on the stage at the Imperial Theatre a regulation ring is being erected under the direction of Referee Power.

The preliminary entertainment to be in connection with the sporting event is taking on quite an interesting form. There will be singing, numbers, physical culture exhibitions and Boy Scout manoeuvres also a review of St. John's heroes who have gone to the front as caught by the motion picture camera before their departure. Colonel J. L. McAvity will act as chairman and announcer and there will be selections by a brass banding group. Tickets for the bout are on sale in all the important neighborhood drug stores in the city and at the Imperial Theatre box-office. The seats are 50c and \$1.00 with boxes and ringside at \$2.00.

**Notices of Births, Marriages and Deaths. 50c.****BIRTHS**

CHAMBERLAIN—On Dec. 28, at Mr. and Mrs. Walter W. Chamberlain, 12 Clarence street, a daughter.  
LONGARD—To Mr. and Mrs. Roy Longard at Milford on Dec. 28—a son.

**DEATHS**

MACFARLANE—In this city on the 29th inst., Mrs. H. H. MacFarlane, aged 68 years, leaving her husband, one son and two daughters to mourn. (Frederick papers please copy.)  
Funeral service will be held at her late residence, 93 Victoria street, Saturday afternoon at 2.30 o'clock. Remains will be taken to Wauson on the Fredericton train at 5.05 p.m.

MILLS—On Dec. 28 Catherine, widow of Patrick Mills, aged 100 years and six months.  
Funeral on Sunday at 2.30 p.m. from her late residence, 288 Gormain street. Friends invited.

McLAUGHLIN—At 60 St. James street, West, on Dec. 28, Mary Frances, youngest child of Edmund and Elizabeth McLaughlin.  
Burial took place this afternoon at 2.30 p.m. from her parents' residence.

DRAKE—On Nov. 22, in Boston, Mass., Hannah Eliza Drake, in her 77th year, leaving eight children, thirty-six grandchildren, three great grandchildren, two brothers, of Boston, and one brother and sister of St. John.  
(Boston papers please copy.)

GODDARD—In Somerville, Mass., Dec. 27, John T. Goddard, husband of Mary A. Goddard (nee Quigley). Burial at Penobscot, Kings county, N. B., on Dec. 31.

CUNNINGHAM—At East Boston on December 27, Ellen, widow of Robert Cunningham, aged eighty years, leaving two sons and five daughters to mourn.  
Funeral on Saturday, the 30th inst., from I. C. R. depot on arrival of noon train from Boston. Interment in Fernhill.

SHIVES—At Euston, near Thetford, England, Captain Robert Kilgour Shives R. F. C., youngest son of the late Kilgour Shives and Mrs. Shives of Campbellton, N. B.  
Interment to take place at Fernhill after arrival of the S. S. "Ionian."

**CARDS OF THANKS**

James O'Leary and family, 117 Brussels street, wish sincerely to thank their many friends for sympathy, kindness and other remembrances shown them in their recent sad bereavement.

**LOCAL NEWS****IS IN ENGLAND**

Sergeant W. Ross, of 115 Hillyard street, dental corps, is in England.

**OUR SPECIAL XMAS NUMBER**

Ten K. gold eyeglass chain for \$1.25, very useful to those who wear glasses.—K. W. Epstein & Co., 193 Union street. See our adv. on page 7.

**Special course dinner, 9-12 p. m. Saturday at Bond's.**

1-2  
Flyers, francs, skates—Duvall, 17 Waterloo.

**PHILLIPS' CANDY SPECIALS**

Peppermint chews 15c, best mixed nuts 20c, pure horseshoe candy 15c, regular 40c chocolates 25c per pound. Friday and Saturday at Phillips' Candy Stores, Union street and Main street. 12-30.

**Special course dinner, 9-12 p. m. Saturday at Bond's.**

1-2  
Remember the special song service of the Marsh Bridge Mission, Thorne Lodge hall, Thorne Ave., Sunday evening, Dec. 31. 12-2

**Long evenings Crokinole boards, Duvall, Waterloo.**

1-2  
VICTORIA RINK.

Good skating. Band Monday, Wednesday, Friday and Saturday evenings, also Saturday afternoon. 1-7

Thorne Lodge concert tonight. Good comedy and vocal numbers. Admission 10c. Thorne avenue.

Band and special musical feature, Queen's rink tonight; great ice.

CHOICE DELEWARE POTATOES  
We are still selling our potatoes at 45c, peck, rolled oats 2 packages for 40c. We have received a new lot of earthenware teapots, 4 sizes, 12c to 15c. 2 gallons American Oil for 80c. Orders delivered—J. A. Lipsett, The Blue Store corner, Brunswick and Kamouth streets. Phone Main 1402. 12-30

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TERMS READY FOR  
UNITED STATES UNDER  
SEAL OF SECRECY

(J. M. Robinson & Sons' Private Wire)  
New York, Dec. 28.—German embassy at Washington makes it clear that the statement of the terms proposed by Central Powers is now available to U. S. under seal of secrecy.

C. P. R. November decrease \$790,488; five months increase \$1,001,471. U. S. railroads decline to pay employees wages under Adamson law except for constitutionality is determined and conference with trainmen ends.

Mexican situation delicate.  
Wall Street Journal.—The Mexican crisis and the danger of a break with Germany over U-boats affairs are more dominant influences than any consideration of peace possibilities.

LIKELY NOW NOT  
UNTIL NEXT WEEK

London, Dec. 28.—As a result of conferences in progress for several days, the Entente Allies, reply to the German note is now complete. It can go forward today or tomorrow except for the necessity for the necessary formality of transmitting it to all the allies before final delivery.

This means that the delivery will be made early in or in the middle of next week, perhaps on Wednesday.

The Wheat Market.

Chicago, Dec. 28.—Opening prices, which ranged from unchanged to one cent lower, with May at 123.84 to 123.85 and July at 128.75 to 128.76, were followed by further moderate losses, and then a rise all around to well above yesterday's finish.

BITING COMMENT ON  
TREATMENT OF SOLDIERS

(T. K. D. in Montreal Financial Times.)  
Pretty nearly every public speaker today tells us that the very first thing Canada must do is to look after the boys who return from the front. "They deserve it," God bless them," we are told, and everybody nods his head and cheers approval.

That is all right, but the good is done by word of mouth and not by deed of hand. I am informed that when a soldier returns to Montreal the contribution from the Patriotic Fund to his wife, ceases, which may be fit and proper, but unfortunately, the man's pension does not begin where his pay and his Patriotic Fund allowance leave off. There is too often a waiting period, and while this waiting period may not be irksome to those responsible for pensions and reserve pay, it has a knock of reducing a returned soldier and his family to desperate straits. By all means let us look after the returned soldier, but let us look after him immediately he does return.

In this connection if it takes twelve months before a returned wounded soldier can get his pension, how long can a man and his wife and three children subsist on half a loaf a day and no coal in the house?

I hope presently to have at least one answer to this conundrum. It relates to a soldier who returned to Canada nearly a year ago; he has been in the hospital most of the time and has had no means of support. His wife and family are getting along very nicely! Some ladies uncovered their plight, and have purchased coal and food and clothes and other luxuries. By-and-by the pension will no doubt come along, and if the soldier's wife is not a widow by that time she and her husband may again be able to enjoy life together. And the kiddies may be able to get an occasional meal.

There is another case—but perhaps we had better not over-crowd the department.

Speaking of Appetites.

A huge eating competition had been held by some heavy sons of toil in a country town in Yorkshire, and one of the competitors had succeeded in disposing of a leg of mutton, a plentiful supply of vegetables and a plum pudding, the whole washed down with copious draughts of ale.

He was unanimously declared the winner and was being triumphantly escorted home when he turned to his admirers and said:  
"Ah say, lads, don't thee say now of this to my ole woman, or she won't give me no dinner!"

**To Regain Health  
Cleanse the Blood**

When your blood is impure, weak, thin and debilitated, you cannot possibly enjoy good health. Your system becomes receptive of any or all diseases, and germs are likely to lodge in some part of the body.

Put your blood in good condition, and do so at once.

Hood's Sarsaparilla acts directly and peculiarly on the blood—it purifies, enriches and revitalizes it and builds up the whole system.

Hood's Sarsaparilla is not a cure-all. It is the best blood medicine on the market. It has stood the test of forty years and is used all over the world. Give it and begin treatment today. It will surely help you. Sold by all druggists.

NEW YEAR'S EXCURSIONS  
TO SEE BOUT

On both big railways the regular single-fare New Year's excursion rates will make it possible for the lovers of the fistic sport to see Burns and Giroux box their twelve rounds at the Imperial Monday night. These excursion tickets are good for return on Tuesday. As tickets are being bought up quite rapidly for the sporting meet, it is natural to assume that outsiders will take advantage of the cheap transportation rate to enjoy the fun as well.

It looks as if the Imperial will be a gala place after the shows on the holiday. Already several after-dinner parties of ladies and gentlemen have been booked. The proceeds of the affair are patriotic and the outside boxes get only a very reasonable cash guarantee of expenses and gratuity. It is not a percentage arrangement and the great bulk of the funds will go to the European War Veterans' Association for their sick benefits and for the aid of returned soldiers' families in distress.

PERSONALS

Mr. and Mrs. J. B. McCready, of Charlottetown, who spent Christmas here, are returning home.

Captain Arthur Duff, a famous officer of the Imperial forces is in the city. He has seen service in France, Saloniki and the Dardanelles.

Miss Mary M. Mitchell, of Waterloo street, left last evening on the Montreal train for Winnipeg.

H. C. Groat, general superintendent of the C. P. R., this division, arrived home last evening after making an inspection tour to McAdam Junction and Brownville.

Mrs. Margaret Main and her daughter, Rita, of Boston, are visiting Mrs. Main's sister, Miss Canard, 148 Union street.

Lieutenant E. L. O'Leary of Richibucto, who recently arrived from the front, arrived in the city today.

Harold Fleet, of the C. P. R. staff in Montreal, has returned after spending Christmas with his parents, Mr. and Robert Fleet, 81 Broad street.

President Wilson of the United States was sixty years old yesterday.

VATICAN DENIES IT

Rome, Dec. 28.—The Osservatore Romano, official organ of the Vatican, prints an official denial of reports to the effect that the papal nuncio at Vienna informed the Vienna press that the Austrian Emperor had requested him to ask Pope Benedict's intervention for peace and that the Pope had given a favorable reply.

BROOKVILLE TREAT

The Brookville Methodist Sunday school held their annual treat last evening and there was a large gathering. A programme of songs, recitations, etc., was carried out with much interest in the person of Gordon Stevens made his appearance. He acted well the part and the company were kept in continuous merriment while he distributed gifts to the scholars who excelled in attendance and general efficiency. The other children received gifts from the tree.

J. W. Cassidy acted as chairman. The children were trained by Misses Adams and Downey. Refreshments were served at the close of the entertainment and all present had an enjoyable time.

**Cash Specials**

FOR FRIDAY AND SATURDAY

All Laundry Soaps Have Advanced in Price. Our Special Price:

5 cakes Gold Soap..... 22c.  
5 cakes Sunlight Soap..... 22c.  
5 cakes Ivory Soap..... 22c.  
2 pkgs. Old Dutch..... 17c.  
2 pkgs. Lux..... 17c.  
2 bottles Ammonia..... 17c.  
15c. tin Orona Cleaner..... 11c.  
5 lb. pkge. Lantie Sugar..... 45c.  
10 lb. bag Lantie Sugar..... 85c.  
10 lb. bag Lantie Sugar..... \$1.69  
1 lb. block Pure Lard..... 23c.  
5 lbs. Oatmeal..... 25c.  
3 lbs. Mixed Starch..... 25c.  
15c. pkge. Jelly Powder..... 25c.  
15c. pkge. Wheat Flakes..... 13c.  
35c. bottle English Malt Vinegar..... 27c.

1 tin Canadian Plums..... 12-2c.  
1 tin Canadian Raspberries, 17c.  
1 tin Canadian Strawberry..... 18c.  
Heaton's Pickles..... 10c. bottle  
Pink Salmon..... 15c. tin  
Shrimps..... Only 17c. tin  
Fish Flakes..... 18c. pkge.  
All Pkgs. Teas Have Advanced  
5c. a lb. Here we offer several  
hundred pounds of Lipton's at  
the old prices, 40c. and 50c. lb.

TABLE RAISINS

Special 25c. pkgs, we offer to clear (new stock)..... 15c.  
Mixed Nuts, while they last, 23c. lb.  
1-2 lb. pkge. New Figs..... 10c.

No Delivery of Specials Alone

Gilbert's Grocery

Jewellers and Opticians,  
21 KING ST. ST. JOHN, N. B.

**LOCAL NEWS****BILLY SUNDAY EXCURSION.**

R. H. Cother, chairman of the local committee, announces that it is expected the Billy Sunday excursion to Boston will be arranged for the second week in January. For information ring up M. 2149.

**CANADA LIFE CALENDAR**

A wall calendar bearing a fine reproduction of Sir Joshua Reynolds' painting "The Infant Samuel" has been received from the Canada Life Insurance Company. The original of this famous picture now hangs in the National Gallery in London, England.

**ACCIDENT**

Harold Hodgins of 123 Rodney street, West St. John, was admitted to the General Public Hospital this morning suffering from injuries received while working on one of the C. P. R. steamers on the west side. The nature and extent of the injuries are not yet known, but it is thought that some of his ribs may be broken.

**A CHRISTMAS TREAT.**

The Edith Avenue Mission at East St. John, had its Christmas treat last evening. There was first a series of lantern views of Belgium and France, shown by Mrs. Lawrence. Then followed a Christmas tree, with distribution of gifts by two "daughters of Santa Claus," appropriately dressed. The daughters were impersonated by Misses Geraldine and Nola Melick. The whole affair was very enjoyable.

**INDUCTION IN ST. STEPHEN**

Rev. W. W. Malcolm of this city, for several years in charge of the Presbyterian mission in East St. John, was inducted last evening as minister of the Presbyterian church in St. Stephen. He succeeds Dr. E. B. Wylie who was called from St. Stephen to Chatham. Mr. Malcolm's friends in this city wish him all success in his new charge.

**RENEWING SEWER**

The collapse of an old timber sewer in the Long Wharf made it necessary for the water and sewerage department to effect repairs today. In place of the old wooden structure, terra cotta pipe is being laid for a length of about 100 feet. Owing to the cold weather and biting wind the task of the workmen was not an easy one today.

**For a Hacking or Annoying Cough,**

Try Royal Balsam of Canadian White Pine  
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THE ROYAL PHARMACY  
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Our new factory for grinding lenses has brought our Optical Service to the height of efficiency.

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TWO STORES:  
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A REASONABLE PRICE

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Before the little one goes back to school, have the eyes examined at Sharpe's.

This precaution may prevent serious trouble later.

Often eye-strain is present though sight is good, but the strain makes school work unduly difficult.

Examination at Sharpe's will make known the exact condition and glasses will not be recommended unless they will be a positive advantage.

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Jewellers and Opticians,  
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Large Variety  
Reasonable Prices  
Unexcelled Service**

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WHY DENY YOURSELF THE COMFORTS OF A COMPLETELY FURNISHED HOME?

Order your Furniture now and we will store and insure your selection Free of Charge until required.

"LOOK FOR THE ELECTRIC SIGN"

**J. MARCUS 30 Dock Street**

Look for the Electric Sign

**WHY GERMANY  
WANTS PEACE**

Exhaustion of Effectives, Says  
Hilaire Belloc—Colonel Maude's Views

London, Dec. 28.—(New York Sun cable)—Hilaire Belloc, military critic, in a forthcoming detailed review of the war in 1916 attributes Germany's anxiety for peace to exhaustion of her effectives, a result of the new tactical methods adopted by the allies which inflict, by local offensives, greater losses upon the defence than are suffered by the attacking troops.

"This exhaustion," he writes, "is the whole cause of the enemy's desire for peace."

"For every sixty-five men the enemy now has in action, inclusive of field detachments and some armies, but exclusive of men in uniform working behind the armies and useless from a military viewpoint to carry and hold the positions, twenty to supply the wastage between this season and the last part of next summer. This is grossly insufficient."

Colonel P. N. Maude, in a review of the war, soon to be published, declares that the allies are in a better position to insist upon their superiority than are the Germans. "Three vital points have been gained by us by our efforts during the last year," he says. "They are, first, the definite ascendancy of our artillery over the enemy's; second, the superiority of our infantry, which can be relied upon to carry and hold the positions opposed to it; finally, our staff has now gained experience and seems so thoroughly at home in new conditions that it is to the last degree improbable that we shall ever hear again of reinforcements falling to reach the fighting line at critical moments."

"Certainly we have had to buy our experience at heavy cost, but the consolation remains that it is nothing compared with what the enemy has expended without obtaining equivalent advances."

NEW LINK FOR COMMUNITY  
WITH FARMERS BY NUMBERS

Fort Collins, Colo., Dec. 4.—The success of the "club system" of farm numbers which has been completed here under the direction of a farmer who devised it, J. B. Plato, of Brookfield, is nothing short of sensational.

For the first time in history each farm in the Fort Collins district has an identifying number by which the location and distance from town is expressed clearly and exactly. The rural directory by this system has been selected by the merchants and state colleges as the most practical and best safeguard against mail order concerns.

Mr. Plato, a farmer, who made a game and winning fight for a change of his rural mail route, discovered in doing so, the plan to put the farmer on the map, literally. That this will be worth millions of dollars every year to the newspapers, merchants and advertisers of America is recognized by the United States Department of Agriculture, which has begun to investigate what it means for the farm to be a known fact in a known spot, in a known direction and distance from town.

But the editors of a magazine investigated what it would mean to business to have the American farm-house readily discoverable.

U. S. AMBASSADOR  
CALLS ON THE PREMIER

London, Dec. 28.—U. S. Ambassador Page called on Premier Lloyd George in Downing street this morning. It was a call of courtesy, offering the American representative his first opportunity of seeing Lloyd George since he became premier.

BUT SHORT TIME ILL  
Death came suddenly this morning to Mrs. H. H. MacFarlane at her home in Victoria street after an illness not extending over a week. She was taken ill about a week ago with nervous trouble which finally resulted in her death. She was 68 years of age and leaves her husband, one son, Horace D., and two daughters, Mrs. Harry Dryden and Mrs. Charles Howard all of this city; also three sisters, Mrs. Duncan MacFarlane of Wauson station, Sunbury county; Mrs. George A. MacFarlane of this city, and Mrs. Daniel Hayward, also of Wauson station, George F. Brass of Vancouver, B.C., and W. C. Brass of Wauson.

Woman Police Magistrate  
Calgary, Dec. 28.—Mrs. R. R. Jamieson has been appointed a police magistrate of Calgary and will have charge of the women's court.

**PATRIOTIC CAUSES****"Socks! Socks! Socks!!!"**

A special appeal is made for socks by the Soldiers' Comfort Association, and they hope to receive during the first week in the New Year at least 5,000 pair, to send to the officers commanding the several New Brunswick units, so that the men may be supplied with dry socks during February and March, when conditions in the trenches are at the worst. Hand or machine knit, all are acceptable. Kindly send donations to the S. C. A. rooms, C. P. R. building.

Tonight.

There will be a patriotic dance in the Orange Hall, Gormain street, tonight, the proceeds to be used to procure boxes to be sent to men at the front.

NEW SUBMARINE  
WARFARE AFTER THE  
NEW YEAR PLANNED

Policy of Blackmail of Neutrals in Connection With German Intentions

New York, Dec. 28.—The Herald's London naval correspondent wires as follows: "It is just about two years since Grand Admiral Von Tirpitz, in an interview, foreshadowed a policy of attacking merchant vessels by submarines. The latest outcome of the decision then taken is the declared intention to wage the submarine war in a manner more ruthless than ever after January 1."

"An intimation to this effect is said to have been made to neutral governments, some of whom have been invited to make concessions to Germany in order to obtain comparative immunity."

"It must, therefore, be assumed that the Central Powers are satisfied with the results of the extension of the U-boat war to neutrals during the last year and that they think the moment has come when they can extort concessions from the smaller powers by such a policy of blackmail as has been mentioned."

"The situation in regard to the submarines is thus a very different one from that of 1915, when the original submarine blockade was snuffed out. That attempt failed within a few months of its inauguration, partly because of the ineffectiveness of the boats employed, but largely because of the vigor and completeness of the measures taken to deal with it."

"The boats then in use had only a limited range of action, their speed was not great and they frequented chiefly the narrow waters. The reply to them was both offensive and defensive in character and numbers were accounted for by ramming, by gunfire, by explosive bombs, or in nets, beside which blows were struck both from the sea and from the air."

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