

Good Things Coming to Theatres of St. John

IMPERIAL THEATRE'S SHOWS FOR NEXT WEEK

Antonio Moreno, House Peters, Fannie Ward and Edith Storey to Appear

Imperial Theatre concludes the present week with the final screenings of Charles Dickens' sweet and fetching tale, "Great Expectations." The chuckles of delight heard on all sides in the Keith house yesterday, as this quaint old English story was revived on the curtain, told how satisfactory it was as an entertainment. The fourth episode of "The Secret Kingdom" and a Hughie Mack comedy are also being shown tonight.

PERSONALS

F. B. Carvell, K.C., M.P., came to the city yesterday and is registered at the Royal. Dr. H. L. Spangler, whose health has been poor for some time, is now recuperating in Arkansas. E. S. Carter returned from Fredericton last night by the late train. F. E. Neale, of Chatham, was a visitor in the city yesterday. He came to St. John to meet Mrs. Neale who is returning after an extended visit to New York. Mrs. M. E. Carter, of St. John, returned to the city and is at the Victoria. Miss Ester McCook, who has been visiting Mrs. A. Kindred, West St. John, has left for Brookline, Mass., to visit her sister, Mrs. A. Johnson. His Lordship Bishop LeBlanc, accompanied by Rev. William M. Duke, rector of the Cathedral, Rev. A. J. O'Neill, St. John's, and Rev. J. J. Whelan, St. John's, returned home last evening after attending the funeral of Monsignor Doyle, Milltown. Rev. Benjamin LeCavalier, C.S.C., president of the University of St. Joseph's College, left this morning at noon for St. Joseph's, N. B., on his way home after attending the funeral. He was a guest of the Palace in Waterloo street over night.

Notices of Births, Marriages and Deaths, 50c.

BIRTHS

MEEHAN—At Fairville on the 29th inst., to Sergeant and Mrs. Thomas Meehan, a son, Albert Edward George. GILCHRIST—On March 30, at 223 Duke street, to Mr. and Mrs. James Gilchrist, a son. WARNOCK—On March 27, to Mr. and Mrs. John Warnock, 12 Prince street, west, a son.

DEATHS

DOYLE—At his parents' residence, 118 Duke street, on the 29th inst., Joseph, aged thirteen months, youngest child of John B. and Kathleen Doyle. BIAL—In this city on March 30, Elizabeth, beloved wife of Wm. S. Bial, leaving behind her husband, one daughter, three brothers and one sister to mourn. Funeral on Sunday from her late residence, South Bay, at 2:30 to the Church of Good Shepherd for service at 3:15. Interment at Church of Good Shepherd cemetery. WHITNEY—At Oakland, California, on the 29th inst., Amelia Mary, wife of George H. Whitney, Inspector of vessels built at Juneau, Alaska, formerly of this city.

IN MEMORIAM

WARN—In loving memory of W. H. Warn, who departed this life April 1st, 1916. Upon a silent grave, Where thou sleepest, Dearest Father; One we love but could not save. DAUGHTERS.

CARDS OF THANKS

ROBERTS—Suddenly, George Edward Roberts, of 88 Metcalf street, aged forty-seven, youngest son of the late D. S. and Elizabeth Roberts, leaving two sons, Cecil W. Clarence B., also four daughters, T. B. Roberts, F. P. Roberts, of Fair Vale; D. S. Roberts and W. W. Roberts of this city. Notice of funeral later.

OPERA HOUSE HAS A STRONG APPEAL TONIGHT

All roads should lead to the Opera House tonight for the new change of vaudeville programme this afternoon proved to be better and stronger than ever. Phyllis Gilmore and Claude Payton in a one-act comedy drama, "Every Woman's Problem," head the bill. Miss Gilmore will be remembered as the leading lady of one of the popular dramatic stock companies that used to visit St. John regularly a few seasons ago. The Three Belles, three young ladies, offer a novelty musical and singing act; John Delmar, rag-time harmonist and pianist; Loch and Florence, sensational acrobats, tumblers and whirlwind dancers, and the 8th chapter of the "Crimson Stain Mystery," make up the balance of the programme.

ST. JOHN BOY HEADS GEM VAUDEVILLE ACT

The programme at the Gem for tonight is an entirely new one. There are two very promising vaudeville acts to entertain and a long feature picture. Special interest attaches to the vaudeville act of Harry Grady & Company. Mr. Grady is a popular St. John boy who left some fifteen years ago to take up the theatrical profession in the United States. Many will want to see him in the act which his troupe gives, the evening of marital bonds by death or divorce.

DESIRE OF WIDOWS TO REMARRY, SHOWN

California Statistics Reveal Interesting Tendencies in Cupid's Activities. Vital statistics compiled by the California State Board of Health shows a general but steady increase in the number of marriages in this state. The parties were single. While brides and bridegrooms of this class are still about five lines as numerous as those who had been previously wedded, the falling off in the number of marriages of bachelors and spinster stands out as clearly indicative of the growing desire of those who have formerly experienced the blessed state of matrimony to test its bliss the second time, in the event of the severing of marital bonds by death or divorce.

The ten-year average from 1906 to 1915 of the first marriage of both parties fell to its lowest level, or 49.9 per cent. Of the participants in these marriages for this period the average percentage of bachelor bridegrooms was 83.7 for the last ten years, in 1915 the percentage of bachelor bridegrooms had fallen to 82.8 and that of spinsters to 75.2. While the proportion of widowers among bridegrooms and of widows among brides varied only slightly through the ten-year period, yet the percentage of divorced persons remarrying, averaging 7.9 among bridegrooms and 11.7 per cent. for brides, proving the assertion that a second venture into the sea of matrimony is quite popular and becoming more so every year, despite all clerical preaching against the remarriage of divorced persons.

The great increase in the number of persons bent upon remarriage is not due to those who have lost their partners by death, as the records clearly show. The year 1915 is the first since 1909 the number of divorced men exceeded the number of widows remarrying, the excess being 148, or 2,864 divorced men, compared with 2,716 widowers. In each of the last four years the divorces marrying the second time exceeded the widows, the excess for divorces in 1915 being 223. Similarly the divorces outnumbered the widows in 1915 by 183, or 28.6 per cent.

Statistics indicate bachelors find divorce attractive, as during the last six years the number of such wedges has constantly increased, until now 71 per cent. of all men marrying for the first time in California are widowers who previously have been freed by divorce. Similarly, for the last four years the number of single women who have divorced women for their brides, preferring widows for their second attempt. Divorces are quite like the men, showing no preference for men who have had their ties severed by law, the majority taking widowers for their second husbands.

John Leland, fifteen-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Leland, died at his home in Mascarene last week. Mr. and Mrs. Leland have been deeply bereaved, having lost seven of ten children in the past two years.

Mrs. Mandy Hamilton, seventy years of age, died in St. George on Monday. Mrs. Hamilton leaves one daughter, Mrs. Thomas O'Halloran, who resided with her.

STILL RAGER FOR PEACE. Amsterdam, March 31, via London.—A Vienna despatch quotes Count Czernin, Austro-Hungarian foreign minister, as saying in an interview with the French diplomat, that the Entente could conclude an honorable peace with the Central Powers at any time and that the proposal of the Central Empires for a peace conference still held good.

At a church adjacent to a big military camp a service was recently held for soldiers only. "Let all you brave fellows who have troubles stand up," shouted the preacher. Instantly every man rose except one. "Ah!" exclaimed the preacher, peering at this lone individual. "You are one in a thousand."

"It ain't that," piped back the only man who had remained seated at the rest of his comrades, gazed suspiciously at him. "Somebody's put some colic-brix wax on the seat, and I'm stuck."

LOCAL NEWS

Special sale of men's soft hats, all this spring styles, from 7 to 11 tonight at Corbett's, 184 Union street.

AMDDUR'S, W. E. Ladies' complete line. Waists in silk, voiles, crepe de chine, Georgette crepe, and a big assortment of house dresses.

M. R. A. advertisement, page 5, T.F. AT AMDDUR'S, W. E. The latest styles in millinery to suit your taste and your purse.

If you are thinking of buying a new suit for your son, call and see our stock. One hundred dozen canned peas at 10c. a can. Hurry if you want some.—Cut-Price Fruit Shop, 185-187 Union street.

International Lashmen's Association, Local 273, regularly meeting Sunday, April 1, 2:30 p.m. at hall, 85 Water street. All members are requested to be present. By order of the president.

AMDDUR'S, W. E. Our millinery department is now open for your inspection. You are welcome.

Use fresh cigars, cigarettes and tobacco and get satisfaction. Our profit sharing is a great saving to buyers. Save the coupon. They are valuable.—Louis Green, 89 Charlotte street.

Miss May Belle, late of the Gem Theatre, will entertain at the White City Cafe tonight and all next week.

Ask your neighbor about the quality and style of goods purchased at our store in the weekly payment plan.—BRIGGS' MONDAY'S TONE-TEST RECITAL.

Annual meeting of holders Fennell Cemetery Company, Board of Trustees, Monday, April 2, at 4 p.m. All holders eligible to attend.

EASTERN CHINA DISPLAY. The retail china and glassware show-rooms of O. H. Warwick Co., Ltd., King street, have just been completely renovated, the interior electric lighting is entirely new, introducing new "V" style china display shelves, and a central effect of round tables. A special Easter display is being made, which is one of the finest exhibits of china and glassware shown in the city, and is well worthy of inspection by the public.

EASTER NOVELTIES. Chickens, ducks, birds, baskets, etc., 1c, 2c, 3c, 4c, 5c, 10c, 15c; Easter post cards, 1c, 2c, 3c; Easter buttons, special enamelled steel kettle, 10c; large cooking pots, 75c; Old Dutch Cleanser, 2 for 10c; Lively Soap, 10c; new scrub brushes, 10c; which brooms, 10c; china cups and saucers, 10c and 15c; china plates, 10c and 15c; dolls, 25c, 35c and 50c; dolls and toys.—Arnold's, 90 Charlotte street.

Cabaret every night, 10 to 12 p.m. White City Cafe.

Our range of men's suits and overcoats for this spring surpasses anything we have shown in the past. Be convinced by calling at Bragg's, 185 and 187 Union street, St. John.

Regular 50c ties for 35c tonight from 7 to 11, all the latest styles, at Corbett's, 184 Union street.

AT YOUR SERVICE. Our aim is to please our customers. Try us.—AMDDUR'S, W. E.

Use Charcoal for kindling. The grocer has it.

EASTER MILLINERY. All the new authentic style-creations in trimmed and pattern hats. Untrimmed styles in every new and conceivable shape. Sport hats, quite the rage for immediate wear.—Model Millinery, 29 Canterbury street.

To all our customers; also to those who had no opportunity to see all our lines yet, call in and it will surely be of interest to you.—AMDDUR'S, 208-209 King street, W. E.

IMPROVE YOUR STEP. Don't wear your Easter outfitting with worn footgear. Every foot we dress for Easter will be attractively and handsomely dressed at a fair price.—Wierze's Cash Stores, 248-247 Union street.

George Hawkes, of Lower Cape, passed away on Monday. He was seventy-two years of age and is survived by his wife and seven sons and two daughters. The sons are Embert and Walter, living in the States; George, Arthur and Irving, of Hillsboro, and Ernest and Joseph at home. The daughters reside in the States.

TERRA COTTA MAY REPLACE OLD SEWER IN UNION STREET

Workmen Must Dig 18 to 20 Feet.—Nature Assists Street Department in Street Cleaning

Work is being continued by the water and sewerage department in Union street. The sewer there is in bad shape, according to indications, and if, when the workmen reach it, some eighteen or twenty feet down, they find that the old wooden sewer, now giving service, is worn away, a terra cotta sewer will be installed to replace it. The portion of the old sewer at present giving trouble to the water works department lies between Carmarthen and Wentworth streets.

The hydrant in Regis street, opposite Petose tannery, at old four inch connection, is being taken out and a new one put in its place. Repairs on the sewer at the Petose tannery are being continued. Ice cutting in the streets will be completed, in all probability, early next week. Good progress is being made at the present time and nature is assisting the department to no small degree. After the ice has been removed the special gutter cleaning propaganda will be brought into being. This work is to be continued all the year round, but during the spring season it is pursued with a greater degree of intensity than at any other time.

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CUSTOMS RECEIPTS. Customs receipts here for this month amounted to \$867,442.22, as compared with \$854,568.89 for the corresponding month last year.

ON INSPECTION. Lieutenant-Colonel Mersereau of the New Brunswick command training staff, left this morning for Sackville to inspect No. 1 Section of the Divisional Ammunition Depot, under the command of Lieutenant Gun, which is stationed in that town.

SIXTEEN DEATHS. Sixteen deaths were reported to the Board of Health this week as follows:—Pulmonary tuberculosis, four; carcinoma, three; internal obstruction, two; nephritis, pneumonia, cerebral embolism, arteria sclerosa, chronic myocarditis, tubercular meningitis and gangrene of leg, each one.

DEATH OF CHILD. Mr. and Mrs. John B. Doyle, of 118 Duke street, will have the sympathy of many friends in the death of their youngest child, Joseph D., which occurred yesterday at the age of thirteen months.

FIRE TODAY. A slight fire broke out about 12:30 o'clock today in the Standard Creamery building at 180 Main street, but was extinguished before it had made headway. It started in a room in the third story used for storing purposes, but was seen in time and was quickly run in from box 128. The building is owned by J. E. Cowan. The damage is covered by insurance.

SELF-DENIAL DAY. Remember Self-Denial Day, Easter Sunday, King Albert's birthday. Every home in St. John will receive next Wednesday a little box to be collected after Easter. All citizens, old and young, are urged to deny themselves something and contribute to the fund for the Belgians, the naval men's families and the returned soldiers. Help the Royal Standard Chapter in this noble work.

MONCTON'S GROWTH. Time—that so fewer than 200 permanent residents, having children of school age, have arrived in the city during the last six months, is an interesting feature of a school board report compiled by the local trustee officer and submitted to the trustees at their last meeting in the city hall. While this does not represent an increase in population during the period alluded to, it gives a good idea of the number of those who become permanent residents.

INFORMATION WANTED. Chief Simpson received a despatch a little before noon today from the New York Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children, New York City. Walter Richards, aged fifteen years, the trustee asked the chief to endeavor to locate the boy's father, Frank Richards, who is said by him to be living in a fishing village three miles from St. John. Anybody knowing of the whereabouts of the father is asked to communicate immediately with the local chief.

BURIED TODAY. The funeral of George E. Roberts of 85 Metcalf street, was held this afternoon from his late residence. Funeral services were conducted by Rev. David Armstrong, and interment was made in Fennell.

The funeral of Michael McLeod took place this morning from the residence of his brother, John, 818 Main street, to St. Peter's church, where high mass of requiem was celebrated by Rev. D. McDougall. Interment was made in the new Catholic cemetery.

NAVAL RECRUITING STATION HERE CLOSED. Capt. A. J. Mulcahey received a telegram from Ottawa last evening instructing him to close the naval recruiting office in this city. The work in recent months has not produced results warranting the expense of the station, which is not the fault of the local committee.

When Lieutenant Wood came here last fall a strong local committee was formed to aid in carrying on the work. It developed a lot of interest, held meetings and parades, and was doing excellent work with the young population during the winter months. It was not until the provincial chairman, from that time on the local committee was not consulted, and the campaign gradually dwindled until now the recruiting office is closed.

Among those on the committee which took an active part were—Colonel E. T. Dand, F. T. Short and C. W. Hallam, secretary; Captain A. J. Mulcahey, recruiting secretary; A. O. Skinner, F. W. Dand, F. T. Short and C. W. Hallam. Among the ladies who assisted were—Mrs. G. A. Kuhlring, Mrs. Frank White and Miss Lou Grimmer.

Nishoff John Club. Denver, Colo., March 31.—Berth Nishoff, second baseman, and one of the hold-overs of the Philadelphia National League baseball club, left here last night for St. Petersburg, Fla., where the team is training. It is said that he accepted the terms offered by Manager Pat Moran.

THE BEST QUALITY AT A REASONABLE PRICE. Torics Give Wider Field of Vision. The deep curve of Toric lenses increases the usefulness of glasses. The benefit of the lens extends further away from the centre than is possible with a flat lens. The eye is relieved of strain, or look up or down, and the curve of the glass is three to four times the radius of the eye. Their cost is only slightly more than flat lenses—a mighty small price to pay for the great increase in usefulness, comfort and good appearance. Step into Sharpe's and have Toric lenses demonstrated.

L. L. Sharpe, & Son. Jewelers and Opticians, 21 KING ST. ST. JOHN, N. B.

Who Pays the Penalty?

Last April two of our representatives solicited applications for life insurance from a prominent Toronto wholesale merchant and his son. They succeeded in selling to the father a policy for a considerable amount, but the son could not be induced to protect his dependents in this way against the financial loss which would result from his early death.

Less than two months afterwards recorded the tragic story of the younger man's accidental death. His failure to act when action was possible deprives his family of the insurance money which he could have secured to them so easily.

Have you made any provision for your wife and little ones in case you should die suddenly? An Imperial Home Protection Policy will do it. Write for particulars to-day; tomorrow may be too late.

THE IMPERIAL LIFE Assurance Co. of Canada

Head Office, Toronto. L. J. Lowe, Provincial Manager, St. John.

DR. N. R. COLTER LEAVES DESK

Several Presentations Today to Retiring Post Office Inspector

Dr. Newton R. Colter, post office inspector in this city, retired from the service today after having filed the position in a creditable manner for the last twenty years.

The esteem in which he was held by the post office employees was fittingly attested today when they made him the recipient of a magnificent and beautiful umbrella and other mementoes. The case was a gift from the clerks and it was engraved "Dr. N. R. Colter, from the clerks of the St. John Post Office, 1917." The umbrella was a gift from the railway mail clerks. Gifts were also forthcoming from other departments.

Alexander Thompson, assistant post office inspector, will act as inspector today, severely to Dr. Colter is appointed. It is known that Harry W. Woods is to be the man.

TUG CAPTAINS ARE CENSURED IN CAPE BRETON DREDGE CASE

Halifax, N. S., March 31.—A court of inquiry into loss of the dredge Cape Breton of Whitehead, Guysborough county, in January, by which the crew of nine men lost their lives, rendered its findings concerning the culpability of the captains of the tugs Lisgar and F. W. Roebling, and making many valuable suggestions to be entertained by the public works department and others regarding long towing voyages when lives are at stake. The finding is a lengthy one.

SON OF CONDUCTOR JOHN COFFEY KILLED IN WAR

Moncton, N. B., March 31.—Conductor John Coffey, on arrival this morning in Moncton from Springfield, received a telegram from Ottawa announcing that his son, Frank, had been killed in action in France, March 17. He was well known among railway men, having been a fireman on the I. C. R. He was about twenty-eight years of age. His parents formerly resided in Moncton, but now are living in St. John.

UNITED STATES NOW OWNS DANISH WEST INDIES

Washington, March 31.—The final act of more than fifty years' efforts to bring the Danish West Indies under the American flag was completed at the State department today when Danish Minister Bruun was handed a treasury warrant for \$25,000,000, the purchase price and wireless messages were sent to the islands to lower the Danish flag and raise the Stars and Stripes. At noon today the new possessions passed definitely and finally under the authority of the United States.

AGAINST WAR DECLARATION, BUT WILL BACK WILSON, UP IF NATIONS AT GRIPS

Washington, March 31.—Senator Stone, chairman of the foreign relations committee, broke his silence today on the international situation and said that war appears probable, that he will vote against a war declaration, but will give President Wilson his unlimited support if war is decided upon. He said he did not know the president's programme, but would co-operate in enabling Congress promptly to express its convictions.

TOO LATE FOR CLASSIFICATION

TO LET—LOWER FLAT, TOILET, with or without garage. Apply upstairs, 11 Whipple street, St. John West. 7/66—

WANTED YOUNG MEN!

Apply in person at Box Factory Signed Wilson Box Co., Ltd.

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You only read the New Books once. Save money by renting them from us. Free Cooked Ham, Special Cakes, Bread Doughnuts, etc., by the women of The Woman's Exchange. Tet and Lunch Rooms. LUNCH, 15c. up.

USE THE WANT AD. WAY

IS TOO YOUNG TO BE ADMINISTRATRIX

Mrs. Mason of Brookline Cannot be Named — Husband of 20-Year Old Wife Let an Estate of \$50,000

Dedham, March 31.—Mrs. M. L. Mason, widow of Fred W. Mason, of Brookline, whose will was probated in the Norfolk Probate Court, was unable to be appointed administratrix of the estate of her husband because she is not of legal age. Mrs. Mason is twenty years of age and has two young children. The estate, consisting of \$50,000, which is appointed executor, and furnished bonds of \$70,000. Mr. Mason, who was married two years ago, was forty-five years old, while his wife was eighteen years old.

Bonds of \$400,000 were furnished as sureties by the Boston Safe Deposit and Trust Company of Boston and Theodore Jones of Brookline, who were appointed trustees for Elizabeth W. Sherman and others, beneficiaries under the will of Jerome Jones, late of Brookline, whose estate comprises \$275,000 net and \$18,000 in real estate.

BRITISH GOVERNMENT AND THE BOY SCOUTS

One thing the war has shown the rest of the world is the value of the boy scouts training. The British government evidently trusts a boy scout as is shown in a recent notice appearing in the newspapers of Great Britain and Ireland as follows:—

"The government require 1,000 Boy Scouts between the age of fifteen and eighteen, for ship building at Sandwick, Kent. They will be enlisted in the Royal Engineers, be paid at the rate of 1s 3d a day and parents will be entitled to soldiers' separation allowance."

Boy Scouts in Great Britain and Ireland, in France, Belgium, Italy and Roumania have answered the call without hesitation and in Canada the Boy Scouts are leaving a record of service which every Canadian is proud of.

Not a military organization but one in which the highest ideals of citizenship are taught. Loyalty and patriotism go hand in hand with service to one's home and country and if Boy Scouts join with the military units it is only because they realize their duty and are prepared to do it when the call comes.

CHOCOLATTA Contains the Chocolate, Milk and Sugar in powdered form, prepared instantly by adding boiling water only. Your overseas packet should contain a tin 25c FRESH CUT ROSES 75c doz. Gilbert's Grocery

For Everybody SUIP The Great Hand Cleaner 15c. everywhere If your hands get soiled use SuiP. It keeps the skin smooth and soft.