

GOOD THINGS COMING TO THEATRES OF ST. JOHN

HANDCUFF KING BREAKS OWN RECORD

Handcuffed and Manacled in Box Frees Himself Under Water in 32 Seconds; Soon Coming Here

Before the camera Houdini, the Handcuff King, broke his own record in a scene of the great fifteen-episode serial, "The Master Mystery," which commences at the Imperial this Friday. Instead of two sets of handcuffs, he wore three, he was completely bound by heavy chains from his shoulders to his ankles, and was placed in an iron enforced heavy wooden packing case, securely bound, and hoisted by eight strong men out into the Hudson river. A strong current was running, the box tipped to one side, then immediately sank to view. In exactly thirty-two seconds Houdini appeared, swimming leisurely about as though taking a refreshing dip. But not alone did he break his own record by twenty seconds, almost cutting it in half, but he performed the feat with a broken wrist; he obtained no permit from the police, he signed no release statements for his men, so sure was he of his success. As his box was lost to sight and was to be used again in the serial, after regaining the duck from which the box was hoisted, he joined the divers in their search for it. When found it was still securely bound.

Houdini resumed his work before the camera as though the marvelous rescue, breaking free he had just accomplished, were a mere part of his day's routine. But Mr. Rolfe, the president of the B. A. Rolfe Productions, Burton King, who directed the scene, the cameraman, in fact, all who watched Houdini take his life so lightly in his own hands, and very high nervous wrecks, so high had been their tension, so keen their anxiety. Houdini is perhaps the highest priced vaudeville performer in the world.

THE OPERA HOUSE

Programme Tonight for Last Times. The New Offerings for Tomorrow

The Opera House vaudeville programme for tonight offers five good comedy features. The first is "The Temple of Dusk," in which the star, Moore in a breezy musical comedy, sings and dances. Fionette, physical culture expert and acrobat, Niles and Norris in comedy musical novelty; Willie Fields, comedian and singer; Thompson and Berry in a comedy sketch, "Patent Applied For"; and the tenth chapter of the serial, "The Woman in the West." Last time for the good programme tonight, at 7.30 and 9. Tomorrow afternoon will come the regular change of bill, the new features including Claude and Marion, two bright rays of sunshine in a skit that is a huge scream of laughter. Mortie, Bergen and Co. in a classy and refined musical treat; Minnie Harrison, singing comedienne; The French Harp and Bert Sheppard, and Ray, the famous Australian whistler; also a good Vitaphone comedy picture. Tomorrow morning will start at 8 o'clock, evening as usual, 7.30 and 9. Popular prices.

UNIQUE PRESENTS NEW HAYAKAWA PLAY TODAY

"Sense Hayakawa," the noted Japanese screen star in his new play "The Temple of Dusk," will be the star attraction at the Unique the first half of this week. The picture revolves about a story of Japanese desire and ideals that is forcefully told. Hayakawa distinguishes himself in portraying the character of Akiyama, a young Japanese poet. The play is beautifully staged and clearly photographed.

IMPERIAL FEATURE SUBSTITUTED

The Vitaphone feature "The King of Diamonds" being cancelled by the board of censors, the new picture "The Temple of Dusk" will be the star attraction at the Imperial this evening and tomorrow presenting the well-known stage success "The Eyes of Julia Deery" in which she is the star. This feature arrived from Montreal on Saturday so that it would be in time for tonight's show at the Star Theatre. See the display ad, on amusement page.

A DAUGHTER OF THE GODS

Annette Kellerman in her great super-picture "A Daughter of the Gods" will be the attraction at the Star Theatre Wednesday and Thursday of this week.

MRS. CATHERINE DACEY. The funeral of Mrs. Catherine Dacey, wife of John Dacey, was held this morning from the residence of her nephew, William Dacey, 16 Richmond street, where she passed away on Jan. 26. At the Cathedral high mass of requiem was celebrated by Rev. Robert Fraser, in the new Catholic cemetery. Mrs. Dacey was daughter of the late Patrick and Margaret Hennessy.

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WATER AND SEWERAGE

Some Matters Under Discussion—Mr. Fisher For Re-estimate of Some Estimates

The problem as to whether the maintenance of sewers and hydrants should be charged to the water department or to the general assessment is before the common council in very definite form this year. The \$40,000 expenditure on account of the Lake Pittsburg renewal work, which will be charged to water revenue this year, will absorb what otherwise would have been a surplus over the cost of water maintenance and leave nothing, on the present basis, for sewers and hydrants. Commissioner Jones, at the committee meeting this morning, moved that the sewer and hydrant maintenance be provided for by general assessment. The difficulty was left to a special meeting this afternoon.

When the committee turned to general business, Mr. Fisher said that he intended to enter a plea, before the estimates are disposed of, for the restoration of certain items struck from the public works figures.

Mr. Jones reported that the cost of the East St. John water renewal had far exceeded the estimates, owing to circumstances beyond control, and his motion that the increase in the bond issue from \$55,000 to \$60,000 be approved, was adopted.

Mr. Jones also reported that he estimated that \$234,715 would be required for the water department this year, and that the revenue would be \$229,215. The overdraft last year, \$5,500, incurred in connection with the Lake Pittsburg job, and the \$15,000 additional necessary to complete this work, together with the sum of \$1,600 called for under the Workmen's Compensation Act—a new item which will have to be provided for yearly hereafter—absorbed \$24,715. This leaves a balance of estimated revenue of \$182,400, but out of this sum about \$106,000 will be expended for interest and sinking fund, leaving available \$76,400 for the other expenditures of the water department which in 1918 were \$80,714.04.

Mr. Jones moved that, for the current year, \$22,000 be added to the general assessment for sewerage maintenance and \$8,000 for fire hydrant maintenance. He said that in future years it was possible that the water department would be able to look after these items, but this year it was impossible.

In seconding the motion, Mr. Fisher said that he believed it always should be charged to general assessment.

The mayor felt that the people who put the service should pay for it. He regarded the sewerage system as an integral part of the water system. If more money was allowed for these items, but which were reduced several years ago, should be increased.

Mr. Jones submitted a summary of the history of the department and legislation in connection with it, which, he said, indicated that the water department was that sewerage and hydrants should be charged to general assessment, which was allowed to stand until this afternoon.

KING PETER VERY ILL

Basel, Jan. 27.—(Havas Agency) King Peter of Serbia, who has been ill, has suffered a new attack and is said to be in a serious condition, according to reports from Belgrade.

Paris Strike Ended

Paris, Jan. 27.—As a result of negotiating of the transportation lines by the government, the strike of the operatives ended yesterday, and normal traffic was re-established.

WILL NOT TELL

On the eve of the appointment of the new police chief, expected tomorrow afternoon, speculation as to the choice continues. Mr. Thornton still adheres to the policy of keeping his own counsel.

Paris, Jan. 27.—(Havas Agency)—The International Socialist conference will be convened at Bern on Feb. 8—according to the newspaper L'Humanite.

Notice of Births, Marriages and Deaths, 50c.

BIRTHS

MACDONALD.—To Minnie Macdonald, wife of Wm. Macdonald, of Don street, a son—Donald Hugh, at St. John Maternity Home, Jan. 27.

DEATHS

QUINN.—In this city on January 27, 1919, John Quinn, leaving one brother and one sister to mourn.

Funeral Wednesday morning at 8.30 from the residence of his sister, Mrs. Peter's church for requiem high mass. Friends invited.

CALLAHAN.—At the General Public Hospital, January 26, Mrs. Charles Callahan, leaving a husband and daughter, parents, four sisters and two brothers to mourn. (Pictorial papers please copy.)

BURIAL.—At the St. John Infirmary on Sunday, January 28, 1919, Margaret, daughter of the late Hugh and Margaret Doherty.

Funeral on Tuesday morning from the residence of her sister, Mrs. Patrick Toole, Fairville, Cochrane street, at the door. Requiem high mass in the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception at 9.30 o'clock.

PLEWELLING.—At the General Public Hospital on the 26th inst., Arthur B. Plewelling.

IN MEMORIAM

SARGEANT.—In loving memory of Mrs. Thomas Sargeant, who departed this life January 26, 1918. Thou art gone but not forgotten. FAMILY.

BURGER.—In loving memory of Albert Burger, who departed this life January 27, 1918. Gone but not forgotten. SON FRANK.

CARD OF THANKS

Fred H. Long wishes to thank his many friends for sympathy and flowers during his recent bereavement.

WHEN A FAMILY NEEDS A FRIEND

In the Absence of Doctor Nobly Goes to Was. After Illness, the Grip—Those wonderfully useful medicines, Hood's Sarsaparilla and Hood's Pills, are warmly recommended.

Hood's Sarsaparilla, taken before meals three times a day, and Hood's Pills, taken at night as needed, are reasonably sure to keep a family in health and prove to be reliable and always ready friends. They purify the blood, relieve and prevent biliousness and constipation, build up strength and regulate the system.

Get both, or either one, as you think you need, from your druggist today and begin treatment at once.

LOCAL NEWS

Band on Carleton rink every fine night this week.

FREE FUEL

Persons who have applied to the mayor for empty munition boxes for use as fuel, may get a load by sending them to the Phoenix Foundry on Wednesday or Thursday of this week.

PERSONALS

Rev. F. R. Healey, C.S.S.R., of St. Peter's, will give this evening for Toronto on a short visit.

Rev. George Daley, C.S.S.R., of St. Peter's, is at Glace Bay, N. S., conducting a mission.

The many friends and patients of Mrs. Thomas A. Short, professional masseur and chiropodist, will regret to hear that she is receiving treatment for blood-poison at the St. John Infirmary.

Frederick T. Sterling, a former Presbyterian, has been elected president of the Western Montana National Bank at Missoula.

J. W. Brankley of Chatham returned Friday morning from Boston, where he had been to see his daughter Doris who is ill in hospital. Mrs. Brankley will remain in Boston for the present.

Brankley is improving, and to St. Peter's, will give this evening for Toronto on a short visit.

His Lordship Bishop LeBlanc left this morning for Quebec to attend the funeral of Bishop Blais of Rimouski.

Dr. Stanley Wright, who recently returned from overseas, is visiting his old home at Southamptown, N. B. Dr. Wright and his sister, Mrs. Howard A. Wright, of Fredericton, will leave in the morning to resume his practice in the medical profession.

Mon. Jan. 27.—At noon after visiting friends in Boston.

JOHN GLICK, THE LADIES' TAILOR

Selling Out His Ladies' Clothes by the Yard Less Than Wholesale.

John Glick, the ladies' tailor at 108 King street, is moving to Halifax. But before he moves he has got to close out his present stock of ladies' clothes. He will start a sale of the above goods Tuesday morning and will continue selling his stock in suit lengths until they are closed out. He wishes to announce that part of his blue serge are also being sold for men's wear.

Therefore it will be a splendid opportunity for the ladies to get their suits for spring at less than wholesale—John Glick, 108 King street, upstairs. 2-3.

A SERGEANT COOK ON EACH OF THE TRANSPORTS

Ottawa, Jan. 27.—In a further effort to improve conditions on transporthips carrying returned Canadian soldiers home, the militia department has adopted the plan of attaching to each conducting party on the steamers one sergeant-cook, who will look after the men's interest in the feeding of the men.

These sergeant-cooks will see that the food served the returning soldiers is wholesome and served in sufficient quantities to comply with the Canadian ration scale.

THREE NEW DIVORCE CASES.

Fredericton, Jan. 27.—For the divorce court to sit tomorrow, three new cases have been entered—Ernestine Mignault vs. Charles Mignault, Grand Falls; Seymour Moore vs. May Hattie Moore, St. John case, the plaintiff a returned soldier; and Wm. P. Lawton vs. Rita Lawton.

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REV. B. H. NOBLES TO LEAVE FOR SAN ANTONIO

Rev. B. H. Nobles, formerly pastor of the Victoria street Baptist church, is to leave this evening for San Antonio, accompanied by his son, Claude, who was employed with the Ford motor office staff. In all probability Rev. Mr. Nobles will remain there and his wife will join him later. Rev. Mr. Nobles has resided in this city for more than fifteen years and won a host of friends who will regret to learn of his departure. On Saturday evening he was pleasantly surprised when Mayor Hayes called at his home and on behalf of friends presented to him a purse accompanied by a neat address of regret at his departure and best wishes for success in his new field.

THE ROTARY CLUB.

The dining hall at Bond's echoed with choruses today, for the Rotarians had their song books, and with Dr. Barton at the piano and R. S. Ritchie as leader they practised songs with which Halifax is to be charmed on Wednesday and Thursday.

District Governor Wigmore presided. Major Fred J. Smith, who was superior of the Canadian Y. M. C. A. in England, gave a very stirring address on the relation of physical culture and play to the splendid fighting quality of the Canadian soldiers. Several guests were welcomed by the chairman. It is expected over thirty members will go to the Halifax conference, leaving tomorrow night.

NICELY WELCOMED.

At the Red Triangle Club on Saturday night about fifty Newfoundland naval ratings were entertained by the regular patrons. The ladies of St. David's church were assisted in serving by Mrs. Crockett and other members of the King's Daughters' Guild. Mayor Hayes extended a welcome to the returning heroes, and members of Bessmouth street church choir led in a song.

A pleasing duet was sung by Miss Myles and Mr. Stilwell and the former also nicely sang a solo. Addresses were given by Lieutenant Dawson, who has only recently returned from overseas, by his father, Rev. G. F. Dawson, and Rev. Dr. Stewart.

VERY BADLY INJURED.

J. Leo McGuire, son of Mr. and Mrs. John McGuire of Golden Grove, was seriously injured yesterday while at work on the steamer Methven, lying at Sand Point. It is said that he was caught between two parts of a staging being moved from one hatch to another. He suffered a fracture of the base of the skull. At the infirmary his condition was reported today as being critical but with little hope for his recovery. Mr. McGuire has a large number of acquaintances in the city who learned with regret of the sad accident.

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HOME FROM WAR

Lieut. Ralph McInerney Arrived in St. John and Went to Fredericton

Lieut. Ralph McInerney of Chatham, brother of H. O. McInerney of the city, judge of probate, arrived in the city yesterday from overseas and proceeded to Fredericton this morning for discharge.

Lieutenant McInerney went overseas with the 104th Battalion and later transferred to the Royal Flying Corps, of which he is at present a member. His many friends will be pleased to know that he has arrived safely back in Canada.

London, Jan. 27.—Allied forces on the front south of Arras, mainly American and Russian troops, have evacuated the town of Stenbury under Bolshevik pressure, and withdrawn to a shorter line north of the town.

CONDENSED NEWS

Vice is rampant in Quebec City, said Judge Choquette in the police court here today. He criticized the dancing places.

A Quebec despatch says that hereafter absentees under the M. S. A. will be tried in the civil courts, instead of by court martial.

The British grand fleet is being dispersed. There will likely be a Biscay match next July.

The Olympic left Halifax today with a very large number of passengers.

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A MONOPOLY UNDER GOVERNMENT SUPERVISION

Ogden Armour's Plan for Meat Industry in United States

Washington, Jan. 27.—Ogden Armour on Saturday suggested a monopoly under government supervision of the entire meat industry of the country as a means for saving the consumer.

Before the senate agricultural committee he declared that by this plan millions of dollars could be saved, which would help increase the profits of producers of livestock and at the same time save the cost of meat to consumers.

The necessity for close government supervision was emphasized, however, by Mr. Armour in connection with his proposal.

Statement by Hoover.

Herbert Hoover, director general of the International Relief organization, gave out a statement yesterday, in which he says:

"The dominating food problem in the United States at this moment is a very much bigger problem than the Chicago problem. It is a problem of the American farmer."

"If the packers' profit of two or three per cent on his business is too high, it is the duty of congress to tax it out of him. If the farmer's prices threaten to be below the cost of production, it behooves the country to do some quick, clear thinking."

"The perplexities arising out of inability to demobilize totally the food situation of the world in the period between the armistice and peace make the farmers' position in the matter of much more immediate concern than the future of the Chicago packers."

"Taking it broadly, before the European war began we exported about five million tons of food a year. This year we are prepared to export at the rate of from fifteen to twenty millions of tons. The increase represents the patriotic service of the American farmer, pacific of the American people, and the American under the stimulation of the plea from the Allied governments for free marketing of surplus foods, except in enemy territory, thus re-establishing the law of supply and demand."

"Practically all returns on American food supplies their very lives would be menaced."

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