

GOOD THINGS COMING TO THEATRES OF ST. JOHN.

VERA GORDON AT THE IMPERIAL NOW

Star of "Humoresque" in Her Latest Mother-Triumph, "The Greatest Love."

One of the most marked successes in pictures presented by Imperial Theatre this season was "Humoresque" in which the Yiddish actress Vera Gordon became famous, her delineation of the mother role establishing her at once as the greatest mother on the screen. Today and tomorrow the Imperial duplicates, if not outdoes "Humoresque" with the Lewis J. Selznick household drama "The Greatest Love."

It is no trade that the story most enjoyed by the average patron of the sweet home-love element—mothers, fathers, little children and ideals of the home, no matter how humble it may be. The Imperial does its best to secure as many of these as possible and in screening "The Greatest Love" today it is felt that no better "home" play could be made.

Vera Gordon will entwine herself around the hearts of everybody as the Italian mother in today's feature. She is a model mother herself in private life and unlike many actresses boasts of her own children. She knows all the complements of housekeeping, too, as the picture shows and with a wonderfully capable supporting cast gives an enthralling performance.

"The Greatest Love," while a superlative of unusual merit, will be shown at the Imperial's usual scale of prices, but intending patrons are admonished to be early in securing seats.

BRIGHT AND ATTRACTIVE ACTS

Week-End Bill at the Opera House Again This Evening Includes Special Picture Feature—Great Mystery Act Here Tomorrow.

The week-end programme at the Opera House will continue this evening. The acts have been thoroughly enjoyed and there is no doubt many will avail themselves of the last opportunity to see these bright vaudeville offerings, which will be as follows:—Una Clayton and Herbert L. Griffin, in an original comedy playlet "Keep Smiling," Evans and Miller, in a comedy, blackface novelty, "The Dance Floor," Flettow Bros., in a comedy, acrobatic and equilibristic offering; Hal and Francis, in a comedy singing and novelty skit "Town and Country," and a comedy, "The De Beers" who are offering a dainty revue of vocal and dancing gems; also another episode of the popular serial drama "Bride 13."

Another feature tonight will be the showing of the British Canadian News, showing an excellent picture of the late Cardinal Gibbons; the launching of the "Bluenose" at Lunenburg, and other subjects of local interest.

The new programme for tomorrow will have Adelaide Herman, widow of the famous "Herman the Great," offering a new series of mystery problems and magical surprises with her original and spectacular illusions, "Joss of Ark" and "Noah's Ark." She is assisted by Mlle. Marie, Sepa Stephani and John Ketcham. Her husband was the most famous magician of modern times. He travelled all over the world and even mystified some of the great Hindoo magicians. This act was booked here at great expense and is one of the most sensational of the season working in vaudeville.

In addition to this feature there will be Kelly and Drake, in comedy songs and snappy dancing; Mlle. Weida, in a sensational aerial and rope act; Bob Yenney and Freda Short, in a riotous comedy musical novelty; Billy Duval and Bee Little, in an original comedy skit, "Their First Quarrel," episode of serial drama "Fighting Fate," featuring William Duncan.

"DINTY" OPENS AT UNIQUE TODAY

Starting today, and all week, Marshall Neilan's most successful feature, "Dinty," with Wesley Barry in the title role, will be the attraction at the Unique. "Dinty" has been a spectacular success in the United States and Upper Canadian

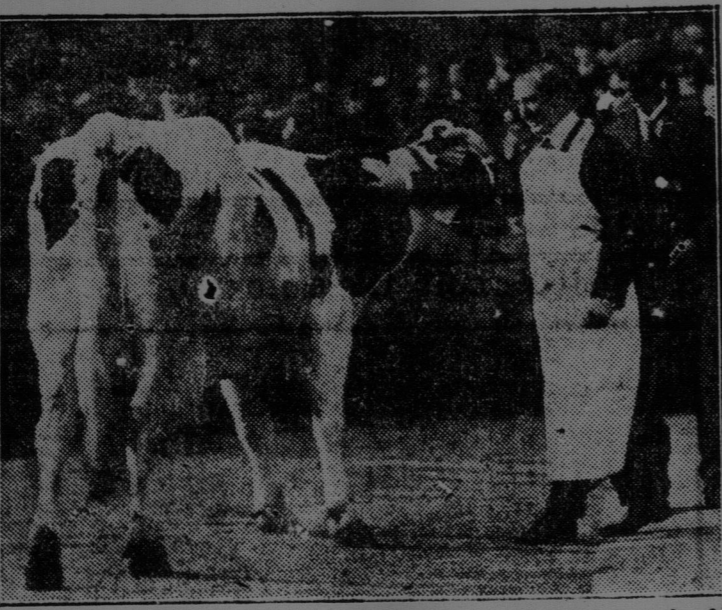
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Hon. Manning Doberty, Minister of Agriculture for Ontario, formerly of St. John, about to milk a cow in front of the Parliament Buildings in connection with a "Drink More Milk" campaign, held in Toronto this week. The cow-milking exhibition attracted considerable attention.

Chies, but this is the first showing in the maritime provinces, where it will doubtless duplicate its big city triumph. Everyone should see "Dinty."

NOT MUCH FLURRY OVER SUSPENSION OF CUBAN BANK

Low Price of Sugar and Practical Paralysis of Tobacco Industry.

Havana, April 11—Suspension of payments by the Banco Nacional de Cuba on Saturday apparently has not created much of a flurry in Cuba, as it was not altogether unexpected. Efforts are expected to commence immediately to reorganize the bank on a sound financial basis. No statement of the actual financial status of the bank has yet been given out.

While the low price of sugar continues adversely to effect conditions generally in Cuba, and the situation is made worse through the practical paralysis of the tobacco industry through foreign countries having placed heavy tariff duties on cigars and tobacco, no real uncertainty seems evident here as regards the country's financial future.

WASHINGTON TO TALK TONIGHT WITH HAVANA

Presidents to Exchange Greetings By Way of New Submarine Phone Cable.

New York, April 11—The first submarine telephone cable to link the U. S. with Cuba will be formally opened tonight when President Harding will talk from Washington to President Menocal, in Havana.

The new system has been installed by the Cuban-American Telephone and Telegraph Company to connect the systems of the Cuban Telephone Co. and the American Telephone and Telegraph Company.

MONTREAL BOY SHOT.

Montreal, April 11—Shot in the groin by a stray bullet fired by Armand Lozeau, 21, Paul Morency, 14, was taken to the Notre Dame Hospital yesterday, and is in a critical condition. Morency was seen sawing on a log and was being hoisted into the air just as Lozeau, who was unaware of his presence, fired.



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who committed suicide by shooting himself in Berlin in 1920. She was never informed, it is said, that Joachim had taken his own life. Another depressing event which haunted her, was the Russian revolution and the fate that befell Emperor Nicholas and his family with all of whom, before the war, she had been on the kindest terms.

Augusta Victoria was notable chiefly for her keen interest in charitable work and in the betterment of the living conditions of the German poor. It has been said of her that she was not an especially gifted woman and that she cared more for the simple duties of home life than for royal functions.

It is not known that she exercised any considerable influence politically or that she desired to do so. Her talents seemed, instead, to be directed to the task of becoming a helpful wife and a devoted mother to her six sons and one daughter. That she achieved this aim, the former Emperor attested frequently. He once described her as "the ideal of the virtues of a German princess."

"She it is," he declared, "to whom I owe that I am able to bear the weighty responsibilities of my position in a joyful spirit."

Concerning the attitude of the former Empress toward the war little is known. Some indication of her point of view was given in her reply in July, 1918, to a letter written by the wife of the Dutch Minister of War. In responding, the then Empress declared that Germany repeatedly had manifested her readiness for peace which, she declared, had not been entertained by the opposing powers.

That she subscribed to the contention of military leaders that Germany was fighting a defensive war, was shown by a statement she issued at the beginning of the great conflict in which she said that Germany was arming itself for a fight "which it did not cause or begin and which it is carrying on only to defend itself." In this appeal she asked German women to aid in caring for the German wounded.

WILL ARBITRATE STREET RY. WAGES IN CLEVELAND

Cleveland, April 11—Representatives of the street car men's union last night agreed to arbitrate their differences with the Cleveland Railway Company over the wage agreement, which will expire on May 1. The company demands a twenty per cent wage reduction and abolition of the closed shop and of extra pay concessions.

FORMER EMPRESS OF GERMANY DIED THIS MORNING

(Continued from page 1) Attacks of her malady recurred at frequent intervals, each sapping her vitality and nullifying the measures taken by specialists to restore her health. When her son, former Prince Joachim, committed suicide in Berlin in last July, she was in such serious condition that the news of his death was kept from her. Late last autumn the former Empress' condition gradually became worse, and she was called to Doorn, but her strength was such that she rallied bravely when the end was believed imminent. Since the first of this year, it had been known that she was gradually sinking.

Former Emperor William and Prince Adalbert were at the bedside when the former Empress died. They had been called by Dr. Haesner, who attended the former Empress throughout her residence in Holland.

London, April 11—Funeral services over the body of the late former Empress Augusta Victoria of Germany will be held at the house of Doorn tomorrow, and will be attended only by members of her family, says an Amsterdam despatch to the Central News. The body will be taken to Potsdam on Wednesday and another funeral service will be held there.

Collapses of the Central Powers and the vicissitudes of war that drove former Emperor William of Germany and his consort into practical exile in Holland in November, 1918, was the lowering of the curtain in the life of the once beautiful Empress and Queen of Prussia, Augusta Victoria who, for nearly forty years, had been the most beloved and trusted of the German people. In the Netherlands, where she and her husband resided first at Amerongen and then at Doorn, the former Kaiser's long continued illness was made more grave by her yearning to return to Berlin and Potsdam. On several occasions, since her residence in Holland, members of her family have been summoned to her bedside in anticipation of her death, but she rallied and survived.

The Empress' gravest cloud, next to the abdication of William II, was the tragic death of her son, Prince Joachim,

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in 1918. For more than twelve years she was a semi-invalid. Her sympathy with the underpaid workers of Germany was disclosed on a visit which she paid some years ago to an exhibition of home industries in Berlin where it was stated that she was deeply moved by the evidence she saw there of the fact that many German workers earned only starvation wages. "What can be done to stop this misery," she inquired. Her tenderness as a mother was revealed during the illness of her second son, former Prince Eitel, whom she attended day and night. Arriving at the house where he was under physicians' care at 6 a. m. one morning she refused to rouse any one for fear of disturbing him and, with her maid, walked up and down for an hour in the wintry morning until the doors were opened by the servants. One of the stories told of her is that she enjoyed visiting schools in country districts, selecting one of the pupils and promising the child to fulfill any wish the child might express. A disconcerting instance happened when she did this in Alsace where the schools were being Germanized and the French language suppressed. A little girl, receiving the promise of the Empress to grant her wish, asked that her schoolmates be allowed to study the French language. The Empress was taken aback but French lessons were given in that school afterward. Born October 22, 1833, at Doldig, Augusta Victoria was the oldest daughter of Grand Duke Frederick of Schleswig-Holstein-Sonderburg-Agustenborg, and ranked as a princess of Schleswig-Holstein. Her early childhood was spent at Kiel. She married the then Prince William of Prussia on February 27, 1881. They had six sons and one daughter. Don't miss the spring sale at Brazer's Union street. See large ad. page 3. 6-14



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