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Photoplay News

PATRICIA.

"THE BIRTH OF A NATION."

D. W. Griffith's magnificent historical spectacle, "The Birth of a Nation" will come to the Patricia all next week. The Birth of a Nation is one of the most widely discussed topics in the country. It established an absolutely new art in the realm of the theatre—the art of pantomimic screen spectacle with music. It also created a tremendous sensation because of its vaster and more forcible treatment of the same theme as Thomas Dixon's "The Clansman." The consequences of the Civil War in Southern reconstruction are fully dealt with, and the nation reborn is apotheosized. Mr. Griffith, pioneer among directors, managed the stupendous achievement without the aid of dialogue or speech, for motion pictures, accompanying music and effects tell the coherent, logical and moving story.

Theda Bara Differs With Professor Chas. G. Shaw—Cites Unselfish Deeds of Women in All Lines of Endeavor.

The assertion made by Charles Gray Shaw, professor of philosophy of the New York University, that "a woman could never be a friend, that she is never an individual, always a satellite," has aroused widespread discussion as to the truth of the learned professor's deductions.

Theda Bara, who has appeared for William Fox in many productions as a "vampire" or a woman with human attributes, has seen fit to answer Professor Shaw in his broad declaration.

"From time immemorial, history will show that woman can be a friend," said Miss Bara, "a friend to the very last. Of course, there are instances where women are friends for selfish motives, but ALL women should not be condemned for the transgressions of a few. The world today is filled with women who would sacrifice everything to keep a true, loving friendship with either their own or opposite sex."

Says Women Are Unselfish.

"Professor Shaw says, 'woman is never a friend because she is never an individual, and to be an individual, she must stand alone.' Evidently Professor Shaw has not been following the progress of individual women. Women have labored, and are laboring unselfishly for great causes, and their very make-up does not require them to be a satellite 'revolving around some centre, but not organized so as to stand alone.'"

"In my portrayal of various heroines and adventuresses during my screen career with William Fox, I have tried

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to depict both sides of women—the selfish, cruel, mean woman, who cares not for anyone but herself, like the part I portray in "The Tiger Woman," and the sweet, lovable character of Juliet, in "Romeo and Juliet."

Theda Bara will be seen in "The Tiger Woman" at the Patricia, Thursday, Friday and Saturday.

UNIQUE.
The fifth episode of the romantic Vitaphone serial by Louis Joseph Vance "The Secret Kingdom," and which is entitled "Carriage Call 301," is the attraction at the Unique Theatre on Wednesday and Thursday. It tells how in the meantime Simond had dispatched Count Ramon, his rascally prime minister, to aid Savatz in her attempts against Philip.

MAJESTIC.
"Paying the Price," a story of naval life in Washington as well as on several United States torpedo boats, including the "Wadsworth" is the film

extraordinary at the Majestic Theatre today and Thursday. In this picture Gail Kane, who made such an enviable record as the star in the Broadway productions of George M. Cohan's "Seven Keys to Baldpate" and "The Miracle Man," will have the leading role. This picture was made in co-operation with the United States Government, a special order being received from Secretary of the Navy Josephus Daniels allowing the members of the World Film Company to take scenes aboard the United States torpedo boat destroyer "Wadsworth," from which several torpedoes were fired, and two exploded to give the picture the realistic atmosphere required for the proper interpretation of its plot. Each torpedo costs over \$4,000 giving an idea of the amount of money spent for realistic efforts in making this five-reel feature.

LOTS OF COMEDY IN PROGRAM AT FAIR THIS YEAR

The attraction program at the Western Fair this year promises to be of unusual interest. There will be plenty of comedy and Oscar V. Babcock in his daring act of looping the loop will provide something sensational and thrilling that will be remembered. The Jive-entle Pipe Band will be in attendance daily while other bands, some of the best procurable from outside the city, will be in attendance each day. A fireworks program of the very best will be given each night. In addition to all the above the military authorities have kindly consented to assist in the program, commencing Monday evening, when the famous Musical Ride will be out on the parade ground. Between five and seven o'clock there will be a part in these manoeuvres each performance.

Arrangements are being made to park as many automobiles as possible on the grounds, the public delivery rigs will be fifty cents for machine and driver and twenty-five cents for each additional occupant. All delivery rigs will enter the grounds by the Campbell street gate leaving King street gate for autos and exhibitors. For information apply to the general offices at the grounds or phone 732 or 355.

WANT EVERY CHILD TO VISIT THE FAIR

Thursday and Friday of Fair Week will be holidays for the pupils in the public and high schools of London. It was decided at a meeting of the board of education Tuesday afternoon, 4 if possible arrangements will be made to obtain a special rate of admission on Friday so that every child in the city will have an opportunity of seeing the exhibition and will not be barred by the cost of admission.

CARD OF THANKS.

Mrs. Wm. Westhead and son wish to thank their many friends for kind wishes during their recent sad bereavement. And to acknowledge gratefully the following floral gifts: flowers, wreath, sisters; pillow, brothers; wreath, Mr. and Mrs. Player; spray, Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Wheeler; spray, Mr. and Mrs. D. Bourne; spray, Mr. and Mrs. F. Deely Sen.; spray, Mr. and Mrs. Neary and daughter, Toronto; spray, Mr. and Mrs. Collins; spray, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Clark, Toronto; spray, Mr. and Mrs. J. Johnson and family; spray, Mr. and Mrs. Dill Corstine; spray, Mr. and Mrs. Pergus; basket, hollermakers of the Imperial Oil Company; Sarnia; wreath, O. F. Sarnia; wreath, Metal Polishers; wreath, 25; wreath, S. D. McLeod; employees; spray, Ladies' Aid Maitland Street Church; spray, Mrs. A. Tambling; spray, Mrs. Chalmers; spray, Mr. and Mrs. G. Whelan; spray, Mr. and Mrs. D. Deely Jun.; wreath, Geo. White & Sons.

CHEAPER BREAD IS COMING SHORTLY, IS OPINION OF BAKERS

Expect the Government to Standardize Price of Flour Very Soon.

Local bakers, interviewed regarding the expected move of the Government to fix the price of flour, stated that such action would assuredly take place in due time. It will be acceptable to them and the public, they say, provided the food controller gives sufficient time before introducing such an act for the bakers to sell their present stock of flour.

That London will have cheaper bread within a week or so, was the unanimous opinion of local bakers. They stated that they expected the grain commission to follow the lead of the United States officials in determining a fixed price for wheat and flour.

That some loss would be suffered were the Government to suddenly announce the move, and as suddenly put it into effect, was the opinion of a representative of the Doan Baking Company. John Bridge, manager of the Doan Baking Company, stated that he would consider it very unfair of the Government to suddenly make such a move without previously giving the bakers a chance to get rid of their flour.

"The present price of flour is \$13 to \$14 in bags," he said. "This means that if the price were fixed at, say, \$10, the price of bread would decrease 1 cent per loaf, which would bring it down to 10 cents a loaf. I confidently expect the food controller to set a price for wheat, but I am not so sure about flour."

"Would you forecast the new price of bread?" he was asked.

"No. That at present would be extremely difficult," said Mr. Bridge. "The action of the United States food controller, however, may throw some light on the question. He fixed the price of wheat at \$2.20 and on that basis he estimated that flour should retail to the consumer in places like New York at \$11.75 to \$12.75 a barrel. If the Canadian food controller were to follow the American move proportionately, bread would sell in the city as low as 9c to 10c a loaf."

RECTOR'S SON WAS GIVEN WRIST WATCH

Ted Norwood, son of Rev. R. W. Norwood, last night at a banquet held in his honor by the Senior Boys' Class of the Crown Memorial Church. The presentation was made on behalf of the officers and class by Cecil Mitchell. The gathering was largely attended as the parents of the boys had been invited to attend. The program included a song by Miss Wright, a toast to "The Senior Boys' Class" responded to by Warden Delaney and Ed Gibson, Sunday school superintendent, song by Noah Pettit, toast "The Senior Boys' Class" replied to by Thos. Clift and H. E. Simpson, song by Miss Elsie Smith, toast "The Rector" responded to by Rev. R. W. Norwood and a song by A. H. Wheatcroft. Mr. Norwood and family leave shortly for Philadelphia.

FAMOUS VIOLINIST COMING.
Miss Isoldi Meneses, famous violinist, will give a series of recitals in the Masonic Hall, commencing September 26, under the auspices of the Great War Veterans Association. The musical festival will continue for four days.

CARD OF THANKS.
Francis E. Nichol of Wilton Grove wishes to thank all those who supported him in the Advertiser contest, just closed.

London Advertiser at Port Stanley

Owing to the close of the season at Port Stanley The Advertiser delivery has been discontinued. The paper will be for sale on the streets, and at news-stands.

PORT STANLEY

PORT STANLEY, Sept. 4.—The Misses Velma Watson, Edith Stewart and Mary Holmes spent the week-end at T. Morgan's.

Mrs. Peary and children of London, who have been visiting Mrs. Wiley, have returned.

Mr. and Mrs. Lamont of London spent the week-end at J. Sharpe's.

Miss Gladys Shepard, who spent the summer with her mother here, has accepted a position as teacher in the high school at Tillamook.

Rev. S. H. and Mrs. Eastman are leaving shortly for a two weeks' holiday.

Dr. and Mrs. Ward of London spent the week-end at T. Morgan's.

Mrs. N. McDougall has returned to her home in Godrich after visiting her brothers, Thomas and Fred Morgan. Mr. Bartholomew of Wallacburg has accepted the position of agent with the

Max Sharpe has returned after visiting his grandparents at Lakeview.

Miss and Virtue Morgan have returned from visiting friends in London.

The Misses Elsie Kindra and Isobel Reimer have returned to Hamilton, after spending the week-end with Mrs. Clayton Martin.

The families of Fred and Thomas Morgan have left to spend a week camping at Port Burwell.

Mrs. Wm. King and Miss Hattie Storey are returning to their home in Avon after spending a week with Mrs. George Gardiner.

Mr. and Mrs. George Taylor of Detroit, Mr. and Mrs. Oliver Cromwell of London, and Mr. and Mrs. Harold Cromwell of St. Thomas spent the holiday with C. A. and Mrs. Cromwell.

The Misses Mabel D. of Erieau, which has been in Cleveland undergoing repairs for several weeks, arrived here on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Ellison, who spent the past two weeks here, have returned to their home in London.

Mrs. Anderson of St. Thomas spent Labor Day with Mrs. Mary Goodhue.

Miss Alma Price spent the week-end with her sister, Mrs. McCracken, at Blenheim.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Chambers and Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Chambers of Detroit are visiting at the home of their grandmother, Mrs. Hepburn.

EXTRA TRAINS CANADIAN NATIONAL EXHIBITION.
The Grand Trunk Railway system will, in addition to their regular trains, operate extra trains as follows:
Leave London at 8:30 a.m., September 3, 4 and 5, stopping at Ingersoll, Woodstock, Paris and Brantford, arriving Exhibition Grounds, Toronto, 11:25 a.m., Union Station.
Leaving Toronto at 4:30 p.m., Exhibition Grounds 4:35 p.m., Sunnyside 4:40 p.m., September 3 and 4, for Brantford, Paris, Woodstock, Ingersoll and London.
Leaving Exhibition Grounds 10:45 p.m., Sunnyside 10:50 p.m., September 4 and 5, for Port Credit, Oakville, Hamilton, Ingersoll and London.
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PREPARING TO START CAMPAIGN TO BUILD RETURNED MEN'S HOME

The executive and members of the Great War Veterans' Association are making extensive preparations for a campaign soon to be launched to raise funds for the erection of a permanent home for the returned soldiers of the city, and although no subscriptions have been solicited as yet, it is likely that a definite canvass will be launched in the course of a week or two.

In the meantime plans are being prepared by Watt & Blackwell, and when these have been published, so that the public will be able to get some idea of what sort of building the association intends to erect, the work of the campaign will be put in full swing. Officers of the association today stated that they expected to be ready in about two weeks.

YOUNG SOLDIER IS A REAL MAGician

A good crowd witnessed a clever sleight-of-hand performance by Thomas R. Murray at the opening meeting of the Men's Club at the Church of St. John the Evangelist last night.

Mr. Murray, who recently returned from the front, explained that he had the Pyramids of Egypt, and admitted that he was Thurston's only rival, and proceeded to demonstrate that his statement was true by holding the attention of the audience with a variety of tricks throughout the evening.

Not contented with drawing a variety of animals from hats and boxes, he drew money from the air, broke a seemingly unbreakable lock, and produced numerous cigarettes, cigars, flags and other articles from the atmosphere.

The Selby Young Orchestra provided a splendid program during the evening. In the absence of the president of the club, Canon Craig, was chairman. Songs were contributed by Mrs. John McMillan, Miss Lillian Woolley, Miss Dora Simcox and Miss Florence Thorne, members of the choir. Clarence E. Gilmore, organist of the church, acted as accompanist.

NO BAIL ALLOWED FOR MONTREAL DYNAMITARD

Montreal, Sept. 4.—Elias Lalumiere, the first of the gang arrested in connection with the dynamiting of Lord Athol's summer residence at Cartierville, appeared before Judge St. Cyr this afternoon, when an application for bail was refused, the judge remarking that one of the charges, attempted murder, involved a penalty of life imprisonment. The accused will come before the magistrate on Friday for the preliminary hearing.

WINNIPEG ST. RAILWAY SHOWS FIRST DEFICIT

Winnipeg, Sept. 5.—For the first time in the history of the corporation, the Winnipeg electric railway yesterday submitted a monthly statement, showing a deficit. It amounted to \$29,979.29. Gross earnings for July were \$32,737. The net earnings, after deducting operating expenses was cut to \$1,845.5, and the deficit, less fixed charges, was \$29,979.29.

C. N. R. EARNINGS.
Toronto, Sept. 5.—Canadian Northern Railway gross earnings for the week ended August 31, 1917, \$1,134,400, corresponding period last year, \$1,143,100; increase, \$5,300. From July 1 to date, \$7,250,100; corresponding period last year, \$7,519,100; decrease, \$269,000.



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