

GOOD THINGS COMING TO THEATRES OF ST. JOHN

LOIS WEBER'S GREAT "DISCOVERY"

Mary MacLaren who is the star in "Shoes," the intensely vital Bluebird photoplay to be exhibited at the Empire Theatre on Monday and Tuesday, is one of the few "genius finds" that reach sudden fame upon the screen by strange whims of fortune.

Lois Weber, who prepared the scenario of "Shoes" from the story by Stella Wynne Herron, published in Collier's, discovered Miss MacLaren and gave her a "bit" in "Where Are My Children?" When Miss Weber approached her work of producing "Shoes" Miss MacLaren so perfectly fitted the role that the part, in fact, had been written with the frail and demure girl in mind.

"Shoes" depicts with gripping intensity three vital weeks in the life of a shop-girl—the half-slave, underpaid pawn of commerce. At home her mother takes in washing to support two smaller children—and a lady, good for nothing, novel reading, "can rushing" father; a male too lazy to even look for work in the mortal dread that he might find it.

When she comes home with the shoes on her feet, her mother follows the downcast eyes of her oldest child to where their steady gaze falls pitifully upon the new shoes—and then the girl throws herself into her mother's lap.

"THE SEQUEL TO THE DIAMOND FROM THE SKY," A PICTURE OF REAL INTEREST

Thousands of St. John movie fans have been waiting for the sequel to the famous serial—"The Diamond from the Sky"—and now it is announced that during the first week in January the first chapter of the \$10,000 sequel will be shown for the first time in St. John at the Star Theatre, North End.

"ROMEO AND JULIET" A DREAM COME TRUE

It is generally the greatest ambition of every real actor and actress to essay the roles of Romeo and Juliet at least once in their career, and Francis X. Bushman and Beverly Bayne, the foremost stellar combination that ever appeared in the silent drama, are no exceptions to this rule.

PERSONALS

The condition of Frank C. Smith in the St. John Infirmary remains about the same, with perhaps a little improvement.

NOTICES OF BIRTHS, MARRIAGES AND DEATHS

DEATHS

ANDERSON—On December 9, at his mother's residence, 292 Millidge avenue, Peter W. Anderson, aged thirty-one years. He leaves to mourn, wife, two small children, mother and four sisters. Funeral will take place on Tuesday, December 12, at 2:30 p. m. to Cedar Hill.

WAZNER—In Dorchester, Mass., on Dec. 6, Abbie Gough, wife of George C. Wauzer, twenty-six years.

IN MEMORIAM

HEENAN—In loving memory of Harry F. Heenan, who died December 9th, 1909.

Rubber Clothing For All The Family. Boys' Black Rubber Coats—4 years to 16 years, \$3.25 and \$4.00. Girls' Black Rubber Coats—4 years to 16 years, \$3.25 to \$5.00. Ladies' Black Rubber Coats, \$4.50. Men's Black Rubber Coats, \$4.50, \$5.00, \$5.50, \$6.00 to \$8.00. Men's Slip-on Raincoats, \$6.50 to \$16.00. Double the Wear in Every Pair" Rubber Footwear. ESTEY & CO., 49 Dock St. RUBBER GOODS OF ALL KINDS.

LOCAL NEWS

Xmas. novelties, silk and crepe waists, neckwear, houndie caps, etc., beautifully boxed.—Manson's, 31 Charlotte street. Open evenings. 8-11.

Christmas, 1916, Duval's, Wakeford. You know! 12-16

Jones Electric Co. will be open this evening, 5 Colburn street.

Photographs—up to the minute in style and quality—\$2.00 to \$15 dozen.—Lugin Studio, 38 Charlotte street.

Christmas shoppers. Buy all you want at money saving prices at Bassett's. Monday, Reliable Sale, 14-16-18 Charlotte street.

Come to the band supper in Zion church Tuesday evening, Dec. 12, 12-12.

Hurry along. Only a few days left to sit for those Christmas photos.—The Conlon Studio, 101 King.

MEN'S WORKING SHIRTS. In grey and blue flannel and many other styles. Price 50c. to \$2.00.—King the Hatter, Union street.

A NEW WATCHMAN. He bought his watch from Poyas & Co., King Square (near Imperial Theatre), and was satisfied in quality and price. 8-11

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CHARLOTTE ST. CHURCH. Charlotte street United Baptist church, 11 a. m., Rev. D. J. MacPherson; 7 p. m., the pastor will speak on "The Billy Sunday Campaign."

GIFT GOODS AT AMPUR'S. Ties, handkerchiefs, scarves, fancy aprons, gloves, silk waists, in a great variety to suit all tastes and all purses. Let our clerks help you choose your gifts, 239 King street, West. 12-11

USEFUL AND SUITABLE. Your wife needs a new suit, she needs a new coat—why not make a present of one or both this Christmas? The best ladies' tailor in St. John is John Glick, 108 King street. Prices reasonable. 12-12

SPECIALS FOR SATURDAY AND MONDAY. Roast beef, 12c. lb.; corned beef, 9c. lb.; fresh pork, 20c. lb.; mutton chops, 18c. lb.; steak, 20c. and 22c. lb.—Doyle's Cash Market, 153 and 269 Brussels street.—Phone 381-1. 12-12

Bargains for everyone at Bassett's. Monday, Reliable Sale, 14-16-18 Charlotte street.

TEMPERANCE HALL. Come and hear A. H. Stuart preach the gospel in Temperance Hall, St. James street, between Sydney and Carmarthen, tonight and Friday at 8 o'clock. Sunday night at 8.15. Everybody welcome. No collections. 12-11

IT'S OIL NOW. Oil has advanced twice this week. We are still selling five gallons for 90c. New raisins, two pounds for 25c.; Cal. Currants, 18c.; mixed pec, 27c.; 2 bottles extract, 25c.; choice Delaware potatoes, 85c. peck. Orders delivered to city and East St. John.—J. A. Lipsett, "The Blue Store," corner Brussels and Exmouth streets. 12-11

Special sale of men's pants tonight from 7 to 11—At Corbin's, 194 Union street.

Have your picture copied on a brooch or pillow top at the St. John Picture Store, corner Brussels and Exmouth. T. F.

"NEW TWO FLAT HOUSE FOR SALE." Strictly first class. Present rentals well in excess of monthly payment plan. Built before all materials advanced. An excellent house bargain.—Fenton Land and Building Company, office Robinson Building. 12-9-1916

A TRAGEDY IN 4 PARTS. Part 1—A pint of milk in an uncovered picher on your doorstep. Part 2—A germ invisible to the naked eye seeking shelter. Germ drops gently into the inviting picher. Part 3—A quivering eye-lid—A little soul starts its flight to heaven. Part 4—A little child's grave in the cemetery. Why not safeguard against this common occurrence by buying our pure, fresh milk in sealed bottles—Lancaster Dairy Farm, Phone West 418.

SENDING MONEY TO SOLDIERS. At Christmas time last year the Canadian Bank of Commerce obtained a supply of new five franc notes, about ninety cents each, so that friends of our soldier boys in France might enclose them in a letter. Difficulty is experienced in cashing large bills, but the five franc note has been found to be popular near the front for the purchase of small supplies. The same arrangements has been made this year and these notes can be obtained at any branch of the Canadian Bank of Commerce in Canada.

PATRIOTIC CAUSES

The Grand Fleet. Lady Gwendolen Guinness who will visit John with her husband, capt. the Hon. Rupert Guinness, next week, will address a meeting of the Women's Canadian Club on Saturday evening on "The Grand Fleet."

Sailors' Relief Fund. All friends still holding collecting cards for the British Sailors' Relief Fund are asked to hand them in during the coming week, either at the Canadian Bank of Commerce, King street, or to Mrs. L. P. D. Tilley, at the Women's Canadian Club on Saturday evening on "The Grand Fleet."

Around the World Drawing. On next Monday night the drawing for the free trip round the world or \$600 in gold will take place in the Imperial Theatre. This great prize, along with fifty-three others is being given away by the City Council, and the net proceeds are to be donated to the Patriotic Fund. In a similar drawing held by the bank it was quite noticeable that all the large prizes were won by citizens of St. John. Any one of the ninety-four prizes would make an excellent Christmas present for the winner. As the date of the drawing is so near, persons who have not purchased tickets would do well to obtain one or more as there are still some left.

Rivers Defeated. Milwaukee, Wis., Dec. 9.—Richie Mitchell, a Milwaukee lightweight, defeated Joe Rivers of California in a ten round bout last night. Rivers was floored for a count of six in the fourth round.

WOMEN WITH WEAKNESS FIND NEW STRENGTH. For all special weakness from which girls and women suffer, no surer remedy exists than Dr. Hamilton's Pills; they maintain the bracing health every woman so earnestly desires, they uproot disease and bring strength that lasts till old age. The blood is richly nourished by Dr. Hamilton's Pills. Appetite increases, weakness and secret ills give way to surplus energy and reserve vigor. No pale girl, no ailing woman can afford to miss the enormous good that comes from Dr. Hamilton's Pills; get a 25c. box today.

Mr. and Mrs. Hiram Humphrey, of Macdonald's (St. B.), announced the engagement of their niece, Anna Lilian Macdonald, to Harry Clair Mott, of St. John, N. B. The marriage is to take place December 25, 1916.

Those who make their Christmas purchases this season early, will certainly make no mistake, as the range of first quality imported goods are more limited than other seasons. Particularly does this apply to

PARISIAN IVORY. The genuine, which has been difficult to obtain, and possibly next season may be off the market if war continues.

THE ROYAL PHARMACY. 47 King Street. ESTABLISHED 1894

EYE STRAIN. is not a disease, but an overworked condition of the eyes.

There is an instinctive desire to close and compress the lids.

In reading and near work the eyes feel fatigued and the letters become blurred and seem to run together.

The symptoms of eye-strain should be heeded.

D. BOYANER. TWO STORES: 38 Dock Street, 351 Charlotte Street.

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RINGS, BROOCHES, LaVALLIERES-- This is a Jewellery Christmas

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Who'd be a Scrooge? You wouldn't intentionally. But you might be one and not even know it. Supposing that you were to die before another Christmas came around, would your kiddies' stockings be as well filled next year? Or might they not lack even some of the necessities of life? Among other gifts this Christmas why not present your wife with an Imperial Home Protection policy. That would be a most practical gift; based on generosity and kindness; banishing worry, anxiety and care; making Christmas all the happier and the New Year all the more hopeful for yourself and loved ones, in the knowledge that, come what may, the future is provided for. THE IMPERIAL LIFE Assurance Company of Canada HEAD OFFICE - TORONTO L. J. Lowe, Provincial Manager, St. John

DOLL CARRIAGES Select Yours Now And We Will Deliver Christmas Eve. Dolls Perambulator, strong wood body leatherette hood, all steel gear and rubber tire wheels, \$22.95. Brown Reed Pullman, upholstered body, extra large size, adjustable hood and sliding foot-well, \$25.50. All Steel Collapsible Dolls Cart, folding hood and rubber tire wheels, \$18.00. Other Dolls Carts, \$22.95, \$24.45, \$25.50, \$27.50, \$29.00, \$31.00, \$33.00. J. MARCUS 30 Dock Street. Store Open Evenings. Look For the Electric Sign

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POLICE COURT. In the police court this morning Magistrate Ritchie committed for trial Charles McKay, on the charge of theft of liquor from the cargo of the Messanable, George Malnor said he was an examiner and checker engaged by the C. P. R. at West St. John. His attention was called on Tuesday to a case of liquor that came off the ship. It was broken open and nine of twelve bottles of brandy were missing. Mr. Barry asked John Walters, an import wharfinger, produced in court an entry of this particular shipment of goods. The defendant was working in hatch No. 1, from which the goods were unloaded. Both witnesses, cross-examined by J. A. Barry, who appears for the prisoner, said they knew nothing relative to the condition of the cargo previous to its being landed here. The prisoner pleaded not guilty. Mr. Barry asked for bail. This the court said it had not the power to give. It is understood that application will be made to Chief Justice McKewen. McKay is not a seaman on the vessel, as has been published.

Returned Soldier Joins Police Force. Walter Coughlan, a returned soldier, was sworn in as a member of the local police force this morning by Magistrate Ritchie. He stands about 5 feet 11 inches, and would weigh in the vicinity of 200 pounds. This is the first returned soldier to secure a position on the police department.

Abattoir for Halifax. Halifax Herald.—Another step was made by the controllers yesterday in the matter of providing an abattoir. The city engineer and Engineer Barrett appeared before the controllers with plans of the abattoir, and Engineer Barrett was instructed to make the plans more complete, and report. The original plans submitted called for a building costing about \$50,000. The city is not prepared to spend this amount. Only about \$25,000 has been figured upon for the building for this work. The proposed plans call for a building to cost in the vicinity of \$84,000, and these plans, when completed, may be accepted.

AGED JESUIT DEAD. Macon, Ga., Dec. 9.—Rev. T. W. Butler, 88 years old, said to be the oldest Jesuit in the south, died at St. Stanislaus college today. He had been a member of the Society of Jesus for seventy years.

WOMAN'S EXCHANGE LIBRARY BOOKS. of new fiction. You only read them once! Save money and rent the Book you want when you want it, only two cents a day. Some of our newest— "Flash" (Ritchie); "Short Cut" (Gregory); "Winged Victory" (Grand); "Paradise Garden" (Gibbs); "Leopard Woman" (White); "Rising Tide" (DeLand); "Slaves of Freedom" (Davson); "Nobody's Boy" (Malou); "World for Sale" (Parker); "Mark of the Beast" (Kauffman); "Man of the Moment" (Glyn); "Eyes of the World" (Wright), etc., etc.

PATRIOTIC FUND. Monthly—G. Ernest Fairweather, \$5; R. E. Armstrong, \$5; Alex Nodden, \$2; James Ennis, \$2; Ward C. Hasen, \$2 (nos.); H. B. Hetherington, Can. Immigration office, Ellis Island, New York, \$5; Mrs. John Horn (6 mos.), \$19; H. Golding, \$1; Amiland Bros., \$5; Smith's Fish Store, \$3; H. N. D. Mills, \$1; E. C. Darnford (3 mos.), \$3; From, Co., \$5; Stanley G. Olive, \$5.

Scottish Women's Hospital. Scottish Women's Hospital, previously acknowledged by Miss McGivern, \$400.80. Received through Bank of Commerce, Mr. and Mrs. James F. Robertson, \$5; through Women's Canadian Club, from Miss J. C. Sedley, \$5; from the Seckville Chapter, I. O. E., through Mrs. Freeman Lake, honorary secretary, \$50; total, \$506.50.

A SURPRISE PARTY. About thirty friends of Harry H. Harder gathered at his home at Randolph on Wednesday evening, tendered him a surprise party in honor of his birthday, and presented to him a beautiful parlor clock. The presentation was made by Private George White of the Field Ambulance Corps. Although taken taken by surprise he expressed himself in a few well chosen words. Music, whist and other games were indulged in, and lunch was served at midnight.

SNAP for the Business Girl. When she puts a ribbon on the typewriter—orgives the machine a thorough cleaning—then she washes-up with SNAP. This famous hand-cleaner instantly removes ink or carbon stains. Every office should have a tin of SNAP—15c at all Dealers.