

GOOD THINGS COMING TO THEATRES OF ST. JOHN

CHRISTMAS DAY AT THE IMPERIAL

Starting with a bumper matinee at 2 o'clock and repeating the show starting at 8.40, the big, bright and cozy imperial will hold high carnival of holiday entertainment tomorrow. The night shows will commence at 7 and 8.45. A specially selected Famous Players production graces the programme, no less a mystic-comedy than Beulah Marie Dix's, "The Ghost House," with Jack Pickford and Louise Huff in the leading roles. This is a series of thrills and laughs that will create a veritable hurricane of fun. Then to cap the climax of Christmas merriment will come Fray's "The Wife's Mistake" - one of those roaring burlesques. Pathe-British Gazette for serious pictures. Singe Guardian will commence his farewell week by singing "For You a Rose" and "Caroline," and the new musical act, Eva & Adele, will play their very pretty programme of accordion and violin numbers with the orchestra in the ensembles. Christmas decorations, Christmas music, Christmas spirit and good cheer.

CHARLIE CHAPLIN IN FRONT OF THE GEM

The Gem has a fine Christmas programme. June Caprice, "The Merry Widow" and "The Merry Widow" comedy bit, and Fred Norman, a very fine comedy juggler. This bill also tonight. Three shows at 7.15, 8.15 and 8.45; same price as usual. Norman is a very clever imitator of Charlie Chaplin in dress and actions, and at the Christmas shows will do his juggling act after Chaplin style. For an hour before the afternoon performance he will be outside the Gem doing Chaplin stunts. Come along, kiddies and grown-ups.

SPECIAL CHRISTMAS WEEK ATTRACTIONS AT LYRIC

The startling problem play, "Idle Wives," will be the special attraction at the Lyric during Christmas week. Usual afternoon and evening programmes on Christmas Day. "Idle Wives" is a subject entirely different from any other and is well worth seeing.

BURIED TODAY

The funeral of Mrs. Walter J. Lamb took place this afternoon from her late residence, 107 St. James street. Services were conducted by Rev. H. J. H. Church of England burying ground.

The funeral of Mrs. Sarah Anderson took place this afternoon from her late residence, 292 Millidge avenue. Services were conducted by Rev. M. Green and interment was made in Cedar Hill.

To Cure a Cold in One Day

Take LAXATIVE BROMO QUININE Tablets. Druggists refund money if it fails to cure. E. W. GROVES' signature is on each box. 50c.

WILL TAKE OVER STREET RAILWAY IN TORONTO

The qualified electors of Toronto will be asked on New Year's day to authorize the city council to take over and operate the street railway as a public enterprise when the franchise expires in September, 1921. The question to be submitted to the citizens does not raise in any form the issue as to whether the railway shall be under the direct control of council or that of an appointive commission of citizens. That will be considered later.

A STAR WITNESS

At a temperance case in Amherst last week, the News says, the defending lawyer extracted from his star witness that he was a twice convicted forger for which he had served a long time in the penitentiary. Also a convicted perjurer for which he had served a long time in the penitentiary. The witness had failed to support his wife who was obliged to toil hard in a laundry to support herself and was now brought in to court witness for the first time in Amherst for desertion from the Royal Canadian Engineers.

BIRTHS

McGRATHAN - At St. George, on December 22, to Mr. and Mrs. Charles W. McGrath - a son.

HATFIELD - On the 19th inst., to Mr. and Mrs. Harry Hatfield of 183 Water street, West St. John, a daughter, Marjorie Constance.

DEATHS

GREANY - In this city on December 23, Catherine, widow of Edward F. Greany, aged seventy-two years.

McCAVOUR - In this city on December 23, 1917, after a lingering illness, Stephen McCavour, aged fifty-six years, leaving one sister and five brothers to mourn.

Services will be held this Monday evening at eight o'clock at the residence of William McCavour, Manawagonish road, and funeral from the home of his brother, James McCavour, Lorneville, Wednesday afternoon at two o'clock.

SMITH - Suddenly at Martintown, on December 23, Wallace B. Smith, aged sixty-four years, leaving besides his wife, six children and three sisters to mourn.

Funeral papers please copy.

Funeral from his late residence to-morrow at 2.30; service at two o'clock on the 24th inst. Harry Byers, aged thirty-seven years, leaving besides his wife, nine children to mourn.

NICHOL - On the 23rd instant at her late residence, 31 St. David's street, Rose, beloved wife of John Nichol, leaving three sons and three daughters to mourn. Funeral Wednesday morning at 8.30 o'clock to the Cathedral for requiem high mass.

PLUM PUDDING FOR OUR LADS ON FIRING LINE

(By W. A. Willison, Canadian Press Correspondent in Flanders)

Canadian Army Headquarters, Dec. 25 - With snow and mud alternating with bright sunshine, the Canadians are enduring all the rigors of winter in splendid spirits, for the trenches on this front are quiet at the moment.

Details of the election have been curiously slow in reaching the firing line. It is expected that it will be weeks before the result of the soldiers' vote is announced, but it is known that 99 per cent of the available vote was polled. Amongst all ranks preparations were general today for Christmas festivities.

The Red Cross are supplying cigarettes, cigars, raisins, dates, fruit, games and toys to every field ambulance. Messes of all kinds are vying in friendly rivalry to make their celebration the best. Turkey and plum pudding are at a premium, and where there are no messes and no special unit, arrangements are being made to insure that no men will go without his Christmas dinner.

RECEPTION HERE FOR HON. MR. CARVELL

An informal reception will be tendered Hon. Frank B. Carvell, minister of public works, in this city on Thursday evening, Dec. 27. The reception will afford an opportunity to those who took part in the recent campaign, as well as other friends, to meet the federal minister and also enjoy an evening of entertainment.

CONDENSED NEWS

At a British and Canadian recruiting meeting in Rochester, N. Y., yesterday, seven hundred men enlisted and great enthusiasm was aroused by the speech of a British officer.

A great Christmas eve celebration in New York is announced. All preparations have been made to that end.

PROPER GLASSES

Wearing a pair of properly fitted glasses is soothing to the nerves and a relief for anyone troubled with eye-strain.

D. BOYANER, 111 Charlotte St.

Our Service is Complete. Prompt, Accurate and Satisfying.

THE BEST QUALITY AT A REASONABLE PRICE

Last Minute Suggestions

It's too late now to shop much; you must make your choice quickly.

Diamond Rings - An excellent variety to select from and all good stones.

La Vallieres - There are still some dainty designs left in low priced patterns and many exquisite pieces in platinum and white gold set with diamonds.

Bracelet and Pocket Watches - always the appropriate gift - the one most longed for - "the best present."

Please your taste and your purse from our stock with the assurance that equal money cannot buy greater watch values.

L. L. Sharpe & Son, Jewelers & Opticians, 21 King St., - St. John, N. B.

STOCKS BRIGHTER IN WALL STREET

New York, Dec. 24 (Wall Street) - Ralls, equipments and shippings advanced one to two points over last week's final quotations in the first half hour of today's stock market, some specialties notably oils, scoring greater gains. News and general advices over the week-end were more favorably regarded.

United States Steel was especially active, advancing two points to 87 1/2 on steady absorption. There was a fairly broad inquiry for investment rails. Liberty bonds were steady, with further strength in foreign issues.

CORN AND OATS

Chicago, Dec. 24 - Forecasts of much colder weather than has been expected today on corn. Misgivings were felt that the prospective lower temperature would handicap the railroads and tend to further delay of the crop movement.

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HOME FROM THE WEST

Robert T. Fowler, son of Mrs. James D. Fowler, of Fredericton, arrived home Thursday after several months' absence in the western states. He is eleven years since Mr. Fowler left Fredericton. He has been engaged in a ranch with his sister, Mrs. George H. Clark.

ENGLISH PAINTER DEAD

London, Dec. 23 - Felix Moschales, painter, died at Tunbridge Wells on Saturday. He was born in London on Feb. 8, 1838.

FOR CHRISTMAS

QUALITY CHOCOLATES, 80c lb. TABLE RAISINS, 15c, 20c. and 30c. lb. MIXED NUTS, 25c. and 35c. lb. COSSAQUES OR CRACKERS, 35c. to \$2.00 a box.

FILLED STOCKINGS, For the kiddies, 10c. to \$2.65 each. Popcorn Balls, 10c. per doz. REELY-TROOLY DOLLS, To cut out, six in box... For 27c.

BIG BARGAINS IN DOLLS, Extra values at \$1.33 each. These Dolls are 15 inches high, nicely dressed, in large variety. Special Sale price until Xmas, \$1.05 each.

CANDLES FOR THE TREE, 10c. box. PLUM PUDDINGS, In Sealed tins, extra quality, 45c, 60c. and \$1.00 each.

GILBERT'S GROCERY

PURE RICH BLOOD PREVENTS DISEASE

Bad blood - that is, blood that is impure or impoverished, thin and pale, is responsible for more ailments than anything else. It affects every organ and function. In some cases it causes catarrh; in others, dyspepsia; in others, rheumatism; and in still others, weak, tired, languid feelings and worse troubles. It is responsible for run-down conditions, and is the most common cause of disease.

BOTH FROM THE EAST

T. Mitchell Tweedie, one of the successful union candidates in Calgary, Alberta, is a nephew of C. R. Smith, K.C., of Amherst. Mr. Tweedie is a son of the late Rev. Mr. Tweedie, a well known clergyman, at one time attached to the Nova Scotia Methodist Conference, and is a brother of Mrs. C. W. Hewson, widow of the late Dr. Hewson, who is at present residing in Calgary. Mr. Tweedie in his younger days studied law in the office of Charles R. Smith, K.C., and went west a number of years ago, where he became prominent as a lawyer and a politician in the life of the west. One of his appointments in the present contest was John Irwin, a prominent real estate broker of Calgary, formerly belonging to Greenville, Annapolis county, later residing in Halifax, where he was well known to Y.M.C.A. workers all over the province. Mr. Irwin, like Mr. Tweedie, has relatives in Amherst.

A ST. JOHN MAN?

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Kiddies' Xmas Gifts. Strongly Built Tricycle - Leather saddle, adjustable, heavy rubber tires; three sizes. Xmas Special, \$4.00, \$4.50, \$5.00. Doll's Perambulator - Heavy wood body, leatherette hood. Xmas Special, \$2.35. Others from \$1.00 to \$12.00. Rocking Horses, Hobby Horses, Swing Horses, Dolls' Carts, Kiddie Cars, Kindergarten Sets, Blackboards, Express Carts, Sleds, Framers, High Chairs, Morris Chairs, Rockers, Tricycles, etc. etc. Order Your Gift Now and We Will Deliver Xmas Eve. J. Marcus, 30 Dock St.

LOCAL NEWS

Band on Carleton rink Christmas afternoon and evening. Admission 15c.

Xmas shoppers should do all their shopping at Bassen's, 14-16-18 Charlotte street. No branches.

Christmas wreaths; a limited quantity for sale tonight, 87c. each - Daniel, King street.

Band on Carleton rink Christmas afternoon and evening. Admission 15c.

Band at Victoria rink Christmas afternoon and evening and every evening this week, except tonight.

Men's black felt slippers, heavy felt soles, only 75c. at Levine's, 96 Charlotte street, 8 1/2 Brussels street.

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ORANGES. If you want to buy good sweet juicy oranges, call at The 2 Barkers, Limited, 100 Princess street, 111 Brussels street.

N. B. Power Company page 7. You're interested.

Ladies' grey felt slippers, all colors, red, brown, grey and black only, \$1.25, at Levine's, 96 Charlotte and 8 1/2 Brussels street.

Prize waltz and dance at Tipperary Hall tonight. 7019-11-27.

Great bargains in toys, dolls, books, games, military brushes, manicure sets, brush, comb and mirrors, at The 2 Barkers, 100 Princess street, tonight.

Shop, shop and shop your Christmas shopping at Bassen's, 14-16-18 Charlotte street. No branches.

Your slippers are here at Levine's. English plaid slippers for men, \$1.10 to \$1.25 - Levine's, 96 Charlotte, 8 1/2 Brussels street.

HALIFAX RELIEF. The sum of \$104.09 has been received at headquarters of the Halifax Relief Fund since the last report. Included is a donation of \$25 from Mrs. J. A. Gregory.

Bargains in oranges, Christmas groceries and confectionery at The 2 Barkers, Limited, 100 Princess street, 111 Brussels street.

Useful and durable gifts for everyone. Shop at Bassen's, 14-16-18 Charlotte street. No branches.

CHRISTMAS SERVICES. St. Mary's church, Waterloo street, Rev. R. T. McKim, rector. Services Christmas day 8 and 10.30. A. M. Communion both services. Collection for the poor.

While they last, Barkers, Limited, 100 Princess street, and 111 Brussels street, will sell barley toys, 20c. lb.; Christmas mixture, 10c. lb.; 50c. chocolate, 30c. lb.; 5 lb. box, \$1.25; mixed nuts, 25c. lb.

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Do all your shopping and all your buying at Bassen's, 14-16-18 Charlotte street. No branches.

PRISONERS OF WAR. Mrs. Richard O'Brien, for the Women's Canadian Club, acknowledges: Gage-ton Circle, per Mrs. T. Sherman Peters, \$8.85; Mac's Bay, S.C.A., per Miss Lottie Mawhinney, \$8; Miss Helen L. Barker, \$1.

OUR STORE CLOSED ON WEDNESDAY, "BOXING DAY."

As is the custom in England, where the day after Christmas is considered as belonging to all employees, we will not resume business after tonight until Thursday morning, the 27th. This will give our staff a well earned rest after the Christmas rush.

We also take this opportunity to most heartily thank the people of St. John and our customers in particular for the generous share they have given us of their holiday business.

Respectfully yours, F. W. DANIEL & CO., LTD.

CASUALTIES. In the list of casualties received from Ottawa today is one, Lieut. F. J. Hively, of Halifax, "killed in the explosion."

Another is - Infantry, presumed to have died, Lieut. I. Graves, Jacksonville, N. B.

John A. Hetherington died at his home at Andover on Wednesday, December 19. He leaves his aged father, William Hetherington, and one sister, Mrs. W. Cuthbert of Montana.

KAISER ON PEACE

J. M. Robinson & Sons received the following despatch on their wires this afternoon re the Kaiser's peace terms:

A report from the Hague as follows: "The Kaiser has made his speech to the second German army, according to a despatch from Berlin, which says: 'We must bring peace by our iron fist and our sharp edged sword if the enemy shows he does not want it!'"

CHRISTMAS MESSAGE FROM POPE BENEDICT

Rome, Dec. 24 - Pope Benedict has given to the Associated Press this Christmas message:

"The Holy Father sends to the people of America his cordial greeting and prays that they may take to heart, in this time of strife and suffering, the true lesson of Christmas - the lesson of God's unceasing love for mankind; the lesson of unflinching courage and sacrifice of self."

"More especially he calls upon the little children, to whom this day belongs, to pray with all their hearts to the Babe in Bethlehem that he may protect their loved ones and give back to the world that peace which He came to bring upon earth."

FIRE ALARM TELEGRAPH

- 2 No. 2 Engine House, King street.
- 3 No. 2 Engine House, Union street.
- 4 Cor. Mill and Garden streets.
- 5 Cor. Mill and Union streets.
- 6 Prince Wm. street, opposite M. R. A. alley.
- 7 Cor. North Water and Nelson streets.
- 8 Cor. Mill and Pond streets.
- 9 Cor. Prince and Charlotte streets.
- 10 Water street, opposite Jarvis's alley.
- 11 Water street, opposite Foster street.
- 12 Cor. Prince and Charlotte streets.
- 13 Cor. Brunswick and Richmond streets.
- 14 Cor. Brunswick and Union streets.
- 15 Cor. Brunswick and Carleton streets.
- 16 Cor. Brunswick and St. David streets.
- 17 St. A. street, opposite M. R. A. alley.
- 18 Cor. Brunswick and King streets.
- 19 Cor. Brunswick and Charlotte streets.
- 20 No. 1 Engine House, Charlotte street.
- 21 No. 1 Engine House, Prince street.
- 22 No. 1 Engine House, Waterloo street.
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PERSONALS

Mr. and Mrs. J. Willard Smith and family, of St. John, went to St. John's to spend Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Read.

Miss Anne L. Baisley is at home from Montreal for the holidays.

Ed. J. MacNeil is home from St. Thomas' College for the vacation and is with his mother at their apartment in Queen street.

Miss Marion Crockett is spending the holidays in the north. Hon. N. W. Rowley is the acting premier.

Mr. and Mrs. George A. Currie will spend Christmas in Fredericton, the guests of Mrs. Currie's sister, Mrs. Bedford Phillips.

Friends of S. C. Hurley will be glad to learn that he has entirely recovered from his recent illness and is able to be out again.

FREDERICTON PERSONALS

(Mail, Saturday).

Miss Edith Gregory left for St. John this morning to spend Christmas with relatives.