

GOOD THINGS COMING
TO THEATRES OF
ST. JOHN

BIRTH OF A NATION COMING

To the Lyric, Week Commencing
Feb. 26—Mammoth Orchestra
of Twenty-one Pieces—Popular
Prices

After eight years of rigid adherence to one policy it requires an acknowledgment of huge importance to induce the Lyric management to break away from their regular procedure for even six days. But the present announcement that for the entire week of February 26 the Birth of a Nation with its mammoth symphony orchestra of twenty-one pieces will be shown at the Lyric is a temporary change in their method of appeal, and in this the Lyric is but following the lead of the most important theatres in the larger cities.

The second appearance of the Birth of a Nation in any community has invariably been more successful and popular than the first, and this cannot be true in this instance, more particularly as future announcements will refer to very attractive admission prices. This important engagement will open on Monday evening, Feb. 26, continuing afternoon and evening for the entire week, two complete shows being given daily. The Lyric management feel that their regular patrons will appreciate this short change from the steady diet, particularly as in connection therewith they propose offering a very pleasant surprise. And certainly thousands of local theatre-goers will welcome with pleasure the opportunity of seeing this wonderful picture, and hear the wonderful orchestra at prices within reach of all. Read next week's papers for details.

BIG VITAPHAR AT

IMPERIAL MONDAY

The week now ending has been a remarkably successful one at Imperial Theatre by virtue of splendid programmes every change of bill. From the look of things the ensuing week promises to be quite as successful.

On Monday the Vitaphar Co. will present another of their powerful seven-reel super-features, entitled "Blind Justice." This photoplay aroused the reviewers of New York to unusual enthusiasm, every critic hailing it as a masterpiece in silent drama. "Blind Justice" is a drama of the vengeance of outraged manhood against the society whose only god is law. It is a story of normal-minded people and of that heavy, deep, psychological quality which characterizes so many of the Vitaphar pictures. A new star, Benjamin Christie, appears in this piece supported by Katherine Sanders and Vitaphar favorite, Mr. Christie is a noted Danish star, who has been making a tremendous success in "Sealed Orders." He has carried this photodrama far past the line of critics and to the general public with flying colors. The Imperial promises its people a wonderful production.

The additional items on the programme will be Pathe's British Gazette and a continuation of our World Tours with a visit to the Brazilian capital, Rio Janeiro.

ALL NEW BILL AT THE

OPERA HOUSE TONIGHT

There will be an entire change in the vaudeville programme at the Opera House tonight, the new show including some strong features direct from the big vaudeville houses of Boston and New York. De Reno and La Rue in a comedy sketch and surprise novelty are one of the big features; Arthur Hoskins and DeWitt Carins in their novel singing act should be a big card for St. John audiences as both boys are singing better than ever and by sheer merit have become genuine "big time" vaudeville artists; the Crawford Sisters in character songs will surely please; Orr and Hager in "An Operatic Courtship," a novel musical sketch, introducing gems from some of the favorite operas, will delight music lovers; and Kennedy and Kramer in dancing items introducing Miss Kramer who is the champion wooden shoe dancer of America. The programme also includes the 2nd episode of the Crimson Stain Mystery. Two complete performances tonight at 7.30 and 9, starting promptly. Commencing tonight and continuing, seats may be reserved in advance for any evening, for first show only and will always be on sale seven days in advance.

ALL NEW AT GEM TONIGHT

Read the Gem's ad on page 11 and you'll appreciate how attractive is our offering for tonight. Then come and see. It's all new, good vaudeville and a picture that promises a sensation.

PERSONALS

Mrs. Hugh Mackay spent the present week in Ottawa with her mother, Mrs. J. Douglas Haas.

Dr. R. A. Welsh of McGill University arrived at noon today from Montreal. He is the guest of Mr. and Mrs. T. E. Sayre, Queen square.

G. H. Arnold left last evening on a trip to Montreal, Toronto and New York.

Friends of Mrs. Thomas E. Keith of Havelock, N.B., who underwent a serious operation on last Tuesday in the Royal Victoria Hospital, Montreal, will be glad to hear that she is now on the road to recovery and is expected to be able to leave for her home in Havelock within a few weeks.

Edmonton Doctor Dead.

Edmonton, Alta., Feb. 17.—Dr. A. A. Nichols, one of the best known of Alberta physicians, died suddenly last night.

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CHRONIC NEURALGIA, RHEUMATISM, BRUISES, BURNS, SCALDS, DIABETES, GRAVEL

23 THE PRINCE

LOCAL NEWS

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\$4,300—Freehold, two-family house, Lancaster, set tubs, bath, electric, cellar. \$2,300 buys two self-contained houses, leasehold, St. James street West End.—C. H. Belyea, 9 Rodney street, West End. Phone West 39-21. T.F.

Victoria Rink—band tonight.

THORNE LODGE SOCIAL

Thorne Lodge, I. O. G. T., held a largely attended box social last evening in their rooms in Thorne avenue, under direction of Benjamin Gomme. A short programme was rendered, including a vocal solo by H. R. Coleman, reading by Miss Amy Young, monologue by H. Y. Copp, and piano selections by Harry Coleman. The proceeds will go towards the building fund.

DOLLAR DAY MERCHANTS

Through an error the name of C. & E. Everett, furriers, Charlotte street, was omitted from the list of Dollar Day merchants which appeared in the Telegram of this morning.

Ladies' waists in embroidered voile and china silk, very pretty, new designs, sizes 36 to 44, \$1.10 each at Arnold's Dept. Store, 90 Charlotte street. Grand bargains in underwear.

Carleton rink carnival postponed from last evening on account of the weather will be held Monday evening.

WENTWORTH STREET HOUSES

FOR SALE

Small modern two family houses on easy terms of payment—Fenton Land & Building Company, Limited.

RACING AT VICTORIA RINK

The match race between F. Garnett and T. Tracy, next Tuesday, February 20, will be hotly contested. There are many admirers of these two speed skaters who are lacking their man. There will also be a ladies' match race and a match race between H. Joyce and S. Cusack.

Buffalo Times sold everywhere.

Victoria rink, grand carnival by special request. Big carnival will be held Tuesday, February 27, eight days. Get ready with your costumes.

Bargains in boys' ribbed hose, sizes 8 1/2, 9 to 10, 85c and 45c pair; ribbed cashmere, special for 29c; small sizes in wool hose, all 25c; bargains in all departments at Arnold's Dept. Store, 90 Charlotte street.

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Main "Dollar Day" a big success.

ON GASOLINE ENGINES

The New Brunswick Automobile Association has arranged with Roydon Foley, an expert of gasoline engines, to give an interesting talk on this subject in the Board of Trade rooms on Monday evening, 19th inst. All members of the association, as well as others interested in the subject are invited to be present.

STEEL NET NOW MAKES

NEW YORK A CLOSED

PORT AFTER N.G.I.T

New York, Feb. 17.—The Associated Press today carries the following: A steel net designed to protect the port of New York from hostile submarines and other war craft in the event of war was put in place at the entrance of the harbor today.

For the present it will be kept in position only between sunset and sunrise and will bar all ships from leaving or entering the harbor during the night. In case of war its construction provides for placing it as a permanent barrier if naval requirements make it advisable.

SUNK BY A MINE

London, Feb. 17.—The British steamer Lady Ann, 1,016 tons, has been sunk by striking a mine. Two of the crew were killed and five injured. The captain and eighteen men are missing.

NOTICES OF BIRTHS, MARRIAGES AND DEATHS, 50c.

DEATHS

AKERLEY—At West St. John on the 15th inst., Harley Norman, infant son of Mr. and Mrs. John Akerley. Burial this afternoon.

STACKHOUSE—On the 15th inst., from the residence of Harry Stackhouse, 39 St. Paul street, Service at 8.30 o'clock. Interment at Fernhill.

SCALLAN—At the Mater Misericordiae Home on the 17th inst., Elizabeth Scallan, aged 94 years, leaving one brother to mourn. (Boston papers please copy.)

Funeral from the home on Monday morning at 8.30 to St. Peter's church for requiem high mass. Friends invited.

BLACK—On Feb. 15, in Fairville, William H. Black, aged seventy-seven years, leaving his wife and three daughters to mourn.

Funeral on Sunday at 2 o'clock, from his late residence, Harding street, Fairville.

PEPPER—In this city on the 16th inst., Sarah, widow of the late Robert Pepper, in her 88th year, leaving one daughter and two sons.

Funeral on Sunday from the residence of her daughter, Mrs. C. W. Taylor, 39 St. Andrews street. Service at the house at 2.15 p. m.

BETTS—In this city on the 15th inst., John C. Betts, leaving his wife, two brothers and two sisters to mourn.

Funeral on Sunday, the 19th inst., from his late residence, 114 Winter street. Service at 2.30 o'clock. Please omit flowers.

WAS ORDERED TO
DESTROY MACHINERY
OF GERMAN LINER

Boston, Feb. 17.—Captain Charles A. Botack of the North German Lloyd steamship Kronprinzessin Cecilie testified today at a federal court hearing on a petition for the sale of the vessel that he had been ordered by a man connected in an official capacity with the German embassy, to disable its machinery.

This was done, he said, to prevent the use of the ship by the United States government in the event of hostilities with Germany. He refused to divulge the name of the man giving the orders.

THE FIG TING

Paris, Feb. 17.—Artillery duels in the sector of Maisons De Champagne are reported in this afternoon's official communication.

In the region of Eparges a German surprise attack was broken up by French fire.

After a spirited bombardment late yesterday, a French detachment penetrated the German salient at Ammerweiller (Alsace) and completely destroyed it. The enemy suffered appreciable losses.

On January 23 Captain Doumer brought down a fifth German airplane. Yesterday a French pilot destroyed a captive German balloon in the region of Marvaux.

Petrograd, Feb. 17.—At the war office today the following statement was given out: Western front—No serious changes in the line. Fighting is proceeding. Snow is falling in the Carpathians.

"Rumanian front"—Military activity was limited to infantry firing and engagements among advanced detachments.

"Caucasian front"—Heavy snowstorms are raging on the Black Sea. Our vessels destroyed sixteen sailing schooners off the coast of Anatolia.

WHEN YOU CAN'T SLEEP
YOU SHOULD USE
MILBURN'S
HEART AND NERVE PILLS

Sleeplessness is caused by the nervous system becoming deranged. Perhaps too much worry has gotten on your nerves, perhaps you have overworked yourself, or have been excessively nervous, or have been too excited, or you may be suffering from indigestion, or the nervous system may be being up again before restful sleep can be assured.

Those whose rest is broken into by frightful dreams, nightmares, sinking or smothering sensations, who wake up in the morning as tired as they went to bed, can have their old, peaceful, undisturbed, refreshing sleep again by using Milburn's Heart and Nerve Pills.

Mrs. John Sloan, Haley Station, Ont., writes: "Over a year ago I was very nervous. I could not sleep at night, and I would faint at the slightest fright. I consulted several doctors, but they did not practically do me any good. I noticed your advertisement, and immediately tried Milburn's Heart and Nerve Pills, and I am proud to say they cured me."

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10 lb. bags Lantio..... 85c.

20 lb. bags Lantio..... \$1.69

25c. tin Steero Cubes..... 19c.

25c. bottle Nutri-Ox Beef, 16c.

50c. bottle Nutri-Ox Beef, 31c.

\$1.00 bottle Armour's Beef, 53c.

20c. jar Sawta Shortening, 15c.

1 lb. block Pure Lard..... 24c.

15c. pkgs. Cerebos Salt, 7 1/2c.

Small tin Coleman's Baking Powder..... 7c.

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15c. tin Snider's Tomato Soup, 12 1/2c.

25c. tin Quality Cocoa..... 21c.

St. Clair Marmalade..... 11c.

Eagle Brand Vanilla..... 8c.

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Heaton's Mixed Pickles..... 9c.

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PATRIOTIC CAUSES

Red Cross

The conservation committee have placed a few boxes in the streets for the convenience of the householders who are willing to give their clean newspapers and magazines, etc., to the Red Cross. They are greatly pleased with the ready response, for two of the boxes were filled in two days. They are now asking the public kindly to put the paper inside the boxes instead of leaving it on the sidewalk, otherwise it is scattered over the streets. The slit at the top is large enough for a good sized parcel of paper if it is tied up in flat packages.

The Private Secretary.

The big patriotic offering of next week will be the presentation of the farcical comedy, "The Private Secretary," in the Imperial Theatre on Tuesday evening at eight o'clock. This play has been well recommended as a clean, bright and most laughable comedy now running in London and soon to be seen in New York. It is being played in St. John with two breezy and catchy specialties, and should prove a great attraction to the theatre goers of this city. Remember the time is Tuesday evening at eight o'clock and the place the Imperial. There are still some good seats left. Proceeds all patriotic.

V. A. D.

Members of the V. A. D. will kindly attend a special and important meeting in Stone church school room on Monday evening at eight o'clock. They will be addressed by Lt.-Col. Corbett of the Field Ambulance Depot.

Women's Canadian Club

Members will kindly accept this notice of an attractive illustrated lecture to be given before the club by Dr. R. A. Welsh, Tuesday, February 27, eight o'clock, on "Punch and His Merry Men," in the hall of the Natural History Society, on Monday afternoon at 2 o'clock. Admission by 1917 membership ticket.

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You sir, must realize the coming of that certain day when death or incapacity for work will cut off your present income. The distress of your loved ones if you should be taken—the suffering and humiliation which they might have to face—do you not see it? Do you imagine your wife doesn't see it?

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**SHREWD BUSINESS
MEN OF WALL STREET
SEE GERMAN FINISH**

(J. M. Robinson & Sons' Private Wire Telegram)

New York, Feb. 17.—The conclusion beginning to be reached in many financial houses is that whether or not the United States becomes involved in the war, it will be but for a short time, owing to the fact that the Entente Allies are now fully prepared to move forward in a way that the German government, weakened in all directions with famine threatened, the Zeppelins a failure and the submarine bluff being called will be forced to surrender sometime during the present year or the complete economic ruin of the German Empire will soon thereafter result as a natural evolution of condition.

These features are factors of speculative investment importance that should be carefully weighed in making new market commitments at present.

Bruges Attacked Again

London, Feb. 17.—"Naval airplanes dropped heavy bombs with good results on Ghent's airbase on Friday," says a British official announcement this afternoon.

"At the same time Bruges Harbor and shipping were again attacked. Bombs were observed exploding on objectives."

TO RELATIVES AND FRIENDS OF SOLDIERS

Warning

When sending parcels overseas be sure to get those "Celebrated Soldiers' Comfort Boxes" from your leading druggists or high-class grocers.

Tough and Light—Two Sizes

PERSONNEL OF THE NAVY 100,000 MEN

London, Feb. 17.—A force of 400,000 men is required for the British navy, according to the estimates for the coming financial year which provide for that number.

Came From Germany

London, Feb. 17.—"There is little doubt," telegraphs Reuter's Berner correspondent, that the note presented by the Swiss minister to the American government suggesting fresh negotiations regarding the submarine warfare emanated from Germany.

Woman for Legislature

Vancouver, B. C., Feb. 17.—It is being suggested that government supporters in Vancouver will offer the nomination to the vacant seat in the legislature to Mrs. Ralph Smith, wife of the later minister of finance.

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