

OUR THEATRES

AT THE CRESCENT.
Billie Reeves, the celebrated English Music Hall comedian is featured in a great Kalem comedy, "Bashful Billie" at the Crescent Picture Palace to-day. Grace Hall and Horace Stanage in "Paying the Toll," a Knickerbocker star feature in three reels, and the "Ford Canadian Monthly," Canada's foremost topical. Professor McCarthy playing the newest and best music. This is a great week-opening show, be sure and see it.

CATHOLIC CHURCH NOTES.

Wednesday, Friday and Saturday of this week will be strict fast days. There will be a High Mass of Requiem celebrated in the Cathedral on Wednesday morning for the repose of the soul of the late Lieut. S. Norris, who was killed in action in France. The High Altar in the Cathedral is being beautifully decorated for the Christmas ceremonies. Beautiful electrical ornamentation will be a feature, and festoons of evergreens will enter also into the decorative scheme. Solemn High Mass will be sung at midnight on Sunday next and a beautiful programme of sacred music will be given by the full choir under the leadership of Prof. Hutton. There will be a company of the Catholic Cadets present as a guard of honour, and the Band of the Corps, under Capt. Bulley, will render the "Gloria" from Mozart's Twelfth Mass.

ROCK CRUSHER ON FIRE.

At 7.45 p.m. Saturday as Constable O'Flaherty was passing along Duckworth Street he saw smoke arising from near the rock crusher, owned by Mr. W. J. Ellis, contractor, and investigating found that the electrical motor house was on fire. Fire Const. Jno. Readigan of the Eastern Station was promptly on the scene, as well as a number of citizens and soon the fire was quenched, while a phone message to the Electrical Department of the Reid Nfld. Co. caused the shutting off of the current, which the workmen neglected to do before they left. The electric current caught fire to the woodwork, but not much damage was done.

ADVERTISE IN THE MAIL AND ADVOCATE

Mr. Meaney Wins His Case

The case of J. T. Meaney versus T. J. Foran, Editor of the Cadet, which came before Judge Morris in the Magistrate's Court on Friday, was continued Saturday afternoon. This case has caused a mild sensation in journalistic circles, and the press was well represented at both hearings. Mr. Meaney wrote a number of articles for the Cadet on a promise of payment from Mr. Foran. Among the articles contributed by Mr. Meaney were editorials covering a period of over two years, which, of course, passed before the public as the product of Mr. Foran's pen. When the "Editor" failed to furnish reasonable remuneration to Mr. Meaney for his work action at law for its recovery was instituted. After hearing both sides of the case, His Honour very carefully and judiciously proceeded to balance the scales of justice, when it was found that the side representing the plaintiff weighed down the defendant's side of the scale to the extent of eighty dollars and he rendered the verdict accordingly. M. P. Gibbs, K.C., for plaintiff. T. P. Halley, B.L., for defendant.

GEORGE ST. SUNDAY SCHOOL.

All the departments of George Street Sunday School united in the auditorium on Sunday afternoon for the Annual Christmas Gift Service which was very impressive. A splendid programme containing many special items was well rendered and reflected great credit upon the Sunday School staff and the performers. As the long procession of officers, teachers, scholars and parents placed their gifts for the poor within the rostrum one could not fail to see that the spirit of Bethlehem's Babe still lives and reigns. Into many a home a ray of Christmas cheer will come this season because of the generous spirit of our Sunday School scholars, while into their own hearts happiness has already come, for hath not Christ said "It is more blessed to give than to receive."

Yesterday's meeting of the Cathedral Men's Bible Class, despite the stormy weather prevailing, was largely attended. Rev. J. Brinton, the chairman, gave an interesting address on the "End of Time."

SHIPPING

The barquin, "Alembic," Capt. Coward, arrived at New York after a good passage on Friday last.

The Smith Co. Ltd. are now loading the Manua Loa for Europe with codfish.

The Tabasco arrived at Liverpool Friday evening, and the Graciana arrived at Halifax yesterday morning.

The S.S. Ethie this trip made all ports to and from Battle Hr. but had exceptionally stormy weather.

The S.S. Florizel was to have left Halifax for here yesterday and should arrive to-morrow morning.

The schr. Nellie M. arrived at Pernambuco yesterday after a run of 39 days. Capt. Torraville, her commander, is making his first voyage in this ship as master.

Baine, Johnston's motor boat, the "Minara," arrived here at 9 a.m. yesterday from Placentia Bay, where she had been collecting fish for some week's past. After rounding Cape Race she had the full force of the storm with a mountainous sea and received a drubbing, but is a staunch little vessel and pulled through without accident.

THE MORNING ISSUE

Mr. A. Mews, Editor in Chief, The Mail and Advocate.
Dear Mr. Mews:—
Permit me to express my appreciation of the work of the Staff, in issuing the first morning paper so early. This morning, I received it, at my home, shortly after 7 a.m.

I also congratulate Mr. Hibbs and Mr. W. J. Long, upon the fine appearance of the first issue, which I feel sure will be endorsed by the reading public.
Yours sincerely,
W. F. COAKER,
President Union Publishing Co.,
St. John's, Dec. 18, 1916.

READ THE MAIL & ADVOCATE

His Grace at St. Patrick's

His Grace Archbishop Roche occupied the pulpit during vespers at St. Patrick's Church last night and preached a very eloquent sermon, during the course of which he referred in pathetic periods to the noble part our young men have taken and are pursuing in the great war now raging and to the deaths of so many of our best manhood in the terrible war now raging in Europe. His Grace also made reference to the financial affairs of the Archdiocese generally and outlined improvements for the church and parish of St. Patrick's of St. Patrick's. New steps will be furnished for the main entrance to the church, new pews will also be erected something after the style of these at the Cathedral, and a new floor will be laid down. He referred to the good work being done by the people of St. Joseph's Parish for the new church being erected there, and also discussed the projected new church to be built in the central part of the west end. To finance all these undertakings will cost some \$50,000, and a scheme something on the lines of that formulated for the Cathedral will be adopted. Work on the improvements to St. Patrick's Church will begin in about two months hence.

ANATOMICAL FREAK.

Ronald Crewe, a native of Trinity Bay, Nfld., who has been working at shoemaking in St. John, N.B., for two years, enlisted two weeks ago for service with the 239th now at Windsor. Arriving at Windsor he was given a thorough medical examination for overseas service. It was found that he only has one lung, that his heart is on the wrong side of the body, and his liver is in an entirely different region from that of a normal man. In consequence of these peculiarities and not because of his lacking in strength, he was sent to Halifax for the authorities here to decide upon the case. He arrived on the D. A. R. last night. The doubting fellow passengers, to whom he told his story were allowed to feel the healthy throbbing of the misplaced heart. "I don't see what difference it makes where I carry my heart as long as it does its work," said Private Crewe a seat companion in the car added "It might feel a German snipper to have it on the wrong side."—Halifax Herald.

MAY COME OFF ROCKS

We notice by the Sydney 'Post' that the schr. Elie M. Morrissey, which went ashore last week at Petrie's Ledge and about which Mr. LeMessurier, C.M.G., had a message, will likely come off the rocks. Part of her cargo has been jettisoned, a tug is standing by her and the vessel which is owned in this country is not badly damaged.

MORE NEWFOUNDLANDERS WOUNDED.

Recent Canadian casualty lists give the names of Harry Fowlow of Conception Bay, and A. A. Wadden of St. John's as wounded. The latter is a son of Mr. M. Wadden, St. John's, and joined at Edmonton, Alberta. He is a telegraph operator and was attached to the signal corps.

MIDNIGHT MASS AT ST. PATRICK'S

The high altar at St. Patrick's Church is being beautifully decorated for the Christmas Festival. This year, as at the Cathedral, midnight Mass will be said at St. Patrick's on Sunday next at midnight. A beautiful programme of music will be discoursed by the choir under the direction of Professor McCarthy. It is over 20 years since Midnight Mass was celebrated in St. Patrick's before. The beautifully realistic crib will be shown as heretofore.

JUST FUN

Saturday afternoon some of the volunteers who were on leave became a bit restive and some disturbances took place on Water Street West. The police on duty were on the outside, dispersed several crowds, which gathered at intervals and no serious breach of the place occurred.

LADIES' KHAKI GUILD.

The Ladies' Khaki Guild are holding a sale of cakes, pies, puddings etc. to-morrow afternoon, opening at 3.30 at the Presbyterian Hall which will be closed at night by a real Scotch concert. The ladies are making themselves busy to bring the sale to a successful issue, and the concert promises to be one of the best ever given in Saint John's. The proceeds go to the Soldiers' Fund, over which the Khaki Guild have control, and the returns, as with the White Elephant Sale, will no doubt swell the handsome amount already in credit.

LOCAL ITEMS

The express with the Kyle's passengers and mails is due at 8.30 p.m.

A Christmas Tree and Toy Fair will be the attraction at Botwood Hall, Hutchings' Street to-morrow night.

The Kyle's express arrived here at 6.20 p.m. Saturday with several passengers. Those who came report seeing no deer during the trip across.

Matters were quiet in police circles Saturday evening and night and only four arrests were made. Two of these were drunks and two others were disorderlies.

The unfortunate man, Edward Scott, to whom we alluded Saturday, and who has been making his home in the woods was sent to the penitentiary Saturday afternoon for 30 days. In the meantime if it can be so arranged he may be transferred to the Poor Asylum.

We hear that it is the intention of the Recruiting Committee to have patriotic meetings at Torbay and other Eastern settlements during the week. Several of the returned soldiers will address the audiences and it is hoped that the meetings will bear good fruit.

Mrs. Manuel Stone of Monroe, T.B., arrived by the train Saturday and was taken to hospital by Mr. Eli Whiteway. Mrs. Stone suffers from a cancerous growth in the heart and has been in hospital before under treatment for the same.

Const. Thos. Murphy, formerly of King's Cove, who has been on duty at Ferryland for some time past, after New Year will be transferred to duty in St. John's. Const. Murphy is well known and liked in the city.

Const. Chafe who has been 33 years in the police force, who had been doing guard duty at the police station, is now doing street work. Sgt. Ryan, who was on special duty at Cuckhold's Cove and who was formerly one of the guards at the station, has resumed his duty.

Bowings' Cove presented an animated appearance to-day. The place was blocked with teams filled with Christmas freight for the Portia and Prospero and enough is offering at present to fill both ships twice over. The same applies to the Reid Nfld Co.'s freight department where large shipments of Christmas stock are being received daily for shipment over the road to all parts of the country.

STORM DELAYS SHIPS

The Portia left Channel at 10 a.m. to-day, coming this way. The ship in the stormy weather of the past few days was delayed at Bay of Islands on Saturday and had to harbor at Channel last night.

No word was received from the Prospero to-day, the wires being interrupted.

A GREAT DANGER

In proceeding up Water Street to lay Head Constable Sparrow noticed a large piece of plastering weighing about 20 lbs. hanging loose on the tower of the Grace building. It was liable to fall at any time and kill some of the teamsters who usually stand at the corner there. The Head saw the owners and will get it removed.

WOMEN IN COMBAT

To-day about 10 o'clock a sensation was caused on Water Street West when a woman who owns a shop there and who also keeps a boarding house was seen to beat another woman out through the door, using the broom with much force and great skill. On reaching the sidewalk the woman who was driven out turned at bay, wrestled the broom from the other and returned the compliment, paid her with interest, not alone that but she drove her fist through the glass windows and cut her hands severely. It is likely the matter will come before the courts.

VOLUNTEERS ILL OF MEASLES

The volunteers of the different denominations marched in individual bodies yesterday from the armoury to Divine Service at their various churches. We learn that some 12 of the men are at present ill of measles and are in the hospital at Military Road.

Several of the schooners moored at the city wharves had to haul out in the stream yesterday owing to the heavy undertow running.

OFFICIAL CASUALTY LIST

FIRST NEWFOUNDLAND REGIMENT

1745 Private Richard Squires, Rankin, T. B. Previously reported seriously ill—gunshot wound, left thigh, Rouen, Dec. 3. Now reported improving.
1602 Private A. W. Fitzgerald, 51 Cochran St. Previously reported seriously ill, Etaples, Dec. 3. Now reported out of danger.

JOHN R. BENNETT,
Colonial Secretary.

DECEMBER 18

Following Reported at 10th General Hospital, Rouen, Dec. 9th

2232 Sergt. Patrick Beson, Fogot; gunshot wound, head, slight.
2645 Private James H. Skinner, Richard's Hr.; gunshot wound, right foot, slight.
1692 Corporal Kenneth S. Newell, Barneed; gunshot wound, hand.
2078 Corporal Malcolm Hollett, Burin; wounded Nov. 30th.

Following Reported at Wandsworth

2466 Private Albert J. Muford, Twillingate; Myalgia.
2397 Private Donald Norris, 237 Hamilton Avenue; Trenchfoot (previously reported Rouen, Dec. 4th wounded face, slight).

HEAVY S. E. GALE.

As the weather report from Toronto indicated Saturday, a S. E. gale began that evening, the wind increasing as the night advanced, so that by midnight a gale was blowing with showers of rain. The weather all yesterday and last night was very stormy with periods of heavy rain. All yesterday a high sea raged outside the port in the narrows and it must have been a hard time for ships at sea. In the harbor a heavy undertow ran and an abnormally high tide was noticed. It was also stormy right across country with rain in places and it snowed for a while up West. As a result of the storm the Reid Nfld. Co.'s wires were interrupted yesterday and few messages were received. The Kyle arrived from Sydney yesterday morning but owing to the storm the names of her passengers had not been received up to 1 p.m.

MORE MEN LEAVE

By the express which left here at 12.30 p.m. yesterday there went 63 men, tradesmen and labourers, who will engage at the new pulp mills erected in Ontario. All are getting good wages and a large crowd will go along next Sunday also.

THAT LAND SLIDE.

The land slide which occurred up West last week was at Rainy Brook, near Codroy. Loose clay and some rocks fell across the track and the section men were two hours clearing it. No damage was done and this did not delay the express, which was caused by the storm holding up the Kyle.

Sgt. John Nugent, who had been several months on special duty at Placentia resumed strict duty yesterday.

WEDDING BELLS

AYRE—LEWIS

The wedding of Capt. Charles Ayre, of the First Newfoundland Regiment, and Miss Shelly Elizabeth Hazelwood Lewis, of Montreal, was quietly celebrated at St. Thomas's Church at 4 o'clock on Saturday afternoon. The bride was given away by Fredk. W. Ayre Esq. and was assisted by Miss Marjorie Ayre, while Lieut. H. Winter acted as best man. The officiating clergyman was Rev. Dr. Jones. The newly wedded pair left by the express yesterday left for Montreal, where the honeymoon will be spent. Both were the recipients of many valuable presents, as well as the best wishes of their numerous friends.

FOUND DEAD IN WOODS

Mr. Hutchings, Deputy Minister of Justice, had a wire Saturday from the Sub-Collector at Trinity, saying that the dead body of a man had been found near Trouty Pond. It was identified as the remains of Fred Stone of Bonaventure, who had gone in the country for firewood on Thursday last and who had since been missing.

PASSED CAPE RACE

At 4 p.m. Saturday a schooner, name unknown, passed Cape Race at the time when the S.E. gale was gathering force. It is possible that the vessel made some of the ports on the Southern Shore, if not she had a hard time of it Saturday night and yesterday.

SAILED IN STORM.

Baine, Johnston's large barquin, "John," recently purchased, sailed for Pernambuco Saturday morning and must have had the full benefit of Saturday evening's storm. The "Molega," Capt. F. Nickerson, was ready to leave for Gibraltar also but the Skipper wisely decided to hold the port till the storm abated.

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FREIGHT WANTED—Schooner

"Ellen L. Maxner," 99 tons, wants freight for points in Conception Bay. She is now discharging at Horwood Lumber Co.'s west wharf. See the Captain, WILLIAM POMEROY.—21

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