"THE NUT"

At The MAJESTIC THEATRE TO-day

DOUGLAS FAIRBANKS LEAPS OVER HOUSE TOPS TO THE HEART OF A GIRL.

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In which obstacle race for the "Yes" of this maid there is a combination, trouble, love, thrills and mad adventure.

WHOLESOME— DELIGHTFUL— EXTRAODINARY AMUSEMENT.

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Our Weekly Letter.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

Montreal, March 31.—"Thank you were the words uttered by Wil- St. Onge, when the judge senten- him to be hanged at Bordeaux on June 15th, for the murder of ter Garvilovitch, a cobbler, on ril 1st, 1922. Of all the persons attended the trial the prisoner med to be the most indifferent of all. Even when he was on his to the jail he sang and joked the guards and regaled them accounts of his former exploits the crime world. After leaving the k in the Court of King's Bench, was put into a taxi-cab, accom- ied by three guards, and driven the jail. Upon leaving the Court se, the prisoner began to com- a little ditty about his coming ution. He sang about the scaf- and the length of time he would to wait before being hanged. assured his guard over and again that he was not afraid in least, and that when the time he would be able to take "his He also said that he wished did not have to wait so long be- dying. Three day's notice, he would have been plenty of

rriving at the jail St. Onge was orted immediately to the death where he will remain until June the date of the execution. A rd has been appointed to remain him continually until then. The rd is divided into three shifts of t hours each.

he history of the crime is as fol- :—A Saturday evening three entered the cobbler's store, on ke Street and robbed him of the dollars he had in the place. The bler made after the robbers, when was fired on by one of them, and mortally wounded on the side- k. The third man disappeared, was never found. Wilfred St. e and Emile Trudeau were arres- shortly after the murder of Gav- vitch, and both were charged murder. They appeared for during the November Session of Court of King's Bench. Trudeau at time swore that St. Onge fired shot that killed the cobbler. After trial had proceeded for a short Trudeau was released by the e.

the end of the trial the jury d to agree, 11 men finding St. e guilty and one standing for ac- tal. On this account he was given w trial.

n he was called to the stand in own defence, St. Onge charged deau with swearing his (St. On-) life away to secure his own dom. He reiterated his state- that at the time the shooting place he had not been near the e of the tragedy.

Onge's life, up to the time of arrest for murder seems to have one of extreme wildness. At y early age both his parents died he came to Montreal. There was e here to look after him, and it not long before he began to get mischief. When he was about n he was sent to a reform school. spending some time there he at- ed one of the officials with an For this he was sent to Bor- x Jail to finish his sentence. His behavior at the jail caused some for his regeneration, and an at- was made to send him back to reform school. But the brothers had too much trouble with him rst time, so they refused to take back.

ce then he has served a number il terms and was a drug addict.

swering the doorbell and ex- g to see a Chinaman who was to for some laundry, a citizen was sed when a stranger entered oom, and having bound and gag- him, robbed him of $600. A few afterwards, he detectives arres- ted an old offender, and he was recognized as the guilty man. His trial comes up in a short while.

The manager of a large coal company in the East End of the City held on to a wallet containing $1,200, while two men attacked him. The approach of citizens made the men flee in a stolen auto. Before they left they fired a shot at the manager but it went wide. Two special constables arrested the pair two days' afterwards, and they're awaiting their trial.

A four year old girl died at one of the city hospitals from the effects of swallowing a cent. The coin was removed by an operation, but the poison had circulated through her system to such an extent that death resulted.

The gross receipts of St. Patrick's Day tag day, for St. Patrick's Orphanage amounted to $16,500. One-third has been received by checks and larger bills. The net proceeds will be $15,000, as publicity, tags and boxes cost $1,500.

"In view of the numerous street collections of the past ten years," said Father McShane in announcing the result, "this is certainly a splendid harvest. I would ascribe it to several causes, among them being: The popularity and deserving nature of the cause, for the appeal of fatherless and motherless children is irrestible: the systematic organization of the whole campaign and the excellent support which I received from the committee; the ardor and fine spirit of the captains and their workers, and finally, the generosity and good nature of the people of Montreal."

The results of the previous seven tag days for St. Patrick's Orphanage were as follows:—1916, $10, 883.56; 1917, $11,273.87; 1918, $8,646.40; 1919 $13,350.56; 1920, $16,872.58; 1921, $14,-652.91; 1922, $14,700.

The Red Light District and its many awful evils come in for a scatching exposure at the hands of Nathan Gordon, ex-Prosecuting Attorney of the City and a member of the Committee of Sixteen, when he spoke before the Women's Club.

Mr. Gordon announced that he intended to take the members with him on a tour of "Viveland." After telling of a harrowing case of a boy addict of 14 years of age, he went on: "Most of the addics are from 16 to 21 years of age. There are many ways in which addics are secured. There is the unscrupulous physician who prescribes drugs to allay some comparatively trifing pain or ache. There is the silly girl who goes slumming and smokes a pipe of opium, 'just to see how it feels.' There is the man who is down and out and uses cocaine as a stimulant, the student cramming for examination, the author writing his story and anxious for a substance that will transport him from this mundane world to the Elysian fields of visions and phanasies the woman who is miserable and has nothing, and the woman who has everything and is yet dissatisfied, longing for a 'thrill.'

"And would you like to be told where all these drugs can be obtained in this city? They can be had for a price in our red light district. Among all the cases of drug addiction that have come before our courts during the last few years, I doubt whether ten per cent. have originated outside the red light district. For it is here that the drug peddler moves and lives and has his being. It is here that the addict buys his drugs, uses them, and has abundant freedom to enjoy their effects. It is here that drug parties are freely given—the drug parties which usually end in serious woundings and even murders."

"The famous Storyville, of New Orleans, the notorious Barbary Coast, of San Francisco, the disreputable Tenderloin, of New York, all are grim memories of the buried past. But Montreal still boasts of its district, which is utter abomination. It still hugs the district savagely to its breast."

Mr. Gordon then dealt with the efficient organization and the various classes of persons engaged in the trade. The profits, he said, were enormous. "One woman opened a house on Cardieux Street, ran it for two years, and then retired with a capital of $80,000." The best worker of another woman was a girl of 16 years of age, who was paid a flat rate of $100 a week.

"The cure is to close the district," Mr. Gordon advanced his opinion, that segregation, "the accepted policy of ten years ago," was a failure, and he advocated total repression, not of prostitution, for he acknowledged that such suppression was impossible, but of the red light district.

With the closing of the district there must come also, said Mr. Gordon, the regulation of hotels, rooming and lodging houses, and the suppression of soliciting on the streets, in parks and public places. The dance halls should also be strictly supervised. Throughout his address the speaker showed how closely were allied the twin evils.

The Montreal Daily Star in an Editorial under the heading of "The Vice Campaign," says:—The campaign against vice in the Red Light district is proceeding Raids are made on disorderly houses, spasmodically, and a small percentage of the women and the men habitues are gathered in the police net. Those who are arrested are fined nominal amounts and the women return to the brothels to unlock their doors and put the latch up for another night's trade. Of the hundreds of houses which pandor to this bestial trade one or two alone are visited by the police squad each night. Some of the more pretentious and notorious houses seem to be immune.

The campaign seems to be conducted halfheartedly and the district scoffs at such nibbling methods. It is obvious that if a woman keeper is fined not more than a hundred dollars, which in many cases is less than the weekly rental of her premises and a tithe of her weekly takings, and is permitted to run at full blast on the very day of conviction, the evil is not being seriously coped with.

So far no recorder has meted out a single jail sentence to these women. The Crown Prosecutor in a frank and fearless address to the Women's Club a few days ago gave it as his opinion that these spasmodic raids and the fining of the inmates can never be an effective check on the vice evil. A fine of a hundred dollars once a month is less in amount than these women pay for a single gown. If the police have no other means of closing up those houses than by the raid, which suspends operations for a few hours, then let the Recorders step in and lend their aid by forcing the closure of the premises, while the lessers stay six months in jail. The fine method has been tried year after year and the Red Light District of Montreal is larger than ever before. The obvious conclusion is that the fining method has failed. Let the jail term be tried. It is true that the owners who are now drawing exaggerated rents because their houses are used for immoral purposes will suffer, but these blood suckers, who are trafficking in human health and happines and outraging all decencies of conduct should be made to suffer in the way in which they understand—in their pocketbooks.

The Recorders are doing praiseworthy work in giving stiff jail sentences to the jail fiends, but there is a disparity in justice, when the man with a deck of cocaine gets six months and the keeper of the brothel is let off with a nominal fine. The campaign should be pushed with a crusader's vigor and a stay behind bars might show these women that the law cannot be flagrantly violated.

The Quebec Board of Censors, in session to-day, passed "The Greatest Menace," the drug film that was shown privately at the Mount Royal Hotel last Saturday afternoon. This picture, which deals with the drug traffic, will be exhibited in Montreal at the St. Denis Theatre for a period of nine days, opening Saturday, March 31st, under the auspices of the Commitee of Sixteen, and a part of the proceeds derived from the exhibition will be used by this organization to assist in the suppression of the sale and distribution of drugs and narcotics in Montreal.

Those who saw the private screening were impressed not only with the film's educational value in showing methods employed by the drug ring in getting young men and women to use drugs, but also with its entertainment value.

The Sisters of Providence state that $180,000 was the full insurance carried on the Hospital for Incurables. A mortgage of $44,000 has to be paid from that amount and the balance will be the beginning of the Building Fund. It is thought that the place was set on fire as a suspicious looking individual was seen around the place three hours before the fire started.

F. R. D. Harper, the mining broker, with offices at 55 St. Francois Xavier Street, who is wanted to answer a $25,000 fraud charge, fled to the United States under his own name and left behind defalcations totalling $125,000, according to information in the hands of the local police.

Harper is now being sought in a dozen cities below the line. Warning that he was under an accusation was flashed to all border points, but he moved so quickly that he ran the gauntlet of the United States police everywhere and apparently travelled quite openly as Mr. Harper. His wife is understood to be accompanying him.

(To be continued)

Rheumatic Pains

Are relieved in a few days by taking 30 drops of Mother Seigel's Syrup after meals and on retiring. It dissolves the lime and acid accumulation in the muscles and joints so these deposits can be expelled, thus relieving pain and soreness. Seigel's Syrup, also known as "Extract of Roots," contains no dope nor other strong drugs to kill or mask the pain of rheumatism or lumbago; it removes the cause. 50c. and $1.00 bottles at druggists. 11

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"The Love Slave" has Absorbing Dramatic Story.

SEEN BY IMMENSE AUDIENCES AT THE NICKEL.

One of the finest dramas with an Eastern theme, that has ever reached St. John's is "The Love Slave," which was the feature attraction at the Nickel yesterday. At both performances the house was filled to capacity. The story deals with the passionate infatuation of George Hanet, a French artist travelling in Damascus, for Kora, an Arabian slave girl, whom he rescues from the whipping post. A wild, untamed creature in her desires and impulses she wins the heart of Hanet, and afterwards learns to hate him with a hatred of a lioness.

The production is refreshingly different from the scenic point of view, as it was acted and photographed in the actual locations of the occurances portrayed. The streets of Damascus, harbor of Triest and Southern France have all the atmosphere of old world charm. Lucy Doraine is a pretty woman who has not hesitated to sacrifice some of her beauty under the dark paint required for the Arab girl. The actor who impersonates George Hanet is nameless as far as spectators are concerned, which seems hardly fair, as his role is easily the dominating one and is excellently acted. On the whole this picture is a production that is well worth seeing.

To the Point.

By WILL U. B. WISE.

Apart from the record of the Squires-Coaker Government, upon which much adverse criticism is levelled, and which record has been deemed reprehensible, because of its wasteful squandering methods, the hammer-lock hold which Coaker has been holding on Squires, notably as regards the injurious Fish Regulations, is so repulsive to St. John's electors that one is not surprised at the tremendous strength of the Opposition forces here.

This is why everywhere you go, whether on the streets, in the stores, shops, offices, factories, workshops, clubs and amusement resorts, and the very homes of the people, the one and only conclusion the conversation leads you to is that it is the Bennett party sure for the whole of St. John's; six straight ticketers elected as members of the party, and, as what news is forthcoming from the outports indicates, will without a doubt be the party that will win the Government.

Even the youths of the city, its boys and girls, seem to spontaneously applause the Opposition, which goes to show that the young hopefuls are very much interested in the elections; and as the boys and girls reflect the sentiment of the adult voting members of their household one does not need any great penetrating vision to see the hopelessness of the Government cause.

As for the women, let me alone! They are all Opposition champions enthusiastic, determined yet good-tempered, in spite of the depression and discomforts of the past three years, for with the prospect of seeing a return of the good old times under a Bennett Government, their naturally cheerful optimism springs uppermost from their hearts, in expressions convincing, that the dawn of brighter days will be brought about by their fathers, husbands, sons and brothers who will wield the influence of the ballot to that desired purpose.

Looking at the situation then, as it is to-day, one would be blinded completely by extreme partizanship were he to hold out any hopes whatever for the election of a Government candidate in St. John's. Hopeless, utterly, without the very slightest shadow of a doubt, are their chances in St. John's East whilst many a reliable voter will tell you that in St. John's West their chances are going from bad to worse, so much so that not a few Government supporters will pessimistically, but truthfully tell you, that St. John's West looks worse to them than St. John's East.

Gloomy as the Government's prospects are they would be much worse, however, but for the Micawler like hopes of such friends of theirs as Mr. Twister who keeps their pecker up continually by declaring that Premier Squires will perform some stunts, before election day, that will dazzle the electors' eyes; that something will turn up, as it were, to twist the voters necks around so that where now we see the evils of a Squires-Coaker Government, we then will see free splits for every householder in homes transplanted for us to the wigwamed slopes of the Humber.

No manacles are fastened around the freedom of commerce by a "hipped" fanatic in any British Colony, for no free men would tolerate such a Bolshevik principle. Is Newfoundland then, Britain's oldest and respected Colony going to proclaim to the world its allegiance to that principle? Let our free born sons proclaim in thunder tones "Never never, shall we be slaves to any Bolshevik principle."

A partial eclipse of our freedom came to us a few years ago by Coakerism control of our free rights to the markets of the world in the interests of our fishermen, our city labourers and mechanics, our business men, the families of us all. Suffering intense has been the result. Are we now to consent to a total eclipse of the freedom of commerce with sufferings intensified a hundred-fold

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If the radiators leak and leave gray spots on the floor, restore color with a few drops of ammonia on a soft cloth. Rub with good furniture polish.

Bridge salad: Arrange sections of grapefruit and orange on romaine lettuce leaves with fresh strawberries above. Serve with French dressing.

To clean a stove that has become rusty from lack of use, use steel wool to remove loose rust. Paint with enamel and allow to dry thoroughly before using.

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