

GOOD THINGS COMING TO THEATRES OF ST. JOHN  
NEW YEAR WEEK AT THE IMPERIAL

Willis Flanagan, Noted Tenor—Norman Talmadge—Women Entertainers

Willis Flanagan, Irish tenor, who commences his engagement at the Imperial this evening, is a vocalist of more than ordinary renown and entertaining ability. It is a strange fact that beginning as a baritone, in which voice he studied for a lengthy period in Europe, Mr. Flanagan eventually converted his singing into a splendid tenor quality. In reality he is the possessor of a remarkable double voice, attaining high operatic notes and again descending to sonorous baritone when occasion demands.

The Imperial's new performer has had a wide experience on the concert stage on both sides of the Atlantic, and is especially well known in United States and in New England and Upper Canada, where a deal of his singing work has been done in the last few years, he is naturally a favorite. His singing discloses such sufficient artistry, sustained power and earnestness in operatic numbers and tender appealing qualities in lyric and love songs that he never fails to please all tastes.

Being Irish by birth, Mr. Flanagan naturally leans toward the songs of the Emerald Isle and uses many of the McCormack's favorite numbers. In fact, during his stay at the Imperial he will be heard in a repertoire covering a wide range of subjects and demonstrating his delightful voice in its many phases. After hearing Senor Gaurino's Italian tenor for a fortnight, patrons of the King Square house will also enjoy this other type of voice.

Edith Carey Page and Josephine Dorell, two Boston ladies of more than local reputation as singing entertainers, will be the other attraction at the Imperial for New Year's week, commencing today. The picture for Monday and Tuesday will be Norma Talmadge's powerful society success, "The Moth," one of those big stories of seven reels length, filled with sumptuous settings and tense, climactic situations.

"THE FALL OF THE ROMANOFFS"

Starting Historical Play Dealing With Russia's Downfall, at Lyric

The film production, "The Fall of the Romanoffs," which exposes the innermost actions of the German Kaiser and the Russian Czar and those of the immediate court, is a historical story of the most interesting type. Rasputin, the drunken sled-driver, who ruined Russia, the ill-dreaded Mad Monk who helped put Rasputin out of the way, and the Czar and Czarina, are seen as they actually carried on their lives in the palace. This sensational film production will be the attraction at the Lyric all next week, commencing with Monday matinee.

GOOD ARRAY OF TALENT IN NEW OPERA HOUSE BILL

Usual big vaudeville programme at the Opera House tonight includes Julia Redmond and company, in a comedy one act playlet, "The Critic and the Girl"; the Three Eddy Sisters, classy singers and dancers in a comedy skit, "A Study in Daintiness"; Ernest Dupille, the 30th century comedian and composer, in original songs and funny sayings; Bennett and Lee, singers and snappy gossipers; Felix and Fisher, in a comedy variety act; and "The Gray Ghost" in serial photo drama.

COKE PRICES STAND

Washington, Dec. 29.—There will be no general revision of coke prices for the year 1918. Fuel Administrator Garfield today issued an order continuing in force the prices fixed last September.

MARRIAGES

BUCKLEY-GARNETT—On Dec. 27, by Rev. S. S. Poole, Maude E. Buckley, daughter of James Buckley, of West St. John, to Gordon C. Garnett, of St. John.

BIRTHS

ALEXANDER—On Dec. 26, 1917, to Mr. and Mrs. F. J. Alexander, 159 Broad street—a daughter.

DEATHS

MCKAY—At the Mater Misericordiae Home, on the 28th inst., Catherine, widow of Thomas McKay.

BUDGE—Suddenly, on the evening of the 27th inst., at Boundary Creek, N. B., Benjamin Budge, postal clerk, leaving a widow to mourn his loss.

CUTBERT—Accidentally killed at Fort Worth, Texas, on the 28th inst., Lieutenant Stuart Ross Cutbert, R. F. C., son of the late Mr. A. Ross Cutbert, R. N. W. M. P., aged 20.

I. O. O. F. FUNERAL NOTICE

The members of Sloam Lodge, I. O. O. F., are requested to meet at 164 Pitt street, on Sunday afternoon at 2 o'clock for the purpose of attending the funeral of their late brother.

BENJAMIN BUDGE

Members of sister lodges cordially invited to attend.

By Order of Noble Grand, R. Jenner, Secretary.

CANADIAN NAVAL AUTHORITIES IN CONTROL AT HALIFAX

Statement by Hon. Mr. Ballantyne at Conference—Had Been No Neglect—Administration of Fund

Halifax, N. S., Dec. 29.—At a conference here this morning between a sub-committee of federal cabinet ministers and representatives of the provincial and city governments, the board of trade and various relief committees, Hon. C. C. Ballantyne, minister of marine and fisheries, in answer to a question by Mayor Martin as to who was in charge at the port of Halifax, said that the Canadian naval authorities, of which Captain Martin was the head, were in charge. The minister said that he felt a section of the press of Canada appeared to have been unfair to the Canadian naval authorities and he regretted that so many people had been given erroneous ideas. The admiralty authorities, he said, had not been negligent and extra precautions had been taken. The administration of the port and control, he said, had not been lax or careless and he had been well satisfied with the work of ship control here.

Hon. Mr. Ballantyne told Alderman Goodwin that if there was anything wrong with port control on the day of the explosion he wanted to know it and quickly, but he considered that the port authorities here were the most competent in all Canada. The conference discussed the appointment of a commission to administer the relief funds and there was general approval of such a step. The mayor and several controllers and aldermen insisted, however, that the city should be well represented on that commission. Assurances were given by Hon. A. K. MacLean, chairman, that the statements made to the sub-committee would be given the most careful consideration by the cabinet.

YORK COUNTY CHILD POISONED; MISTOOK MEDICINE FOR CANDY

Fredericton, Dec. 29.—Myrtle C. Brown, aged three and a half years, only child of Mr. and Mrs. John Brown of Bear Island, York county, was poisoned at her home on Friday afternoon by an overdose of patent medicine. Her death resulted in a short time. The medicine was a box of "Fruit-a-Lives." Unnoticed the little one obtained the box and evidently thought the medicine was candy. She ate it all and the effects of the overdose were quick. This is the second similar death of a child in that section of the province.

CALAIS HAS A \$30,000 FIRE

St. Stephen, N. B., Dec. 29.—A destructive fire broke out in the candy factory of Beckett & Co., Calais, Me., the factory was badly gutted and the adjoining buildings occupied by Calais Advertiser Co. and the Knights of Pythias Hall; also the drug store of Percy Lord, were much damaged. The loss is probably \$30,000, partially covered by insurance. Charles Gillis, chief of the Calais Fire Department, fell through the elevator and received a bad shaking up.

MOTHER CHARGED WITH KILLING HER BABY

Toronto, Dec. 29.—Alleged to have murdered her new born child, Mrs. Virginia Ellis was arrested here last night. The body was found at the rear of a house near the city hall on October 19. It is said the child was born without medical or other assistance. Two days later Mrs. Ellis left her bed and the following day the body of the child was found.

Get the Most Out of Your Food.

The digestive organs absolutely need the influence of pure blood for the proper performance of their functions. Persons that sleep in small, ill-ventilated rooms complain of little or no appetite in the morning and of disagreeable dryness of the mouth and throat. Why? Because, as a result of breathing air that is impure, their blood is impure and fails to give their digestive organs the stimulus they must have for perfect work. It is necessary that we should have pure blood, and if we want to get all the good out of what we eat that there is in it and to get it comfortably, Hood's Sarsaparilla is distinguished for making pure, rich, vitalized blood, perfecting the digestion and building up the whole system. Get it today.

ON TREASON CHARGE

New York, Dec. 29.—Paul Hennig, a naturalized German, who has been employed as a foreman in a Brooklyn factory engaged in the making of torpedoes for the United States government, was remanded to jail without bail in federal court here today charged with treason.

GOES IN FOR A YEAR

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U. S. Will Use Them

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Argentine Wheat for Allies

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CASES UNDER THE MILITARY SERVICE ACT

These are reports of cases decided by the central appeal judge, Ottawa.

Re Rowntree (Serial No. 794819 B. C.)

A competent person who has been habitually and effectively engaged in labor essential to the production of food ought not to be withdrawn from it.

December 6, 1917.

This was an appeal by W. H. Rowntree in respect of his son, William Joseph Rowntree, from the decision of Local Tribunal, Ontario, Number 421, refusing a claim for exemption under Section eleven, sub-section one.

The subject of the application is an experienced farm hand who has been working on the farm continuously for the past seven years ever since leaving school. He lives and works with his father who owns a farm of one hundred and fifty acres in the neighborhood of Weston, Ontario, some one hundred and thirty acres of which are under cultivation. The farm is a productive one and the industry carried on is mixed farming.

The subject of the application, with the exception of a brother of fourteen, is the only male help of his father, the owner of the farm, who is a man of advanced years and whose health is much impaired.

The Central Appeal Judge: The subject of the application is not engaged in agricultural labor as an occupation, and by that term I mean labour which is necessary for the efficient prosecution of some form of agricultural production.

Exemption is claimed under Section Eleven, Subsection One (a), of the Military Service Act, which comes into operation when it is established to the satisfaction of the tribunal "that" in the case of the applicant "it is expedient in the national interest that the applicant should instead of being employed in military service, be engaged in other work in which he is habitually engaged. In deciding whether this is or is not established, the Tribunal acts as an independent judicial tribunal.

The executive exercises no control over the disposition of the cases upon which the Tribunal is called to pass.

The Military Service Act itself does not deal explicitly with the subject of the exemption of persons engaged in the agricultural industry; and the question which it is my duty to decide—judicially as I have said—is whether the subject of the application being and having been, as above mentioned, habitually and effectively engaged in agriculture and in labor cases certain advantages. At any rate such a person, ought to be exempted under the provisions quoted above.

These two propositions are indisputable. (1) In order that the military power of the Allies may be adequately sustained, it is essential that persons engaged in agriculture and in other essential occupations should be exempted from military service.

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SMALLPOX GETS GRIP ON ISLAND OF GRAND MANAN

Fredericton, Dec. 29.—New Brunswick now has an excellent prospect of small-pox remaining in certain sections during the winter. The cold makes it more difficult to combat the disease and it will be spring before an attempt to stamp out the disease can be made with prospect of success.

Smallpox has obtained a footing on the island of Grand Manan. Two cases have been reported there. Conditions on the North Shore also are not encouraging. One new case is reported from Chatham, another near there. Fortunately all the cases are of a mild type.

MUST HAVE THE MEN SAYS PREMIER OF FRANCE AND THE CHAMBER SUPPORTS HIM

Paris, Dec. 29.—The debate on a bill authorizing the government to prepare lists of the men of the class of 1918, preparatory to calling them to the colors, was raised upon today by the Chamber of Deputies.

The vote of the chamber yesterday, M. Clemenceau said, was a mandate to the government to carry on the war. General Fethai had asked for a certain number of the accommodation needed by the army to carry on the war.

At the time when German divisions, which number I cannot calculate," he said, "are arriving on our front from Russia, it is proper for you to find fault about a few hundred men I need? If I am not mistaken, the bill was adopted by 425 to 73.

BUSINESS NOTES

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

New York, Dec. 29.—Bradstreet's says business outlook for 1918 is deemed encouraging, although not by any means ultra-optimistic.

Dun's reports failures in United States this week 203 against 233 last week, and 254 last year.

Wedding in Fredericton

Fredericton, N. B., Dec. 29.—At the Baptist Parsonage last evening, Rev. G. C. Warren married George Howard Smith of Chipman and Miss Nellie B. Miller of the same place.

WOMEN WANT PLACES ON EDUCATION BOARD

Women of Toronto are planning a raid on the Board of Education seats for 1918. It's a free-for-all at the polls on New Year's Day for the trustees, and an new board will be elected—fourteen members in all.

During the gale last evening the electricity was entirely cut off from a dwelling on Charlotte street, near the south side of Queen Square.

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LOCAL NEWS

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C. P. R. SUNDAY TRAINS

Private instruction in modern dancing—Miss Alice Green. Phone 2380-1-1.

Buy your cigars, cigarettes, tobacco and pipes at Louis Green's, Charlottetown. Necessary arrangements can be made with J. A. Britain, 80 St. John street, west. Those who can be urgently asked to report.

Sixty-six boys' winter overcoats for sale at cost price—Turner, out of high rent district, 460 Main.

Why buy ready made clothes? You'll get them tailor made for the same money at Morin's, 425 Germain.

Beginners' class January 2 advanced January 5.

TRAINS DELAYED

The trains arriving in the city were late today. The Montreal was two hours and thirty minutes; the Boston two hours and forty minutes, and the Maritime Express, one hour.

ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH

THE ST. JOHN PROTESTANT ORPHANS HOME

FIRE IN HOUSE OF COMMONS QUARTERS BUT IS SOON EXTINGUISHED

Ottawa, Dec. 29.—Fire broke out yesterday afternoon in one of the offices of the House of Commons in the museum building, but was promptly extinguished.

A GERMAN STORY

London, Dec. 29.—According to a German newspaper, the Danish government has protested to Washington against the internment of German sailors at St. Thomas, before taking over the Danish West Indies, the United States is said to have guaranteed that the Germans there would be treated as neutrals until the end of the war.

CANADIAN BANK OF COMMERCE

Unusual interest at the present time attaches to the annual report of the Canadian Bank of Commerce, which has always supplied so large a proportion of the accommodation needed by the business public of the Dominion. At the end of October last its commercial loans represented approximately 16.5 per cent of the aggregate of such loans made in Canada. A month later they reached \$149,822,022, or \$16,000,000 more than a year ago.

A most satisfactory feature of the statement from the public standpoint is that the bank, although advancing so largely in the amount of obligations of the British and Dominion governments, presumably covering advances for munitions accounts.

Today in Wall Street.

New York, Dec. 29.—Wall street—Ralls were again the feature of today's early dealings, some of the minor issues adding one and a half points to recent gains. Motors and equipments also strengthened.

PERSONALS

Mrs. J. S. MacLaren has returned home after being in Toronto to see her sister, Mrs. Wilson, whose only son was recently killed while on active service.

THE BOER WAR

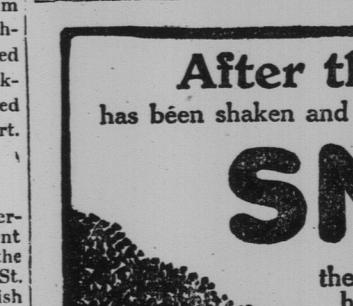
High Gas.

To the Editor of the Times—

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J. GOLDMAN

LOCAL NEWS

HIS ARM BROKEN. James McKenzie, aged forty years, slipped on the ice yesterday afternoon and broke his arm. He was treated at the General Hospital.

GIVEN A TREAT. A Christmas treat was given by St. Monica's Guild in the A. O. H. hall, Union street, on Thursday for the children of their sewing circle.

FUNERALS. The funeral of Samuel A. Corbit, who died in Apohaqui and whose body was brought here for burial, took place this afternoon from the residence of Struan Robertson, Germain street. Services were conducted by Rev. Mr. Fraser. Interment was made in Fernhill.

The funeral of James McNutt took place this morning from his late residence, 38 Forest street. Services were conducted by Rev. D. J. MacPherson. The body was taken to Truro for interment.

THE BOER WAR

Enquirer—The Boer war began in October, 1899, and ended in May, 1902.

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