

GOOD THINGS COMING TO THEATRES OF ST. JOHN  
NOTABLE SINGING ACT IN OPERA HOUSE BILL

One of the best singing specialties ever seen on a local stage is at the Opera House this week as one of the features of the vaudeville programme, Rhoda and Crampton, in a special scene from the grand opera, Aida, with an elaborate stage setting, costumes and everything that is necessary to give this production the proper atmosphere. Music lovers are well aware that Aida is something out of the ordinary—as stages, Rhoda and Crampton are out of the ordinary and well worth seeing.

LAST TIMES TONIGHT FOR GOOD GEM BILL

This is the last night to see Virginia Pearson in William Fox's "A Daughter of France," at the Gem, at 7:15 and 9:45. The war scenes are between the French and German lines in France and Miss Pearson's clever acting of a beautiful German French girl caught by the Germans makes this picture one well worth seeing. Also "The Eagle's Eye," Episode No. 12, "The Plot Against the Welland Canal."

CHARLIE RAY A HIT AT IMPERIAL

Charles Ray, the youthful leading man who is now so very popular, scored another triumph at the Imperial yesterday to large crowds in "His Own Home Town," the tale of a young chap who did a small city of a bunch of gruff and political crooks at the risk of his own life. It was a splendid story and will receive its final showings this evening. The Imperial introduced a new war picture of still greater excellence. Mutt & Jeff are running a hotel in the town of the Drews are putting on a comedy entitled "His First Love." It's a great home-again bill.

BIG ONE AT THE GEM TOMORROW

Watch tomorrow's paper for an announcement of big Wednesday Gem feature, "The Bar Sinister," a very superior offering.

WAR NOTES

All persons in Petrograd and Moscow are actually residents are reported ordered to leave within twenty-four hours. The United States has recognized the Czechoslovak peoples as a co-belligerent nation in the war against Germany and Austria-Hungary. United States Government war expenditures in August broke all monthly records by more than \$1,714,000,000, on reports up to today. Later reports may raise this to \$2,000,000,000. The Allies in Northern European Russia, aided by Russian forces, on August 31, captured the enemy's position north of Obozerskaya, seventy-five miles south of Archangel.

Notice of Births, Marriages and Deaths, 50c.

BIRTHS

SAINDERS—To Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Sainders, 188 Rockland road, a son, Sept. 1, 1918.  
FENNEL—On Sept. 1, to Mr. and Mrs. L. J. Fennel, 181 City road, a son.

MARRIAGES

SHANKS-GATES—At St. Luke's church, Hoyt, N. B., on August 28, by the Rev. Edmund Halliwell, Arthur Douglas Shanks to Myrtle Loreta Gates.

DEATHS

CRAFT—In this city on Sept. 3, Ethel May, youngest child of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Craft, aged three years.  
Service at the house, 59 Spar Cove road, Thursday afternoon at 2:30.  
GIBBS—On September 1, in East St. John County Hospital, Jesse Arthur Gibbs, leaving his wife, two children, three brothers and two sisters to mourn.  
Funeral from the residence of his father-in-law, James Binnick, 118 Lancaster street, West St. John, Tuesday, September 3 at 8:30. Interment in Cedar Hill cemetery.

IN MEMORIAM

COGGINS—In loving memory of Florence May Coggins, who died on September 8, 1917.  
You are not forgotten, Florence dear. As long as life and memory last. The happy home we once enjoyed. How sweet their memory still. Your death has left a vacant place. The world can never fill.  
Husband, Parents, Sisters and Brother.

INCREASE IS LIKELY TO BE ALLOWED

Mr. Sullivan Writes Mayor About Temporary N. B. Power Company Advances

"I have no doubt but that the order for increases, as drafted by the commission, will be adopted by the commission and made effective at a very early date."

This is the opinion of J. A. Sullivan of Boston, counsel for the city in the matter of the New Brunswick Power Company application for increased rates before the royal commission, expressed in a letter received by Mayor Hayes this morning.

Mr. Sullivan recounts the steps which he took in connection with the session of the commission held in Boston on Saturday, and said that, apart from the question of the justice of the proposed increase in rates, he felt that the city had not been dealt with justly by the commission, in dealing with the proposed increase without giving the city time to check up the report of the accountants.

He had urged upon the chairman the desirability of postponing action until the reports of the accountants were submitted and then giving the city at least a week to study the accounts before meeting in St. John to give the city an opportunity to present evidence and arguments before any action was taken.

Mr. Currier, the chairman of the commission, informed Mr. Sullivan that he disagreed with him and felt that the action of the commission had been entirely proper. Mr. Sullivan added that Mr. Currier also had resented both the mayor's letter and Mr. Sullivan's protest against the holding of the session outside the province.

Mr. Sullivan suggests that Mr. Whiting and Mr. Miltren should return to St. John to complete the data which they have been securing regarding the company.

LENINE OUT OF DANGER, GIRL WHO SHOT HIM REFUSES TO SPEAK

Copenhagen, Sept. 3.—The condition of Nikolai Lenin, Bolshevik premier, who was shot by a girl in Moscow, is no longer so dangerous, according to a Moscow despatch, received through Berlin.

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NO FERRY NOW AT INDIANTOWN

The ferry service between Indian-town and Pleasant Point was discontinued at noon on Sunday and since then there has been no regular means of crossing the river there. Captain Leonard applied to the Lennox Ferry for a subsidy of \$200 a month. An offer of \$125 a month to be paid by the city and county equally, was made last week, but this did not prove acceptable.

RIGHT OF THE TWELVE HALIFAX ALDERMEN HAVE RESIGNED

Halifax, Sept. 3.—Eight city aldermen, who jointly warned Mayor Hawkins that unless he resigned by Aug. 31 they would do so, have resigned. His resignation was presented at this morning's meeting. There now remain only four aldermen, less than a quorum. These four may resign.

QUEBEC DROWNING ACCIDENTS

Quebec, Sept. 3.—Two women were drowned and an automobile lost yesterday at Three Rivers when a car on the deck of the Canada line steamer Pierpont slipped, broke the railing and rolled into the river.

FREDERICTON TO HAVE RACES OCT. 1, 2 AND 3

Fredericton, Sept. 3.—Local horsemen are arranging for a race meet at the Trotting Park on Oct. 1, 2 and 3. There will be six classes, including a free-for-all and purses will aggregate \$1,900. Secretary O'Neill is in charge of the arrangements.

REVISORS' LISTS

The revisors of the federal election lists have completed the first draft which is merely a reproduction of the city lists, and it is now in the hands of the printers. When the lists are ready they will be posted in public places to give citizens an opportunity to see whether they are complete and, later on, to see what will be held for the final revision. The lists will be open until October.

TENDERS FOR PIPE

Four tenders have been received for the 427 tons of cast iron pipe for the water and sewerage department for the East St. John extension. The tenders will be presented to the council at the weekly meeting this afternoon.

HUNS ON 50-MILE FRONT IN RETREAT

New York, Sept. 3.—The Associated Press this morning issues the following: On a front of virtually fifty miles, from just below Ypres to a point near Arras, the Huns are in retreat. This retrograde movement has been accelerated by the notable victory won by Field Marshal Haig in breaking through the strong defensive lines protecting the railway centres of Douai and Cambrai, and threatening to outflank even the main Hindenburg line south to St. Quentin.

No pronounced and so speedy is the German retirement movement that it seems as if this enemy, who has not met with a disaster as perilously on the verge of one.

The important French coal mining city of Lens, at the gates of which the British pounded valiantly virtually all last year, has been evacuated, the British moving in.

To the north, in Flanders, the retreat is continuing, and the British have further closed up the Lyx salient by taking possession of the village of Wulverghem, two miles south of Kemmel.

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LONDON CABLE BRINGS GOOD NEWS OF ST. JOHN SOLDIERS OVERSEAS

A cablegram received by a St. John office this morning from London brings welcome news of several local men. Relative to Don Macdonald, son of H. W. Macdonald, who has been a prisoner in Germany for three years, the cable says that he will be returned to Canada on June 8. His name is now in order for exchange, unless illness should prevent. The cable also referred to Lieut. Kenneth Golding of the Royal Air Force saying that it is expected that he will be returned to Canada in the near future. Regarding Lieut. J. H. A. L. Fairweather and another Canadian named Kelly, from Prince Edward Island, the cable said that both were coming on well.

Big Fire at Bar Harbor

A serious conflagration wiped out three business blocks and two hotels, the New Florence and the Bar Harbor House, in Bar Harbor last Sunday. It was one of the biggest and most serious fires that ever occurred in Bar Harbor and threatened to wipe out the entire business section. Guests in the New Florence Hotel fled in haste from the burning building. The total loss is estimated to be in excess of \$200,000.

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LT. COL. MERSEREAU COMING HOME SOON

Recovering From Severe Illness—N. H. S. Girls' Outing—News of Frederickton

Fredericton, N. B., Sept. 3.—Lieut.-Col. G. W. Mersereau, who went overseas in command of the 122nd Battalion, is now in hospital at Buxton, Eng., recovering from severe illness. He is expected home soon.

A large party of young ladies belonging to the Natural History Society of St. John, in charge of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. McIntosh who have been making a canoeing trip on the river, camped last night at the mouth of the Upperwashad. They broke camp this morning and returned to St. John by rail.

Two traveling salesmen, arrested on the Woodstock train last evening for having obscene literature in their possession, will be brought before Magistrate Limerick this afternoon.

Miss Rita Barry, daughter of Judge Barry, left last evening for New York to enter St. Vincent's Hospital for course of training. Members of Anawakade Chapter Daughters of Empire presented to her a hand bag.

LOCAL NEWS

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COURT HOUSE REPAIRS

The building committee of the municipal council met this morning in the office of the county secretary, H. R. McMillan, presiding, to consider the repairs to the court-house. This job is not a large one, being merely the re-pointing of the roof and the renewing of gutters, but it was found that prices have gone up to a surprising extent since similar work was done and the matter was left to the chairman to take what action he decided would be best.

NEW MAN-POWER DRAFT IN STATES, REGISTRATION SEPT. 12

Washington, Sept. 1.—President Wilson yesterday signed the new man power bill and issued a proclamation appointing September 12 as the day of registration for all men between the ages of eighteen and forty-five.

The Provost Marshal General's office gave the number of men affected by the extension of the draft ages as 12,728,728.

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LOCAL NEWS

DEATH OF CHILD  
Mr. and Mrs. George Byrne of 295 Brussels street, have the sympathy of friends in the death of their son, Bernard Bennett, aged one year and four months.

IS IN ENGLAND  
Mr. and Mrs. John Desmond, of Lennox street, have received a telegram from their son, Ray, R. M. Desmond, announcing his safe arrival in England.

ON VACATION  
Policeman John Collins of the L. E. B. is accompanied by Mrs. Collins and their two grandchildren, will leave this evening for a visit to Portland, Me. Police- man Smith will take Mr. Collin's place while he is away.

AUCTION SALE  
Arnold's big auction sale will commence this evening, Sept. 3, at 497-149 Brussels street, at 7:30. This will be your last opportunity to secure the wonderful bargains going at these sales. See auctioneer.

THEIR CHILD DEAD  
Mr. and Mrs. Frank Craft have lost their youngest daughter, Ethel May, at the age of three years and five months. She leaves three sisters and three brothers at home and one brother overseas. There will be service at the house, 59 Spar Cove road, on Thursday afternoon at half-past two.

TELEPHONE COMPANIES  
WARNED  
The telephone companies of the maritime provinces have received instructions from the Chief Press Censor, Ottawa, that the transmission of information by telephone regarding the movements of submarines off the coast, or efforts taken by the authorities to restrict these activities, is forbidden until further notice.

FALL OF PLASTER IN CATHEDRAL  
Members of the congregation of the Cathedral were given a fright on Sunday morning during the 11 o'clock mass when a large piece of plaster fell from the ceiling into one of the pews. The great and startled the people who were at that time listening to His Lordship Bishop LeBlanc delivering his sermon. Fortunately no one was injured and little damage was done.

SOLDIER'S HEALTH RESTORED  
Sergt. Gordon B. Smith, who was suffering from shell shock and heart trouble, has recovered. Mrs. Smith had word from him yesterday. He has been overseas nearly four years and is still in France, but hopes to return to Canada before the end of the year. He enlisted in Montreal and prior to that was in the employ of the C. P. R. in that city and St. John. His friends are glad to learn of his restoration to health.

THE ROTARY CLUB  
The Rotary Club at today's luncheon further discussed plans for a field day in Barracks Square in aid of the Playgrounds Association. R. L. Hunter, president, presided. Reports submitted by F. H. Quirk and R. Heber Vroom were considered and a hearty general talk ensued. The chairman of the various committees were appointed as follows:— Sports—K. J. MacIsaac; picnic, Geo. L. Warwick; refreshments, J. H. Bond; music, R. S. Ritchie; advertising, R. L. Armstrong; grounds, T. H. Estabrook; tickets and printing, R. L. Hunter.

OVERWHELMED BY CANADIAN FIRE

With the Canadian Forces, Sept. 3.—(By J. F. B. Livesey, Canadian Press correspondent)—Supported by what is said to have been the greatest artillery barrage put on in this theatre of the war, after the seeming desultory fighting of the last few days, went into action in force yesterday afternoon. The enemy was overwhelmed by the volume and intensity of our fire, our trench-battery work smothering his return fire. The men went in quietly, confident, taking their time to secure the victory which they were sure. Thousands of prisoners came in during the day, and our men say they encountered heavy machine gun fire, but so soon as they stormed the trench system the enemy surrendered.

The British forces also rushed forward. The weather was clear and cold and the roads were in fair shape. The pursuit was pushed forward by tanks and the motor machine gunners.

The honors of the day went to an Ontario battalion, which made an advance of more than 1,000 yards over hard going, taking 700 prisoners, most of whom were captured in dugouts.

The fighting of last week was on a relatively minor scale, confined to a limited number of our troops, but it was tough and bitter throughout. From his reserves at Douai and Cambrai the enemy sent in wave after wave of counter-attacks, thus suffering very severe losses.

During the week the Canadians captured more than 5,000 prisoners and some guns with hundreds of machine guns. The enemy dead strewn the hillsides.

LABOR DAY AT CHAPEL GROVE

Labor Day was fittingly observed at Chapel Grove. In addition to a picnic there was a special attraction in the form of a championship baseball match between Johnnie McIntyre's Invincibles from the barge Mona. The game was played in a field owned by Parker Edwards and was witnessed by a large gathering of people. The crew of the Mona, under the guidance of Edward McManus, triumphed and the Invincibles, failing to live up to their name, were vanquished by a score of 9 to 8. The McIntyre brothers, John and James, essayed the task of a battery for the Invincibles, but after Arthur Howard slammed out a home run and two of the other players conspired to three-baggers he was relieved and King attempted to stay the onslaught. The game was greatly enjoyed by all present and arrangements are being made for a return match. Among the spectators were young ladies and girls from St. Peter's Sunday school, who went to Chapel Grove on a picnic.

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On the northern half of the Drocourt-Quent battlefield there were some 3,000 prisoners in the cages last night. Thousands more had been taken to the hospitals wounded, while probably more than 8,000 additional captures had been effected on the southern half of the front.