

Strong Drama Casino To-night

Another Large and Appreciative Audience See the "Divorce Law" Last Night—The "Squaw Man" a Clean Refined Western Drama Bill For This Evening

In the repetition of the "Divorce Question" last night the Klark-Urban Co. played to another capacity audience and gave the drama another splendid presentation.

To-night the "Squaw Man", a most interesting drama, depicting Western life will be presented. It had a great run in New York, London and other English and American cities and we expect a rush of our people to witness it.

"ALCONDA" LEAVES FOR SYDNEY.

The S. S. Alconda left London yesterday for Sydney and will load a cargo of coal there for this port, helping thereby to relieve the shortage in the article which now prevails here.

The Triduum Largely Attended

The Triduum at the R.C. Cathedral and St. Patrick's Churches, which began Wednesday evening, is largely attended each night by the men of both parishes. On Wednesday night at St. Patrick's Rev. Dr. Kitchin preached a very eloquent sermon, during the course of which he referred to the exemplary conduct of the Newfoundland soldiers at the front—their courage, fidelity, fortitude and loyalty, and paid a special tribute to the memory of those who had fallen, asking the prayers of the congregation for the repose of their souls.

Man Reported Missing

Last evening Mrs. Broadrick of Fergus Place reported to the police that her husband had left home Wednesday afternoon and up to the time the woman reported him had not returned home. His father, well known here, resides in Halifax and it is possible the man who was not working went up in the Stephanos to see him. The woman has three children and was much concerned about her husband's disappearance. The police will make enquiries.

AT THE MECHANIC'S HALL.

Messrs W.R. Godden, Alec Mews and Geo. Davey, who have charge of the coal supplying at the Mechanic's Hall are doing good work. Each man takes three hours in turn and everything is conducted with order and decorum. The orders are taken as the people present them and no favor is shown to any person. Not more than one half ton of coal is given and up to last evening about 210 tons had been delivered. Mr. Geo. Coen is the clerk and is doing good, faithful duty.

Store Broken into and Ransacked

Sometime late last night or early this morning some thief or thieves got down on Monroe & Co.'s premises and breaking a window, entered the store, which they pretty thoroughly ransacked. They forced a door in the retail department, opening it with some kind of sharp instrument, and cleared it out of its contents, all the day's sales, about \$40 or \$50 in cash. The deed was a bold one and it is thought that some expert is at work, as of late several similar thefts have occurred.

Lines are Interrupted

To-day Bowring Bros. had no news of either the Portia's or Prospero's movements. The telegraph wires have been put out of commission by the storm so that nothing could be heard of the ships.

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OUR THEATRES

THE NICKEL. There is a splendid programme at the Nickel theatre to-day, and it is sure to attract large audiences. There is a beautiful drama, entitled "Greater than Art." It is in three reels by the Edison Co., and is one of the finest dramas ever presented here. "Ashes of Gold" is a unique dramatic attraction, excellently staged and perfectly photographed. "The two natures within him" is a powerful two-part Selig melo-drama, presenting an all-star cast. "Mr. Jarr takes a night off" is one of these funny Vitagraphs, which is sure to please. There is a big matinee for the children to-morrow, and parents should send them to enjoy themselves. It will be a special matinee.

THE CRESCENT. The Crescent Picture Palace shows to-day a modern society drama. "Such Things Really Happen" produced in two reels by the Lubin Company, featuring Orm Hawley and Earl Metcalfe. "Jean the Faithful" is a fine pastoral drama by the Biograph Company, the cast includes Augusta Anderson, Charles Perly and Madge Kirby. "The Children's House," this remarkable picture is a tribute to the success of a woman who loves children. Dr. Montessori, the great Italian Educator; Lloyd Hamilton and Bud Duncan appear in the funniest of Ham and Bud comedies, "The Polywogs' Picnic." Mr. Dave Parks sings a novelty song to-day. Mr. Parks possesses a splendid baritone voice and always sings his songs with expression and taste. On to-morrow evening pictures will be shown at the big Saturday matinee. Send the children to the comfortable Crescent they will be well looked after.

At the Poor Asylum

On Wednesday afternoon the ladies of the W. C. T. U. visited the Poor Asylum to give their annual treat to the inmates of the institution. A concert arranged by Misses Benedict and Mitchell was also given and the following took part: Piano selection—Miss White. Recitation—Miss Howley. Solo—Mrs. Johnson. Solo—Miss A. Kean. Recitation—Miss Munro. Patriotic song—Mr. A. White. Following the concert the ladies visited Hospital where cakes and jellies were left for the sick. Yesterday the W. C. T. U. held its regular meeting, presided over by President Benedict. Encouraging reports were read by the offices as well as a very interesting letter from Mrs. Howland who took part in our Prohibition Campaign.

Snow Storm Interferes With Railway Traffic

The snow storm of Wednesday night and yesterday morning piled up drifts along the Bay de Verde branch line and the regular which left here Wednesday up to midnight had only reached Northern Bay. On the main line much snow fell also, especially on the Eastern section and in the neighborhood of Alexander Bay the cuts were filled with heavy drifts and right along to the Topsails the drifts were very deep, while further West the storm was not as severe. Snow plows are being used by the various trains running and every effort is being made to clear the line. If frost succeeds the present mild weather much more difficult work is in store for the railway people.

Burin Just Now a Busy Centre

People who arrived down here by the Glencoe by way of Placentia say there is now great activity at Burin, all being busy fitting out the bankers for the season's voyage. Heretofore this work would be done in the month of April but it is now being performed in January. Twelve schooners are fitting out there now and being supplied with herring bait at 90 cents per barrel received from Placentia. The baiting for each vessel for the first trip will cost about \$500. Two bankers go from Placentia in command of Capt. McLellan and Canning. The weather is unfavorable for cutting pit props, snow and frost being much required. They did very well in Placentia Bay with herring, some dories with two men each earning as high as \$600 since December 1st last.

KYLE'S PASSENGERS.

The S.S. Kyle arrived at Port aux Basques this morning bringing Miss McLeod, B. Clark, C. Farcue and Jno. Smith.

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Opening Session of the M.C.I.I.

Debate Was Marked by Exceptionally Fine Speeches From Many Speakers—Co-operative System Gets Small Majority—An Interesting Season Looked Forward to

This winter's sessions of the M. C. I. I. promise to be most interesting. Last night there was a large gathering when the subject debated was—"Is a co-operative business more adapted to promote the welfare of mankind than a competitive business?"

Those avowing the co-operative principle were Messrs. Geo. Grimes, P. H. Cowan and R. Hearder; Contra Messrs H. E. Cowan; A. E. Parkins and L. R. Penney. Some very logical arguments were advanced pro and con and the speeches delivered exemplified that literary talent of a high order exists in the club. After the set speakers had had their word the members of the Institute generally debated the matter and most of the efforts made redounded to the credit of the speakers.

On the vote of the members the co-operative system was sustained by a small majority. It was decided that the 50 or 60 members of the Institute serving King and Country in the battle line be suitably inscribed on a Roll of Honour and that they be made honorary members of the Institute.

LOCAL ITEMS

Several men came from various places North by the express to-day to join the Naval Reserve force.

The two new policemen, Humber and Edwards, are now doing duty on the streets in the West and East sections respectively.

Mr. and Mrs. Fenwick Crane, who had been on a trip to New York and had a three weeks stay there, returned by the Stephano, having enjoyed their stay in the big U. S. city.

As he passed down Duckworth St. yesterday a boy named Ash was hit with a quantity of wet snow which fell from the roof of a house and considerably hurt. He became unconscious for a while and later was taken to his home, Spencer Street by Const. Hilliard.

Yesterday the snowball nuisance was in evidence on the higher levels, crowds of boys pelting each other. None would object to such boyish sports but when women and old people passing are attacked and forced to turn back on their way it is going a bit too far.

WERE SNOWED IN

People from Bell Island to-day say that the snow storm of Wednesday night was one of the worst experienced there for sometime. One of the shacks out at the mines was completely buried in snow and the miners had to set to work yesterday and dig the occupants out. They proved to be a newly married couple but did not seem to mind the inconvenience they were put to, though the bride was scared on learning that their home had been buried. They were surprised on finding that the day had been several hours old when they were liberated. They imagined it was still night before the shack was uncovered.

"Alconda" Chartered

The Prime Minister, Sir Edward Morris, received the following cable to-day:—"The 'Alconda' left London yesterday, January 13th, for 'Sydney to load 6000 tons coal for St. John's.'" The charter was signed yesterday in London by Sir Edgar Bowring on behalf of the Newfoundland Government, he having been authorized by the Prime Minister to do so.

THE EXPRESS ARRIVES.

The Kyle's express got in here to-day at 11.30 with a large mail and a number of passengers. The passengers say that from Bishop's Falls to St. John's the snow storm of Wednesday was the most severe, but west of Bishop's Falls, not much snow fell. Some of the cuts were filled with as high as six feet of snow and snow ploughs were used as the train came along and all things considered she made fair time.

One of the big rotary snow ploughs is here and the other at Bishop's Falls, and are ready, if conditions require, to go on the road at a moment's notice.

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SHIPPING

The Tabasco sailed from Liverpool for here yesterday evening.

The S. S. Louisburg passed the Narrows this morning evidently coal laden for one of the Northern ports.

The S.S. Metagama should leave Liverpool for here about the 23rd. Inst. with a large freight.

The schr. "Coronation" is now loading codfish at the Monroe Export Co's premises for Europe.

The steamers Eagle and Fogata are due here to-morrow morning early, coal laden from Sydney and the Meigle should also arrive here to-night.

The S.S. Home had a very stormy period since leaving Humbermouth and had to put in at St. Lawrence yesterday afternoon out of the storm, leaving again to-day for this port.

The vessels Waterwitch, Janstien and Lillian Blauvelt got away yesterday almost together for Brazil and interesting race South should result. There is much speculation as to which vessel will be the first down.

Yesterday Bowring Bros. had a message from the Prospero which harbored at Baie Verte, saying that the Arctic ice had moved South and was then near the Groa Islands. This being so it is likely that the ship will not be able to go far North next trip.

The Lillian Blauvelt, laden by the Smith Co., got away to Pernam yesterday; the Janstien, laden by Job's to Brazil also, and the Waterwitch left yesterday, laden by Bowring Bros for Brazil.

The steamers Adventure and Bellaventure have not yet been reported as arriving at Archangel. It is possible they were delayed waiting for a convoy at Alexandrovsk or they might have been held up at Archangel Bar so that news may shortly be had of them.

OFFICIAL CASUALTY LIST FIRST NEWFOUNDLAND REGIMENT JANUARY 14th, 1916.

415 Lt.-Corp Wilfred D. Stonlake, Guernsey. Previously reported seriously ill; Suvia, Nov. 26. Now reported to be admitted to the Third Western General Hospital, Cardiff; Jan. 10; dysentery.

J. R. BENNETT, Colonial Secretary.

Ponies Stolen and Sold by Thieves

Yesterday, men in from Manuels, and other parts of the South Shore of Conception Bay, tell us that thieves have been active the past Fall and during the early winter in what might be considered a new departure in thieving. Ponies are each year left out to graze in the late Fall and this year at Manuels, Kelligrews and up around the Bay a number of animals cannot be found. From reports which our informant received, they are certain that the animals have been stolen. Not alone does this apply to the South Shore, but at Island Cove, five were taken and at other parts of the North Shore people have lost ponies.

All are fine young animals, valued for at least \$100 and it is believed they were corralled and sent to Sydney where they are very useful for mining work, and where they would fetch a high figure. The owners are put to much hardships by losing the animals.

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Enjoyable Time at Bay Roberts

A very enjoyable time was held at Bay Roberts on Wednesday night, Jan. 5th, when an entertainment was given by our young people of which we would like to refer to those who took part in the programme, namely:—Messrs. Edward Sparks, Malcolm Sparks, Richard Sparks, Aubrey Sparks, Nathan Badcock, Robert Hayse, Jacob White, Eugene Mercer, Geo. Richards, Misses Pearl Badcock, Ethel Hayse, Lizzie Hayse, Winnie Hayse, Emmie Sparks, Emmie Snow, Pearl Brown, Alfreda Brown. We appreciate their willingness on behalf of the Council in aiding us in this way. We thank Mr. Edward Russell for the loan of his gramophone. We also thank our friends of Spaniard's Bay for grand selections by the Band. The F.P.U. Hall was well lighted, and we extend to our friends the compliments of the season.—S.E.

A Fine Copper Exhibit

To-day in the store window of Bishop & Son's is exhibited a large piece of pure Newfoundland copper, taken out of the dumps at Little Bay and brought here by the S.S. Newfoundland. It weighs 300 lbs. and is worth \$75.

While our reporter was looking at the exhibit, Mr. McKay came on the scene and assured him that there are tens of thousands of tons of high grade copper in the dumps near the mine. He has between two and three tons of lumps of copper similar to that on exhibition, landed from the steamer.

While Mr McKay was speaking, a gentleman, a stranger, was present and listened with evident interest. He then introduced himself, cards were exchanged and he told Mr. Mack that he represented a large concern in the U.S.A. interested in copper, and he asked Mr. Mack to call at his hotel and talk matters over. It is not at all unlikely that a business deal, mutually advantageous, may result from the incident.

There was a clean docket in the Magistrate's Court to-day before F. J. Morris, K.C. Some ten civil cases were disposed of.

Roumania's Duty is to Join Allies

(By Jake Jonecu, former minister of the Interior of Roumania, and now leader of the Liberal Party.)

BUCHAREST, Jan. 3.—Belonging to the opposition, I cannot tell definitely what Roumania's official action will be. But I can express this nation's will and the probability of the future. Roumania can never fight with the Germans. A few maniacs and wretches bought by the Teutons make a lot of noise, but no government could force the Roumanians to fight side by side with the Magyars. The impossibility of this will be the surer because Russia has pulled round marvelously and is preparing formidable armies. Roumanians of common sense know that our national unity and honor will compel us to fight with the quadruple entente allies, whose victory is certain, despite Germany's ephemeral success in the Balkans, due to Bulgaria's perfidy and the coup d'etat of the Greek king, who took up an attitude contrary to the wishes and interests of his people.

Many of us believe Roumania should have entered the war at least at the same time as Bulgaria, but it is idle to lament the past.

Now, that the Serbs have been thrown back on the Adriatic, the situation depends on Franco-British action on the Balkan peninsula and Russia's preparations for an attack on the Bulgarians. It would be absurd for Roumania to allow another opportunity to slip.

I believe she dare not. My country must embark on a war against her secular enemies and stop a wave of enthusiasm. The half million men forming our field army would exercise

OUR VOLUNTEERS

Though the recruiting for volunteers has been anything but brisk of late it is hoped that there will soon be another rush of Newfoundland manhood to the colours, for our boys are as patriotic as ever. The volunteers had drill indoors. There are now 2739 on the roster with the addition of the name of Chas. Moores, Pouch Cove.

PROFESSIONAL HOCKEY DENOUNCED BY SKIRTS.

OTTAWA, Jan. 3.—Laurentian Chapter Daughters of the Empire, has issued a statement calling attention to the "disgrace of patronizing professional hockey games in times such as these."

ONE ON THE DOCTOR.

Dr. James L. Hughes tells a good story of himself. He recently made a trip to New York and at the border was interrogated as customary by the United States Immigration Agent, a thorough Irishman:—"Are you an American?" he was asked. "Yes, and a Canadian, thank God," replied the Doctor. "Are you remaining in the States long?" was the next query. "No," was the reply. "Thank God," said the Immigration Agent.

HUB TYPIST QUICK WITTED.

The following is being told by a lawyer who employs a young lady as a typist and secretary, and recently handed her a batch of letters to answer for him. Among these was one asking if he could inform the writer of the state of health of Mrs. H—, and also her present address. The secretary replied as follows:—"Dear Madam—In reply to your letter of yesterday's date, I am unable to give you Mrs. H—'s address as requested. She died on the 17th and was buried on the 22nd inst."

HE LOST HIS COURAGE.

"So you want to marry my daughter, eh? She's a fine girl, my boy—a fine girl—just like her mother." "Then you give your consent?" "Not so fast, young man. I'll have to consult my wife first. She's the one who decides things in this house." "Oh, I see. On second thought, I don't think I want to marry your daughter. I'm afraid she'll continue to be just like her mother."

AMERICAN PREDICTS WIN FOR ALLIES THIS YEAR.

LNODON, Ont., Jan. 7.—Frederick Palmer, the famous American war correspondent, who recently returned from the British front in France and Flanders, in addressing the London Canadian Club at noon to-day, predicted that the war would be over within a year, with the allies the victors. Mr. Palmer declared that a year ago the Germans were winning, although the British did not realize it, but the advantage is now entirely with the Allies.

THERE IS STILL HOPE.

"There," said the artist, throwing down his brush and stepping back from the easel. "I consider that the very best thing I ever did." "Never mind," said his friend consolingly. "Perhaps the critics will take a more charitable view of your other stuff."

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serious pressure on the Germanic line of communication. I cannot name the date of this event, but I can foresee it.

It would shorten the resistance of Germany, who already is condemned to defeat. The enemy of the human race, she merits punishment. I hope and believe my country will share in the infliction of this chastisement.

Local Option Gains in Ont. Province

Local option by-laws have been carried in fifteen Ontario municipalities, wiping out about fifty bars. This is a small result, compared with what we were accustomed to in former years. It must, however, be remembered that all the easy places were captured long ago, and that now only the harder ones remain. It is also to be noted that the places carried were mostly small towns, villages and townships. But this in like manner is easily explained. The larger the place, the more wedded it is to license. The last of the liquor strongholds to be bombarded and taken will be the big cities.

The dry forces are able to add several notable scalps to their belt. They have taken Aurora, Carleton Place, Petrolia, Uxbridge and Wallaceburg—all towns of some size. They failed to get Oakville, Oshawa and Whitby, among towns of about the same size where they had a fair chance; but they will doubtless, as opportunity offers, "try, try again."

In the cities they were uniformly unsuccessful. Fort William, Niagara Falls and Stratford they lose by straight majorities. These defeats they will accept with complacency. But in several important places they lose only by failing to reach the three-fifths requirement. These are Belleville, Brantford, Port Arthur, Sarnia and Woodstock. To these, among the towns, may be added Oakville, Parry Sound and Whitby. It may be expected that the Ontario Alliance will fresh open its vials of wrath upon the Ontario Government for this stipulation. Temperance Conservatives, however, as a rule, consider it one of the very wisest and most prudent of the measures of the Whitney Administration, and it is largely because the Ontario Alliance has had so much to say against it that the Alliance is being superseded by that new and truly nonpartisan organization, the Committee of One Hundred. Very tantalizing, to be sure, is the failure to carry such a city as Brantford by only 50 short of the three-fifths requirement, but such are the fortunes of war.

The license reduction movement in Ottawa has been phenomenally successful. The reduction is from 75 licenses to 38, with a similar cut in the shop licenses. No fewer than 37 hotel licenses are to be extinguished, or nearly as many as in all Ontario elsewhere. The clamor in Ottawa has been, not for a reduction in the number of hotels, of which there cannot be too many, but for a reduction in the number of sham hotels, which are merely saloons in disguise.

A CHEER TO THEM.

Here's a cheer to them, loud and long. To the lads who are far away! A cheer to the lads who are bold and strong And fight for the old and gray. Are we gray folks at home? 'Tis true; Are we old? We are young within; And the battle we fight, dear lads, with you Is a battle we both must win.

There's a place by the old fireside, There's a smile you remember well, There's ever a thought of tender pride

For you where the old folks dwell, You are out for a long, long fight, For a triumph that yet shall be— For the name of England and English right, And for all men's liberty!

So, our love to you, far away, Dear lads who were ne'er so dear, And take from our hearts upon Christmas Day

The gift of an English cheer; You will hear in your hearts, we know, O'er the fields and salt the seafoam, You will hear "God bless you!" in winds that blow From the land of the folks at home.—W. G. Tarrant, in the Inquirer.

The S.S. Dundee yesterday went on the dry dock to get her annual overhaul and repairs.

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