

GOOD THINGS COMING TO THEATRES OF ST. JOHN

ALL NEW PROGRAMME OPERA HOUSE TONIGHT

The Opera House offers an entire change of programme tonight, with the Western Musical Comedy Company in "The Traveling Man," a merry musical play with all new songs, dances and bits of nonsense; the Flint and Letter Dog, Pony and Monkey Circus in an assortment of new tricks by the dogs and pony, and the 15th chapter of the thrilling serial photo drama, "Liberty."

CHAMPLAIN AT UNIQUE TONIGHT; FIRST OF NEW ADVENTURE SERIES

Charlie Chaplin at Unique tonight in his sure-fire Essanay success, "Police." First adventure of Grant, the Police Reporter, new series of thrilling escapades.

NEW BILL AT THE GEM FULL OF ENTERTAINMENT

There are two excellent new vaudeville acts and two striking motion pictures in the Gem's new programme which entertained large audiences so well last night. See page 9 for details, then come and enjoy the good offerings.

F. ST. JOHN BLISS FOUND DYING; BULLET IN HEAD

Fred St. John Bliss, secretary-treasurer of the municipality of York and judge of probate, shot himself through the head a little after one o'clock today and is not expected to recover.

Mr. Bliss came to his office this morning as usual and appeared in his usual health and spirits. At noon he went out for his dinner and returned to the office. Soon afterwards he crossed the hall and entered the sheriff's office, locking himself in.

George E. Armstrong, who shares offices with Mr. Bliss, missed him and upon looking for him, found the locked door and, with some assistance, forced an entrance. He was horrified to find Mr. Bliss lying on the floor in a pool of blood with a bullet wound in the temple.

At the hour of going to press doctors still were working with Mr. Bliss but with no hope of his recovery.

The new council a tremendous sensation in Fredericton. Mr. Bliss was a graduate of the U. N. B. and since practiced law in Fredericton. For many years he was secretary of the St. John River Log Driving Association, retiring from that office a few years ago. He is fifty-two years of age, a bachelor, and a wife and two daughters, the latter students at the U. N. B. James Bliss, sheriff of Sunbury county, is a brother.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE OF VETERANS ASSOCIATION

In drawing up the constitution for the European War Veterans Association, provision has been made for the election of three honorary members to act as an advisory committee. In a communication to Commissioner H. B. McLellan, he is notified that the association, by a unanimous vote, has invited him to be a member of this advisory committee with the office of honorary president. The commissioner has replied expressing his pleasure in accepting.

Mayor Hayes has been asked to be a member of the committee as honorary treasurer. John Keefe has accepted the office of honorary secretary and a membership in the committee.

NEARLY HALF MILLION GAIN

The bank clearings for the week ending today were \$1,786,374, corresponding week last year, \$1,269,771.

NOTICES OF BIRTHS, MARRIAGES AND DEATHS, 50c.

DEATHS

LONG—At Milkish on the 27th inst., Martha Ann, wife of Joe, Jong, in her sixty-first year.

CUNNINGHAM—At East Boston on December 27, Ellen, widow of Robert Cunningham, aged eighty years, leaving two sons and five daughters, leaving funeral on Saturday, the 30th inst., from I. C. B. depot on arrival of noon train from Boston. Interment in Fernhill.

O'REILLY—At Fairville on the 27th inst., John O'Reilly, leaving his parents, six brothers, and one sister to mourn. (Boston papers please copy.)

TRACY—In this city, on Dec. 28, Thomas P. Tracy, son of the late Patrick and Katherine Tracy, leaving three sisters to mourn.

SHIVES—At Enston, near Quebec, England, Captain Robert Kilgour Shives, R. F. C., youngest son of the late Kilgour Shives and Mrs. Shives of Campbellton, N. B. Interment to take place at Fernhill after arrival of the S. S. "Ionian."

IN MEMORIAM

CAPPERS—In loving memory of Lizzie May Cappers who died on December 27, 1916. (Boston and Yarmouth, N. S., papers please copy.) I cannot say, and I will not say That she is dead, she is just away. MOTHER AND SISTER. LAURA B. DURDEN.

LOCAL NEWS

Men's skating boots with ankle straps only \$3 a pair at Steel's Shoe Store 519 Main street.

OUR SPECIAL XMAS NUMBER

Ten K. gold eyeglass chain for \$1.25, very useful to those who wear glasses.—K. W. Epstein & Co., 183 Union street. See our adv. on page 7.

Chalet advanced class tonight, orchestra.

Men's overboots \$1.46 a pair at Steel's Shoe Store, 519 Main street.

CARLETON CURLERS TO MEET

Special meeting of the Carleton Curling Club will be held tonight at 8 o'clock. All members please attend.

Dance in Tipary Hall tonight.

The girls of the Natural History Society will present their members tickets at the meeting Friday, December 29.

THE PATH OF THE HUN

Major Bartlett's lecture, illustrated, "The Path of the Hun," at studio of St. John Art Club this evening. Proceeds for patriotic purposes.

Flays, frames, skates.—Duval, 17 Waterloo.

PHILLIPS' CANDY SPECIALS

Peppermint chews 15c, best mixed nuts 20c, pure horehound candy 18c, regular 40c chocolates 29c per pound. Friday and Saturday at Phillips' Candy Stores, Union street and Main street.

Men's solid working boots for \$9 at Steel's Shoe Store, 519 Main street.

The Canadian Imperial League will meet this evening in The European War Veterans' Hall, 28 Charlotte street.

CHOICE DELEWARE POTATOES

We are still selling our potatoes at 85c pecks, rolled oats 2 packages for 65c. We have received a new lot of earthenware teapots, 4 sizes, 12c to 15c. 5 gallons American Oil for 80c. Orders delivered.—A. Lapsley, The Blue Store, corner Brussels and Exmouth streets. Phone Main 1402. 12-30

Nice Slippers suitable for New Year gifts at Steel's Shoe Store, 519 Main street.

Band Queens rink tonight good ice and good music by Queen's band.

COUNCIL CANNOT HELP CONSUMERS

(Continued from page 1.) and a half cents, including waste in both cases. Are not supplying coal to other dealers in bulk, and have no selling agreement.

Consumer Coal Co. Does not sell in paper bags and do not as a rule sell soft coal to other dealers. Have no agreement to give copy of.

A. E. Whelpley. Does not sell in bags nor sell to other dealers and has no selling agreement.

R. A. Carroll. Knows nothing about selling coal in paper bags. Smallest quantity he sells is by the barrel at ninety cents, or at about the rate of \$8.00 per 2,000 pounds. His price in bulk is \$7.50. Has no agreement and does not believe there is one.

Cowell Fuel Co., Ltd. Does not sell coal in paper bags, smallest quantity is a barrel, sold at \$10.00 or eight barrels to a ton at \$80.00. Have cheaper grade at eighty-five cents per barrel or \$8.50 a ton, both losing propositions. Selling to pedlars the \$10.00 sold for eighty-five cents a barrel and the \$17.50 for \$1.50, they taking delivery with their own teams.

James S. McGivern. Smallest quantity put up by him is a bag of 100 pounds, sold for forty to forty-five cents, according to distance to be delivered. Soft coals are retailing at \$7.50 or \$8.00 a ton, delivered on ground.

H. Hoyt. Does not sell coal in paper bags—sells barrel for eighty-five cents. Knows of no selling agreement.

F. W. Blizard. Does not retail in small quantities and knows of no agreement.

George Dick. Does not sell coal in paper bags; the smallest quantity he sells is the canvas bag. Has no selling agreement; present high prices prevailing are owing to the high rate of freight and the present price of coal in New York.

Joseph A. Lively, Limited, and The Carrite Paterson Mfg. Co. are not handling coal.

SIMILAR ARRANGEMENT WITH BANK OF FRANCE

Paris, Dec. 28.—The appointment of the Bank of England as agent for the Federal Reserve Bank of New York, is likely to be followed by the conclusion of a similar arrangement with the Bank of France. The Journal says this demonstrates that the relations between the United States and the Entente Allies are more cordial than might be believed when the federal reserve board last month warned United States banks against the acceptance of treasury notes of the belligerents.

Death of Noted Man. New York, Dec. 28.—Charles Richard Tjader, explorer, author and inventor, died here yesterday after a brief illness.

Miss Mary A. Reynolds of Perth has returned to her home after spending Christmas, a guest of Mr. and Mrs. Frank H. Price of Waterloo street.

FAST BOXERS HERE FOR NEW YEAR'S NIGHT

Joe (Kid) Burns, the featherweight, who is to box here New Year's night against Eddie Giroux of Montreal, is one of the most promising boxers under the British flag and Giroux will have his work cut out for him to uphold his laurels against the fistie whirlwind. Burns has a long string of notable scalps in his belt, prominent among his hold champions being O'Leary, Collins, Keys and Rogers all of New York. In Canadian territory Burns has fought his way to the top and stands a bold challenger to allcomers of his weight. For years he has been furnishing the sport-lovers of the Canadian metropolises and our big cities generally with the liveliest kind of sporting entertainment and is confidently looked upon by many as the ultimate champion.

So when these two men come together in Imperial Theatre at 10 o'clock New Year's night in connection with the big athletic tournament the people of St. John will see some expert boxing of a fast order. Tickets for half a dozen at 122 pounds and their trainers, Burns will arrive with the boxers on Saturday, promise that the men will be in the pink of condition. Tickets for the athletic meet and entertainment are on sale now in prominent drug-stores in all important sections of the city and Fairbanks, also at Imperial Theatre. The prices are 20c, \$1 with special chairs beside the big bout which will last forty-eight minutes, there will be a mixed athletic entertainment.

PERSONALS. Captain Rupert Guinness and Lady Gwendolin, who arrived in the city yesterday, will leave tonight for Montreal. They were the guests of Mrs. J. D. Hazen at lunch today.

Dr. John O'Hagan, of Montreal, is visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. John O'Regan, Elliott street.

Rev. P. Costello, C. S. S. R., rector of St. Peter's church, North End, has left for New York.

Fin. J. D. Hazen left on the Montreal express last evening for Ottawa.

S. Goldfeather, of 625 Main street, has arrived here after a visit to Penobscot.

Thomas Lyden, caretaker of the city water works at Lakeview, is reported to be quite ill at his home on the Loch Lomond road.

A. S. Maynard, chief purchasing agent of the Canadian Pacific Ocean Service, Limited, arrived in the city yesterday from Montreal.

D. A. Stewart, manager of the Springhill and Parsboro railway, is in the city today.

Lieut.-Colonel Desrosiers, transport officer here returned this morning to the city after spending the Christmas holidays in Montreal.

German Reply Received. Washington, Dec. 28.—The official text of Germany's reply to President Wilson's note was received here today. So far as was known it was unaccompanied by any other communication.

TREAT FOR CHILDREN. A Christmas tree treat was given by the St. Monica's Girls' Guild this afternoon in the A. O. H. rooms for the children, who have been attending the sewing classes. Between seventy-five and 100 children were present and every one was given a bag of candy and a useful and pretty gift. S. C. Hurley acted as Santa Claus.

Hockey Season Opened. Quebec, Dec. 28.—Before a fairly large attendance the N. H. A. season opened in the local arena last night with an easy victory for the home team over the Wanderers, 6 to 2.

Montreal, Dec. 28.—Results of the N.H.A. games last night: Toronto, 7; Canadiens 1; Quebec, 6; Wanderers, 2; 22nd Battalion, 10; Ottawa, 7.

Cash Specials FOR FRIDAY AND SATURDAY

- All Laundry Soaps Have Advanced in Price. Our Special Price: 5 cakes Gold Soap..... 22c. 5 cakes Sunlight Soap..... 22c. 5 cakes Ivory Soap..... 22c. 2 pkgs. Old Dutch..... 17c. 2 pkgs. Lux..... 17c. 2 bottles Ammonia..... 17c. 15c. tin Orona Cleaner..... 11c. 5 lb. pkge. Lantic Sugar..... 45c. 10 lb. bag Lantic Sugar..... \$1.69 1 lb. block Pure Lard..... 23c. 5 lb. Oatmeal..... 25c. 3 lbs. Mixed Starch..... 25c. 15c. pkge. Jelly Powder..... 25c. 35c. bottle English Malt Vinegar..... 27c. 1 tin Canadian Plums..... 12 1-2c. 1 tin Canadian Raspberries, 17c. 1 tin Canadian Strawberries..... 18c. Heaton's Pickles..... 10c. bottle Pink Salmon..... 15c. tin Shrimps..... Only 17c. tin Fish Flakes..... 18c. pkge. All Pkgs. Teas Have Advanced 5c. a lb. Here we offer several hundred pounds of Lipton's at the old prices, 40c. and 50c. lb.

TABLE RAISINS

Special 25c. pkgs. we offer to clear (new stock)..... 15c. Mixed Nuts, while they last, 23c. lb. 1-2 lb. pkge. New Figs..... 10c.

No Delivery of Specials Alone.

Gilbert's Grocery

WOMAN'S EXCHANGE LIBRARY

Save Money by Renting the Latest Books from Us. Only Two Cents a Day. You only had them once. Included in a 150 new books we have "The Man Who Wrought" (Cullum); "The Worn Doorstep" (Sherwood); "The Five Barred Gate" (Thurston); "Yellow Dove" (Gibbs); "Contraband" (Parish); "The Career of Catherine Bush" (Glyn); "Big Timber" (Arc); "North of Fifty-Three" (C.); "The Girl Philpa" (Chambers), etc., etc.

Cooking for New Year's—Special Pies and Cakes, Doughnuts, etc. Our White Bread is the cheapest and best. Woman's Exchange, Tea and Lunch Rooms, 165 Union street. 12-30.

LOCAL NEWS

AIDED IN RESCUE. Eddie Evans and Clement Scribner assisted in the rescue of the young man who went through the ice in Lily Lake on Christmas afternoon.

AGAIN BEREAVED. The sympathy of friends will go out to Mr. and Mrs. Michael Murphy, 464 Main street, in the death of their young son, Francis Joseph, which took place on December 26. This is the fourth son they have lost in the last nine years. The third one died only nine months ago.

BURIED TODAY. The funeral of Mrs. Hannah T. Wall took place this afternoon from her late residence, 305 Rockland road, to Holy Trinity church, where services were conducted by Very Rev. J. J. Walsh, V.G. Interment was made in the old Catholic cemetery.

THE LIQUOR LICENSES. At 2:30 o'clock this afternoon applications for licenses for the year commencing May 1, 1917, had been received by J. B. Jones, inspector of liquor licenses, from forty-three of the sixty-eight who hold various licenses at present. The time limit expired this afternoon.

For a Hacking or Annoying Cough, Try Royal Balsam of Canadian White Pine 25c a Bottle THE ROYAL PHARMACY 47 King Street

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can be duplicated here accurately and promptly. Prescription is not necessary.

Our new factory for grinding lenses has brought our Optical Service to the height of efficiency.

D. BOYANER

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THE BEST QUALITY AT A REASONABLE PRICE

A Watch For Your Christmas Money

Using the cash you received for Christmas to purchase for yourself a good watch will please your friends immensely and bring you the utmost satisfaction from their gifts.

Sharp's comprehensive stock of good watches offers you many advantages.

Only dependable movements are dealt in. Each watch is tested before being put on sale.

We take care of our watches for a year free. Should any trouble, barring accidents, develop, no charge is made for remedying it.

Men's Watches, \$5 to \$125. Braided Watches, \$15 to \$40. Military Watches, \$7 to \$20.

L. L. Sharpe & Son,

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OUT TO-DAY New Victor Records for January. The New Year brings a most desirable list of Victor Records which will delight you. Amelita Galli-Curci. The marvellous new Italian Soprano, whose singing has captivated European and South American audiences has just made her first Victor Records. Beautiful Record by McCormack "Love, Here is My Heart" (64623), sings John McCormack, to one of the most joyous refrains that ever this genial tenor chose to sing. Another Gluck-Homer Duet. A duet by these artists is always hailed with delight and this one is most pleasing. Farrar sings "The Holy City"; Maud Powell plays "Love's Delight"; and many other selections are given by such artists as Caruso, de Gogorza, Ruffo, Whitehill, Williams and Witherspoon. Hear them at any "His Master's Voice" dealers' Always look for "His Master's Voice" trade mark. Berliner Gram-o-phone Co., Limited Lenoir Street, Montreal

BAN ON IMPORTATION OF AUTOMOBILES AND MOTOR CYCLES INTO INDIA. Take Up Too Much Cargo Space and Use Too Much Gasoline. London, Dec. 28.—(New York Sun)—A special despatch to the Times from Bombay says: "The government of India has issued a notification prohibiting the import of automobiles and motor cycles, with the object of checking the consumption of gasoline and liberating the tonnage necessary as a commodity. Regret is expressed that the action was not taken earlier, before the large interest in American cars had sprung up. "American cars to the number of 2,884 valued at \$486,666 were imported into India between April and November, representing a large volume of shipping. It is expected that this action will result in curtailing other luxury trading, notably provisions from England. Fears are expressed that the measure may induce the curtailment of tonnage from America. American buyers have been provided hitherto with the necessary tonnage."

PATRIOTIC CAUSES. This Evening. A meeting of the Y. W. P. A. will be held in the Order of the Moose Rooms, Union street, this evening at 8.15 o'clock. NOW REGARD THE MARYLAND AS LOST. Nantucket, Mass., Dec. 28.—The steamship Maryland was today regarded as probably lost. Hope for the safety of her thirty odd men lies in the possibility that they were picked up by a passing steamer.

AMERICANS AND MEXICANS EXCHANGE SHOTS. El Paso, Texas, Dec. 28.—Several hundred shots were fired across the Rio Grande into Mexico west of here early today by members of the Kentucky National Guard whose officers declared that the fusillade was a reply to shots from the Mexican side. There were no known casualties.

GOLD FROM CANADA. New York, Dec. 28.—Gold valued at \$25,000,000 imported from Canada has been deposited at the sub-treasury here to the account of J. P. Morgan & Company. This makes a total of \$684,800,000 worth of this metal brought into the United States from all sources since January 1.

WILSON HAS RUN OUT OF NOTE PAPER. (J. M. Robinson & Sons' Private Wire Telegram). New York, Dec. 28.—Wilson will send no more notes to Berlin on the subject of peace. Bank of England rate unchanged at six per cent. Carranza again rejects terms of protocol. Insists on reopening of it for modification. Orders Mexican ambassador designate to leave United States at once. Bernstorff considers note of Germany as accepting all of President Wilson's suggestions. New York Stock Exchange to close Friday until Tuesday morning.

TOO LATE FOR CLASSIFICATION. GENERAL GIRL. APPLY 68 St.mond street.

PAY OF LONGSHOREMEN IN HALIFAX INCREASED. Halifax Chronicle.—During the last few weeks negotiations have been going on between the steamship agents of the city and the Halifax Longshoremen's Union in regard to a new agreement carrying improved conditions for the workmen. Today it was reported that a mutual agreement had been arrived at that will give the Longshoremen an increase of five cents an hour day and night the new rates being thirty-five cents an hour night to come into effect the first of the year.

FISHERIES COMMITTEE. The fisheries committee, a sub-committee of the common council, met this morning. Commissioner Russell presiding. The only business was the authorization of the appointment of an auctioneer for the fishery lots sale and this was left to the chairman. The committee adjourned until next Tuesday morning, when the sale will take place.

MADE IN CANADA. Bread is the cheapest food known. Home bread baking reduces the high cost of living by lessening the amount of expensive meats required to supply the necessary nourishment to the body. REFUSE SUBSTITUTES. E.W. GILLET COMPANY LIMITED TORONTO, ONT. MONTREAL