

# WHAT'S NEW AT THE MOVIES

Positively the Last Day for the Halifax Accident Film

## IMPERIAL AGAIN TODAY HALIFAX DISASTER

1,000 FEET OF MOTION PICTURES OF DEVASTATED CITY

A Man's Man But the Best Looking "Woman" on the Stage  
**Female Impersonator JULIAN ELTINGE Famous Star**  
 In The Driestest Comedy Ever Staged  
**"THE COUNTESS CHARMING"**  
 Will Make the Best Dressers Stand Aghast  
**FUN, FROLIC AND FRIVOLITY GALORE**

**ANTHONY GUARINO—Tenor**  
 Delightful Operatic and Popular Selections.

**THE SOLOMINE CHILDREN**  
 Violin and Piano Recitals—Very Acceptable

**FIRST ISSUE BRITISH GOVT. OFFICIAL FILM WEEKLY**

**UNIVERSAL WEEKLY** Photo News Good and Hot  
**CHRISTMAS CANDY** How It is Made  
**HOLIDAY GREETINGS** Special Christmas Trim

Watch Out for Marguerite Clark in "Bab's Diary"

## LYRIC THURSDAY, FRIDAY AND SATURDAY ONLY

The Latest of Sell Feature Plays

READ ON:  
 "BEWARE OF STRANGERS" exposes the methods used by swindlers to rob the public. During the action of a drama of love and hate there is shown the wire-tapping game, the operations of a clairvoyant trust, an expose of Mann Act blackmailers, etc. There is honestly and truly an all-star cast. Read over these names for yourself:  
 Thomas Santaschi, Fritzi Brunette, Edward Coxen, Vivian Rich, Jack Richardson, Eugene Besserer, Al. W. Tilson, Bessie Eytan, Harry Lonsdale, And others.

### 6 STARTLING ACTS 6 BEWARE OF STRANGERS

A Spectacular Drama of Love and Hate in the Underworld

Produced By All-Star Cast

Matinees 3 p.m.  
 Evenings, 7 and 8.45

PRICES:  
 Matinees—Children 10c., Adults, 25c.  
 Evenings—Children 15c., Adults 25c.

"BEWARE OF STRANGERS" is rich in scenic settings, and the interiors are not only elaborate but of unusual depth. The story is by Gilson Willets, and does not sag in the middle but carries a succession of strong climaxes and a sensational denouement.

"BEWARE OF STRANGERS" ran for over five straight weeks in the Chicago "Loop" theatre district, and is now packing 'em to the doors at its Broadway premier. The production has been endorsed by officials of the U. S. department of justice, by Maclay Hoyle, the famous state's attorney of Chicago, and many others.

A Six-Reel Feature Today!

## STAR

Special Mid-Week Show

**FREDERICK PERRY**  
 And Celebrated Cast of Players in Fox's Special

### "THE FAMILY STAIN"

Founded on Emile Gaboriau's Famous Detective Story

**WHO KILLED THE WIDOW LEROUGE?**

**CHRISTMAS WEEK**

Mon. "Neglected Wife"  
 Wed. "William Farnum"  
 Fri. "Double Cross"

## EMPRESS

West Side House

We are Screening Episodes 11 and 12 of

### The Neglected Wife

Tonight and Tomorrow  
**DON'T MISS THEM!**

**FATTY ARBUCKLE**  
 In a Keystone Comedy Feature

### Other Man

A Rip, Roaring, Riot of Fun

## PALACE

WEDNESDAY-THURSDAY

Vitagraph Day, Presenting

### THE CLIMBERS

Play by Clyde Fitch. A Drama that lives up to the Blue Ribbon standard.

ALSO A COMEDY FILM

Six-Reel Programme—Six

COMING!  
 Friday and Saturday  
**SHORTY HAMILTON**  
 And a Five-Part Feature

Monday and Tuesday  
**"THE RED ACE"—No. 6**

Wed., Thurs., Dec. 26, 27  
**GRACE CUNARD**

SOON!  
 Our New Serial  
**"THE FIGHTING TRAIL"**

January 9, 10  
**"THE ISLE OF REGENERATION"**  
 (Eight Reels)

ALL AT USUAL PRICES

### SPORT NEWS OF THE DAY HOME AND ABROAD

**BOWLING.**  
 Three String Record.  
 In the city bowling league last night the Sweeps won three points from the Wanderers. Jenkins of the former team sold a three string record for the season—342. Details of the game follow:

Sweeps	Total	Avg.
McIlveen	98	95 249
Jenkins	117	104 342
Black	102	97 95 294
Reay	98	101 101 300
Glavin	100	92 94 286
	515	507 489 1511

Wanderers:  
 Wright 105 91 95 291  
 Cronwell 91 98 108 297  
 McCaw 82 104 103 289  
 Jones 82 96 80 260  
 Logan 88 113 118 314  
 448 504 489 1451

Tonight: Nationals vs. Colts.  
 To Help Bowlers in War.

New York, Dec. 19.—The Bowlers Relief Fund of the United States was organized last night at a meeting of the Allied Bowling Associations of Greater New York "for the protection, assistance and support of bowlers, preparing or now fighting for their country in the war."

**BASEBALL.**  
 Alexander Wants a Share.  
 Chicago, Dec. 18.—Grover Alexander, the Philadelphia pitcher, who with Catcher Killifer, was sold to the Chicago Nationals in a deal involving \$50,000, said today after a conference with President Weeghman, of the Chicago club, that he believed he is entitled to a part of the purchase price. There will be no hitch in the salary arrangements, as Alexander's contract, which does not expire for three years, calls for \$12,000 a year.

Cubs Something Up Sleeve.  
 Chicago, Dec. 18.—Charles Weeghman, president of the Chicago National League Baseball Club, announced tonight at a dinner to Grover Alexander, that he was preparing two more baseball surprises which would be on a par with his recent purchases of Alexander and Killifer from Philadelphia.

RING.  
 Offers \$60,000 For It.  
 Little Rock, Ark., Dec. 18.—A purse of \$60,000 which would be turned over to the American Red Cross, was offered here tonight for a fight between Jess Willard and the winner of the Fulton-ate fight here on Christmas day. The offer is made by Paul R. Gabriel, secretary of the Army Athletic Association,

which has been staging battles in North Little Rock this winter for the benefit of the 40,000 soldiers stationed at Camp Pike. The fight would be staged on March 16 or 18 in an open air arena, and would be scheduled for twenty rounds. Mr. Gabriel telegraphed the proposition to Willard.

Tar Baby Wants Fight.  
 Denver, Colo., Dec. 18.—Sam Langford, of Boston, and "Bill" Brennan, of New York city, each are anxious for a fight with Jess Willard, world's champion heavyweight boxer, and agree to meet the champion on his own terms and give the entire receipts to the Red Cross, it was announced today. Langford, who fought here last night, said he was anxious to meet Willard.

Joe Flynn, Brennan's manager, said the match could take place wherever Willard chose.

Moran Accepts.  
 Spartanburg, S. C., Dec. 18.—Frank Moran, Pittsburgh heavyweight pugilist, who is boxing instructor for the New York National Guard division at Camp Wadsworth here tonight, telegraphed Jess Willard accepting his challenge to fight any heavyweight for the benefit of the Red Cross. Moran said he was willing to meet the champion over any distance and at any place.

TURF.  
 Noted Rider Dead.  
 Newport, R. I., Dec. 18.—Albert Duca, who some years ago was one of the best known race riders on the American turf, died at his home here today. He was forty-one years of age.

WRESTLING.  
 New York, Dec. 18.—Strangler Lewis of Lexington, Ky., defeated Dr. B. F. Roller of Seattle, tonight in the international catch-as-catch-can wrestling tournament, in thirty-three minutes and one second. Wladek Zbyzko, of Poland, defeated Joe Rogers, American, in forty-seven minutes and ten seconds, with a wide body hold.

**"JOE" GORMAN, OTTAWA SPORT WRITER, DIES IN THE FLYING CORPS**

Victoria, B. C., Dec. 18.—Word has been received that Flight Lieutenant Joseph Gorman, R. N. A. S., has died as a result of a fractured skull and other injuries sustained, presumably in an accident. The advices gave the date of his death as Dec. 16 at Padua, Italy. He had been on the Italian front for a month, having left England on a furlough on Nov. 10.

Lieutenant Gorman was 28 years old and a member of a well known Ottawa family, where he was born and educated. He was connected with various newspapers in Ottawa and Toronto before coming to Victoria to take the sporting desk at the Times. He was an all-round crack athlete. For a time he played on the Vancouver lacrosse team, and was a former member of the famous Tecumseh lacrosse team.

Builds Tenacity.  
 (From the New York World)  
 It is about 700 years since the British first started for Jerusalem, but they have arrived, which again demonstrates the merit of persistence.

Barrow may MANAGE RED SOX

New York, Dec. 17.—H. H. Frazee, owner of the Boston Red Sox, has practically signed Edward G. Barrow, former president of the International League, to attend to the business management of his club. Barrow left for Chicago yesterday for a conference with the Boston management. It appears that Frazee and Barrow have been talking this matter over for some time. Frazee is anxious to turn over the Red Sox to Barrow so that he can have more time to attend to his theatrical enterprises. Barrow would make a hit with Boston fans. He is one of the most popular men in professional baseball.

Lord Northcliffe at a Washington luncheon was talking about the British premier.

"Lloyd George is the idol of the nation now," he said. "It is hard to believe how unpopular he was, at least among the unionists, once. Among the many stories circulated about Lloyd George's unpopularity at that time there was one which concerned a rescue from drowning. The heroic rescuer, when a gold medal was presented to him for his brave deed, modestly declared: "I don't deserve this medal. I did nothing but my duty. I saw our friend here struggling in the water. I knew he must drown unless some one saved him. So I plunged in, swam out to him, turned him over to make sure it wasn't Lloyd George, and then I lugged him to safety on my back."—New York Evening Post.

## OPERA HOUSE

### VAUDEVILLE

# TONIGHT

7.30 and 9

MORLIN  
 Piano Accordionist

WARD and CURRAN  
 The Terrible Judge. Fun in a Police Court.  
 'Vaudeville's Funniest Sketch.'

MOORE and WEST  
 Comedy Skit, "Breaking His Pledge"

HANVEY and FRANCIS  
 Bits of Variety

JEWETT and PENDLETON  
 Classy Dancers From Danceland

"THE RED ACE"

UNIQUE MON., TUES., WED

CHAPTER 13 THE FATAL RING A Chapter You'll Want to See

FATHE NEWS!  
 With the Latest World News in Picture Form

Remember—"THE FATAL RING" Will be at the Unique Again This Week-End

A Sure Laugh COMEDY FEATURE

## VAUDEVILLE

— AND —  
**PICTURES**

Wed., Thurs., Fri. 7.30, 7.15, 8.45

GAIL KANE  
 World-Brady Five-Reel Master Picture:  
 Tremendously Powerful.

### THE SCARLET OATH

Her mother dies because of merciless persecution. She and her twin sister are taken to America where they are brought up apart, but with the knowledge of their mother's wrong deeply imbedded in their consciousness. One sister becomes engaged to marry an American diplomatic agent. The other is sworn into the ranks of the dreaded nihilists. The two roles give Gail Kane the best opportunity yet accorded her and she certainly makes the most of her chances.

This is another of series of big programmes that are winning new friends for Gem.

RYAN and RAYNOR  
 Man and Woman in Comedy Singing Skit. Entitled "The Singing Janitor."

THE AERIAL LAVINES  
 Man and Woman in An Aerial Novelty Act of Merit.

COMING SAT.—June Caprice in "PATSY"

GEM THEATRE - Waterloo St.

### HUNS PLOTTED TO GET CHINESE TO GO INTO INDIA

San Francisco, Dec. 18.—An alleged plot to effect a secret treaty between Germany and China, whereby the former would protect the latter from all aggressions for a period of five years, if Chinese forces were sent into India to aid a proposed revolution there, was disclosed today in the trial of a number of Hindus and others charged with conspiring in America to set up a revolutionary government in India. The treaty was to have been effected in 1916.

Details of the supposed plot were outlined in code messages purported to have been passed between Dr. C. K. Chakravarty, one of the Hindu defendants, and a committee of German officials and others in Berlin.

The message relating to China declared that Li Yuan Hung, who succeeded Yuan Shi Kai, as president, was in sympathy with the Hindu cause and might declare a treaty with Germany which would promise absolute integrity in consideration of China's active participation in the proposed revolt.

Other messages disclosed the existence of a "Sister Christine" and many others who were supposed to have spread the propaganda of the revolt and secured support for it in several of the world capitals.

The exact status of these agents was not revealed in the hearing.

During the introduction of the evidence, Dr. Chakravarty made an impassioned address to the court, saying that he would not contest the identification of the messages on record if he could be assured that no British agency handled them.

"If the American government alone handled this evidence, I have no objection to it becoming a part of the record," he stated.

Only one of the messages was read to the jury. It was composed presumably by Chakravarty and was addressed "my friend." "Fourscore men have been sent to India from Trinidad," it stated. "We had arranged to control the Japanese yards and docks. His request will be granted, and Charles A. Piers, a Chicago engineer, vice-president of the emergency fleet corporation, will succeed him. It is understood that Admiral Harris' reason for surrendering the task was because he did not find the work congenial.

## At the GAIETY TONIGHT

"WHO DID IT?"  
 Joker Comedy

Friday and Saturday  
**"THE RED ACE"**

CHRISTMAS SPECIAL  
 Mon. and Tues.  
**"IRIS"**  
 By Sir Arthur Wing Pinero  
**"THE CLIMBERS"**

### RETIRE AS HEAD OF THE SHIPPING BOARD

This Includes Erection of the Plant in Los Angeles.

Washington, Dec. 17.—A telegram to the Shipping Board yesterday told of the launching at Los Angeles of the first steel merchant ship contracted for by the Emergency Fleet Corporation. The vessel was one of eight of 8,800 tons capacity each ordered May 12 from S. L. Naphthal.

Turning out the vessel within seven months when the yard in which it was built had to be constructed after the contract was let was hailed by Shipping Board officials as demonstrating what American industry can do in an emergency. One vessel contracted for by the Fleet Corporation already has been launched, but it came from a yard at Seattle which has been in operation for many years.

**DODD'S KIDNEY PILLS**

USE THE WAGON AD. WAY