

# In the Amusement Houses

### BROWN AND SIMMONS PLEASED LYRIC PATRONS

Excellent Programme at Popular Theatre.

A programme of vaudeville and film features, a pleasing entertainment for the summer season was offered at the Lyric Theatre yesterday and despite the fact that the weather suggested anything but indoor amusement the popular theatre was well crowded at every performance.

Brown and Simmons in character studies, comedy singing and talking present an act that is built along lines that are new and therefore very pleasing. Miss Simmons is a gifted actress whose dramatic ability especially is well shown in her rendering of Ella Wheeler Wilcox's poem of life, "The Price He Paid." Mr. Brown has a beautifully toned tenor voice which he uses to advantage in the Irish number, "Mother Machree" and also in the duet of "When It's Tulp Time in Holland."

Miss Winifred Greenwood is the star in the picture programme and is featured in a beautiful play by the American Co., "When a Woman Waits" in which she portrays several life characters. The Mutual Weekly has an excellent supply of war views as well as numerous scenes of popular interest.

For the latter part of the week two sterling vaudeville attractions have been booked in The Mexican Herman and Billy Newton.

The Empire Musical Comedy Company, which ends its summer engagement this week at the Opera House, provided a good entertainment last night in a programme of fun, music and dancing. A feature of the offering, as on previous occasions, was the excellent costuming of the ladies and careful attention to stage settings.

The company has been, somewhat handicapped during the last few days by the unavoidable absence of the Murray brothers, who were called home because of sickness in the family. They are expected here today, and many will be glad to see them back. With Mike Sachs, Dick Stead, Eugene Sweet, Dave Harris, Miss Ethel Geary, Miss Beatrice Miller, Miss Ollie Perkins, Miss Marie Girard, the dainty danseuse, and other capable artists, there was no lack of material, however, for a good period of enjoyment last night.

A large audience was present, and although nothing was attempted in the way of a deep plot, there was enough in the presentation to suit the theatre-goer, who likes a little plotting, for the girl finally marries the young man of her choice, and the older man, who holds a mortgage on the property of the girl's father and threatens to foreclose unless the girl consents to marry him, receives his money, and incidentally his status, at the hands of the more juvenile aspirant.

A graveyard scene was a strong feature of the offering and afforded the opportunity for many a laugh which was taken advantage of by the audience in a genuine way. Izzy (Mike Sachs) had a commission there, but didn't seem to like his job, and it meant the earning of a real ten dollar bill. His antics, and those of some of the corpses about him, formed the occasion for much merriment. Dick Stead did well with songs and seems to have established himself as a favorite for his special kind of work. His singing has been much appreciated here. Good words must be said of the ladies of the company, who had plenty to do last night. Their dancing and singing were much above the average, and with gorgeous costumes they certainly did much to make the show the success it was. The same offering will be made tonight.

### MORE COMEDY, SINGING AND DANCING AT OPERA

Good Crowd Witnessed Empire Musical Comedy Company Production.

A good lively up to the minute farce, the principal players being Chas. Chaplin, Mabel Norman, Chester Conklin and Mack Sennet places the Keystone two part comedy production, "The Wheel," now being shown at the Unique Theatre, at the head of the list of Chaplin comedies. With the above noted cast of comedians this brilliant farce waxes warm and fast in good clean fun and there is not a dull moment in the two thousand feet of film it takes to exploit.

The thread of the story centers around a big auto show in San Francisco and deals largely with the escapades of Chaplin and Miss Norman and Norman results in a series of laughable situations that prove most enjoyable. The comedy element is decidedly strong and is played with a vim that compels the most sedate to sit back and allow the laughter to escape. The Thalhouser Co. is prominent in the programme and presents a very fine political story, called "An Inside Tip." This is of the gripping type of dramas, claiming plenty of sensation and presenting the foremost stars of this aggregation in excellent character studies. The Majestic Co. offers a unique comedy drama, "Little Dick's First Case," which is played entirely by children. Tomorrow the Unique has secured the special Thalhouser feature, "The Heart of Princess Marjari."

### HARTLAND SENDS ANOTHER IN ANSWER TO CALL FOR MEN

Curtis Simms, Normal School Graduate, Joins Unit Going to Fill Gap in Capt. Magee's Company.

Special to The Standard. Hartland, N. B., July 19.—Hartland has contributed another young man to the defence of the Empire. Curtis Simms, aged 18 years, who has just completed a course in the Normal School at Fredericton, and instead of devoting his energies to teaching is going to the front.

Mr. Simms had proposed going to Kingston to prepare for the duties as a commissioned officer, but learning of a vacancy in the ranks of the artillery unit which is going direct to fill up the gaps in the company of Capt. Magee of St. John, now at the front, he got in touch with the proper officers and on Saturday received a wire stating that if he got in St. John later than Monday night he would be taken on.

He is the oldest son of Mr. and Mrs. Thos. G. Simms. Although the notice was short, the news soon spread and there was a grand demonstration awaiting him at the station when the train pulled out. The band was present and played several patriotic airs.

After the service in the Baptist church, on Sunday evening the pastor, Rev. George Kincaid called Mr. Simms to the front and on behalf of the congregation presented him with a handsome wrist watch, at the same time speaking a few words of advice and expressing the hope of the congregation that he would come home safely with honor to his country and proud over his achievements on the field of battle. Mr. Simms in reply made a short speech in which was the true ring of patriotism.

### WANT GOVERNMENT TO REGULATE COMPETITION IN LUMBER BUSINESS

Chicago, July 19.—Governmental regulation of competition as opposed to the government's activity against trusts and monopolies is a necessity, according to representatives of the lumber industry who presented formal statements describing present conditions in their trade at a conference held here today between the Federal Trade Commission and a committee representing the National Lumber Manufacturers' Association. Uncontrolled price cutting and other ruinous competitive practices were blamed by R. H. Downman of New Orleans, president of the National Lumber Manufacturers' Association, for the present situation in the lumber industry. He described the situation as being one of demoralization for the last eight years, in which at this time a condition of actual loss and a shameful waste of forest resources in the face of the necessity of providing employment for 695,000 men upon whom are dependent 3,475,000 persons. These figures, he added, showed the lumber industry to be the third largest in the United States in the number of employed engaged.

### RE-OPEN THAW CASE?

Albany, N. Y., July 19.—A statement attributed to David Robinson, foreman of the jury that recently declared Harry K. Thaw sane, that the jury never believed him to have been insane when he killed Stanford White, is to be investigated by Deputy Attorney-General Becker. He was assigned to this duty today by Attorney-General Woodbury.

## Canada's Emissary to Britain



SIR ROBERT BORDEN—"I have come over to see what more Canada can do to aid the Motherland." JOHN BULL—"Britain heartily welcomes one of her noblest sons and deeply appreciates what loyal Canada has already done."

### MAN WHO HOLDS KEY TO CARLETON COUNTY MYSTERY MISSING

Man who claims he saw Easton, Me. farmer murdered last October, has disappeared.

Hartland, N. B., July 17.—Active measures are just now being taken to unravel the mystery connected with a murder which took place at Easton, Me., last October. Sheriff Frost of Maine and several assistants are now scouring Carleton county in search of the only person, besides the one who committed the crime, who can throw any light on the subject.

The story, as told by the officers, is that last summer a farmer at Easton had a man working for him who came from Andover, Mass., and that early in October, his work having been finished, the employer was driving him to the station on his return home. At a lonely spot on the road the team was stopped, the driver got out and going behind the wagon struck his companion with a heavy club, killing him. The body was then dragged into the bushes by the roadside and the team drove on.

This is the story that was told to several people this spring by a young man who claimed he saw the whole affair from another road where he was unseen by the parties in the team. He had kept the matter to himself for some time through fear of being arrested or otherwise implicated, but later told a police officer, at Fort Fairfield of the affair and described the spot where the body was hidden. The officer post-pooled the whole affair and said no more about it. The witness told others of the matter later, and, in order to satisfy themselves that the man was only spinning a yarn, search was made and the body discovered as described. In the meantime the sole witness to the crime had come into Carleton county, where he belongs, and it is to find him that the officers are now combing the country hereabouts.

They have with them a man named Wasson, to whom the story was told and who claims to be able to identify the witness. At Windsor on Thursday they thought they had found their man at the place he held there, but, when confronted with Wasson, he proved to be the wrong party. Several scents have been followed but none of them have been successful.

The assistance of Officer A. R. Foster, who has a better knowledge of the county and the people in it than almost any other, has been sought and the search may shortly result in the location of the party who can do more than anyone else to place the guilt where it belongs.

The driver of the team, accused of the crime, has languished in jail since last fall pending the finding of the elusive witness.

### WEDDINGS.

Bisset-Brouse. A pretty wedding was solemnized at Calgary on July 14th, when Roy S., the youngest son of the late Capt. George Bisset of the D.G.S. Lansdowne, was united in marriage to Miss Sarah Brouse of Toronto. They were unattended and left immediately on the Imperial Limited on a bridal tour to Banff, Alberta. On their return they will reside in Calgary.

### A Holiday Gift.

Rev. H. Johnston, the popular pastor of the Queen Square Methodist church, received a pleasant surprise yesterday morning when as a holiday gift from the congregation he was presented with a purse of \$70. Rev. Mr. Johnston and family will leave on Wednesday on a month's holiday in Prince Edward Island.

### CONTENTS OF STRONG BOX PRODUCED

Commission Investigating Manitoba Parliament Building case sees contents of Dr. Simpson's Strong Box.

Winnipeg, Man., July 19.—Dr. R. M. Simpson's famous strong box in the Royal Trust's vaults has been opened and the contents were produced in court today. It was a memorandum written on an Imperial Bank deposit slip and showing apparently that twenty thousand dollars in one thousand twenty dollar bills had been received in a package from the Imperial Bank by Dr. Simpson. The memorandum was affixed to the Imperial Bank seal and the strings used in fastening the original package were attached. No money was found in the box. The memorandum was updated.

The commission investigating the parliamentary buildings today heard further evidence regarding the transaction through the home bank by former cabinet ministers J. H. Howden and Hugh Armstrong.

C. C. Campbell, of the Home Bank staff, testified that a check drawn by Howden was cashed in April by Armstrong, five thousand dollars being paid in five hundred and one thousand dollar bills. Howden swore last Friday this was a private business transaction.

A. J. Andrews, Conservative councillor, wanted to call Mr. Armstrong to corroborate Howden's evidence as to this transaction, but he was not present and may be called later.

C. E. Wilson, chief Liberal councillor, reported to the commission he attended at the opening of Dr. R. M. Simpson's strong box in the Royal Trust Company, with Harvey Simpson. Chairman Mathers handed to the court the contents of the box as exhibit "A."

"The string in with this indicates," said the chairman, "that this money was done up in a parcel and sealed with the Imperial Bank's seal."

Mr. Andrews suggested that argument be not made until it was seen if Kelly was going to return.

"In view of Kelly's expressed determination to remain away," said Chairman Mathers, "I don't think we should delay matters for him."

"I think we can assume we are not going to have the benefit of Kelly's evidence if he can avoid giving it," said Mr. Wilson.

He stated that he proposed to ask for a finding from the commission against certain ex-ministers in connection with the caisson and steel contracts. All the evidence was in, he said, and he thought the men conducting the expert investigation into the present condition of the parliamentary buildings and contracts might submit interim reports. He proposed to argue

## A LIFETIME OF SICKNESS

### Worn Out, Thin and Miserable Until She Took "Fruit-a-tives"

Palmeaton, Ont., June 20th, 1914. "Stomach Trouble and Distressing Headaches nearly drove me wild. Some time ago, I got a box of "Fruit-a-tives" your famous fruit medicine, and they completely relieved me. Today I am feeling fine and a physician, meeting me on the street, asked the reason for my improved appearance. I said, "I am taking Fruit-a-tives." He said, "If Fruit-a-tives make you look so well, go ahead and take them. They are doing more for you than I can."

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that the charge that eight hundred thousand dollars had been over-paid was proved by the evidence, and that the figure was under the mark.



The Daily Fashion Hint.

Rest gowns have all the elegance and delicacy of detail of evening gowns. This model has a foundation slip of light blue satin, with a long cream net coat band with wide lace and close cap made of lace, with bow and ends at back.

### When You Wash Your Hair Don't Use Soap

Most soaps and prepared shampoos contain too much alkali, which is very injurious, as it dries the scalp and makes the hair brittle.

The best thing to use is just plain purified coconut oil, for this is pure and entirely greaseless. It's very cheap, and beats soaps or anything else all to pieces. You can get this at any drug store, and a few ounces will last the whole family for months.

Simply moisten the hair with water and rub it in, about a teaspoonful is required. It makes an abundance of rich, creamy lather, cleanses thoroughly, and rinses out easily. The hair dries quickly and evenly, and is soft, fresh looking, fluffy, wavy and easy to handle. Besides, it loosens and takes out every particle of dust, dirt and dandruff.

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