

Veronica's Veil

AMERICA'S PASSION PLAY.

The celebrated religious drama, "Veronica's Veil," appropriately termed "America's Passion Play," will be presented under the distinguished patronage of His Grace the Archbishop in the Casino Theatre on Wednesday, March 25th. This beautiful and impressive drama needs no greater recommendation than the fact that for ten successive years it has been staged four times weekly during Lent by the Passionist Fathers (one of whom is the author) in West Hoboken, New Jersey and other American cities. So great were the crowds that thronged to witness it annually that tickets for any performance had to be purchased weeks in advance. A noteworthy feature of this drama is the presentation of many beautiful tableaux, amongst which are the following: The Betrayal of Jesus, The Crucifixion, and The Resurrection. Enhanced and vivified by these, the drama in five acts depicts the principal events in the Sacred Passion of Our Lord, the miraculous conversions and prodigies that followed His Death, and the fervour and fidelity of the early Christians who suffered persecution and death rather than give up the worship of their Crucified Lord. In Whom they recognised the one True and Living God. Amongst these Christians are members of the noblest families of Judea and Rome. One of the former, Veronica, actuated by love and compassion for the "hated and despised Nazarene," presents Him with a towel to wipe the sweat and blood from His Sacred Face, as He carries His Cross in that last dreadful journey to Golgotha. As a reward for her charity, He left the impression of His Divine Countenance on the towel; and so numerous and wonderful are the miracles performed by the application of this sacred relic, that it dominates the action of the drama, giving it its title "Veronica's Veil." The restoration to life of Claudia, daughter of Fabius, a Roman nobleman, and the consequent conversion of himself, and all his household are depicted in the fourth act, and in the first scene of the following act we get a view of the Catacombs and witness the fervour and devotion of the Christians. In the final scene of the fifth and last act, we are transported to the Emperor's Court, the magnificence of which forms a striking contrast to the scenes we have just witnessed. It is the Emperor's Feast day, and when the festivities are at their height, he is reminded of the hated Christian. Fabius and his family with many of the others are summoned—in honour of the festive occasion a full pardon is offered to all if they will renounce their Religion; but promises and threats only increase their ardour and elicit renewed professions of faith whilst new marvels and prodigies wrought through the instrumentality of the miraculous veil, astonish the assembled throng—striking terror into the hearts of even the Roman soldiers. Enraged at these events and infuriated at his own powerlessness to conquer their determination, the Emperor commands all the Christians to be put to death "on the morrow." His orders are executed and a final tableau shows the souls of these martyrs enthroned in glory. In this beautiful drama nearly a hundred characters take part amongst whom are numbered some of the most talented young ladies and gentlemen of St. John's. It is being prepared under the direction of Mrs. Baxter whose professional ability needs no comment, and will be presented in the Casino as above indicated on March twenty-fifth. Everything possible is being done by all concerned to make it a complete success, and we feel sure this portrayal is a manner at once vivid and impressive, of the scenes and fruits of the Redemption so dear to every Christian heart, will be highly appreciated by every class and creed as a fitting commemoration of this holy season, and will be as generously patronised by them here as it was elsewhere.

Capital of Workers

MR. RUNCIMAN ON WEALTH HELD BY MASSES.

Interesting figures respecting the amount of capital held by the masses of the British people were given the other day, at Dewsbury, by Mr. Walter Runciman. The number of capitalists among the working classes was amazing. In 1922 there were nearly 12,000,000 depositors in the savings banks, who had an average amount of £22 each. In small savings banks 2,210,000 people had deposits amounting to £76,000,000, making a total of 14,000,000 people holding £180,000,000. In Government War Loans £180,000,000 were invested, and the Savings Certificates, the property mainly of the working classes and the lower middle classes, amounted to £280,000,000. Therefore, half of the population of Great Britain were holders of £700,000,000. What the country required, in effect, was not the wiping out of capitalists, but an increase of them.

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Personal

(Nfld. Weekly).

We were glad to welcome at the office of the "Weekly" during the past week.

Mr. Fred White of North Randolph, Mass.

Mr. White, who was born at Broad Cove, Smith's Sound, N.B., now called Somerset, came to the U.S.A. about 12 years ago and located in Cambridge and went to N. Randolph about 4 years ago. He is successfully engaged in the building business, and has been some time connected with the Hudson Construction Company, the principal of which, Mr. L. C. Hudson, is also a Newfoundlander. Mr. White is a brother of Mr. Stephen White, of Cambridge.

He contemplates taking a trip to the old homestead this summer on a visit to his mother who, in spite of her 88 years, is still hale and hearty at Somerset.

Capt. Bert Randell, who has just returned from a five months' journey from Montreal to Australia and New Zealand. Capt. Randell, who is one of the well-known Randell family of sea-faring fame from Port Rexton, Trinity Bay, is in command of the Canadian Traveller, and arrived in New York last week after his long cruise.

After a short stay in Boston, he proceeded on Friday to Halifax, where he resides between trips.

Last year, it will be remembered, he was married to Miss Hattie Willis, of St. John's.

During the War Capt. Randell served with the Royal Naval Reserve, and held many posts of responsibility whilst in His Majesty's service.

Mr. E. A. Anderson, of New York. "Hugh" is an ex-officer of the Royal Newfoundland Regiment and is a son of Hon. John Anderson, of St. John's.

He is business manager for the productions staged by his brother, John Murray Anderson, whose name is so well known in theatrical circles in New York and Boston. "The Greenwich Village Follies," which has just ended a successful run at the Shubert Theatre, was staged by Mr. Anderson, whilst another, "The Music Box Revue" is one of the hits of New York, and is playing to capacity.

"Hugh" is playing to capacity houses night after night. Mr. Hugh Anderson was accompanied on his visit to Boston by his wife, nee Miss Sybil Bartlett, daughter of Mrs. S. K. Bell, of the Crobie Hotel, St. John's.

Mr. J. Spears, manager of the Newfoundland Wholesale Dry Goods Co., Ltd., of St. John's.

Mr. Spears was visiting the U.S. on his annual business trip on behalf of his firm and spent several days in New York and Boston. Whilst in New York he was a guest of the Newfounders' Hall, on Feb. 22nd, and was delighted to meet many of his old friends. He left Boston on Thursday for Halifax where he will connect with S.S. Silvia for St. John's. Mr. Spears reports very encouraging conditions in the old homestead.

Miss Alice M. Butler, of St. John's. Miss Butler, who is employed at Ayre & Sons, Ltd., is spending a three months' vacation in Boston and New York, visiting her many friends and relatives, and expects to return to St. John's in about six weeks' time.

Mr. Chesley Bowden, also of St. John's. Mr. Bowden is hardware buyer for the firm of Ayre & Sons, Ltd., of St. John's, and spent a few days in Boston on business. He went to New York on Tuesday from whence he returns to St. John's in due course.

Mr. L. C. Mews, who is also in Boston on business for the firm of Ayre & Sons, Ltd. Mr. Mews is on one of his regular buying trips for his firm and is no stranger to Boston or to New York.

Archibald Gardner, of Cambridge, who left Newfoundland in 1903. Born at Barton, T.B., he came to Boston where he remained till 1913. He then spent three years in Alaska and returned to Boston in 1922, to engage in the building trade. He is now one of the firm of Gardner, Webber & Crocker, builders, in Cambridge.

With Mr. Gardner was Abraham Barrett, formerly of Britannia Cove, T.B., who came to this city about a week ago, where he intends to make his future residence. Mr. Barrett for the past eight years was employed with the Dominion Iron & Steel Co., at Sydney, C.B.



Household Notes.

Rinse a vacuum bottle well with hot water before filling it.
Salmon is good served with steamed rice and milk.
Serve bread and butter fingers with the vegetable platter.
Woolly prunes are stewing; add to them a stick of cinnamon.
Sprinkle spinach au gratin with thin, crisp slices of bacon.
Chopped prunes add interest and health value to bran muffins.
Chicken pot pie is more interesting when made with noodles.
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