

# News Notes Gathered From the World of Stage and Screen

## MYRA MARSH, CARROLL PLAYERS' SUPER VAMP, BEGAN CAREER AS SCHOOLMA'AM

Get out your geography book—turn to the map of the neighboring State of Maine—and Bangor—all right—well, just let your eyes travel northward across the Piscataquis county line and you will find two little towns nestling side by side with the Piscataquis river flowing between them—Dover on the side and Foxcroft on the other—here y'all—good! Well listen.

Those two little towns were once separate communities; but each grew up to the river-edge the people became chummy; they decided to throw their lots together and become one. So, a nature had placed only a stream between the towns, the inhabitants just interposed a hyphen between the town names, and there you are—Dover-Foxcroft.

### The Little Red Schoolhouse

A mile or so outside the hyphenated town is a tiny rural schoolhouse—no, you can't find it on the map, but it's here just the same. And under its red roof a few years ago—not very many—four, a sweet-faced teacher slaved and struggled to instill into the minds of a dozen or so of country kiddies the rudiments of education. That dutiful schoolma'am was none other than Myra Marsh, the super-vampire of the F. James Carroll Players—what? you don't believe it? Well, it's a fact; Miss Marsh says so herself—and she ought to know.

"Sure, I was born in Maine; and therefore I feel perfectly at home in New Brunswick," Miss Marsh told the astonished reporter who went to interview her yesterday. "For only a few files and a short length of boundary line separate us."

Miss Marsh, however, was destined for a different life than that of the school room and a year later saw her luggage away at a typewriter in an office or—chewing the end of a pencil while she waited for a "dictator" to make up his mind whether or not she would be a correspondent, a gentle up-down or tell him to—well, to go home the winter wouldn't bother him.

Now, don't think that Miss Marsh was guilty of a case of false starts. A life of idleness, or that she was going through those crystal-gazing episodes depicted in "Eyes of Youth." Not at all! These were all means to a definite end.

### Answers Stage Lure

The lure of the footlights was ever with her, but there was always the doubt in her own mind whether or not she was crystallized in her decision to take a year's course at the International School of Oratory in New Brunswick. She was, however, enough to persuade her to take the whole four-year course. She tackled her studies with a determination to get in and win—the result was that in three years she completed the whole course and gained her certificate. The high cost of her theatrical education did not fall on her shoulders of her folks at home—Miss Marsh found time between her strenuous studies to engage in social work amongst the student classes in Boston; she worked her way to graduation.

While awaiting an opportunity to put her new developed talent to test, Miss Marsh continued in social service as secretary to the director of the Boston Students' Union, and, incidentally, as dramatic critic, assisted in the work of a girls' summer school, a Vermont directing pageants, plays, etc.

### Opportunity Knocks

Then came her great opportunity to practice her profession. Out in playsville, Mass., a company was playing stock. The manager allowed her to fill two or three minor parts and then—

One day one of the principal women in the cast contracted a heavy cold—there was nobody to fill her place. "Would you like to try it?" the manager asked Miss Marsh.

"Sure!" was her cryptic reply as she reached for "script."

Less than 24 hours later, without even a rehearsal, she appeared and went through a three-act show without a break—her nerve and peculiar faculty of application had won. Her future was assured.

She was taken on as a permanent member of the company and continued until the engagement closed ten weeks later. Engagements of varying lengths in Worcester, Malden, Braintree and other Massachusetts towns followed, and in between times an occasional visit to her home people, who were then in Bangor.

### Mr. Carroll Finds Her

It was there that she met with Mr. Carroll and their meeting resolved itself into a contract which took up the summers of 1922 and 1923, and when the Carroll Players came to St. John last fall for their second season, Myra Marsh was listed on the roster as second woman—so there you are!

How old is she? That's rather a delicate question to ask a lady, but there is bona fide authority for the statement of the fact that she has still to celebrate her thirtieth birthday. Her character representations here would tend to belie that statement but the Times man was really surprised when he met her—he expected a much more mature woman. She has a most charming personality, reads a lot and is well read, and gives one the impression of force of character that would surmount all obstacles. Her life story so far has tended to bear out this fact.

"Yes, I like the vamp parts," she answered the newspaper's query, "but I think I prefer character work." The reporter recalled Mrs. Schultz in "Mrs. Wiggs" and believed her.

Recreation? While playing stock there is not much chance for any recreation but dancing, and we have to be content with that. However, during vacations the open places are a strong temptation and the motor car is the most satisfying diversion; therefore—

An expressive gesture was sufficient to complete the thought.

St. John audiences were pleased when Miss Marsh came—they have grown to like her work and there is no doubt Miss Marsh appreciates it.

"I have made many good friends here," she said, "and I shall be sorry when the time comes for me to leave. When I do, though, I shall carry with me the hope of an early return to St. John."

## WOMEN ORGANIZE PROVINCIAL BODY

### Local Councils of Women Take This Step at Moncton Session.

Moncton, Jan. 18.—Mrs. E. Atherton Smith of St. John, was elected president of the newly created Provincial Council of the second annual session of the Local Councils of Women, which met here yesterday. Delegates from St. John, Sackville and Moncton councils were in attendance. Mrs. W. P. Todd, wife of the Lieut. Governor of the province was chosen as Honorary President. Many important resolutions were adopted. The addresses of several of the delegates, delivered during the afternoon session, proved one of the most enjoyable features of the conference.

### Resolutions Adopted.

Mrs. G. W. Campbell moved the resolution on marriage laws, which was adopted. It was as follows: That the court of divorce and matrimonial causes for New Brunswick be vested with jurisdiction to make just and proper provision for the custody, maintenance and education of the children of parties to any action brought therein.

Mrs. Pickett, of St. John, moved: That the Council Board of New Brunswick be asked to ban the Edna Purviance and Mabel Normand films from exhibition in New Brunswick. This was adopted.

Social Features.

A bright feature in the busy day was the luncheon served at the Barker House at noon, when more than 80 ladies were present. Tea was served to the departing delegates before they

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## Worked Way To Stage



### MABEL NORMAND IN WEAK STATE

Los Angeles, Calif., Jan. 18.—Mabel Normand, film actress, present at the shooting of Courtland S. Dines, Denver oil man, New Year's night, by her chauffeur, Horace A. Green, was in a state of "complete nervous collapse" and was unable to attend Green's hearing in court here today, according to a certificate signed by her physician, Dr. Dudley Fulton.

Edna Purviance, another film actress, who was in Dines' apartment the night of the shooting, was the only witness here today, the hearing being continued until Jan. 21. Miss Purviance denied having seen Green in Dines' apartment.

Those who attended from St. John were: Mrs. Smith, Mrs. Estey, Mrs. Doody, Mrs. Hooper, Mrs. W. Edmund Raymond, Mrs. A. C. D. Wilson, Mrs. G. Wilford Campbell, Mrs. G. C. Poole, Mrs. H. H. Pickett, Mrs. J. F. Bullock, Mrs. W. A. Nicholas, Mrs. George T. Polly, Mrs. W. Frank Hatheway, Mrs. Miller Wood, Mrs. H. B. Beck and Dr. Mabel Hanington.

### A VALUABLE BOOKLET.

The sporting editor of The Times is in receipt of a booklet from W. H. Thorne & Co., Ltd., which is published by the Alfred Johnson State Co. of Chicago. It contains statistics of baseball records and general information which are both valuable and interesting.

### AUSTRALIAN SWIMMER WINS.

Sydney, N. S. W., Jan. 18.—Andrew Charlton, sensational 16-year-old swimmer, defeated Arne Borg of Sweden by 15 yards in an 800-yard swimming race here yesterday. Charlton's time was 17 minutes, 31.4-5 seconds.

### SEWING CIRCLE MET.

The sewing circle of St. Matthew's church met this week at the church hall and did sewing and quilting. Those present were: Mrs. W. V. Spencer, Mrs. C. L. Kelly, Mrs. D. Pirie, Mrs. H. H. McNutt, Mrs. William McPherson, Mrs. A. E. McLean, Mrs. Fred Clifford and Mrs. H. L. McFarlane.

### IMPERIAL TODAY!

Last Chance to Take the Laughing Thrilling Trip With

"CAPTAIN APPLEJACK"

THE MERRY PIRATE

Walter Hackett's Novel in Movies

Our Gang Comedy: "The Fire Fighters"

PEARL WHITE SERIAL, "PLUNDER"

Departure of Olympic Athletes From St. John.

Scenics and Comics

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## Mountbatten Runs Show on Battleship

London, Jan. 18.—Although it is well known that the King and other members of the royal family are film lovers, it is not generally known that the battleship Revenge has a fully equipped cinema theatre run by Lord Louis Mountbatten. He makes this theatre his hobby and spends most of his shore leave in the film warehouses making up programmes and selecting pictures for the Revenge.

Lord Louis is capable of operating his own cinematograph and the pictures are screened exactly as in a London show, with the Revenge's orchestra following all the musical cues.

Prince Henry is also a movie fan and has given his advice to Lord Louis in the selection of comedies for the entertainment of the sailors.

## FISHERMAN TELLS OF THRILLING TRIP

### Men, Adrift Forty Hours in Bay, Return to Their Homes Here.

John Dawson, 155 Acadia street, and Gordon McIvor, 18 years of age, son of John McIvor, Portland street, who were almost given up for lost in the Bay of Fundy while on a fishing trip, returned home on the C. P. R. steamer Empress last evening, hale and hearty. From their talk they take the seemingly terrifying experience as a matter of fact and nothing to worry about, except for those at home who had been grieving over their long absence from home.

To be thirty-eight and one-half hours in the Bay of Fundy, without food or water, no compass, or a watch, continually pumping or bailing water from two boats, drifting in heavy seas for nearly 40 miles and a snow-storm, accompanied by a high wind and a nasty sea, are all lightly regarded by the voyagers. In the words of John Dawson, the 70-year-old fisherman: "I was only away on a short vacation."

The two left home about noon last Monday, cruising around Partridge Island and fishing cod. They had poor luck and at 7 o'clock decided to return home. A line, however, got caught in the propeller and the craft started to drift. The anchor was dropped; it held for a while and then began to drag and the boat started to travel at a fairly good rate before the wind. About midnight the wind shifted, lifting up a cross sea which necessitated constant pumping and bailing. Just before noon on Tuesday they sighted the Nova Scotia coast and about midnight on Tuesday went ashore on the rocks about a mile from Grand Point on the eastern side of Digby Gut.

## JONES APPOINTED TO CENSOR BOARD

### Former Commissioner to be Chairman During Illness of Dr. Bridges

John B. Jones, former commissioner in the City Council, and previously chief liquor inspector for 21 years, and for a long period of his life engaged in newspaper work, heretofore, yesterday received official word of his appointment pro tem to the chairmanship of the New Brunswick Board of Moving Picture Censors, relieving for the present Dr. H. S. Bridges, superintendent of city schools, who is convalescent after a long illness.

The board of censors now consists of Mr. Jones, chairman; Michael Coll, George C. Amland, Edmund Owens, Mrs. A. C. D. Wilson and Mrs. Arthur W. Adams.

### A WEATHER CONTRAST.

The highest temperature yesterday in St. John was 22 degrees above freezing, and the lowest 16 degrees. The wind was a negligible feature and on its very best behavior. Quite different was the report a year ago. It was 15 below zero early in the day and rose to 23 above at night. A southeast gale with heavy snowstorm turned to rain at night. This a very icy condition, which caused many falls.

### SCHLAIFER GETS DECISION

Omaha, Neb., Jan. 18.—Morris Schlaifer, of Omaha, waterweight, was given the referee's decision over Paul Doyle, of Brooklyn, in their ten round bout last night.

### GETS K. O. IN TENTH

Tampa, Fla., Jan. 18.—Carlos Casala, Cuban lightweight, knocked out Joe Chaney, of Baltimore, in the tenth round last night. Chaney had suffered one knockdown a few seconds before and came up groggy, only to clinch and be forced away and receive a left swing to the chin that put him down for the count.

### PITTSBURG WINS

St. Paul, Jan. 18.—McCurry's goal in the first period gave Pittsburgh a 1 to 0 victory over Minneapolis in a U. S. A. Hockey league contest here last night.

### Two Champions Have Been Signed

Charlie DeBates to Meet Montgomery in Big Local Card.

Alphonso Colahan, who is promoting the big boxing card in the Armories for Monday evening, January 28, announced this morning that he has succeeded in signing Charlie DeBates, light heavyweight champion of Belgium who is at present in the States, as an opponent for Jim Montgomery, heavy and middleweight champion of Ireland. This is considered to be one of the biggest and best boxing attractions ever arranged for this city. These champions will appear in a main event, which will be a fifteen round fixture, while Gordon Paris and Young Palmer will have ten rounds, and H. Shanks six rounds