

Good Things Coming to Theatres of St. John

THE WEST SIDE TO HELP. Manager W. C. Smith of the "Empress" motion picture house on the West Side, promises his patrons a surprise for Thursday July 12. On this date the Lancaster Red Cross and the Empress are planning to give the West Side citizens one of the most enjoyable evening entertainments so far arranged on this side of the harbor.

POWERFUL AT GEM. See "The Scarlet Letter" Hawthorne's great story with Stuart Holmes as Dimmesdale and Mary Martin as Hester. It's one of the best Fox productions. The Gem's Own Comedy Co. is fine in "Marriage a la Carte" Two new plays tonight.

FREDERICTON ASSESSMENT

Fredericton, N. B., July 9.—The assessment for Fredericton has been made up. The Fredericton Gaslight Co. again is the heaviest taxpayer with a valuation of \$72,000, is second. Other heavy taxpayers follow in this order:—The George Edgewood Company, with a valuation of \$72,000; H. G. Kitchen, with a valuation of \$66,000; F. B. Edgewood, the Frank L. Morrison now a resident of California, valuation of \$54,000; H. G. Kitchen, the total valuation for ordinary assessment is \$87,273.8, a slight increase over 1916, which was \$6,113,298. The valuation of the exempt property which is taxable for the purposes of the Patriotic Fund is \$887,460. In this is included a valuation of \$200,000 on the property of the C. P. R. The railway is appealing.

LETTER FROM NORMAN BRINDLE

The following letter has been received by Mrs. W. Brindle from her son, Private Norman Brindle, who was wounded some weeks ago in the battle of Vimy Ridge. He writes: "You will be glad to know that I am now convalescent and getting along fine, although my wound is not quite healed yet, and I limp quite a little, but that will soon pass away. This is certainly some fine place. We are having great weather and it is just grand out here in the country. You come to think of it England is one of the nicest places you could wish to have and the people are just fine. There are four of us Canadian boys here and we have a Canadian lady friend, who takes us for a drive every week in her carriage and then takes us to the movies. We have everything we want in the line of sports, games and books and we have the very best of food and plenty of it. He continues, that "it is a good thing that Lord Dunsford does not see some of us at the table, for he would declare that we were some food eaters." Private Brindle wishes to be remembered to all his friends."

PERSONALS

Miss Powers of Providence, R. I., is visiting her mother, Mrs. T. Fred Powers, Princess street. Miss Kathleen Burke of Main Street, left on Saturday evening for Fredericton, Miss Irene and Marion Burke, in Montreal. Miss C. Louise Murray returned to the city on Saturday after spending a month's vacation in New York. Dr. E. O. Gosman of Minneapolis is visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Gosman, and his sister, Mrs. E. N. Davis, at 45 Elliott row. Mrs. Sarah Niles and daughter, Miss Lillian Niles, of Fredericton, are guests of the former's sister, Mrs. Henry Niles, 302 Douglas avenue.

NOTICES OF BIRTHS, MARRIAGES AND DEATHS 500.

MARRIAGES

HARE-KIERSTED.—On July 8 at the home of the bride's parents, William Henry Hare, of this city, was united in marriage to Frieda Whitman Kierstedt, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Kierstedt, Robbsey avenue, city. Ceremony by Rev. F. P. Dennison.

DEATHS

MURPHY.—Suddenly, at Kingsville, N. B., on July 8, Mary, widow of John Murphy, leaving two sons and two daughters to mourn. Funeral Tuesday afternoon at three o'clock from her late residence. GREEN.—At Moncton General Hospital, July 9, W. Henry, eldest son of the late R. H. Green, leaving his wife, Sadie, and one daughter, Mrs. Frank W. Storey, of Moncton. Funeral from his late residence, 57 St. James street, Tuesday at 2:30 p. m. Please omit flowers. DRISCOLL.—In this city, on Sunday, July 8, Nora, wife of John Driscoll, leaving her husband, two daughters, one son and one grandson to mourn. Funeral from her late residence, 256 Waterloo street, Tuesday morning at 8:30 o'clock to the Cathedral for high mass of requiem. Friends invited to attend.

IN MEMORIAM

STEPHENS.—In loving memory of John E. youngest son of Private and Mrs. John Stephens, who died July 9, 1915.

One year has gone, Our hearts still sore; As time rolls on, We miss him more. MOTHER AND GRANDMOTHER.

CARDS OF THANKS

Mrs. J. Vernon Keirsteadt and family wish to thank their relatives and friends for their gifts of flowers and many other kindnesses in their recent bereavement.

Russia Would Make Poland Independent

Ambassador Bakhtietoff's Statement at Washington — Large Measure of Autonomy and Self-government to be Offered to Finland and the Ukraine

Washington, July 9.—Complete independence for Poland and a wide degree of self-government for Finland, Ukraine and other subsidiary nationalities in Russia, was said by Ambassador Bakhtietoff to be the object of the new Russian government.

Plans now under way, he said, for the actual working out of the principle that government should rest on the consent of the governed and the widest degree possible for a centralized authority. The ambassador said that Poland had been offered complete independence and a special committee was now at work in Petrograd seeking the best means to carry this out. Poland will be given absolute control of her future destiny, both as to her foreign relations and such questions as tariffs and alliances. It is hoped, of course, that she will choose to gravitate towards Russia, especially as she could not live on the same economic strata as Germany, but no compulsion is to be applied. The new government already has announced its willingness to grant autonomy to Finland, the ambassador said, and a large measure of autonomy and self-government to the Ukraine. It does not feel, however, that it should heed the extremists in those two sections, for such complete independence as this would seriously weaken the Russian federation. Likewise the question of the future of Manchuria and other far eastern sections had been discussed but no decisions reached.

Campfire Loses To Omar Khayyam

Winner of Kentucky Derby Defeats King of the Two-Year-Olds

New York, July 7.—Omar Khayyam, winner of the Kentucky Derby, and owned by Willard Vias, formerly of Montreal, gave Eastern racing fans the first exhibition of his real quality when he won the Prospect Handicap for three-year-olds at Aqueduct yesterday and in doing administered a decisive defeat to Campfire, which closed last season as the king of the two-year-olds. It was practically a match race, between the two cracks, as the only other starter, J. E. Widener, was pulled up at the break and let Omar Khayyam and Campfire have the track to themselves in the battle for supremacy. The result of the race confounded nearly all the experts, as Campfire was a 1 to 2 favorite, only to be defeated by the speed and endurance of the great thoroughbred that was recently purchased by Willard Vias for \$26,000. One man not fooled by the conditions which called for a race over the real, gave Eastern racing fans the first exhibition of his real quality when he won the Prospect Handicap for three-year-olds at Aqueduct yesterday and in doing administered a decisive defeat to Campfire, which closed last season as the king of the two-year-olds. It was practically a match race, between the two cracks, as the only other starter, J. E. Widener, was pulled up at the break and let Omar Khayyam and Campfire have the track to themselves in the battle for supremacy.

By defeating Campfire, Omar Khayyam draws nearer the three-year-old crown, but he has yet to meet August Belmont's Horsa before he can be proclaimed the real champion of his age. "Blacker hound" by running without this equipment. This probably led to Campfire being installed such a strong favorite, but certainly had no effect on the speed of the winner, which held Campfire safe at all stages of the race, and though ridden only by the only rider hand to prove his superiority. The defeat of Campfire was the only real setback for the supporters of the great four of the public choices got down in front.

CARNEGIE FUND GAVE \$4,910,000 TO TEACHERS

Report Says Federal Grants for Education Have Been for Political Purposes

The eleventh annual report of the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching made public in New York showed that the foundation has expended \$4,910,000 in allowances to retired teachers. The report for the year ended Sept. 30, 1916, shows a total surplus of \$14,250,000, an accumulated surplus of \$1,827,000, and an annual expenditure of \$773,000. Of this, \$38,000 was spent in administration, \$47,000 in educational inquiry, and \$687,000 in retiring allowances and pensions. The report included the replies from fifty-two institutions associated with the foundation concerning the new contributory plan of insurance and annuities proposed by the foundation. The report devoted much space to development of plans for the pensioning of teachers, clergymen and industrial workers, and recorded the co-operation of the foundation with the Committee on Pensions of the National Educational Association. An abstract of the report made public by the foundation reviewing the study of legal education looking to a standardization of training, and also a review of the study of engineering education. The report said: "A study of the federal aid for vocational education, now in press, traces the legislative history of federal grants for education, reaching the conclusion that these grants have always been made for political purposes and without any well considered educational reasons." The report concluded with a study of 100 varieties of college entrance certificates, and presents for consideration a uniform blank.

LOCAL NEWS

Ford car for sale. D 32, Times, 7-11 Help France Imperial Theatre July 12. It will pay you to read Amdur's, W. E., ad on Wednesday.

Drink Davies' Montreal mild ale, stout, served ice cold—Kane's, King street, 7-16.

UNION MADE OVERALLS AND GLOVES. H. S. Peters' brotherhood overalls, auto suits, boiler suits, service coats, Mulholland's; Headlight overalls and coats, Mulholland's; Teabody's overalls, Bob Long brand; gloves, Mulholland's; Mulholland's; Carhart's overalls and coats and gloves, Mulholland's, No. 7 Waterloo street, near Union street. Open evenings. A call on this firm is advised.

Watch for Amdur's, W. E., ad on Wednesday.

NEW SHIRTS AND TIES. Mulholland's, No. 7 Waterloo street, up-town agency arrow shirts and collars. Look for electric sign, Mulholland's.

Help France Imperial Theatre July 12.

PICNIC TOMORROW. Victoria street church picnic at Crystal Beach, Tuesday, July 10. Queen leaves Indiantown 9 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. Tickets 25 cts. and 40 cts.

Don't miss Amdur's, W. E., ad on Wednesday.

Moonlight tonight, May Queen, landing Crystal Beach, leaving 8 p. m. music, dancing.

OPEN A CHARGE ACCOUNT. If you have not the full price, open a charge account with us, and on the 31st we will plan you can buy clothing for the whole family. We want honest customers and we in return give honest merchandise—Bruger's, 185-187 Union street.

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NEW OPTICAL PARLOR. A new optical parlor has been opened at 8 King street, and is under the management of Roy Jones and Chas. J. Sweeney. Mr. Jones is a well known optician of this city, having spent several years with the largest optical house and completed his education of optometry in Boston, from which city he has just returned. Mr. Sweeney also, a graduate optometrist of Boston, having extensive years of experience in his profession, will devote a special interest to children.

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Imperial hard coal, stove size, to arrive J. S. Gibbon & Company's, Limited.

LOCAL 610, I. L. A. COAL HANDLERS AND TRIMMERS. A full meeting will be held on Tuesday night, July 10. All members are strictly requested to attend.

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EQUAL STANDING. A store like ours has no respect of persons. We sell to the lady of high social standing and those who are not so high, but each receive our prompt attention and courteous treatment. We have clothing which suits the taste of those who appreciate style. Our clothing is made up-to-the-minute in workmanship and style, and of fabrics which cannot be surpassed. If you are already a customer you know these to be true, but if not if you call we can convince you when you see these models—Bruger's, the ladies' clothing, 185-187 Union street.

IF THEY TOLD THE TRUTH, THEY MUST HAVE HAD NICE TIME. Berlin, July 9.—Marshall Von Hindenburg and General Von Ludendorff, who came to Berlin on Saturday to make a report to Emperor William on the military situation, have returned to headquarters.

PRIESTS ON RETREAT. Rev. Arthur Allan will be in charge at the Cathedral this week in the absence of the other priests, who left at noon today for St. Joseph's University where the retreat for the priests of this diocese is to take place. Rev. Dr. B. O'Neill, C.S.C. of Notre Dame University, Indiana, is among the priests at the retreat. The retreat. The retreat will be preached by Rev. Dr. Lyons, S.J., of Boston.

Mrs. Floss Anthony, of Marysville, died on Friday. She was sixty-eight years of age.

ESTABLISHED 1894. The purpose of glasses is not always to improve vision. In many cases that is not the object at all.

The cause of ill-health is often traced to eye strain, and there is no impairment of vision whatever.

In such instances people find it to their comfort to wear glasses to relieve the eye strain.

D. BOYANER. 111 CHARLOTTE ST. We Have Discontinued Our Dock Street Store.

THE BEST QUALITY AT A REASONABLE PRICE. TIRED EYES. Eyes that don't get rested, that feel heavy and weary. Eyes that smart, itch or pain, should have the assistance of properly fitted glasses. Then the strain, which is the cause of the distress, will be removed.

Eye troubles will end, sight be improved, and a beneficial effect be noted on the general health.

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WATCH THIS SPACE.

THEY SAY THE NEW BILL IS A "DANDY"

Patrons of Opera House Highly Pleased With Saturday's Change

"That was certainly a dandy show" "we've never had the great" and such expressions could be heard on all sides as the large audience wended their way along Union street on Saturday afternoon and evening after having witnessed the new performance in the Opera House. The change of programme is usually hailed with delight by hundreds of patrons, and that they appreciate the class of entertainment is evinced by their regular attendance and favorable comments.

This week sees a variety of acts which should please all lovers of good vaudeville. It is a diversified programme and contains a selection of acts which have a lot of jokes, many of which are quite humorous. They made quite a hit and won well merited applause.

The programme opens with another episode in "Gloria's Romance" featuring Billie Burrows after which Walter Hayes presented a comedy sketch of unusual merit. It is interspersed with good jokes and witticisms in addition to novel musical selections.

The Franklin Duo then appeared in a dancing act, which is both graceful and above the ordinary. They are both clever and deserved the plaudits showered upon them.

Barrett and Opp in a dialogue caused much merriment by their nonsense. They have a lot of jokes, many of which are quite humorous. They made quite a hit and won well merited applause.

Betty Wood was heard in well selected songs. She has a good soprano voice and her personality adds much to the enjoyment of her songs.

A marked feature of the programme was the Muzina Japanese act. To many which the Germans are able to get news of the departure of American forces for Europe, of American war preparations at home, and of the movement of American warships, in some instances long before such news is known to any extent, the highest officials in this country.

FOOD CONSERVATION IN NEW BRUNSWICK. (Fredericton Gleaser.) Fletcher Peacock, director of manual training, left Friday evening for Sackville to make arrangements for the convention of the science teachers there on July 10.

The Mount Allison Ladies' College have given the use of their rooms to the teachers for the purpose of preparing themselves in the art of canning, etc., among the girls' clubs.

During the course of the week the teachers will be divided into districts and teachers assigned to each locality. The teachers will live in the "whites" college during the course.

This evening course will enable the girls of the province to utilize every minute of their spare time and to assist in their own way in the present great crisis, while their brothers are doing theirs on the battlefields of France and Flanders.

This system of food conservation has been in vogue since the United States for some time and has had wonderful results. The girls and women have responded to the call and a great many of the girls are now in evidence.

At Taymouth Mrs. Bert Urquhart died recently, aged thirty-three years. She was a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Denison of Williamsburg. She is survived by her parents, two children, one brother and one sister.

LETTER FROM ROBERT HARRIS. To the Editor of The Times: Sir—I have been deeply touched by the many expressions of condolence I have received in the recent sad affliction which has befallen myself. I am my son, Robert Harris, has evoked the sympathy of every class and creed, and I sincerely thank all who grieved with me in my sorrow. My thanks are also due to the Sisters and nurses of the St. John's Hospital, and to Doctors Baxter, Kelly and White for their kind attention to him in his illness, and I am particularly grateful to the master plumbers' association for their untiring efforts to locate the perpetrator of the horrid crime. I desire more especially to thank Frank S. Walker, my son's employer, for his painstaking efforts to assist me on the night the fatal assault was committed.

Yours sincerely, ROBERT HARRIS.

THE SITUATION IN CHINA. Peking, July 9.—General Chang Hsun, head of the imperialist forces, is strengthening his defenses. This indicates that in the event of his troops being defeated at Feng at Tsuru Peking, the last stand will be made there.

MEETING POSTPONED. Owing to the lack of a quorum, a common council committee meeting was not held this morning. One of the chief matters to be dealt with was the revision of the sidewalk occupation act, which Commissioner Fisher has been waiting to take up with the full council.

BURIED TODAY. The funeral of Miss Isabella McIntyre McLean took place this afternoon from her late residence, 291 Lockland road. Services were conducted by Rev. F. S. Dowling. Interment was made in Fernhill.

The funeral of Alexander McNaughton took place this afternoon from Messrs. Brennan's undertaking rooms. Services were conducted by Rev. George Scott. Interment was made in Fernhill.

The wireless is the mainspring of the German foreign information service. It is known to the secret service agencies of all the Allies. That such enemy stations did at one time radiate various points along the American coast is considered certain, but it is believed that practically every one of these stations was since discontinued and the wireless operations transferred to neutral territory south of the Rio Grande.

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We are offering a limited number of the Couches described below at a special price for this week only.

Heavy frame, oxidized finish, fitted with guaranteed Kinney twisted link spring, double flock mattress, covered in very good denim, dark green. Makes a couch by day and a comfortable full size bed at night. Just the thing for your summer cottage.

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Dragnet Out For Spies In States

Several of The Enemies' Best Agents at Large, Officials Believe

Trying To Find Leak

How Spies Get News to Berlin Question Which Has United States Agents Puzzled

New York, July 7.—The secret service agencies of the government are busy everywhere in America, it was learned today, trying to find the "leak" through which the Germans are able to get news of the departure of American forces for Europe, of American war preparations at home, and of the movement of American warships, in some instances long before such news is known to any extent, the highest officials in this country.

That there are now at large in this country several German spies, who are without question among the ablest of the employ of the German secret service, is the view of many American officials. And, furthermore, there are many persons, who ought to know, who are of the opinion that these spies are not German agents, but Americans.

"Enemy aliens" taken out of their first and, in some instances, their second papers. Little suspicion attaches to the matter of the spies, who are not German agents, but Americans.

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LOST—BOX OF TOOLS ON Sunday between eleven and twelve o'clock between Princess, Sydney, Union and German streets. Finder please return to Princess Garage.

CAN'T HOLD ON TO BEST POSITIONS

(Continued from page 1.) Early on the following day the advance was resumed and further trenches were taken and new posts pushed forward. In this attack a machine gun was captured and a considerable number of the enemy were killed. The hostile opposition was not strong as the artillery fire was somewhat wild. Meanwhile troops on the flanks had pushed forward patrols followed by supported and by one p. m. were reported on their final objective. The enemy were reported to be holding Avion trench and also Eleu dit Leauvette lightly. At the same time there was a good deal of sniping.

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TODAY'S BALL GAMES. National League—Chicago at Brooklyn, cloudy, 3:15 p.m.; Pittsburgh at Philadelphia, cloudy, 3:30 p.m.; St. Louis at New York, cloudy, 3:30 p.m.; Cincinnati at Boston, cloudy, 3:15 p.m. American League—Philadelphia at Chicago, clear, 8 p.m.; Washington at Detroit (2), clear, first 1:45 p.m.; New York at St. Louis, clear, 3:30 p.m.; Boston at Cleveland, clear, 8 p.m. International League—Richmond at Newark, rain, 3:30 p.m.; Baltimore at Rochester, cloudy, 4 p.m.; Toronto at Buffalo, cloudy, 3:45 p.m.

GOING TO BOSTON. Lieutenant Colonel J. L. McAvity, Lieutenant Brooks, and possible Lieutenant Bertram Smith, all returned officers, will leave this evening for Boston, where they will take over the duties of instructing the National Guard there. All four officers have had wide experiences in the war. Lieut. Smith will go in place of Captain Elliott, who is at the present in the Canadian west.

Mrs. Eliza Norrad, widow of Charles Norrad, of Boletown, died in the Victoria Hospital, Fredericton, on Friday.