

LOCAL NEWS

Get your rubbers and all your wear for the snow and cold weather at Basen's fire sale, 14-16-18 Charlotte street.

Free dancing at P. J. School's White City Cafe, Monday, Wednesday and Friday evenings from 10 p. m. to 1 a. m.

The regular monthly meeting of the King's Daughters will be held on Friday afternoon at 8.30, at the guild.

Hockey Friday, St. John vs. 165th, and Siege Battery vs. Field Ambulance.

Tickets for the lecture by Mrs. E. A. Smith, in Exmouth street church, on Belgium Then and Now, Monday, February 5, are on sale at Nelson's book store. Proceeds for the Belgian Relief Fund.

It seems almost too good to believe; but Sav-U-Cool does really effect a wonderful saving in the coal bill.

Do all your shopping at the fire sale, 14-16-18 Charlotte street.

"Four Square Religion" is Beatty's topic tonight, Victoria street church, foreward services Sunday. All meetings open to the public.

Traders and Labor Council regular meeting Friday evening, full attendance requested.

A meeting of the New Brunswick Military Veterans' Association, Market Building, tonight at 8 o'clock.

Brigadier-General McLean, the honorary president of the St. John Army and City Hockey League, has expressed a desire to see a play-off between the winners of the local league and the Fredericton league.

Friends of Miss Rose Tetele, of 6 Delhi street, will be pleased to hear that she is recovering from a serious illness.

THE ST. JOHN PROTESTANT ORPHANS HOME

The following subscriptions are thankfully acknowledged by the treasurer, F. P. Storer, Esq.: Mrs. J. H. Thompson, \$25; "Friend," W. B. Tennant, \$10 each; Mrs. E. Archibald, \$7; John Russell, Dr. Jas. M. Magee, Schofield Paper Co., "Friend," \$5 each; F. E. Williams, \$5; Haas, J. Dick, Jas. MacMurray, Rev. J. A. MacKeigan, Rev. Neil McLaughlin, W. J. Ambrose, A. McArthur, W. L. L. \$2 each; F. S. West, Miss J. L. W. Barker, Fred A. Fleming, Mrs. J. Albrighton Clarke, Geo. T. Polly, Rev. J. H. A. Anderson, \$1 each.

Big bargains at the fire sale at D. Basen's, 14-16-18 Charlotte street.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

The Seaman's Mission Society wish to acknowledge with thanks the following subscriptions for January—Joseph Allison, \$50; James F. Robertson, \$20; J. M. Humphrey & Company, Limited, Manchester Robertson Allison, Limited, Vassie & Company, Limited, H. S. Gregory & Son, Christie Woodworking Company, J. & A. McMillan and W. Smith, \$10 each; L. P. D. Tilley, H. Horton & Son, T. H. Bullock, and E. A. Smith, \$5 each; Ready's Breweries, Limited, Charles McDonald, and H. C. Page, \$3 each; Gandy & Allison, E. H. Fairweather, Dr. Merrill, W. E. McIntyre, and W. H. White, \$2 each; Thomas Nagle, Mrs. H. E. Hall, G. Fred Fisher, F. B. Ellis, A. B. Criswell, A. G. Plummer, D. L. Nobles and Rev. J. A. McKeigan, \$1 each.

POLITICAL RUMORS

(Chatham World) We learn from sources of information that we consider entirely trustworthy, that it was definitely arranged last week for R. A. Lawlor to accept the portfolio of lands and mines, and for the holding of a provincial election on February 22 or 25. But something has caused the government to pause. The matter appears to be in suspense.

Consultation with members of the Farmers' and Dairyman's Association may have caused the coming premier to halt. The word now is that a local government convention will be called in Northumberland before anything is done. Mr. Lawlor would have been appointed, it is said, and a by-election held, only that Mr. Allain, who has the assurance of an appointment in the Dorchester penitentiary, refuses to resign his seat and make an opening for Mr. Lawlor. It ought to be easy to overcome this difficulty. It is not likely that there would be any opposition in a by-election now in this county to the holder of a portfolio. This is a busy time of year for an election. All of the people would be better pleased to have it in the sweet summer time.

Premier Clarke is still in poor health, with little hope of returning to active work, and will, no doubt, retire and be succeeded by Hon. J. A. Murray.

The government is asking for support because of the prohibition bill, but it will be remembered that the opposition did not oppose that measure. The only opposition it met with, in the legislature, was from government supporters.

LITTLE ONE DEAD

Friends of Mr. and Mrs. Howard Milton, 42 St. John street, West St. John, will sympathize with them in their loss of their infant daughter, Helen Elizabeth, aged three months.

NOTICES OF BIRTHS, MARRIAGES AND DEATHS. 60c.

BIRTHS

GOULD—On Feb. 1st, to Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Gould of 118 Pitt street, a daughter.

CARSON—On January 26, to Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Carson, of 210 Winslow street, West St. John, a son.

DEATHS

ARSENAL—At his parents' residence, Pleasant street, on January 31, Edward, aged eight months, infant child of Clarence and Annie Arsenault. Burial tomorrow, Friday, morning at eleven a. m.

IN MEMORIAM

DUNCAN—In loving memory of my mother, Mrs. Christina Duncan, who died Feb. 1, 1914. ARCHIE.

WILSON IS LIKE Y NOW TO GO TO WAR

Washington, Feb. 1.—Following a conference today between President Wilson and Secretary of State Lansing, the official quarters that a break in diplomatic relations with Germany seemed inevitable, although it was not thought probable that an ultimatum or warning to the Berlin government might precede this action. The view was taken widely in official quarters that the United States could not let the situation stand unchallenged.

FUNERAL OF FORMER GOVERNOR MCLEAN

The funeral of Hon. A. R. McLean will be held at Riverside on Saturday, Feb. 3, at 10 o'clock. The Rev. J. L. McLean will officiate. The casket will be in charge of the St. John church. The funeral will be held at 11.45 o'clock on Saturday night.

After-Stock-taking CASH SALE For Friday & Saturday

We have just finished taking stock, and offer some special values on broken lines. Read this line:

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PERSONALS

Rev. Michael O'Brien, pastor of the Sacred Heart church at Norton, was in the city yesterday and visited the Bishop's Palace in Waterloo street.

Major G. McEl-Johnston, formerly of the 26th Battalion, recently returned from New York city, where he was undergoing medical treatment.

T. M. Burns, secretary of the Board of Health, has been confined to his home for some time with an attack of influenza. His condition is now reported much improved and he is expected to be about his duties as usual in a few days.

DOUBLE MARITIME SECTION OF THE NEW DIVISIONAL AMMUNITION COLUMN

Lieut. T. A. S. Gunn, officer commanding the maritime section, 5th Divisional Ammunition Column, with headquarters in Moncton, has been notified by the adjutant general, Ottawa, that the present authorized strength of the column has been doubled. The maritime section therefore will consist of four officers and about 340 men.

IS NINETY-THREE YEARS OLD Chatham World.—The very latest in celebration his ninety-third birthday at his home in Loggieville last Wednesday. Mr. Robertson is said to be the oldest minister of the Presbyterian church in Canada. His entire ministry was spent on the Miramichi.

Admiral Kane Dead

London, Feb. 1.—Admiral Sir Henry Coeur Kane, who as captain brought the British cruiser Callaghan through the great hurricane at Samoa in 1889, died here on Tuesday.

GOOD THINGS COMING TO THEATRES OF ST. JOHN

"ROBINSON CRUSOE" SHOWN HERE TOMORROW AND SATURDAY

When the Imperial signed a contract for the showing of DeFox's immortal story, "Robinson Crusoe," it was felt reasonably sure that a responsive chord had been struck throughout the community. While it has been looked upon as a story of childhood, "Robinson Crusoe" in its picture form has a strong appeal to all ages of people. Henry W. Savage, the eminent theatrical manager, is the father of the filming DeFox's story and throughout the length and breadth of the United States and Canada every available copy of the story is working day and night. The Imperial will show the story tomorrow and Saturday at all performances without any advance in price. The usual instalment of the "Beatrice Fairfax" stories will be put on as well as one of those screaming Humble Mack Vitaphone comedies. This makes a whirling bill for the week-end and it will be next thing to a shame to deny the children attending the Saturday matinee.

FANNIE WARD AT IMPERIAL TONIGHT

The Imperial is a pretty busy place these days. This afternoon after the first performance of motion pictures the daughters of the Empire are putting on their splendid Revue. A large and delighted audience. This evening the Fannie Ward feature, "The Years of the Locust" will receive its final presentation. Miss Ward, who is a favorite of St. John screens, has certainly excelled herself in the story now running, which is from the powerful pen of Albert Payson Terhune. The magazine pictures included in the present bill are interesting and the Drew comedy, "Nobody Home," elicits roars of laughter.

IT'S A DANDY NEW PROGRAMME AT GEM

If you did not see the Gem's new bill of vaudeville and pictures you'll surely enjoy it if you go tonight. It's one of the best yet—well diversified and with comedy galore.

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PATRIOTIC CAUSES

Rehearsal for H. M. S. Pinafore

The next rehearsal for this opera will be held on Monday evening at 8 o'clock sharp. Other rehearsals and performances held recently have differed with the regular practices, but it is particularly requested that all those who have promised to assist in this popular production, should be in their places next Monday evening.

Women's Canadian Club

Members of the Women's Canadian Club will please watch for a notice in the morning papers of reply from Canon Stratford, author of the "White Comedy" and a speaker of renown, to an invitation to address the club tomorrow afternoon.

"1917 REVUE" MATINEE

Matinee of the "1917 Revue" today at the Imperial at 3.45. A splendid opportunity to witness this excellent performance. The hour suits the school children. Prices 50 cents and 25 cents. Boxes 75 cents.

ALARMED OVER EFFECT ON THE COAL MARKET

Toronto, Feb. 1.—K. A. Harrington, secretary of the Retail Merchants' Association (coal section), is seriously alarmed over the coal situation in Canada. "Mark my words," said Mr. Harrington, "I am not a prophet, but if the United States is dragged into this war, we will not get another pound of coal across the border."

THE DOG RACE

Alexandria, Minn., Jan. 31.—The eight teams in the Winnipeg-St. Paul dog race tied up here tonight after traveling through drift roads since early this morning.

Fred Hartman, American, who passed the others while they slept last night at Dalton and became lost a few miles out of that place, arrived here a little after midnight.

Gabriel Campbell, Bill Grayson, Albert Campbell and Gunner Thomason were the first in to the night control arriving here at 7.30 p. m. Five minutes later H. Hansen and Mike Kelly came in.

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DOES THIS MEAN TROUBLE FOR GERMANY WITH ONE OF HER DUPES?

Paris, Feb. 1.—David Bey, former Turkish minister of finance, has arrived at Geneva, according to the Matin, as a delegate from the Turkish ministry commissioned to get in touch with the Entente Powers. He was selected, says the Matin, because he was the only Ottoman minister who refused to sign the trade proclaiming the opening of hostilities.

Another Turkish politician, Noury Bey, is at St. Moritz and is said to have declared openly that the parliament of Talat Bey, one of the triumvirate in charge of Constantinople, are nationalists before everything else and do not intend to pull the chestnuts out of the fire for Germany.

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