

## SANTA CLAUS IS AT IMPERIAL

Prize Matinees for Children for Christmas Week Begun

Imperial Theatre began its prize matinee celebration for children and adults alike yesterday and in consequence enjoyed good business. At the matinee Santa Claus ambled about amongst the youngsters and heard their heart's desire. At the close of the

matinee he awarded the following prizes to the lucky winners in the daily contest: A saxophone to Ronald Britten, 115 Esplanade; skates to John McKay, 67 St. James street; a doll to Goldie Cohen, 75 High street; hockey stick to William Coughlan, 270 Prince Edward street; doll's dishes to Emma Johnston, 25 Gormley street; and a fountain pen to Myrtle Dempster, 92 St. Patrick street. The children had a great afternoon of it, the first of a series of such gift matinees.

### FILMS AND MUSIC.

The program of films and music was of merry holiday order. On Wednesday Organist M. Courtwright Ewing will give a recital of the best-known Christmas hymns 15 minutes before each program. Eleanor Boardman gave her admirers the surprise of their lives last night. Miss Boardman has always been a capable actress, and in the last

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Two or three pictures has shown a growing gift for comedy, but in "Exchange of Wives," she is revealed as a distinctly different type of comedienne, one that can be compared to no other actress on the screen.

### TYPE OF HER OWN.

Just as Dorothy Gish, Constance Talmadge and Mabel Normand have developed distinct comedy types, Miss Boardman has created a type of her own, and steps into this circle with her portrayal of the sophisticated and delightfully reserved Margaret Rathburn. Eleanor is always the perfect lady and gets her laughs from the audience not by boyish tricks, but by intelligent concentration. Opposite Miss Boardman in this picture is Lew Cody as John, her husband. Lew, who has always been associated heretofore with "heavy" or hero parts, proves as delightful a comedian as Eleanor. This actor has proven his ability in nearly all manner of roles, and though he has been on the screen for many years, his popularity is lately increasing by leaps and bounds.

### REPEATED TODAY.

Renee Adoree, the little French actress, is seen as Mrs. Moran. As the delightful little duff Elsie, she leads her husband, played by Creighton Hale, in a merry chase.

This same splendid domestic comedy is to be shown today. So are the comic cartoon in which the Mouse Eaters play the Cheese Eaters. Tomorrow the Paramount farce "The Best People" is to be the bill and for Christmas Day lovely little Betty Bronson, the Peter Pan girl, in "The Golden Princess."

## GLORIA SWANSON IN MADAME SANS GENE

Notable Production is Featured on The Screen at Palace Theatre

Producers have road-showed pictures of far less merit than Gloria Swanson's production for Paramount, "Madame Sans Gene," which is the feature at the Palace Theatre. It is based on the stage success of the same name. The story is one of a pretty little girl, who runs a laundry in a back street in Paris. "Madame Sans Gene" (Madam Don't Care) they call her because of the free and easy manner in which she treats her customers, rich and poor alike—one of the latter being Napoleon, when the Little Corporal was just a little corporal.

The French Revolution brings about a change in fortunes. Napoleon has placed himself on the throne of France, and Catherine Hacheber (Miss Swanson), now married to Lefebvre, one of Napoleon's sergeants, finds herself a duchess with a rightful place in the Court of France.

But the duchess is still the same spiteful Sans Gene and is looked down upon by the aristocratic ladies of the court, but she is more than a match for them all—imitating their stiff bows and gestures to the amusement of the great Napoleon himself.

Sans Gene through her wit and the aid of several unpaid laundry bills straightens out a marital rift between Napoleon and the Empress and so establishes herself firmly in the Emperor's good graces.

Charles de Roche has the role of Sergeant Lefebvre, and Emile Drain plays Napoleon.

Tonight will see the final showing of Gloria Swanson in Madame Sans Gene at the Palace.

More than half the roads of Brazil are suitable to automobile traffic.

Paper was manufactured in China about 100 B. C.

At a wedding in St. Louis not long ago the best "man" was a woman.

## Social Notes of Interest

Professor C. H. Mercer, of Dalhousie University, Halifax, was entertained last evening after his lecture in Centenary Hall by Mrs. Douglas V. White, assisted by Mrs. Heber Vroom and Miss Frances Alward at Mrs. White's residence, 89 Wentworth street. Yellow chrysanthemums were used in the decoration of the drawing room and in the dining room the same flowers centred the artistically arranged table. Mrs. Heber Vroom presided and was assisted by Mrs. John McIntyre, Miss Edith White and Miss Frances Alward. The guests were members of the Saint John branch of the League of Nations Society and included Archdeacon and Mrs. A. H. Crowfoot, Col. and Mrs. E. T. Sturdee, Judge and Mrs. H. O. McInerney, H. A. Powell, K. C., and Mrs. Powell, Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Daniel, Rev. J. S. Bonnell and Mrs. Bonnell, Rev. R. C. Fulton and Mrs. Fulton, Judge and Mrs. George A. Henderson, Rev. H. A. Goodwin and Mrs. Goodwin, Mrs. James H. Dooey, Col. Alexander McMillan, Mr. Atwood Bridges, Mr. George Hudson and Mr. Heber Vroom.

Miss Estelle McDonald, of Moncton, is the guest of her sister, Mrs. A. G. Tapley, for the holidays.

Miss Ellen Morrison and Miss Peggy Gordon entertained a few friends at a week-end tea at the home of Mrs. Douglas V. White, in honor of Mr. Cecil Duclos. Mrs. White presided over the tea cups. Among those present were Miss Leslie Skinner, Miss Florence Warwick, the Misses Skinner, Mr. Duclos, Mr. Phillip Hallisey, Mr. George Hudson, Dr. John F. Edgecombe, Mr. Arnold McAlpine, Mr. Douglas McKean, Mr. Allister Morrison, and Mr. Temple Lane.

Mr. and Mrs. F. M. Ross, of Montreal, are leaving today to spend Christmas in the Southern States. Mr. and Mrs. Ross will accompany Mr. and Mrs. Playfair, of Midland, Ont.

Professor John Stevens, of Fredericton, is a guest at the Byng Boys Christmas dinner, at the bungalow Saturday evening. While in the city Christmas Eve will be the guest of Mr. Atwood Bridges.

Mr. Cecil Duclos left last evening for Montreal where he will reside.

Mrs. Westhall, of Newport, R. I., arrived in the city yesterday to spend Christmas holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. McMillan, Gormley street.

Miss Christina Clark, of this city, is leaving for Ottawa this week to spend the holiday season as the guest of Mrs. S. A. Luke and Miss Trembly Luke.

Mr. T. H. Robinson, of West Saint John, is registered in "Canada" of Dec. 12, as attending St. John's college, Oxford.

Glenn W. Conrad, of the D. A. R., Kentville, has arrived in the city to spend the Christmas holidays with his mother, Mrs. W. H. Conrad, 170 Queen street.

William F. Roberts, Jr., arrived home yesterday from Acadia University, Wolfville, N. S., to spend the Christmas holidays with his parents, Hon. Dr. and Mrs. W. F. Roberts.

### Farm Gardens Inadequate

Although 95 per cent of the 1,043 farms surveyed in North Dakota have a vegetable garden of some sort, only 60 per cent of these farms provide enough vegetables for themselves from their individual gardens. Some interesting facts disclosed were that one farm in four raised no beef cattle, (one in eight had no poultry, one in four no hogs, one in seven no dairy cows, and one in twenty no garden at all.

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## "ARGENTINE LOVE" QUEEN SQ. PICTURE

Bebe Daniels and Ricardo Cortez Featured in Colorful Story of South America

Bebe Daniels and Ricardo Cortez are featured in the principal roles of the Paramount picture, "Argentine Love," which opened at the Queen Square Theatre yesterday. It is an Allan Dwan production, written especially for the screen by Vicente Blasco Ibañez.

Miss Daniels has the role of a beautiful Spanish scion who defies all the old traditions of her race to marry a young American while her Spanish lover fights desperately with her. Ricardo Cortez, as the wealthy Argentinian, Juan Martin, gives the finest portrayal of his screen career. James Reenie, heading the cast playing in support, is Philip Sears, an American engineer whose work brings him to the Argentine.

For romance in a colorful setting, "Argentine Love" stands prominently on the screen. Written by the author of "The Four Horsemen," "Blood and Sand," "Enemies of Women," etc., and directed by the man who made "Robin Hood," "Manhandle," and others, it is most delightful film fare. There is

love-interest for the sleeper, genuine appeal for the older folks and rapid-fire appeal for the youngsters. "Argentine Love" adapted for the screen by John Russell, is a truly modern story of an old-world civilization with a happy ending. Mario Majeroni, Aurelio Cecchi, Mark Gonzales and others appear in support.

**Electric Shocks in Street.**  
A dog was electrocuted and horses and men received severe shocks at Tuesday by coming in contact with a corporation electric lamp standard, the mechanism of which was out of order. Horses which came near the standard began to jump wildly, and fishermen's men also jumped in the air as though dogs acted in the strangest fashion. Bewitched. While electric shocks were being gratuitously distributed a heavy truck, loaded on one from a French ship, fell over the quayside on the deck of the vessel.

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Colored Embroidered Handkerchiefs, lace edge. 3 in Box 45c.  
Pure Linen Embroidered Handkerchiefs. 2 in Box 50c.  
Point Venice Lace Handkerchiefs. 2 in Box 65c.  
Pheasant Embroidered Handkerchiefs. 3 in Box 65c.

**Gift Things in Xmas Show Room**  
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