

GOOD THINGS COMING TO THEATRES OF ST. JOHN

TRAIN IN DITCH, MANY KILLED

Most Thrilling Motion Picture Drama Ever Shown, at the Star Tonight

Fifty or more persons dead and injured, Pullman cars piled up in confused masses of twisted wood and metal, with fire raging in the wreckage, are the gripping elements that enter into the new Mutual special chapter play, "The Train in the Ditch."

This play is a continuation of that great serial "The Diamond from the Sky." It consists of four chapters, to be shown at the Star every Friday and Saturday during this month.

So wonderful is the serial that the management of the Star is forced to pay five times as much for it as for any other serial story ever shown in the North End.

The first show tonight will commence at 6:45. Send the children Saturday afternoon and thus avoid the evening rush.

WONDERFUL BILLS NEXT WEEK AT IMPERIAL

Next week should be one long to be remembered by motion picture enthusiasts. Imperial Theatre announces three notable productions filling the whole calendar for the week. They are as follows: Monday-Tuesday, Edna May in the seven-reel Vitaphone deluxe "Salvation John."

GERMAN SPY SYSTEM EXPOSED AT IMPERIAL

Imperial resumed its regular business this afternoon with a swing after the monster mass meeting for national service held last evening. The programme now introduces Lenore Ulrich, dashing dark-eyed star in a war story of the present time entitled "The Intrigue."

HAS THE WEARER OF "THE PURPLE MASK" A DOUBLE

Sensational Mystifying Serial Starts Unique Monday

When Francis Ford and Grace Cunard are seen at the Unique first three days next week in the introductory chapter of the Universal sixteen episode serial, the keynote in thrilling scenes, deeds of daring and a mighty interesting story will be sounded.

SOUVENIRS OF THE PURPLE MASK

Given to Ladies and Children Attending Matinee Unique Tomorrow

First 100 ladies attending the matinee at Unique tomorrow will receive exquisite case and photo novelty of Francis Ford and Grace Cunard, while the children will be given a Purple Mask card.

IT'S GOOD AT THE GEM

The present excellent programme at the Gem will be given its final presentations at 7:15 and 8:45 tonight. It's a banner bill. All new tomorrow afternoon.

DEATHS

LARKIN—Suddenly, in this city on January 4, George M. Larkin, in the 60th year of his age, leaving his wife, five sons and one daughter.

MURRAY—On January 5, 1917, Emma A., wife of John Murray, leaving her husband and one daughter to mourn.

WORDEN—On Jan. 5, at her home, 85 Linden street, Annie, wife of George H. Worden, leaving two daughters and two sons.

BRIGGS—On January 4, Mrs. J. H. Briggs, in the 74th year of her age, leaving her husband, four daughters and four sons to mourn.

COHOLAN—In this city, on the 3rd inst, John Coholan, in the 87th year of his age, leaving one son, two daughters and one grandchild to mourn.

KIRK—At his late residence, 292 Germain street, on January 4, 1917, William Kirk, aged 82 years.

Funeral on Saturday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock from his late residence, 877 Main street. Friends invited to attend.

LOCAL NEWS

AUNT POLLY

Not the title of a book or play but the best fitting, most looking stout women's "out size" shoe made. No need of wearing two sizes too long to get width in "Aunt Polly's."—Wiesel's Cash Store.

DANCING TONIGHT

Manor house—Dancing 85 cents. Dinner and dancing \$1. Special music.

FUN IN WOMEN'S COATS

An astonishing bargain sale women's winter coats on Saturday. Don't miss it. There'll be some fun for those who come first. The coats will be put in at two bargain prices to clear them up in one day.

NOTICE

Beginning Tuesday, January ninth, until further notice, our stores will close Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays at 6 p.m., Mondays and Fridays at 9 p.m., and Saturdays at 11 p.m.—Wiesel's Cash Store.

WEEK AT IMPERIAL

Next week should be one long to be remembered by motion picture enthusiasts. Imperial Theatre announces three notable productions filling the whole calendar for the week.

NEW YEAR'S RACES

The horse races at Hatfield's Point on New Year's Day proved most interesting. The free for all was exceptionally interesting and attracted a large crowd.

As we intend running an auto delivery we will sell our two (2) horses. All are in good condition with no bad habits. Would make excellent family drivers.

TO BE BRIDE OF MAN SHE HAS NEVER SEEN

Windsor, Jan. 5.—Accompanied by her two younger sons, Mrs. Vivian Gilmore, 88 years old of Memphis, Tenn., passed through Windsor on her way to Quebec where she is to become the bride of Quartermaster-Sergeant John Wallace, stationed there. The match was brought about by a mutual friend in Quebec through correspondence. Mrs. Gilmore has never seen her promised husband.

RECOUNT GOING AGAINST THE MAYOR

Winnipeg, Jan. 5.—In the recount of seventy-three boxes out of ninety-six in the mayoralty election here, Mayor James O. Smith, who has lost his seat, has lost his nearest opponent, now leads by eighteen.

PERSONALS

Sergeant Charles T. MacKinnon of the Princess Patricia's, after spending the holiday season with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. C. MacKinnon of Fairville, left on Tuesday evening for six months' treatment at Lake Edward, Quebec.

BILLY SUNDAY EXCURSION TO BOSTON

The committee has waited on the Eastern Steamship Company and has made full and satisfactory arrangements. The excursion will leave St. John for Boston on Thursday, 11th and 18th inst., at 9 a.m. Round trip tickets, \$1.00.

SAN MARINO OFFICIAL ARRESTED AS EMBEZZLER

Rome, Jan. 5.—Olimpio Amati, twice arrested on a charge of embezzling 2,000,000 lire of the republican funds, according to a despatch from Rimini, the capital of San Marino. He is reported to have made unsuccessful attempts to flee.

TORONTO TRADES COUNCIL AND NATIONAL SERVICE

Toronto, Ont., Jan. 5.—The Toronto district trades and labor council last night endorsed the action of the executive council of the Dominion Trades and Labor Congress in urging the wage carriers of Canada to sign the national registration service cards, according to their own individual conscientious conviction.

IN MEMORIAM

GODFREY—In loving memory of Charles Frederick Godfrey, who departed this life January 1st, 1915. "How much we miss thee, no tongue can tell."

CARDS OF THANKS

Mrs. J. T. Love and family wish to thank their many friends for kindness shown them in their recent bereavement in the loss of her husband and kind friend killed in action on Oct. 1, 1915; also his former employer, The Christie Woodworking Co., and employees, Canadian Order of Foresters, Neil Morrison, and C. B. Allan of the Patriotic Fund.

Pure Rich Blood Prevents Disease

Bad blood—that is, blood that is impure or impoverished, thin and pale—is responsible for more ailments than anything else.

It affects every organ and function. In some cases it causes catarrhs in others, dyspepsia; in others, rheumatism; and in still others, weak, tired, languid feelings and worse troubles.

It is responsible for run-down conditions, and is the most common cause of disease. Hood's Sarsaparilla is the greatest purifier and enricher of the blood the world has ever known.

PATRIOTIC CAUSES

Veterans' Association A general meeting of the members of the European War Veterans' Association will take place on Monday next at 8 p.m.

Next Monday Capt. Pearson of the Y.M.C.A. will give a special lecture on French Life Among the Canadian Boys in France, under the auspices of the Women's Canadian Club on Monday afternoon, Jan. 8, at half past three o'clock.

Appeal for Socks A special appeal is made for socks by the Soldiers' Comfort Association, and they hope to receive during the first week in the New Year at least 50,000 pairs, to send to the officers commanding the several New Brunswick units.

To Cure A Cold in One Day Take LAXATIVE BROMO QUININE Tablets. Druggists refund money if it fails to cure. E. W. GROVE'S signature is on each box. 25c.

LOCAL NEWS

GOING BACK TO FIGHT

Fourteen returned soldiers, who have been in Canada on furlough arrived in the city today at noon on the maritime train en route to France where they will join their units.

TO WED IN THE WEST

Miss Gertrude I. Webb of 408 Main street left last evening for Medicine Hat, immediately on her arrival there she will be united in marriage to Harley A. Dunham, a former New Brunswick soldier who has been successful in the west.

PREDICT WHISKY FAMINE

Strength of Spirits in England Reduced to 30 Degrees Waterproof London, Jan. 5.—The Central Control Board of Liquor Traffic has made an order which will come into force on Feb. 1 further reducing the strength of spirits to 30 degrees under proof.

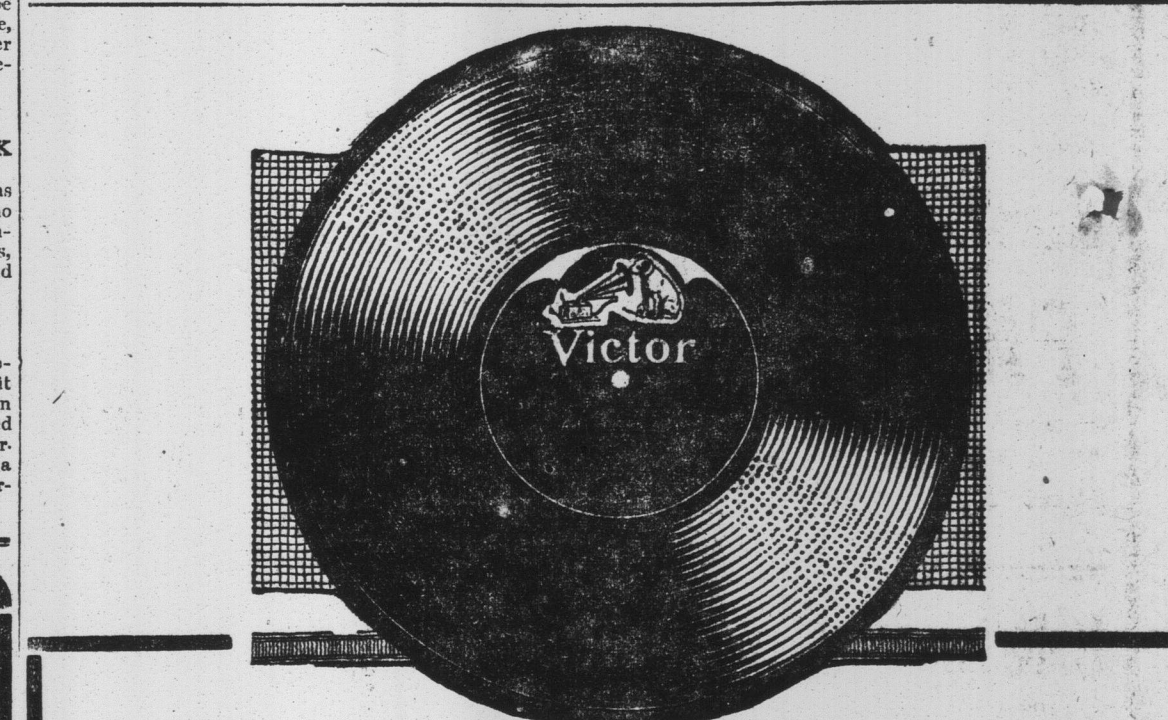
MRS. CORNWALLIS-WEST TO GIVE UP PUBLIC WORK London, Jan. 5.—The Daily Mail learns that Mrs. William Cornwallis-West, who was severely censured by a court of inquiry in connection with army affairs, has decided to retire from every kind of public work.

E. H. SOTHERN III

Chicago, Jan. 5.—E. H. Sothern, appearing at a theatre here for the benefit of the British Red Cross, announced on Wednesday night that he had cancelled the remaining eleven weeks of his tour.

For a Hacking or Annoying Cough, Try Royal Balsam of Canadian White Pine. 25c a Bottle. THE ROYAL PHARMACY 47 King Street

We Have Just Received A New Line of Attractive Furniture. THE HOUSE FOR FURNITURE ECONOMY. J. MARCUS 30 Dock Street. Look for the Electric Sign.



Laddie In Khaki. Thousands and thousands of brave boys are in khaki fighting for freedom and Victor Record 18180 on the January list sings about them.

Your Broken Glass can be duplicated here accurately and promptly. Prescriptions is not necessary. D. BOYANER TWO STORES: 38 Dock Street, 111 Charlotte Street.

"Hear them at any 'His Master's Voice' dealers". Write for free copy of our 450 page Musical Encyclopedia listing over 8000 Victor Records. BERLINER GRAM-O-PHONE CO., LIMITED 18 LENOIR STREET, MONTREAL.

PATRIOTIC FUND. Monthly:—W. F. Nobles, \$2; John H. Lee, \$2; Daniel Kirby (10 months), \$2.50; Mrs. R. W. Frins, \$2.50; Geo. J. Rathburn (Wheatfield), \$3; Wm. Murray, \$3; H. E. Gould, \$3; Geo. Coupe (2 months), \$1; W. J. Cheyne (2 months), \$2; Mrs. W. C. Good (2 months), \$1; Mrs. H. S. Bridges (2 months), \$2; J. H. Parker (2 months), \$2; A. G. Gregory, \$1; John T. Driscoll (3 months), \$1.50; W. G. Smith, \$2.00; S. M. Wetmore, \$4; H. Shillington (8 months), \$8; W. H. Sharpe, \$1; G. M. Robertson, \$2; R. P. Downer, \$4; D. F. Nobles, \$2; Miss A. Valie Sandall, \$2; J. H. Stuart, \$2; A. H. Stammers, \$1.

BIBLE SOCIETY. The St. John branch of the N. B. Bible Society met last night in Germain street church. Rev. S. S. Fiske presided. Rev. John Hardwick gave an address, and Sheriff A. A. Wilson presented a financial statement.

Woman's Exchange Librar. Save your money by reading at New Books. GENERAL GIRLS WANTED. 105 Union St.—Women's Exchange Tea and Lunch Rooms. 1-6.

Cash Specials FOR FRIDAY AND SATURDAY

- Pure Lard (1 lb. blocks) 23c. Kellogg's Cornflakes 30c. 25c. pkge. Amos Starck 21c. 20c. pkge. Cream Starch 17c. P. E. I. Canned Chicken 37c. 30c. tin Asparagus Tips 25c. Klovah Heat Salts 15c. H. H. Health Salts 10c. 20c. pkge. Educator Wheat Flax 18c. 15c. pkge. Aunt Jeannina Pancake Flour 12-1-2c. Cox English Gelatine 12c. 35c. tin California Peaches 29c. Potato Flour 15c. pkge. Dromedary Dates, 12-1-2c. pkge. Garden of Allah Dates 12-1-2c. pkge. 25c. bottle Nutriox Beef 18c. 50c. bottle Nutriox Beef 35c. \$1.00 jar Armour's Beef 85c. 1-2 lb. cake Baker's Chocolate 20c. 1-2 lb. tin Baker's Cocoa 22c. 24 lb. bag Royal H. Flour, \$1.35 5 lb. pkge. Lantia Sugar 45c. 10 lb. bag Lantia Sugar 85c. 20 lb. bag Lantia Sugar \$1.69

DAILY WANTS

- 5 cakes Gold Soap 22c. 5 cakes Lifebuoy Soap 22c. 5 pkgs. Gold Dust 22c. 2 pkgs. Old Dutch 17c. 2 pkgs. Lux 17c. 2 bottles Ammonia 17c. Saniflush 30c. pkge. CANDY DEPARTMENT 25c. tin Delight Paste 12c. Moir's Ass. Chocolates 43c. lb. Butter Scotch Wafers 40c. lb. Nugat Caramels 50c. lb. Quality Caramels 50c. lb. Peter Pan Caramels 50c. lb. Canadian Toffee 60c. lb. Festival Bon-Bons 60c. lb. Buttered Nuts 60c. lb. No Specials Delivered Alone. Gilbert's Grocery

ESTABLISHED 1894

Eye Strain Is Treacherous

It does not always mean poor sight, for vision may be good when strain exists, keen sight being possible through the extra muscular effort. This continuous over-working of the muscles brings on nervousness, headaches, exhaustion and other ills, which wreck health unless their cause is removed by properly fitted glasses.

L. L. Sharpe & Son, Jewellers and Opticians, 31 KING ST., ST. JOHN, N. B.