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## UNCLE TOM: HIS CABIN

**SAME OLD CHARACTERS MOVE  
SAME OLD AUDIENCE TO  
TEARS AND LAUGHTER IN  
SAME OLD WAY.**

**BERLIN FELL OVER ITSELF TO  
SEE THE SHOW.**

A Tom show struck town yesterday and cleaned up a tidy bunch of money the S. R. O. sign being hung out at both matinee and evening performances. Shows may come and shows may go, but "Uncle Tom's Cabin" goes on forever. Harriet Beecher Stowe's masterpiece, would rub her eyes over if she saw the latest revised version of her masterpiece. The production has received annually to introduce up-to-date slang and the specialties which have long been regarded as essential trimmings for a "real" Uncle Tom show, must also undergo periodical transition.

This particular outfit submitted the whole shooting match. The company included a husky bunch of buck niggers and swarthy a-plenty who introduced bits of the elements both in the course of the play proper and the specialties. "Uncle Tom" was a sure enough big fellow, living up to the stage traditions of that character in an able manner. The other principal parts were also well taken with perhaps one or two exceptions. The bloodhounds were on the job, but were apparently overfed and lazy and looked less like the creatures they were to be led across the stage on the trail of the venturesome Eliza, whose dangerous dash across the ice in the accompaniment of the same old word-nigger was rather a tame portrayal. Phineas was there with the coonskin cap, likewise the contribution of a claw of tobacco for the poster in the show. He also squandered "The one-eyed chapter of the two-eyed John."

George was a matinee idol sort of a chap, who did his stunts in an extremely histrionic manner, but failed to attach to the character the whimsy which carries in Mrs. Stowe's novel. "Mars the Lawyer," and Ophelia, were sufficiently judicious to elicit the full responses of laughter, while "Legree" was fierce enough for eyes that old timer who prides himself on having witnessed thirty-four reformations of "Uncle Tom's Cabin." On the whole, the people apparently got their money's worth.

It was no ten, twenty, thirty affair, either. Thirty-five and fifty cents a seat, if you please, and more offered than they could accommodate. Looks as if the man who knows how to run a "Tom" show can give J. Rufus Wallingford pointers on the easy money proposition. It draws a large amount from all classes, saint and sinner, the "Buffalo Bode" coats from the hinterlands, and the gay young city near-sports, the way kidnie just out of its mother's arms, and the hoary-headed oldest inhabitant; the minister of the gospel and the wicked gambler man; the society dame and the chambermaid; the uninitiated and the layman's sea show before and the blaze of old roses who want to go back to renew stage acquaintances of their youth, and so on, ad infinitum: they were all there. Nor did little Eva forget the picture selling stunt, maintaining the necessary dime wherewith to present his nymph with this souvenir of New Year's Day, 1909, the which will adorn many a what-not in the rural districts. For these young people from the country came out in such force as only a winter meeting can duplicate. From near-by villages, and from the far off lands of Woolwich and Wellesley even out to the wilderness against Pilkington, they came and were satisfied.

An outstanding feature of the show was a vocal effort by a coon "li-de-y"-a song which had to do with Indiana. She was not successful in her effort, which sounded too much like the wail of a lost soul. Especially exciting was her endeavor to hold the combination of notes which went to make up the final "Indiana" ending the chorus. She had to stop midway to regain her breath. It may be, however, that this break was to represent the Wabash river running through the Hoosier State.

Three coon couples, directed by a diminutive darkey girl put on a cake walk which seemed to catch on, making up in their costumes what their voices lacked in melody.

A rather clever turn was that of a comedy juggler in tramp costume. Little Eva also contributed a song between acts, just after her departure for the skirts.

The scenery carried by the company was really good, the slave market scene being exceptionally realistic and the show ended with a full-fledged "glory scene" which eclipsed all other attempts made here in that direction in years.

But we came almost forgetting the parade. Did you see "Wash"? It the froxy outfit though? And didn't those coons step some and didn't the hand play some—highest pitch ever, eh?

Well, Berlin (Busy Berlin) should move a vote of thanks to these Tom show people, anyway. Lord love us, how fast was slow enough as it was, but Uncle Tom at an ante rate dispelled the gloom which would have hung about the downtown streets but for his advent.

"Make a good article and tell the people of its goodness and the people will buy it and continue to buy it." The truth of this statement is proved by the success of "Salada" Tea.

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FLY SAVED 20 LIVES.  
New York, Dec. 30.—A dispatch to The Herald from Los Angeles says: A wholesale attempt to exterminate the roomers in a boarding house at No. 420 East First Street failed yesterday because a fly was instantly killed when it fell into a five-gallon can of poisoned milk.  
Two men are held in the city jail on suspicion of having carefully arranged to poison the twenty persons. The prisoners, who gave their names as W. H. H. Morris and Chas. Johnson, are both negroes. Johnson, the police say, had a quantity of poison, salts of strychnine, similar to that found in the milk, in his room.  
The proprietor of the rooming house, Mrs. Fannie Martin, stated to two detectives yesterday that the two prisoners had visited her place a number of times and had been ordered away upon leaving the last time. They stated that they would have revenge.  
Two mornings later—on Christmas—the milk was left on the back porch. It was in an open five-gallon can. As Mrs. Martin started to carry the milk into the house a fly flew into the milk and almost immediately died. She immediately notified the police, and detectives ordered that a chemical analysis be made of the milk. When this was made yesterday by City Chemist W. Miller, the poison was discovered.

## THE FREE LIBRARY COLUMN

NOTES BY THE LIBRARIAN.

A blessing on the printer's art. The hurried, the hurried mind, in books alone companions find. We never speak our deepest feelings. Our holiest thoughts have no revealing.

Save in the gleams that light the face Or fancy that the pen may trace, And hence to books the heart must turn.

Whd' with unspoken thoughts we yearn. Mrs. Hale.

At the beginning of another year we wish to extend to all the citizens of our town a hearty invitation to become better acquainted with the Public Library. When making resolutions for the New Year, do not forget that the choice of books plays no unimportant part in the moral as well as in the intellectual development of the reader. Our best wish for our readers is that, during the coming year, they may read more of "the best thoughts of all the ages."

Do not forget the sale of magazines. We are willing to sell English magazines and German magazines, old magazines stored away on the shelves and new 1909 magazines which the purchaser may have as soon as the magazine for the next month comes in. A complete list of the magazines to be sold has been posted on the bulletin board and you may have until 3:30 p. m., Thursday, Jan. 7th, to make your selection.

We are at present engaged in the arduous duty of stock-taking, but we are not closing the library for the occasion. Hereafter the library will be open all the year round. We could not think of closing the circulating department of the library at a time when the public is beginning to show such increasing interest in things literary.

Just one word more. The dating slips to be found at the back of the books are not to be used by the public. They are part of our new charging system which will be installed as soon as the dealers in library materials are persuaded that we are waiting for them.

**COMMISSIONER COOMBS'S VISIT TO BERLIN.**  
The leader of the Salvation Army in Canada, Commissioner Thos. B. Coombs, will give his lecture entitled, "From Bethlehem to Calvary," on Thursday, Jan. 7th, in the Opera House. This lecture is illustrated by over 3,000 feet of moving pictures, and a series of limelight views. Everybody welcome. Don't miss this treat.

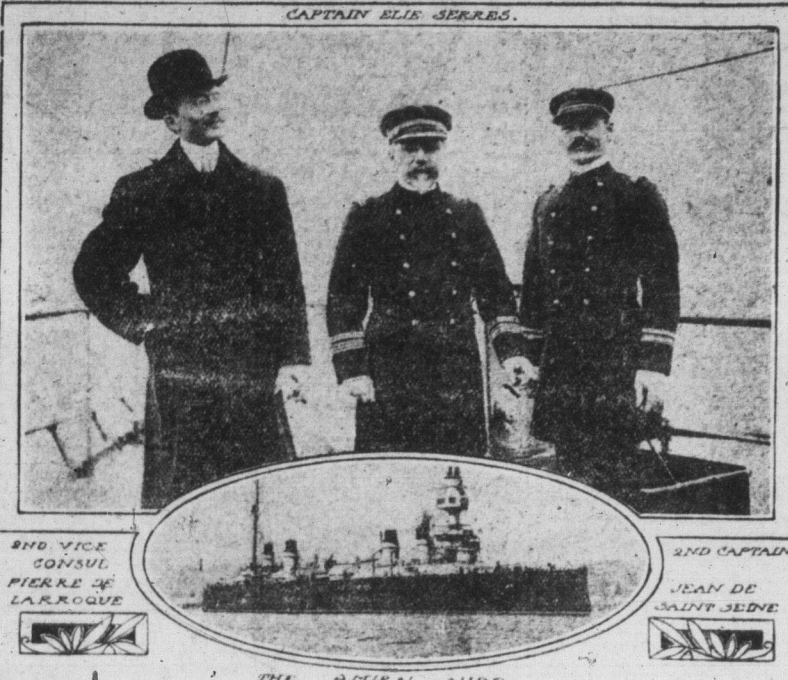
**BORN.**  
HEINTZMAN.—In Berlin, Dec. 23, to Mr. and Mrs. M. Heintzman, 57 Breithaupt street, a daughter.  
KURCHINSKI.—In Berlin, Dec. 25, to Mr. and Mrs. E. Kurchinski, 204 Waterloo street, a daughter.

**SECOND DRESSMAKING CLASS.**  
Ladies, learn dress cutting and making. Complete course of personal instruction. Special terms given now. Best and latest methods only. Beware of imitations. Next class commences Jan. 18th. Day and evening classes. Call or write.

**MISS VALENS**  
Instructor in dress cutting and making, 44 Foundry street, north, Berlin.

When every trust is ground to dust, Which must occur sooner or later, Where will he go, that dauntless foe, The dim and nerve investigator?—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

## FRENCH SEAMEN'S HOLIDAY.



New York, Jan. 1.—More than one-half of the six hundred seamen on the Amiral Aube, a 1,600-ton French armored cruiser, anchored off Eighty-sixth street, in the North River, enjoyed New Year's on shore, for Captain Elie Serres extended leave to every man that could be spared. The Christmas dinner on the cruiser was more sparing than the commander intended, because there was no chance to replenish the ship's supplies. Every man on board that wanted it had a drink of cognac besides the usual red and white wines served, and before the Amiral Aube leaves on Wednesday morning the commander intends to make up for the Christmas deficiency. Coming here from St. Pierre Miquelon, heavy weather was encountered and the holiday came too soon for the officers to prepare for it.

The cruiser was ordered to St. Pierre because of the rioting that followed an attempt by local officials to prevent the opening of certain schools, but the affair amounted to little, according to officers of the ship. Her mission now is to search for the Neustria, the missing freighter of the Pacific line, which has not been heard from since she left here for Marseilles on October 27. Captain Serres said that the Amiral Aube would cruise slowly near the track followed by the Patre liners, hoping to find some trace of the missing ship.

## SPORTS

### SOME BOWLING SCORES

On Dec. 29th, the Aberdeens took three games from the Grand Unions, in the Brunswick Five Pin League. The scores were:

Grand Unions	H. Zinger	A. Hesse	D. Orzek	H. Zinger	H. Wilson
	30 48 40	26 34 26	49 29 39	42 30 31	22 21 24

### NEW HOCKEY CLUB

The members of the Foster Armstrong hockey club held their annual meeting Dec. 26, and elected the following officers for the ensuing season: Hon. Presidents—E. Bray, and J. Reizer. Pres.—Harry Downes.

### GAME POSTPONED

The first league pool game between Toronto and Berlin, scheduled to be played here on Monday next at Berlin has been postponed to Tuesday evening.

### YOUNG PEOPLE ENTERTAINED

The members of the Junior Young People's Alliance of Zion church were pleasantly entertained at the home of Mrs. Jacob Kaufman, 267 King street west, on New Year's eve. The juniors marched in a body from the church, and as they approached Mrs. Kaufman's they sang a serenade song, in honor of Miss Emma Kaufman, their superintendent, who has returned from an extended trip around the world. A very enjoyable time was spent. The juniors were entertained with games, and Miss Emma Kaufman showed them a fine collection of curious articles from eastern countries, illustrating the manners and customs of Oriental peoples. It proved to be of absorbing interest to the children. Refreshments were served, and all went home well satisfied with the good and profitable time they had.

## MONDAY IS VOTING DAY

THERE WILL BE TEN BALLOTS IN ALL WARDS BUT THE EAST, WHERE THERE WILL BE ELEVEN.

### WHO MAY VOTE ON THEM

1. For Mayor.
2. For Regent and Deputy Regents.
3. For Council.
4. For Water Commission.
5. For Sewer Commission.
6. For Light Commission.
7. Police Commission by-law.
8. \$35,000 by-law to provide for the receiving and distribution of Niagara Power.
9. \$8000 by-law to provide for the laying of new gas mains on King street, and for other extensions.
10. \$11,000 for the erection of a fire station in the North Ward.
11. For East Ward only, for the election of a School Trustee.

Every person on the roll who is entitled to vote for Mayor and Aldermen, will have a vote on the Police Commission Referred. Property owners only have a right to vote on the money by-laws. All persons on the tax delinquents' list are barred from voting, but by paying their taxes any time up to five o'clock on election day, can secure a certificate from the Town Clerk entitling them to vote.

The first meeting for 1909 of the Berlin Orphanage Board, will be held on Monday evening, Jan. 4th, at 8 o'clock sharp.

Miss Wood's classes in physical culture and dancing will reopen on Jan. 4, 1909 in Concordia Hall. Children's classes at 4:30, evening class, 7:30. Dancing, 8 p.m. sharp.

## WHAT YOU'RE LIABLE TO RUN UP AGAINST

Are articles of the best value and most pleasing character, and libel just what you are looking for, at Wanless' Music Store. What could be more desirable than a musical instrument? A violin perhaps, or a guitar, or mandolin, yes, even a piano would not be refused as a Christmas gift. Just call at Wanless and see the goods. Phonographs at bargains.

**COLLEGE RE-OPENS.**  
The Berlin Business College re-opens on Monday in its new quarters in the Pequegnat Blocks, next the market. Day School, Night School. W. D. Eiler, Principal.

## ARRESTED IN MICHIGAN

MARY SCHMIDT, CHARGED WITH THEFT HERE, TAKEN IN TO CUSTODY IN BAY CITY.

CHIEF O'NEILL WENT AFTER HER.

Ever since the theft of a lot of articles from Mr. Geo. Hasenflug's store and the recovery of many of the articles at the home of Mrs. W. Schmidt who suddenly left town, Chief O'Neill has been at work on the case. He learned that she has relatives in Bay City, Michigan, and surmised that sooner or later, she would turn up there. He was advised on Thursday that she had been arrested and was being held for further orders. He wired back to learn whether she would come and the reply said she would fight extradition. Then he spoke to the Bay City Chief over the phone, and was assured of his assistance in taking her to the line for deportation, if she declined to accompany the Chief, and on this assurance Mr. O'Neill left on the 1:29 train on Friday morning to bring her back. He returned here to-day and she was remanded for a few days.

## TO BUY WESTERN BANK PRESIDENT AND MANAGER REFUSE BETTER OFFER THAN STANDARD'S

Oshawa, Dec. 31.—A prominent Toronto lawyer was here on Thursday representing Mr. Aemilius Jarvis and a group of international capitalists with an offer to buy out the Western Bank and continue it as the Western Bank. They offered five dollars a share more than is to be paid by the Standard Bank, but the President and General Manager refused the offer. According to the Toronto lawyer, however, this by no means ends the matter.

## WILL SELL THE PLANT

PROPERTY OF DEFUNCT SUGAR REFINERY PLACED ON THE MARKET.

At a meeting of the bondholders of the Ontario Sugar Refinery Company at Berlin, held in the offices of the Toronto General Trusts Corporation Company Thursday, it was decided to offer the plant for sale. The disposal of the property, which went into liquidation some four months ago, was left in the hands of Messrs Henry Barber and J. H. Coburn, receiver and liquidator, respectively. The liabilities of the company over and above the claims of the bondholders amount to \$40,000.

## TOWN LOSES IN APPEAL

STREET RAILWAY COMPANY SECURES FAVORABLE JUDGMENT AND ARBITRATORS AWARD REFERRED BACK.

## CASE MAY GO TO SUPREME COURT

The Court of Appeal at Toronto in May last, heard the evidence in the Berlin and Waterloo Street Railway Company's appeal against the Board of Arbitrators' award in the purchase of the street railway system. The judgment was handed out on Thursday and the legal bulletin handed out to the public announced that the Company had won the appeal, that the award is referred back to the Board of Arbitrators, and that the costs are against the town.

## BIBLE SOCIETY ANNUAL

Rev. W. E. Hazard, B. A., Toronto, Secretary Canadian Bible Society, will give an address illustrated with limelight views, on Wednesday evening, next, in St. Andrew's Church. At the union meetings during the week of prayer, all denominations are invited to be present. The balance of the week special prayer services will be held.

## THE FIREMAN'S BALL WAS A GREAT SUCCESS.

The annual ball under the auspices of the Berlin Fire Department, was held on New Year's Eve, in the Concordia Hall. It was very largely attended, and the Benefit Fund of the department will be considerably augmented. Over fifty couples tripped the light fantastic to the music of Stannaman's orchestra, and under the direction of floor manager S. Stauffer.

The Brantford pros beat the St. Kitts aggregation yesterday, 13 to 3. J. McGinnis of Berlin was playing point for the Saints.

## OLD PROBS.

Fresh westerly and southwesterly winds, fair, not much change in temperature. Sunday, mostly air, but some local snow flurries.

## WATERLOO

### THE MASS MEETING WEDNESDAY.

There was a very small attendance at the mass meeting called for Wednesday evening, for the purpose of receiving the reports of the Water and Light Commissioners, Sewer Commissioners and School Board.

The opinion was expressed by Dr. C. T. Noecker, chairman of the School Board, that in the future, as such gatherings as the public nomination, the reports of the Mayor, Chairman of Finance, and the Chairmen of the Commissions and Boards, should be received before the candidates are nominated for the various offices.

Mr. Geo. Suggitt, the newly elected Reeve, was appointed chairman for the evening.

Mr. Geo. Diebel, who has been a member of the Water Commission for ten years, since the town took over the plant, and who has been chairman of the Commission nearly all of that time, gave a lengthy report of the Waterworks and Gasworks plants. The report was very satisfactory, and shows that both of these public utilities are paying for themselves under municipal ownership.

The assets show about \$22,000 over the liabilities and the town has every reason to feel satisfied.

The Gasworks are also showing a surplus of about \$3,500 since owned by the town.

Mr. Diebel was tendered a hearty vote of thanks for his able services. The report of the Sewer Commission was given by the chairman of that body, Dr. W. L. Hilliard. He gave a full account of the construction of the new sewer farms from the time of the threatened law suits, in 1906 until the present day. The Commission had completed the new farm early this year, and as far as the reports show the farm is one of the best in the province.

Dr. C. T. Noecker presented the report of the School Board. He showed that during 1908 the Board had expended nearly \$14,000 in school equipment and maintenance.

The school population had increased considerably during the past year and the accommodation was no longer sufficient. It had become necessary to open rooms in the southern part of the town. This was only a temporary arrangement. The Board had plans and estimates of the cost of a four-room school, and he hoped the electors would support the by-law for \$15,000.

Messrs. J. Ritzer and J. R. Kaufman also gave brief addresses, after which the meeting dispersed.

Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Adams, of Belleville, are spending the holidays with relatives in town.

Mrs. Albert Robertson, of Kingston is visiting friends and relatives in town.

Mr. Jas. Ramsden, of Thorold, was a visitor in town yesterday.

Mr. John Koschik, of Michigan City, who has been visiting his sister, Mrs. J. Jacob Conrad, Jr., Young Street, returned home this morning.

Mrs. (Rev.) Andrew of Waltz, Mich., is spending the holidays at the home of Mrs. Jacob Conrad, Jr., Young Street.

Mr. J. Hertel, of Brockville, was a welcome visitor in town over New Year's.

Miss Annie Dalley, of Hamilton, is spending the holidays with friends in town.

Mr. Jas. Rodgers, of St. Catharines is visiting friends and relatives in town.

Mr. P. V. Hintz and family, of Gravenhurst, Muskoka, are spending the holidays with sister, Mrs. Joe Sobisch, Eth street, Waterloo.

## THE RIGHT MAN

The right man, the 'white' man. The Push and Plug and Eight man. Goes straight ahead, without a dream of what folks do or what it said, He's not a fool—but always cool, And never lets his temper flare. He makes his play and waits his day Without regard to fling or sting And plugs along at an even pace. He knows in the end he wins his race. He knows lies cannot last, and so He doesn't care what mud they throw. He's bound in time, to come on through— And so will I, and so will you.

—Herbert Kaufman.

You want to be sure about your fire insurance—absolutely sure. Then place it with a reliable agent, in an A1 company. Carl Kraus.