

GOOD THINGS COMING  
TO THEATRES OF  
ST. JOHN  
COUSIN KATE TONIGHT;  
A MATINEE TOMORROW

Tonight is the big night in local theatricals, the long awaited presentation of "Cousin Kate," by a select local cast, under the auspices of the Royal Standard Chapter. Those posted on theatrical matters will remember that "Cousin Kate" served as a starring vehicle for Ethel Barrymore for almost two seasons, which is a guarantee that the play has interest and merit. Between acts, several good specialties have been arranged, notably Lieut. Ormond Perley in classical and timely dances and songs, and some of the most gorgeous gowns, cut on Dame Farnham's latest dictate, which Lieut. Perley acquired personally on his last trip to London. There are still plenty of good balcony locations available at the box office of the Opera House. Curtain will rise promptly at 8.15.

In obedience to general demand the committee in charge have decided to give a matinee performance on Friday (tomorrow) afternoon, at 2.30 sharp, when the play and specialties will be presented, just as at the evening performance.

NEW VAUDEVILLE; OPERA  
HOUSE TOMORROW NIGHT

The regular weekly change of vaudeville programme, opening at the Opera House tomorrow night, offers the usual five good acts, including Walton and Vivian in a comedy singing and chatting skit, written just for fun; Harry Ward, story teller, singer and dancer; Monroe Bros. in a comedy variety novelty; Elaine and Tatiana in a classical dancing surprise; Jowman and Brooks in a spectacular musical feature, and the fourth chapter of the serial drama, "The Woman in the Web." Usual two evening performances at 7.30 and 9; popular prices.

"THE SPY" AND A  
RATTLING COMEDY

Dustin Farnum in "The Spy," created a wealth of interest at the Gem last night. It is a revelation of German spy system workings and terms with the spectacular, though avoiding scenes of battle. The programme ends with a quick-fire comedy, one of the best the Gem has shown in a long time. Tonight at 7.15 and 8.45.

**GEM'S PRICES.**  
A mistake was made last evening in announcing the Gem's prices for tonight and Friday. They are: Afternoon, children, 5c; adults, balcony 10c, down stairs, 10c. Evenings, balcony 10c; down stairs, 15c.

The Tariff and Politics.

(Toronto Star.)

The tariff issue is projected into politics by the platform of the Canadian Council of Agriculture, representing farmers in the Prairie provinces and Ontario—that is to say, all the chief agricultural provinces except Quebec. Mr. Crerar, the minister of agriculture, took part in the farmers' meeting, and is supposed to be in sympathy with the platform. The Kingston Standard says that the platform is opposed to the principles of Union government, and that Mr. Crerar should declare where he stands, and make his choice between the organized farmers and the government.

The Globe and Mail contend that the members of the government should stand together for the present until measures of reconstruction are passed. Mr. W. F. Maclean, M. P., in a signed article in the World cannot see the matter in this light. Tariff policy, he says, is a part of the policy of reconstruction, and must be decided now. The Hon. Robert Rogers has also raised the protectionist banner.

Some time ago Sir John Willison had a signed editorial in the Montreal Star which pointed in the same direction as Mr. Maclean's. Although the tariff was not mentioned, members of the Unionist government, he said, ought to make up their minds whether they regard the government as a mere temporary expedient or as a permanent one. This would mean that men like Mr. Crerar could not continue to work with protectionists in the cabinet, knowing that the alliance must be temporary if the tariff question is to be raised.

What will probably happen, especially in view of the probable accession of prime minister during part at least of the session, will be an effort to postpone the consideration of tariff measures for the present. This may, however, cannot last very long. Ministers may agree to leave the tariff alone, but they cannot control their followers in the country, or the organized farmers, or the organized manufacturers. The matter will be discussed in the press and elsewhere, and all kinds of varying opinions will be expressed. Ministers, though they may preserve silence in the cabinet meetings, will not be able to keep the subject out of their minds, and they will be influenced, perhaps weakened, in determination and enthusiasm by the feeling that they must soon part, and be found on opposite sides.

The question then arises whether there can be any permanent settlement of the tariff on which the East and the West, the farmers and the manufacturers, can agree. Can the tariff be "taken out of politics," and regarded as a set question, in principle if not in details? We are not sanguine, but some might be accomplished by indicating the lines on which such a settlement, if possible at all, might be made.

The protective system is attacked because it affords opportunities for building up huge fortunes at the expense of the community. It is defended as a means of safeguarding employment for workmen, and protecting them from the competition of underpaid labor abroad. Public opinion will be influenced by the answers given to three questions. Are the prices charged to consumers fair or extortionate? Are the profits moderate or excessive? Are the wages paid to mechanics such as represent a just remuneration for labor? In other words, is the privilege given by a protective tariff used fairly or abused?

There is no escape from the position that manufacturers accepting the privilege of protection must submit to control over these matters. They cannot expect to enjoy the benefit of restriction while they themselves purchase labor

ST. JOHN MAN  
GETS SIX MONTHS

Fredericton, N. B., Dec. 12.—George Gilchrist of St. John, arrested at Miramichi on Friday last on a charge of violation of the prohibition act, was sentenced at Oromocto to six months in Sunbury county jail for a second offence.

MOST OF POLICE OF  
MONTREAL ON STRIKE

Montreal, Dec. 12.—The majority of the employees of the police and water departments of this city went on strike this morning for higher pay. The members of the fire department did not go out. They have accepted arbitration.

MESSAGE FROM HON. MR.  
BALLETYN RE SHIPS  
AND TROOPS AT HALIFAX

Halifax, N. S., Dec. 12.—D. MacGillivray, president of the board of trade, has received from Hon. C. C. Ballantyne the following telegram re reported proposed "switching" of Canadian hospital ships from Halifax to Portland:

"Replying your telegram, I will at once take up with my colleague, the minister of militia, the matter of transportation of troops. You may be sure I will do all in my power to safeguard port of Halifax interests."

MARTIN ELDRIDGE, AGED  
60, KILLED IN COASTING  
ACCIDENT IN ST. GEORGE

St. George, N. B., Dec. 12.—Martin Eldridge, sixty years old, of Beaver Harbour, was killed last night in a coasting accident. The rear sled of a double runner slewed and upset him as he was crossing a street. Mr. Eldridge suffered a stroke some weeks ago. He leaves his wife, two daughters and two sons, one a returned soldier now in Fredericton.

and sell their products without regard to anything but their own will and their own interests. They ought to be subjected to a law against combining and excessive prices as strict and effective as the customs law restricting importations for their benefit. If they plead that protection is necessary for their payment of fair wages they must satisfy the state that fair wages are paid. They must be ready to give up excessive profits as a form of state-aid as a subsidy to a railway company. It should be granted, if at all, as a trust for the public, and the terms of the trust must be fulfilled and enforced.

**Free Niobe's Crew.**  
Halifax, N. S., Dec. 12.—It is stated here that the crew of H. M. C. S. Niobe will be demobilized next week.

Notice of Births, Marriages  
and Deaths, 50c.

BIRTHS

ROBERTS—On December 11, to Mr. and Mrs. Roy C. Roberts, 48 Kennedy street, St. John, a daughter, Muriel Frances.

DEATHS

DUNHAM—On December 12, Helen M. Dunham, only child of Mr. and Mrs. Archibald Dunham, 20 Kennedy street, leaving her parents to mourn.

CAMPBELL—At West, St. John, on the 12th inst., Elizabeth, wife of Andrew Campbell, leaving besides her husband, three sons and three daughters to mourn. (Montreal and Boston papers please copy.)

Funeral from her late residence, 222 Rodney street, West, Friday afternoon at 2.30.

SHEEHAN—In this city, on Dec. 12th, Nora Gertrude, second daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Peter Sheehan, in the 17th year of her age, leaving her parents and two sisters to mourn.

Funeral on Saturday afternoon at 2.30 from her parents' residence, 94 Paradise row.

NORDSTROM—At his parents' residence, 15 Drury lane, on the 11th inst., Roy, youngest son of Fred and Janie Nordstrom, aged one year, leaving father, mother, one sister and five brothers to mourn.

Funeral on Friday.

BARNES—Entered into rest on the morning of Dec. 12, 1918, George Henry Barnes, in the 83rd year of his age.

Funeral service at 218 Princess street on Friday evening at eight o'clock. Interment at Sussex on Saturday afternoon at 2.30 o'clock from the home of Mrs. W. W. Stockton.

PIERCE—At Port Arthur, Ontario, on Dec. 5, after a short illness, William H. Pierce, of St. John, in his 27th year, son of Mrs. and the late James Turner Pierce, leaving his mother, three brothers and three sisters to mourn.

Funeral Friday, 13th, from Brennan's Mortuary Chambers, Main street, to Fernhill Cemetery at 2.30. Private.

CARD OF THANKS

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Short wish to extend thanks to the doctors and nurses of the General Public Hospital for kindness and attention shown to their son, Harry, also their many friends for kindness and sympathy extended them; also for floral offerings received.

LOCAL NEWS

Christmas Suggestions. See Page 11.

Lugrin Photo Studio open at night for sittings, 38 Charlotte street.

For Sale—Set new furs. Apply evening. Duncan, 39 Paradise Row.

Still time to give your order for Christmas—Morin, hides' and gent's tailor, 52 Germain. Lowest cash prices. 89677—12—19

Sunshine Circle sale of home cooking and fancy work, Saturday, 96 Germain street, 2 p.m. 89679—12—14

Scrub woman wanted. Apply 30 Charlotte street. 89698—12—13

Regular meeting Railway Freight Handlers Union Friday night, Dec. 13. Members all requested to attend. By order of president. 89706—12—14

Victoria rink will not open tonight. Rink will open as soon as weather becomes cold.

**MIRACLES TODAY.**  
You will want to hear Evangelist Kenyon tonight, Brussels street church. Subject: "The Reason for Miracles." If you are not clear on this subject come tonight and hear what God's word says.

**NEW BOOKS THAT HAVE JUST COME TO HAND**  
At the McDonald Lending Library included: The Chivalry of Keith Leicester (Robert Allison Ford); The Room With the Tassels (Carolyn Wells); Jimmie the Sixth (Frances Stretter); The Devil's Cradle (Mrs. Alfred Sedgewick); and others. Paste this list in your catalogue, if you have one. If you have not there's one waiting for you at the McDonald Lending Library, 7 Market square. Phone Main 1273.

**JOIN THE WHITE PROGRESSIVE CLUB AT ONCE.**  
Only a limited quantity of White sewing machines and talking machines will be sold on this club plan. The price is reduced, these special prices only during the sale. This is a real opportunity to buy the best talking or sewing machine at a great reduction. Twenty-five cents is all you need to join the White Progressive Club, then the balance in easy payments as scheduled elsewhere in this paper. Special on every final payment made before it is due we will refund ten cents. By taking advantage of this feature you can reduce the price still further. Come in today and let us tell you all about it. Act now, tomorrow may be too late.—Furnishers Ltd., 189 Charlotte street.

**DIED TODAY.**  
The death of Miss Annie Westdene Denison, daughter of the late Annie and James Denison of this city, occurred this afternoon in the Park's Emergency Hospital from pneumonia. She was fifteen years old and leaves her uncle, Thomas White, of Harding street, with whom she made her home.

Ex-Ald. John Maxwell of Fredericton died this morning, aged eighty-five. The late Hon. Robert Maxwell was a son. Mrs. Thos. E. Dyer and Miss Lillian Maxwell of St. John are daughters.

POLICE CHIEF DISMISSED



Considerable sensation has been created in Montreal by the summary dismissal of Narcisse Grandchamps, chief of police. No reasons are stated, but it is likely that the dismissal may lead to a strike of the whole police force, at least the Police-men's Union so threatens.

BRUSSELS BAN ON GERMAN MATERIALS

Brussels, Dec. 12.—The board of aldermen yesterday approved a motion to insert in city contracts a clause barring the use of materials of German origin.

ASK INVESTIGATION OF RAID ON NOVITATE

Ottawa, Dec. 12.—A plea for full investigation into all the circumstances of the raid by military police on the Guelph Novitate was laid before the government today by a large delegation representing Orange lodges and the Guelph Ministerial Association.

RETURNED SOLDIERS HELP  
IN CHRISTMAS MAIL RUSH

The following is a list of helpers appointed for the Christmas rush in the railway mail service.—F. E. MacBeth, Norton, J. L. Daley, C. K. Donovan, D. McNiven, R. W. Fraser, W. C. R. Ramsey, A. P. Mahony, of St. John; J. Sudbury, P. E. Island, and W. P. Phillips, St. John. All are returned soldiers.

MOTHER HASTENS TO  
HER SON'S BELSIDE

Mrs. John C. Kee, wife of a well-known railway mail clerk, will leave for London, Eng., on the steamer Metagama this afternoon to visit her son, Capt. William J. Kee, of the Imperial Army Veterinary Corps, who is seriously ill in No. 3 London Hospital with Spanish influenza. Word of the St. John boy's illness came yesterday, and the household was not long in deciding what should be done. Capt. William Kee is a popular St. John boy and equally well-liked for his efficiency and good-fellowship in the army.

RETURNED SOLDIERS' COMMISSION MEETING

A meeting of the New Brunswick Returned Soldiers' Commission was held this afternoon. Matters relative to demobilization were discussed along with other subjects. Among those present were Charles Robinson, Colonel MacKenzie of Newcastle, John D. Creighton of Chatham, Hon. William Wilson of Fredericton, and R. B. Steeves of Sussex.

WILLIAM AGNEW PATON  
IS DEAD IN NEW YORK

New York, Dec. 12.—William Agnew Paton, author, art student and former newspaper publisher, died in a hotel here yesterday in his seventy-first year.

LAST  
WEEK  
Laymen's Evangelistic  
Campaign

Tonight (Thurs.)  
Evangelist Kenyon  
— Subject —

"The Reason  
For Miracles"  
Afternoon Meetings This  
Week 3 o'clock  
Addresses Given By  
Rev. O. P. Brown

"On the Deeper  
Spiritual Life"  
Prof. Paul Duffy Will Sing  
Tonight and Tomorrow  
Night

Song Service - 7.45 p.m.  
Prayer Service - 7.15 p.m.  
(Downstairs)

Brussels St. Church  
Laymen's Committee

(Undenominational)

Order Your Christmas  
Fruit Cakes, Puddings, Mince Meat  
Now Doughnuts, Frosted Cakes  
We have a variety of Fancy  
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WOMAN'S EXCHANGE,  
158 Union St.  
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rary.

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Gifts, we are prepared to take  
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grades of men's watches, in the  
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\$125.

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gold cases.

A special values in a 15-jewel  
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to be popular with young men.

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Two stores—21 King St., 189 Union St.

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and untrimmed; Mourning hats, and a large vari-  
ety of Veils on hand.

Frank Skinner  
— Importer of Millinery —  
— 60 KING STREET —

LOCAL NEWS

DR. McALLISTER BETTER.  
Dr. Duncan H. McAllister, of Sussex,  
was a visitor to the city yesterday,  
looking quite well after his recent se-  
vere illness. The popular physician was  
warmly greeted by his friends.

NON-SUPPORT CHARGED.

James W. Boyd was before the police  
magistrate this morning charged by his  
wife with non-support. Mrs. Boyd said  
that her husband since signing with  
the soldiers, two and a half years ago,  
had not given her any money. The  
magistrate asked if she had received  
separation allowance. She said she had  
not, as her husband filled out his mili-  
tary papers as a single man and nam-  
ing his next of kin as his mother. Boyd  
was remanded after being informed that  
he was liable to a fine of \$500 or one  
year in jail.

WILL HOLD INQUEST.

Coroner Kenney has empanelled a  
jury, of which J. Cameron is foreman,  
for an inquest into the death of Miss  
Annie Berryman who died as a result  
of a stroke. It is said that the boy who  
was driving is under the legal age for  
drivers. The inquiry will be opened in  
the police court on Monday evening at  
8 o'clock.

MILL STREET CORNER

Commissioner Fisher has made ar-  
rangements to meet S. H. White of Sus-  
sex on next Monday to see if some sat-  
isfactory arrangements can be made,  
whereby the city will secure a portion  
of his property, at the corner of Union  
and Mill streets, to widen the street.

BURIED TODAY

The funeral of Miss Annie S. Berry-  
man took place this afternoon from her  
late residence, 19 Colburn street. Ser-  
vices were conducted by Rev. S. S.  
Fennell, and interment was made in  
Fernhill.

HOME FOR BURIAL.

The body of William H. Pierce, son  
of Mrs. Pierce and the late James Pierce  
of this city, who died in Port Arthur,  
was brought to the city today. The  
funeral will take place tomorrow after-  
noon from Brennan's undertaking room,  
Main street.

TAKING CHANCES

In the absence of a traffic officer at  
the Golden Ball corner this noon-hour,  
an auto delivery truck dashed around  
Union into Waterloo and, overtaking a  
private car—all of them with their tops  
up—crashed into it bow on. The driver  
of the private vehicle, not knowing there  
was a speeding car behind, diverted his  
car slightly, thus confusing the driver  
with the speedster. There was not much  
damage done to either car, but in the  
few seconds during which a bad smash-  
up seemed inevitable, there was consid-  
erable shouting and scurrying. The  
street was choked with teams and cross-  
ing pedestrians at the time.

SHIPPING

ALMANAC FOR ST. JOHN, DEC. 12.  
A.M. 6.07 Low Tide 12.15 P.M.  
High Tide 8.09 Sun Sets 4.37  
Time used is Atlantic standard.

PORT OF ST. JOHN.

Arrived Dec. 12.  
Coastwise—Sch. Martha Parsons, 455  
tons, from Cherie, N. S. L. Creaser  
master; str. Keith Cann, from Westport,  
N. S. Capt. S. L. McKinnon; str. Empress,  
from Digby, Capt. A. MacDonald; tug  
J. A. Mumford, from Parrsboro, N. S.  
Capt. D. D. Clayton.

Cleared Dec. 12.  
SS Sunland for Falmouth for orders,  
Capt. C. J. Mordant.

Coastwise—Str. Empress, for Digby,  
Capt. A. MacDonald; tug J. A. Mumford,  
for Hantsport, N. S. Capt. D. D. Clayton;  
str. Keith Cann, for Westport, N. S. Capt.  
A. L. McKinnon.

BRITISH PORTS.

London, Dec. 11.—Arrived, Chac Mac-  
donald, Sydney, N. S.

AMERICAN PORTS.

City Island, bound east, Dec. 10.—Sch.  
Isaiah K. Stetson, Perth Amboy for St.  
John (later anchored).

Portland, Dec. 9.—Arrd. Sch.  
Emily P. Northam, St. John, N. B., for  
New York.

Boston, Mass., Dec. 8.—Arrd. Sch.  
Satellite, Grand Manan, N. B.

MARINE NOTES.

The tug Mumford brought the schooner  
Margaret Parsons here from Parrs-  
boro, N. S. The schooner has 20,000 feet  
of spruce lumber on board and is con-  
signed to J. T. Knight & Co.

The schooner Patriot has sailed from  
LePauvre for Eastport with fifty hog-  
head of herring. J. Butts is master.

The schooner Bena D. sailed from  
Back Bay, N. B., for Eastport with  
thirty hoghead of herring. W. H. Dick  
is master.

The Sunland will sail this afternoon  
for a British port with a cargo of grain.

The Donaldson liner Saturnia will sail  
this afternoon with general cargo for  
Glasgow.

The C. P. O. S. liner Metagama will  
also sail this afternoon for Liverpool  
with a large general cargo and a small  
passenger list. She has been in port  
since the last of November and was de-  
layed several days owing to the labor  
troubles.

The steamer War Matane, which left  
Quebec on last Sunday night, could not  
proceed any farther than about two  
miles below Grosse Island, owing to  
heavy pack ice; while the steamer was  
anchored the ice cut her anchor chain  
and she was driven ashore on a sand bar;  
she got off later with assistance. The  
steamer is reported to have suffered dam-  
age to her machinery and steering gear.

DIRECTOR OF REPATRIATION



H. J. Daly, of Toronto and Ottawa,  
who has accepted the office of Director  
of Reconstruction and Repatriation and  
will supervise all arrangements for the  
demobilization of Canada's army, and  
also of industrial reconstruction.

PERSONALS

Rev. Michael O'Brien of Norton is in  
the city.

HUMPHREY'S PRICE  
LIST

Choice Teas

Frinton Orange Pekoe... 60c.  
Brentford Orange Pekoe... 65c.  
Lantyan Orange Pekoe... 70c.  
Merton Orange Pekoe... 80c.  
Golden Pheasant Oolong No.  
X... 80c.  
Golden Pheasant Oolong No.  
1... 70c.  
Golden Pheasant Oolong No.  
2... 65c.  
Golden Pheasant Oolong No.  
3... 60c.  
Saryume (China)... 60c., 65c.  
Japan (Green)... 65c.  
Fresh Roasted Coffee,  
40c., 45c., 50c., 55c.  
Pure Cocoas... 40c., 60c.

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Guy H. Humphrey

14 King Street

YOU WILL HAVE TO "CARRY ON"

While the "Hohenzollerns" are being  
disposed of you will have to "carry on."  
Your job is to work and save and serve.  
Don't waste food or fuel. When you eat  
wheat be sure it is the whole wheat.

Shredded Wheat

is a whole wheat food. In making Shredded  
Wheat no particle of the wheat berry is  
wasted or thrown away. Always clean  
pure and wholesome. No sugar is re-  
quired—just milk and a dash of salt.