

OUR THEATRES

ROSSLEY'S. During the five years the Rossleys have been providing entertainment for the St. John's public, they have always done it well, and have made a great big name for themselves.

THE NICKEL

The Nickel theatre last night was crowded and there was general satisfaction with the pictures. The serial beautiful "The Goddess" is a great attraction as thousands of our young folk are interested in the picture.

Riverside Blankets. Insist on getting them.—dec29,61

With a groan and a snort the express stopped at a wayside station, because the signal stood at danger. On the platform stood a number of passengers waiting for the next train—a local. Glad of the chance of travelling more quickly, they began to board the train.

New Bonaventure Loyal to the Union

Dear Sir.—Please allow me space in your highly esteemed paper for a few remarks. I read the Advocate regularly, but seldom see an article from the Council here. We recently had a visit from our Union member, Mr. Stone, also from the Chairman of Catalina Council, Mr. D. White. They paraded with the Orangemen of Gibraltar Lodge and attended service in the Church.

OPENING NIGHT KLARK-URBAN CO.

Casino Packed With Delighted Audience—Company a Strong One and Are Sure to Meet With Popular Favor From City Theatre Goers

The Klark-Urban Company on its previous visits to this old city of St. John's won golden opinions from our theatre goers and they are legion. And as regards theatricals St. John's is a critical town, so that when last night we heard the loud and frequent applause of the big assembly at the Casino and the congratulatory remarks of the audience when the curtain was rung down on the last scene, we knew that the talented personnel of the Klark-Urban Co. had scored one of their best successes and that a season, gratifying alike to our people and the histrionic artists now amongst us, is assured.

The piece was brilliantly staged, not a hitch occurred to mar the perfect work of the performers and the drama itself was of a sensational character, appealing to the imagination, and in the situations and denouements it exhibited, tended more than once to touch the emotions of the most callous.

The story which the plot exposes is one which is permeated with pathos relieved by contretemps and situations—often that impel to laughter and the whole points a moral to which the State and Modern Society is now paying earnest attention. "Mary Turner" is a type—a sad reminder of the unfortunate conditions under which the urban female works for her sustenance to-day. The vicissitudes of life met her early in her career.

Orphaned early, while at high school she is forced to work in the "Emporium," owned by a typical New York plutocrat in the person of Edward Gilder. She is the victim of one of her oppressed associates, who steals and places the goods in Mary's clothes locker. Mary is arrested, protest her innocence, but the law is inexorable, her "merciful" employer want an "example," privately gives the trial judge the tip, and Mary goes up to Auburn Jail for 3 long years. But why anticipate an impressive story realistically portrayed by artists of the finished type? We say to our readers—go and see it—no descriptive work, no matter how cleverly written could attempt to do justice to this perfect performance of a most interesting theme. The story is touching and faithfully given in the various acts and scenes. But one might digress to state that "Agnes Lynch," an ex-convict, who heads a gang of thieves is also another type, the impersonation of which requires more than average ability and versatility and its delineation last night by Aurlia Clark marks that young lady as one of the most brilliant performers ever seen before the foot lights in St. John's.

We do not profess to be keen critics of the drama or to be equipped with that artistic finesse which would distinguish errors, which to the ordinary observer would be non-apparent, but we think we can safely say that the company, despite its perfect contributions of the past, has improved since its last appearance, in several respects. Of the work of the Company, we can only speak in most complimentary terms. Masie Cecil has lost none of the grace and charm which heretofore has distinguished her and the "leading lady" of the Klark-Urban Company, judging by the splendid ability evidenced last night in her role of "Mary Turner," upholds her position in popular favour who can forget the pathos she introduced into her pleading with "Edward Gilder" when face to face with him

The desperate crook and forger was given a most realistic interpretation by Albert Patterson in his role of "Joe Garson." Mr. Patterson is certainly at home impersonating such a character and his work is of a thrillingly realistic nature, which the audience often appreciated. We would that space permitted of a more extended notice of the excellent performances of Miss Dean and Messrs. Tenney and Forrest. They are certainly most competent people. Billy Webb, an old favourite in St. John's, as "Eddie Griggs," gave a fine rendition to the role and his first appearance was the signal for rounds of merited applause. Billy's forte is comedy, but he also shows, as does the whole aggregation, that versatility is a predominant feature with the Company.

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To sum up the Klark-Urban Company in its present visit promises to give our people more varied and pleasurable entertainment than ever before. We reiterate they are a highly talented theatrical combine, and we bespeak for them a most successful sojourn in St. John's. None should miss the repetition of "Within the Law," to-night.

SHIPPING

The Alembic which loaded oil from Job Bros. & Co. arrived at New York Sunday after a good run.

The Lillian Beauvelt cleared yesterday for Pernambuco with 7,725 qtls codfish from the Smith Co. Ltd.

The schr. "Russell H. Tentz" from Lousberg to Hr. Grace harbored at Trepassay yesterday.

The schr. H. L. Montague left Bonnie Bay for Halifax yesterday with 880 brls. herring.

The Kite which is now loading herring in Green Bay has not been reported lately. She will likely come here after loading and will the proceed to Halifax.

"Newfoundland" Not Sold But Chartered

We learn to-day that the S.S. Newfoundland has not been sold but has been chartered by Job Bros. & Co. for two months for the prosecution of the sealing voyage. She is to be given a thorough overhaul to engines and extensive repairs to the hull. She will be in excellent condition when finished and will be commanded by Capt. W. Winsor.

Three Youthful Thieves Arrested

Last evening the police arrested three boys, residents of William Street, Circular Road and Spencer St respectively last evening for entering shops and stealing cash therefrom. They stole from Mrs. Francis, of Prescott Street, Friday last, from a store in Georgetown Sunday night and also other places. Judge Hutchings today fined each one \$5 or 14 days.

Or her spirited denunciations of conditions prevailing for his employees. Masie Cecil has firmly established herself in the favour of St. John's theatre-goers. We have already referred to Miss Clark's impersonation of "Agnes Lynch," a role involving much difficult acting in its proper interpretation and it was developed so perfectly that the praise of the audience was spontaneous and sincere. Her mannerism and mein graphically mirrored in one's mental vision one of America's "Submerged Tenth"—the victim of untoward circumstances and the plaything of a hard destiny.

The other ladies who did splendidly in subordinate characters were Marion Allen as "Helen Morris" and Helen Frost as a maid.

It would savour of voicing unnecessarily a self-evident fact if we were to speak of the popular Harden Klark as being in his old-time perfect form. He was and more. Like good wine so to speak, Mr. Klark seems to improve as the years pass. Certainly as "Richard Gilder" last night his work was superlatively clever and we extend him the congratulations he so well deserves.

The erstwhile jolly and comic Frank Urban took a role last night which demonstrated that here is a gentleman of "many parts." His versatility is surprising. His portrayal of "Inspect-Burke" measured up splendidly to one's pre-conceived ideas of the grim, stern Inspector of New York's famed police force.

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BLAZE CAUSED BY LAMP EXPLODING

At 4.30 a.m. to-day an alarm of fire brought the Western and Central fire companies to Walgrave Street for a blaze in the house of Mrs. Tucker. A lamp left on a bureau near the bed, occupied by Mr. and Mrs. Bishop, exploded and scattered burning oil over the bed clothing—which instantly was a mass of flames. The people in the house quickly cleared out and the firemen who promptly arrived put a stream of water on and had the blaze out in a few seconds. The place was filled with dense smoke as well as the upper part occupied. Mrs. Bishop and the Tucker household sustained all the damage. Little, if any, insurance is carried by either.

Twelve Diphtheria Cases Reported

The Star of the Sea Society began their winter card tours last night under the management of the R. R. & B. Committee. The club rooms were filled with members and many players took part in the games. James Murphy won 15-out of 20 games played and won first prize, and J. Culleton with 14 games took the second. Monday night the second will occur when three prizes will be played for.

Riverside Blankets are made from selected woods.—dec29,61

STRANGE TYPHOID CASE.

Dr. C. W. Berry of Brooklyn, State sanitary supervisor, reported he had discovered a case in one of the country districts of Orange county, N.Y., similar to that of "Typhoid Mary" of New York, who, though she never had the disease, communicated it to others.

Although the doctor does not give the name of typhoid carrier, he states, she person is a well-to-do farmer in whose family there have been several cases of typhoid, the cause of which was unknown until now.

Star Society's Winter Games

Last week there were 12 cases of diphtheria reported and 8 residences were released from quarantine. There are now 38 diphtheria patients in hospital and seven are being treated at their homes.

Hockey Teams Commence Practice

Last night the hockey teams began preparations for the season, the Tyr-Novas and Vics taking their first practice. St. Bon's and Peildians go to-night. Amongst the veterans who will play this year it is likely will be Nix Vinnicombe, Brien, Duff and Simms.

Coban's Repairs

Work on the repairs to the S.S. John are being done with celerity at the dock premises. The damage to the stern is of a very serious character and the repairs will take some time to complete.

NEW WAY TO MAKE CHANGE

A well-to-do farmer in need of legal advice sought a struggling Brockton attorney with reference to a suit he desired to bring against a neighbor. The lawyer looked up the statutes and advised his client what course to pursue. As the latter rose to leave the office he asked: "What's your fee?" "Oh, say three dollars," carelessly responded the attorney.

Diphtheria At Spiller's Cove

There are a few cases of diphtheria at Spiller's Cove near Bonavista. These are being looked after by Magistrate Roper and all precautions to prevent its spread are being taken.

LOCAL ITEMS

The volunteers did good work at Section Skirmishing yesterday after having gone through the usual drills in the armoury.

We have been asked to state that no search of the Stephano was made on her arrival here for alien enemies. A police officer went on board the ship to see a friend among the crew and this gave rise to the report.

A Triduum in honour of the Holy Name will begin at St. Patrick's Church at 7.30 p.m. to-morrow Wednesday. It will be continued Thursday and Friday evenings and will conclude Sunday at 3 p.m. All the men of the Parish are requested to attend.

Inspector-General Sullivan, who has of late been suffering from a severe cold, had been confined to his home for a few days last week. He is now, however, improving and was able to be in his office yesterday and to-day.

New Catholic Church On Queen Street

We hear to-day on very good authority that Messrs Thos. Harris, brother of the late Hon. John Harris, and Mr. Frank McNamara will go into partnership and will conduct in future the business of Hearn & Co. Mr. McNamara will vacate the premises on Queen's Street, now occupied by him, and the building which was formerly St. Peter's Church will be rebuilt and will be the Church for the new Central Parish to be formed here.

Police Court News

Mr. Hutchings, K.C. presided to-day. There were no prisoners in Court. The Civic Corporation summoned Pittman & Shaw for installing lavatories without a permit. After hearing the matter pro and con His Honour dismissed the case.

Historical Society To Be Revived

We learn that the Historical Society of past days is to be revived and re-organized. His Excellency the Governor is taking great interest in the project and a meeting will be called a few days hence to arrange preliminaries. His Excellency will address the meeting and much interest is being taken in the movement.

Mr. J. B. Wheeler, J.P. Of Musgrave Hr. Dead

Mr. Jesse Whiteway had a message to-day from Mr. Abbott, his agent at Musgrave Hr., saying that Mr. J. B. Wheeler, the well known Justice of the Peace at that place, had passed away at 6 a.m. to-day. Mr. Wheeler was a well known and respected man who had occupied the office of Justice of the Peace over 35 years. He succumbed to an illness of one week's duration. He is survived by two sons—Rev. John Wheeler of Boston, Mass., and Dr. Harold Wheeler of the U.S. also, as well as one daughter, Mrs. Southerland of Idaho, U.S.A. To the bereaved relatives The Mail and Advocate extends its sympathy.

No Ice in the Gulf

Up to date the Kyle and Sagona doing the Cabot Strait service report no ice in the Gulf. Sydney Harbor is still open owing to the mild weather. Last year about this time conditions were very difficult for the ships.

BUT THEY'RE SAFE NOW.

Here is a story which ex-President Roosevelt told at a dinner recently: "A fellow called Smith" he said, "had a narrow escape from being killed by a lion in Nairobi. When the lion closed its jaws on you," asked a friend in awe struck tone, "did you give yourself up for lost?" "Oh no," answered Smith calmly. "You see, when I'm at home I sleep in a folding bed."

Britain Will Spend \$9,000,000,000 Next Year on War

To what sort of a task the people of Great Britain must look forward is shown by an address to the nation. It is signed by the Treasurer of the Bank of England and many other financiers of almost equal distinction. It declares that during the current calendar year \$6,500,000,000 will be spent on war, and that next year's expenditures will not be less than \$9,000,000,000. It says that to raise this sum will try the mettle of the nation as it has not been tested in a hundred years.

A remarkable manifesto. Long is the list of sacrifices to be made at home. The people are told that strenuous co-operation of every man, woman, youth and maiden will be needed. They are told that the entire energies of the nation must be concentrated upon the production of really essential things and that the production of all non-essentials must be wholly stopped. They are told that they must restrict the consumption even of essentials.

But there is no note of pessimism. As the bankers look at the necessities of the case, all that remains to be done, all that is needed to secure victory, is to provide the money to support the vast armies of new men and to pay for munitions now being manufactured in all parts of the world. This is described as the special duty of the British people, for they in particular possess the financial resources. They must furnish the sinews of war.

Nor does there seem to be any question in the minds of the signatories that the money will be forthcoming. They are sanguine, rather than doubtful. For they find that their exports are greater than in 1909, that the income from capital has been reduced but little, that the earnings of shipping are greater than ever before, and that the factories are working on full time. And they declare that the average individual income is much in excess of any total heretofore reached.

Of course, no effort is made to discount the seriousness of the task. Frankly, the manifesto admits the time to be of great financial danger. But a notable statement—that the last hundred millions would win the war—is recalled by the declaration that success depends mainly upon the respective financial resources, and "the consequent power of one of them to maintain or to add to its fighting strength. It is not in doubt that the Allies' financial resources, when fully mobilized and wisely controlled, will be vastly greater than their enemy's."

All classes are told that not only must they husband their income, but sell securities marketable abroad to pay for goods and munitions for which no other means of payment are provided. Statements of that kind can create no consternation here. The time has passed for that. This country's power to absorb is now large, out of all proportion to any demands, likely to be made upon it. It is a power sure to grow, rather than to diminish, despite the fact that French and British factories are constantly increasing their output.

When the British are spending money at the rate of \$9,000,000,000 a year, they will have mustered into service approximately 4,000,000 men. Of course, they will not all be in the field. Far from it. Experience has shown the wastage to be 15 per cent. a month, and it is necessary to have in reserve at home 1.8 per cent. men

DEATH

NOONAN—There passed peacefully away this morning after a long illness, Miss Alice Noonan, at the residence of Mr. Edward Murphy's. She leaves to mourn her two nieces at Boston and a large circle of friends. Funeral on Thursday morning to the train for Carbonar from her residence, 169 Pleasant Street. Friends and acquaintances please accept this the only intimation. Boston papers please copy.

Newfoundland Here Brings Full Cargo Of Copper Ore & Codfish

The S.S. Newfoundland, Capt. Davis, arrived here yesterday from Little Bay. The ship left Little Bay at 1 a.m. Friday and arrived at Twillingate 6 a.m. where she took in 1350 five-quintal casks of codfish. She brought up 400 tons copper ore from Little Bay to be landed here for Mr. W. A. McKay. She left Twillingate at 8 p.m. Sunday and ran into an E. N. E. snow storm when the Captain deemed it prudent to put to sea. She made into Bacchu at 10.30 yesterday. She proved to be a fine sea boat in the storm.

Fined For Assaulting Customs Officer

A few days ago we referred to an assault case on Customs Officer Power of Odein. One Walsh, his assailant, was up before Magistrate Avery at Burin yesterday and was fined \$35 or 40 days in jail.

IT DOES MAKE DIFFERENCE

General Joffre's quiet humor is typified in a story which comes from the trenches. Some members of the general's staff were discussing the number of officers whose hair had turned from jet black to white since the war began, and they had decided to their own satisfaction that the cause was to be found in mental strain. General Joffre was asked for his opinion, and, while agreeing with the conclusion arrived at by his officers, naively added that it was also very difficult in war time to obtain the toilet accessories to which one was accustomed in times of peace.

Tramp—Please, mum, I don't want nothin' but the privilege of sittin' here and listin' to Madame Patti, th' great prima donna, sing. Mrs. Youngwife—Goodness me! She isn't here. Tramp—Pardon, mum, but I hear her now. Mrs. Youngwife—Why that's my baby, crying. But don't go. Dinner will be ready soon.—New York Weekly.

Smith—Is your church supported by voluntary contributions, Mistah Black? Elder Black (of the colored church)—No, sah, by involuntary contributions, sah. It's just like pullin' teeth to get money out of that congregation, yas, sah!—Indianapolis Star.

for every soldier abroad. So, if the actual fighters be represented by 1-250,000, there must be a reserve of 2-250,000, according to Premier Asquith's calculations. It remains for time to tell what sort of history will be made next year, but the manifesto, the increase of the army, the co-operation of the Trades Union officials, the mobilization of all the fighting assets of the nation, show with what sort of a spirit it is facing the grim future. As a matter of fact, with its back to the wall, it is staking everything on the outcome. Almost, it suggests, not the last hundred millions, but the last dollar, if not the last man.

In the fact of a showing such as this, there is dispute here as to the wisdom of preparing for what may happen. There is not much dispute as to the possibilities. Unquestionably, we have ruffled and are ruffling some susceptibilities. We have become affirmative, if not peremptory, in tone with Vienna, and there is strong language in some of the Notes sent to Berlin, to say nothing of certain representations sent to London and elsewhere. As wounds do not always heal by "first intention," as they have a habit of rankling, anchors cast to the windward might be worth what they cost. You never can tell.

CHILDREN PLACED.—Thomas Warren, of Woods Island, Bay of Islands, wish to place two motherless children aged nine and five years. Any person willing to take such children as their own, should communicate with the above.—Jan 4, tf, daily

NOTICE OF REMOVAL AND PARTNERSHIP! Hon. R. A. Squires, K.C., LL.B. ANNOUNCES the removal of his LAW OFFICES to the New BANK OF NOVA SCOTIA Building at the corner of Beck's Cove and Water Street, and the formation of a PARTNERSHIP for general practice as Barristers, Solicitors and Notaries, with MR. J. A. WINTER, eldest son of the late Sir James S. Winter, K.C., under the firm name of Squires & Winter.

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