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GOOD THINGS COMING TO THEATRES OF ST. JOHN

Imperial's Holiday Fun Starts This Week

Santa Claus Sketch for Kiddies Opens Wednesday Matinee with Doug Fairbanks.

The Imperial's opening bill for this week has for its chief feature the northland story, "Children of Banishment," in which Mitchell Lewis, Bessie Eyton, George Nichols and other present-day favorites appear.

Wednesday the fun starts in earnest, as soon as the kiddies get off for the Christmas holidays. At 4 o'clock in the afternoon the annual Santa Claus sketch will commence and will be repeated at the same hour every day for a week. It is an English pantomine idea this year with fairies, funny characters, carol singers, pretty scenic effects, magic transformations and, of course, good old St. Nicholas himself with his marvelous Christmas tree and reindeers. This is gotten up for the kiddies and adults may leave their hammers home.

Douglas Fairbanks will appear on Wednesday for the first time in many months in this city in his latest great picture, "One of the Blood," a virile story in which the redoubtable star outdoes himself athletically.

Friday and Saturday "The City of Comrades," a Halifax disaster romance by the Goldwyn players, headed by Tom Moore, will be the extraordinary feature along with the concluding and most surprising last chapter of the Vitagraph serial, "Smashing Barriers."

YOUR LAST CHANCE TO SEE THIS BILL

Great Programme Ends Tonight — Enjoy This and Then See the Wrestling Match.

Have you seen the vaudeville programme at the Opera House? If not you still have one more opportunity as it will be presented for the last time this evening at 7.30 o'clock. The line of vaudeville being presented is on a par with that seen in the leading houses in the States, the only difference being in the admission fee, which is much lower in this house. The acts are exceptionally well staged and are all worthy to be "head liners." There is an abundance of classical and "jazz" music, comedy galore, acrobatic feats quite different and more entertaining than ever seen here before; a dog and monkey circus which is bound to prove a big hit with all, to say nothing of other features and a stellar new episode of "The Midnight Man," featuring James J. Corbett.

At 9 o'clock the house is being taken over for a great wrestling match in which Bridson Green ,of Medford, Mass., will defend his title of champion of New England against Spiros Karavas, "the Greek Perfect Man." In connection with this there will be a crack comedy picture and a preliminary bout.

The new bill which will be presented tomorrow speaks for itself. One has but to look at the list to realize that it must be great. It will be as follows: May and Hill in a comedy singing skit entitled "The Kiss Burglar"; Paramo, a novel Italian comedy entertainer and trick instrumentalist; Lawrence Crance & Company in a sensational magical and illusion act offering "The Den of Mystery"; Marshall and Covert, black-faced comedy "jazz" entertainers, songs and eccentric dancing; Alvin and Kenney, in a hilarious comedy gymnastic offering, and "Perils of Thunder Mountain."

Charming Photoplay At the Unique Today

The new Cecil B. DeMille Artcraft picture, "Don't Change Your Husband," which is the bill at the Unique Theatre this week, is a charming one in every respect. The costumes displayed by Gloria Swanson, who plays the leading woman role, are a delight to the feminine contingent in the audience. The photo-play is well worth one's while to see.

VICTORY BALL RAISES £10,000.

The Victory ball on Armistice night in London, Eng., raised no less a sum than £15,097, of which £10,000 will be handed to the Council of Infant Welfare, for whose benefit the ball was organized.

There will be a third Victory ball on Armistice Day next year.

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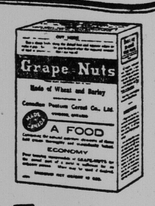

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THE MINTO STRIKE

Report That Settlement is Near Fails of Confirmation.

Fredericton, Dec. 15—The first report that the strike of the miners which started Dec. 6 at Minto Coal Company's Minto mines was about to end has been circulated. Railway officials were quoted as authority for the story which spread rapidly but both the United Mine Workers' Union and the Minto Coal Company officials professed to know of no grounds for the report and said they could see no outward signs of an immediate end o. the strike.

Saturday was the semi-monthly pay day but it passed off as quietly as usual. About $3,500 was paid to the miners, or considerably less than half the amount usually paid because of the broken time as a result of the strike.

Although the miners are really not yet feeling the financial effects of the strike, the United Mine Workers' organization had previously started distributing relief and were furnishing supplies to certain families even before the pay day on Saturday. At the same time both sides admitted that some of the miners on strike have tired of being idle already and have gone to work at some of the other mines in the Grand Lake district, although it is said that the number is not large.

"The door is always open for a settlement of any strike in which the U. M. W. is interested," declared Wm. Hayes, who is in charge of the Minto situation for the U. M. W., "but unfortunately I cannot see any signs of this strike ending at once. If both parties could only get together and get a good understanding, I don't think it would be long before this unfortunate situation would be ended."

Mr. Hayes had no information to give out regarding any steps the U. M. W. are reported to have taken with other branches of organized labor in regard to having members of other unions instructed not to work on the production or movement of coal from the stripping area which the Minto Coal Company have opened up to provide fuel for their customers with whom they have contracts.

In spite of the unfavorable weather conditions it was expected that the Minto Coal Company would today make their first shipments since the strike began. It was said that the company expected to be able to increase their output from the stripping area to from 100 to 200 tons of coal daily.

SECOND BROTHER IS FOUND GUILTY

Strong Recommendation for Clemency by Jury in Quebec Case.

Sherbrooke, Que., Dec. 15—Guilty of manslaughter with a strong recommendation to the clemency of the court was the verdict rendered by the petit jury in the court of king's bench against Emile Labrie, originally charged with murder in connection with the killing of Charles E. Chase in Stoke on Feb. 6 last. Joseph Labrie, brother of the accused, had previously been convicted of manslaughter for the same crime, the two brothers having gone out together on the night of the tragedy, Chase being found dead the next day with a bullet wound through his side.

LOCAL NEWS

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MACHINISTS, NOTICE!
A meeting of all machinists, specialists and helpers in St. John and vicinity will be held at 8 p. m. Wednesday, Dec. 17, in Longshoremen's Hall, Water street. All above men requested to attend. 12-17

NOTICE.
Local 1544 Ship Carpenters and Joiners regular meeting Tuesday, December 16, Oddfellows' Hall, Union street. All members requested to be present. By order of the president. 106244-12-17

Store open evenings until Christmas. Wiezel's Cash Store. 12-26

W. Alex. Porter's store, corner Union and Waterloo, will be open every evening until after Christmas.

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FRENCH LEGISLATION AIDS WATER POWERS

(L. G. Denis in Conservation.)

Long before the war, the French government realized the great value of water-power resources and undertook a thorough investigation of the "white coal" of that country. War conditions had the effect of further accentuating the importance of water-powers to the nation. Several large hydro-electric developments were rushed to completion and proved invaluable in assisting war production.

The proposed new French law respecting new or dormant water-power possibilities is of interest as it shows that the measures now in force in Canada are far from being too drastic in maintaining public control over the utilization of our water-powers. This is especially the case because in Canada hydro-electric power is essential to the full development of some of our other valuable resources.

The new French law provides the same treatment for all water-powers, including power from tides, and the importance of the purpose for which the power is to be used is the primary consideration in determining the relation between private rights and public authority. As compared with the old law, the water-power lessees on state-owned streams are given additional facilities in return for the rentals paid to the public treasury. Private streams are subjected to state authority so far as power utilization is concerned and the lessees are given certain rights in derogation of the privileges of riparian owners. The law applies to water-power utilization of 500 k. w. and over, the leases being for a period of seventy-five years, the works and buildings becoming state property at the end of said period on payment of adequate compensation.

In support of the new act, it was urged that, owing to the serious shortage of coal in France, nothing should be left undone to secure the maximum amount of power from streams. In the coalless provinces of Ontario and Quebec the displacement by hydro-electric energy of coal imported from the United States reduces the unfavorable balance of trade which is so heavily against us.

OFFICERS OF RAILWAY FIREMEN AND ENGINEMEN.

Ottawa, Dec. 15—The legislative committee of the Brotherhood of Railway Firemen and Enginemen which has been in conference in Ottawa during the last week elected the following officers for the coming year: Chairman, W. L. Best, Ottawa; secretary-treasurer, J. Platt, Toronto; board of directors, S. W. Nickel, Winnipeg; W. G. Graham, Lindsay, and A. J. Killingsworth, St. Thomas.

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LOCAL NEWS

The West St. John Sunday school district was organized in the Carleton Methodist church yesterday afternoon, at which Rev. A. S. Bishop, president of the Fairville Division, delivered the principal address. The North End division was organized in Portland Methodist church at which about sixteen members were enrolled.

The Ladies' Aid of the Carmarthen Street Methodist church, under the convenership of the president, Mrs. Henry Penna, conducted a sale of fancy articles and home-cooking at 137 Princess street on Saturday afternoon, and had many patrons who quickly purchased all the stock in trade. Those who assisted Mrs. Penna were Mrs. Mary Seymour, Mrs. George Calhoun, Mrs. Andrew Martin. The proceeds will exceed $60.

The Doorkeepers' Circle of The King's Daughters conducted the gospel service held in the Guild rooms yesterday afternoon and the programme was inspirational and helpful. The president of the circle, Mrs. L. A. McAlpine was the leader for the service and each of the members had some part in the programme. Mrs. C. F. Sanford gave a much appreciated address, taking as her subject Christian Armor. Mrs. Sanford based her address on the words in Psalm cxv. Mrs. A. P. Crocket, by request, sang the Song of Trust. Miss Powers acted as accompanist.

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POSTMASTER SEARS IN A SEATTLE NEWSPAPER

Accompanying an excellent photograph of Postmaster Edward Sears, made by their own art department, the News-Intelligencer of Seattle, Washington, prints the following:

A city may be judged by its newspapers, and its economic health read in the figures of its post office, according to Edward Sears, postmaster of St. John, New Brunswick, for ten years, and prior to that mayor of the city for four years. Mr. Sears is in Seattle, visiting his nephew, Edward Sears, 1415 Seventeenth avenue.

"Seattle's representative newspapers," said Mr. Sears, "display an appreciation of Seattle's development and a desire to advance the city. This is an infallible sign of a rapidly growing and prosperous town. The post office, by the volume of its business and the quality of it, will show that Seattle firms are expanding and are prosperous.

During the war Mr. Sears' post office was the chief forwarding point for mail from Canada to Europe in the winter months. For a time the post office maintained a staff of censors but later they were eliminated and the mail simply sorted and then sent to other towns for reading by censors.

St. John is one of the oldest towns in Canada, having been established in 1783. Mr. Sears' ancestors during the revolutionary war went to Canada and settled near the townsite. Since that time the family has lived at St. John.

While St. John, according to Mr. Sears, is free of extreme radicalism, he believes that the evil in other parts of the country should be suppressed firmly and that in this way it may be eliminated for all time.

This is the first relief from work which Mr. Sears has had since the war. He is on a three months' tour that will embrace the principal cities of North America.

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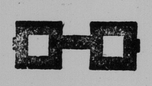

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VALUE OF AIRCRAFT FOR FOREST PATROLS

Experience of Last Season Proves Improved Methods of Conservation Still Necessary.

(Clyde Leavitt in Conservation.)

One direction in which forest protection will probably be improved is through the use of aircraft. During the past season an experiment along this line has been maintained by the St. Maurice Forest Protective Association, in co-operation with the Quebec government, using seaplanes loaned by the Royal Canadian Naval Air Service. Similarly, in the Northwestern states, forest patrols by aircraft have been maintained through co-operation of the United States War Department with the National Forest Service.

While these experiments have not yet produced absolutely conclusive results, they at least indicate clearly that aircraft will have an important place in forest protection in the future provided the question of expense can be met. One point seems very clear, and that is that no matter what the cost may be, within reason, it will be much less than the average annual loss sustained by forest fires. In the United States the proposal is that the federal government adopt definitely the policy of full co-operation with state and private forest protective agencies. It being assumed that a national air service is to be maintained in any event, assignment to forest patrol would constitute an extremely useful activity when personnel and equipment are not needed for national defense. Under such an arrangement, with the federal government assisting through the assignment of aircraft and aviators, the additional cost for an effective aerial patrol could be brought well within reason. Existing agencies can well afford to incur more expense in forest protection than they are now doing, provided the results are commensurate with the increased costs, and that this would be the case with aerial patrol now seems reasonably well established. It is probable that smaller machines than those thus far used for this purpose would prove preferable, because much cheaper in first cost as well as in maintenance and operation. Full co-ordination between the air force and the ground st would of course be a prime essentia. Look-out towers have many times proved their value in the detection of fires; an aeroplane or seaplane would take the place of many such towers.

The systematic mapping of the country, by aerial photography, is another closely related activity, the possibilities of which are receiving consideration in both Canada and the United States. In Canada, it is receiving the attention o the Royal Canadian Naval Air Service the Geodetic Survey and the Geologic Survey. The St. Maurice Forest Protective Association, using the machine loaned by the Naval Air Service ar with the co-operation of the Geologic Survey, is now experimenting along th line.

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