

GOOD THINGS COMING TO THEATRES OF ST. JOHN

"STRONGHEART" NEXT WEEK AT OPERA HOUSE FOR ORPHANS

"Strongheart," one of the best college dramas ever written, a gripping play, full of dramatic incidents and also sparkling with good wholesome comedy was the play presented by the senior members of the immaculate Conception Society of the Cathedral parish in the Opera House next week, March 20 and 21, Wednesday and Thursday, with a matinee on Wednesday. The sale of tickets will open on Monday morning at eight o'clock at the box office of the Opera House. Tickets are 50, 35 and 25 cents with a charge of 25 cents for the matinee to all parts of the house. Be sure to get your tickets and reservations on Monday as there promises to be a rush. The play is under the direction of Mrs. A. C. D. Wilson for the first time and with a splendid cast a fine production is assured. This is the annual St. Patrick's Day performance in aid of the orphans.

**PROGRAMME OF STERLING WORTH AT GEM TONIGHT**  
There is an invitation to the Gem for tonight, Monday and Tuesday. Virginia Pearson heads the list in a thrilling five reel detective story, "Thou Shalt Not Steal." Then comes a pair of clever comedy equilibrist, followed by that arch-fun maker, Chester Conklin, in a two reel whirlwind of comic antics. You'll enjoy this bill all right.

Don't fail to see "A Bird of Prey" and "The Lost Express" at the Nickel, Queen square, tonight.

CONSUL CULVER EXTENDS THANKS

Consulate of the United States, St. John, New Brunswick, Canada, March 15, 1918.  
On behalf of the Navy League of the United States, I wish to thank the noble women of Saint John who have so unselfishly contributed of their time and their labor to the comforts of our sailors who are doing their duty in the most hazardous work connected with this terrible conflict.

There is a new supply of wool at the Sign of The Lantern tea room, and those desiring to help can still secure it by calling at the above place.  
I am, with great respect,  
HENRY S. CULVER,  
Consul of the United States of America.

**CHILD PERISHES IN FIRE WHICH BURNS HER MOTHER'S HOME**  
Brookville, Ont., Mar. 15.—The nine months old child of Mrs. Charles Perrell of Morrisstown, N. Y., was burned to death yesterday in the destruction of Mrs. Perrell's residence by fire, started by children playing with matches. Three children were in the house at the time the mother while she called on a neighbor.

**A BABY'S DEATH**  
Mr. and Mrs. Adam Armstrong of Milford wish to have the sympathy of friends in the death of their only son, Adam Eugene, which occurred today.

**Notice of Births, Marriages and Deaths, 50c.**

**BIRTHS**  
HAZEL.—At the rectory, Woodstock, N. B., on Wednesday, March 13, to the wife of Rev. A. S. Hazel, a daughter.

**DEATHS**  
ARMSTRONG.—At his parents' residence, Milford, on the 16th inst., Adam Eugene, aged two months, infant child of Adam and Hazel Armstrong, leaving his parents, one brother and two sisters.

**BURIAL**  
BURIAL.—In this city, on the 16th inst., John T. Ross, K. C., formerly of Halifax, N. S.

**FUNERAL**  
FUNERAL.—From the residence of his brother, Rev. James Ross, Carville Hall, Tuesday, at 8 o'clock. Service at 2:30. BURIAL.—At his parents' residence, 58 Rodney street, West St. John, on March 16, Gordon Earle, infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Robinson, aged four months.

**FUNERAL**  
FUNERAL.—Sunday afternoon at 2:30. BURIAL.—On March 15, at the residence of James D. Taylor, 68 Lansdowne avenue, Thomas McRae, of Kennebec Island, leaving his wife, three brothers, one sister and mother to mourn. Funeral on Sunday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock from the residence of James D. Taylor.

**CLARK**—In this city on March 13, Louise, wife of George Clark, leaving her husband, two sons and four daughters, three brothers and two sisters to mourn. Funeral Sunday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock from the residence of George Clark, 291 Wentworth street, leaving his wife, three sons and two daughters to mourn.

**FUNERAL**  
FUNERAL.—From St. James' church, Broad street, Sunday afternoon at 2:30.

**IN MEMORIAM**  
In loving memory of Pte. Joseph S. McElroy, who died of wounds received in France, March 13, 1918.  
Mother, Sisters and Brothers.

**FUNERAL NOTICE**  
SONS OF ENGLAND FUNERAL NOTICE.  
The members of Portland Lodge, No. 246, S. O. E. B. S., are requested to meet at No. 261 Wentworth street at 1:45 o'clock tomorrow (Sunday) afternoon for the purpose of attending the funeral of our late brother, William C. Allen.

Members of Marlborough and New Brunswick lodges are requested to attend. Dress ordinary Sunday dress with badge and roses.

GEO. T. CORBETT, Secretary.  
7421-3-18.

The members of Marlborough Lodge, Sons of England, will please assemble at No. 261 Wentworth street on Sunday, 1:45 p. m., to attend the funeral of Brother W. C. Allen of Portland Lodge. Ordinary winter dress and barge.

C. LEDFORD, Secretary.  
7410-8-18.

EX-OZAR DOES NOT THRIVE AS A PRISONER

Petrograd, Feb. 10.—(Correspondence of the Associated Press)—Imprisonment has affected greatly the mental capacity of the former Emperor Nicholas II., according to a letter from the former Emperor Alexander Alix.

The former emperor, she writes, seems to have grown dull and very unsociable. He does not evince the slightest interest in current events, has ceased to think about the crown and only wants to be allowed to live in his own way. His only regret is that he cannot live in his old palace at Livadia, in the Crimea. Nicholas dresses in his own clothes. He spends much of his time with his son Alexis. He corresponds only with his mother.

The former empress declares that her children have become quite accustomed to their new position. Regret over her separation from her best friends is expressed by the empress, but she writes that she and the entire family welcomed the news of peace in Russia. She declares she hopes that with peace the Romanoff family will be permitted to go to some town in Central Russia where life is more lively than in Tobolsk.

NEW YORK PARADE FOR ST. PATRICK'S DAY LACKS IRISH SOLDIERS; THEY ARE OFF TO THE WAR

New York, Mar. 15.—Some 3,000 women, each with a service flag representing a relative in the service at home or abroad, who otherwise would have been among the marchers, were assigned to places in the ranks of the 35,000 St. Patrick's day paraders here today.

The famous 69th was absent, being off to war, and the ranks of the first regiment of Irish Volunteers were depleted from about 1,000 to 200, the other 800 being with the fighting forces.

CONSTIPATED CHILDREN

Nothing will so quickly remove childhood constipation as Dr. Williams' Pink Pills. They are a mild but thorough laxative; are pleasant to take; do not gripe and never fail to regulate the stomach and bowels. Concerning them, Mrs. Adolphine Noel, Petite Lanouque, Quebec, says: "This medicine has cured my best remedy for constipation I know of and I would strongly recommend them to all mothers of little ones."

Dr. Williams' Pink Pills are sold by medicine dealers or by mail at 25 cents a box from Dr. Williams' Medicine Co., Brockville, Ont.

WHEAT SITUATION IN THE STATES SERIOUS

Washington, Mar. 15.—Wheat holdings at country mills and elevators on March 7 were estimated today by the department of agriculture at 58,700,000 bushels. That is about 20,000,000 bushels less than was held March 1 last year, and 80,000,000 bushels less than in 1916.

The decline presents one of the most serious problems facing the food administration. Whatever is done to save the situation will have to be done by the public, in the opinion of officials, as the saving will have to come out of American allowances. The Allies are using as little wheat as is consistent with health.

America's export programme calls for shipment of ninety million bushels of wheat to the Allies between January 1 and June 1, when the new crop becomes available. The grain is going forward as fast as ships can be provided.

CONDENSED NEWS

No lives were lost in the collision between a trawler and the steamship Rathmore in St. George's Channel. The vessel, for Dublin from Wales, carried 128 passengers and a crew of fifty.

Sir George Alexander, actor and manager of St. James' Theatre, London, died yesterday, aged sixty.

The United States is to permit sending of limited quantities of pork to Canada under license.

James Sullivan, chairman of the board of the National City Bank and one of the most famous bankers in the United States, died of heart disease in New York yesterday.

President Wilson was informed yesterday that a ship a day is being launched now, and that all indications point to two launchings a day by May.

WAR NOTES

A wild scene over the food question is reported to have developed in the Austrian parliament last Wednesday. The Allied armies have now reported completely under a German military dictatorship.

It is admitted that offers of peace have been made to Serbia by Austria-Hungary and Bulgaria but it is said Serbia has absolutely refused.

German papers threaten "drastic" measure if Holland "gives way" to the Allies in the ship matter.

The Canadian have carried out another raid southeast of Lens.

The Canada food board has been successful in securing the consent of the United States food administration to allow the export of 1,000,000 pounds of clover mulling to Canada each month.

British aviators have bombed several places on the Struma front. An enemy machine was destroyed in an aerial combat near Lake Doiran.

VILLENEUVE GIVES UP INQUIRY FOR PRESENT

Objects to Restrictions in Probe of Montreal Police Matter

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Dated at the City of Saint John, the twenty-seventh day of February A. D. 1918.

HERBERT E. WARDROPER, Common Clerk.

WHAT ABOUT REDUCING YOUR GROCERY BILL?

**EXTRAS**—These goods have damaged labels, otherwise they are good.

50c. bottle Eng. Malt Vinegar, 25c. bottle Pangan Pickles, 15c. bottle Holbrook's Sauce, 17c. 25c. bottle Packard's Russett and Tan Shoe Dressing for 15c.

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Only 33c. lb., 10 lb. boxes, 32c. lb.

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2 lb. pkgs., 20c.; 10 lb. bag, 97c. 2 lb. pkgs., 49c.; 20 lb. bag, \$1.93 1 lb. Pulverized Sugar, 23c. 1 lb. tumbler Pure Rasp. Jam, 10c. 25c. jar Pure Rasp. Jam, 22c. 25c. jar Orange Marmalade, 19c. 25c. tin Leonard Plums, 15c. 23c. tin Gorden Pineapple, 13c. 40c. tin Sliced Pineapple, 35c. 25c. tin Sliced Peaches, 21c. 40c. tin Cressa Peaches, 35c. 25c. cake Baker's Chocolate, 20c. 1 lb. White Moss Coconut, 31c. 25c. bottle P. G. Vanilla, 21c. 12c. bottle Eagle Vanilla, 9c. Apples—N. S. Baldwins, 33c. pk.

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We have all the new styles in men's soft collars at Corbett's, 184 Union street.

**WANTED**  
Bookkeeper, male, experienced. Box L 48, Times.

**CLIMO, PHOTO ANNIVERSARY.**  
Beginning March 21, ending 26, is well worth attending, 85 Gormain.

Without police and graceful carriage, the most artistic gown fails to look really fashionable. Have your corsets fitted.—Daniel, Head of King street.

**WALL PAPER SALE**  
200 remnants at great bargains; quantities from four rolls to sixteen rolls.—D. McArthur, 84 King street.

Men's working shirts, all of the best make, at Corbett's, 184 Union street.

Cigarettes of all kinds fresh from the factory. Why not buy them at Louis Green's, 89 Charlotte street, and be getting valuable presents free with the coupons that go with every purchase of smokers' goods in our store.

The West Side S. C. A. will hold "A Shamrock Tea" in the "Practice Boys Hall" Tuesday, March 19. Come and help us buy socks for the boys in the trenches. 8-19.

Come in and see the beautiful Louis Green gives away free; they are yours in exchange for the coupons that go with every purchase of smokers' goods in our store.

**SOLDIERS WILL BENEFIT**  
If you attend the entertainment in Trinity church schoolroom Monday, 18th, at 8 o'clock, "A Little Mistake" and other features presented under auspices of Allies Aid Society. Admission 15 cents. 8-19.

**FLOWER SALE ON WRONG SIDE OF STREET**  
Special sale of Shamrocks and green carnations for St. Patrick's Day. All other seasonal flowers on hand.—K. Pedersen, Ltd., 86 Charlotte street.

**ONLY ONE MORE CHANCE**  
Glen Falls property sold by W. E. A. Lawton this week. Only another one left, a cozy home, good lot, hot and cold water, electric lights, and near car line, new school and store. A bargain. Why not be your last?

**READ THIS**  
We are about to remove our photograph studio the better to accommodate increasing business and intend clearing out all present stock at bargain prices. 35 and 36 cabinets, only \$3 dozen; \$8 and \$9 work for \$5, and \$12 and \$14 work for \$8. Sale commencing Monday, March 18, at 9 o'clock. Stings up to nine o'clock at night.—Lugin Studio, 88 Charlotte street.

The British are said to hold 100 miles of the western front. St. John, N. B., Vancouver, and the French Polis 300 miles, St. John to Megantic. It is the opinion of the British and the French that the British are holding the line and the French are holding the line. The British are holding the line and the French are holding the line.

**EASTERN TRUST NOW IN NEW OFFICES**  
The Eastern Trust Company for the last few years has been located at 120 Prince William street and are now occupying their new quarters at 111 Prince William street, having recently purchased the property. The new location is an ideal one in every way and the enlarged offices will better enable them to handle their increasing business. Clarence H. Fennison is the manager for the province of New Brunswick.

**GIVE WAY IN WEST AND MAKE UP HER LOSSES IN THE EAST**  
Washington, Mar. 16.—Inferences that Germany may have made a new peace offer to the Allies, proposing terms at the expense of Russia, coincide with an undercurrent of discussion which has been running in diplomatic circles here for some time, but which never has shown any evidence of tangible development in the east.

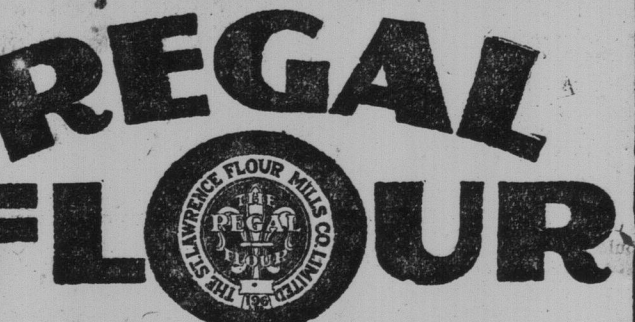
American officials and Allied diplomats, while agreeing with Lord Cecil's opinion that the British are holding the line and the French are holding the line, are considering, give no evidence of how much may be known here of what Hingst refers to as Germany's peace intentions.

Some of the neutral diplomats, however, some are firmly believed that Germany would be willing even to give up Alsace-Lorraine if she were permitted to retain her hold on the Baltic provinces and the mineral belts in the other nearby sections of Russia. The general current of opinion in diplomatic circles for some time has been toward the possibility of Germany attempting to give way in the west and make up her losses in the east.

**ROYAL STANDARD CAMOUFLAGE TEA**  
The rooms of the Discharge Depot on King street, are beautifully decorated for a Camouflage Tea and Sale being given there this afternoon by the ladies of the Royal Standard Chapter, I. O. D. E. It is expected that a large sum will be realized for the patriotic fund. The following are the committees, assisted by members of the chapter.—Tea table, Mrs. H. A. McKeown, Mrs. J. F. Fraser; reception committee, Mrs. E. A. Smith, Mrs. C. B. Allan, fancy work table, Mrs. A. P. Barnhill, Mrs. Fred Peters, Mrs. Alexander Holly, Mrs. John E. Moore, Mrs. B. H. Anderson; shawncut table, Mrs. P. G. J. Knowlton, Mrs. H. J. Evans, Mrs. W. B. Tennant, Mrs. J. H. Frink, Miss Ethel Jarvis; camouflage table, Mrs. Daniel Mullin, Mrs. Alexander Wilson, Miss Doris Ryan; Irish girl, Miss Rosemary McAvilly; butterfly girl, Miss Dorothy Tennant; refreshment committee, Mrs. J. F. Fraser, Mrs. Alexander Wilson, Mrs. Fred J. Harding, Mrs. G. Wetmore Merritt, Mrs. T. H. Estabrooks, Mrs. T. E. G. Armstrong.

The American navy department order prohibiting the sale of liquor within five miles of the Newport naval station went into effect today. It closes forty-nine saloons and wholesale liquor stores in Newport.

A tremendous increase in exports of Canadian produce last month as compared with February 1917 is shown.



**Best for Bread, Best for Cakes, Best for Pies, Best for all Household Baking**

**This IS Perfectly True**

"There is a growing disposition on the part of the public at large in Canada to appoint regularly authorized Trust Companies for the purpose of administering estates and trusts rather than private individuals." (The Monetary Times' Annual, 1918).

**The Eastern Trust Company**  
111 Prince William Street.  
C. H. FERGUSON, Mgr. for N. B.

of less tonnage, however, were sunk. No fishing vessels met with disaster. During the week four unsuccessful attacks were made on French merchantmen.

**CONDENSED GERMAN PEACE TERMS WHILE ACCEPTING THEM**  
(Continued from page 1)

In all bourgeois countries will throw off the capitalistic yoke and establish a Socialist state of society which is the only one capable of assuring a permanent and just peace as well as the culture and well being of all who toil.

Soldiers, sailors, and peasants formed a majority of the 1,154 delegates present. The Bolshevik members numbered 782. There were thirty-eight Social revolutionists of the Left.

Premier Lénine made the principal speech of condemnation, was passing in an automobile and took the captain to a hospital, where his condition was found to be hopeless. Although suffering severely from burns on all parts of his body, Captain Schoeller showed extraordinary self-command in answering questions of General D.

"You had a mission to perform. Had you accomplished it or were you about to do so?" asked the general.

"I had already accomplished it, general."

"You went to Paris?"

"Yes, general."

"But, wretch! you have killed women and children," cried the general.

"I had my orders," was the reply. Captain Schoeller died of his injuries during the morning.

**U. S. Battleplanes**  
Washington, March 15.—America-built battleplanes will be in France by July in sufficient quantity to insure adequate protection of the sectors then held by American troops. This statement rests on the highest authority and was made tonight with full recognition of all failures and disappointments that have hampered the development of the air programme.

**Discussion in Germany**  
Washington, March 15.—Serious differences between the German civil government and the military leaders over the plan of the general staff to annex the Russian Baltic provinces are reported in an official dispatch based on German newspaper reports received here today.

The dispatch says: "A crown council at which were present Zupower, william, Maximal Hunsburg, Count Hertling and many notable personages of the empire, has been held to deliberate upon various questions relative to the conclusion of peace with Russia, to the offer made by the Ducei Crown of Courland and finally to the affairs of Roumania and Finland. It appears, judging from the report of the Berlin correspondent of the Muencheper Neueste Nachrichten that serious differences of view have arisen once more between the majority of the Reichstag and the government on one side and great headquarters on the other."

"These divergent views concern dynastic questions and the attaching to Germany of the four Russian Baltic provinces of Lithuania, Estonia, Courland and Lithuania as well as the question of the re-annexation of the frontiers of Poland. As usual the