

OUR THEATRES

AT THE CRESCENT. Helen Gibson, the most daring woman of the screen, features in "One Chance in a Hundred," an episode of the "Hazards of Helen" railroad series at the Crescent Picture Palace to-day.

CROWDS DELIGHTED

The Rossley British Theatre was crowded last night and there was the highest praise given the pictures; they are the best seen in a long time. "The Flirting Bride," in three parts, was positively delightful, by the Knickerbocker Company.

ANOTHER RECRUITING RALLY

There will be another recruiting rally to-night and a parade of Volunteers and Naval Reservists will be held preceded by the fine band of the Church Lads' Brigade.

PERSONAL

Mr. D. A. Parsons of Little Bay Islands is in town en route to Catalina to attend the F.P.U. Convention. Mr. Parsons is delegate from Little Bay Islands and Secretary of the Twillingate District Council.

GOOD VALUE SMOKING TOBACCO 15c. per Cut M. A. DUFFY, Sole Agent.

A Request From the Trenches. NUMBERS of letters from those of our boys fighting in France contain the request that a small quantity of GOOD Tea be sent them for their private supply.

Canon Colley Recovering

We are glad to learn that the Rev. Canon Colley is now fully restored to health again and was leaving New York for home yesterday. This news will be received with much pleasure by the Rev. Gentleman's many friends in Newfoundland, especially in the Missions where he has so zealously laboured.

THE BIG POULTRY SHOW

In the big poultry show which will open at 3 p.m. Wednesday there will be about 200 more exhibits than last year. Judge Trehill of New Glasgow arrived by the express yesterday to act as arbiter in the matter of deciding the winners.

THE FLORIZEL HERE.

The S.S. Florizel, Capt. W. Martin, arrived here at 8 p.m. yesterday from New York via Halifax. The ship had moderate and fairly fine weather all the way to port and made a good run.

A Popular Head Teacher

The Church of England schoolroom at Codner, Middle Bight, which has recently been enlarged and remodelled, is now one of the finest schools in any outport of its size in the country.

SHIPPING

The schr. Donald L. Silver with 2,700 qtls of fish cleared from Smith & Co. Ltd yesterday for Oporto.

The schooner Vanessa loaded 3,557 qtls. of codfish from W. and G. Hollett for Gibraltar.

The Barbona got away yesterday for Naples, taking 15,850 qtls of codfish, and the Handovera sailed at 5 p.m., taking a large cargo also.

The work of discharging the Florizel and Sheba was continued last night in order to get them away as quickly as possible.

The schr. Alma Nelson cleared from Durin yesterday with 2,806 qtls of codfish for Robin, Jones and Whitman of Halifax.

The S.S. Sheba will go direct from here to New York and will load the freight which the Florizel would be unable to handle, as she is taking a full cargo to Halifax.

The W. C. McKay sailed yesterday for Trinidad taking 2,436 qtls. of codfish, 9 tierces of salmon, 29 brls. of turbot and 18 brls. of herring from the firm of G. M. Barr.

HE WAS CONVICTED.

The trial of the man yesterday on a charge of stealing \$315 owned by a member of the schooner "Mabel G.," was continued before Mr. F. J. Morris, K.C., yesterday afternoon. A number of witnesses were examined and the evidence all pointed to the accused as being the perpetrator of the theft as he was alone with the captain in the cabin, saw him handle the cash box and there were other circumstances detailed that would tend to confirm the guilt of the prisoner; who once before was up for a theft of money committed in a city boarding house.

OFFICIAL CASUALTY LIST

2021 Private Job James, Pool's Island, B.B. Shell shock, Oct. 13. J. R. BENNETT, Colonial Secretary.

MANY DEER STALKERS ABOUT

People who arrived by the express yesterday say that last week there were fully 100 men about Gaff Topsails and neighborhood looking for deer for a supply of fresh meat for the winter. These men came from Bonavista, Trinity and other Bays but found deer abnormally scarce, very few being killed. One man named Noscworthy and a friend were the only people who secured the legal quantity of deer meat and this man saw the tracks of a large moose deer in a place remote from where the rest of the deer stalkers were. They report rabbits very plentiful in this section.

CITIZENS' COMMITTEE MEETS

At the meeting of the Citizens' Committee held last night several members attended and Mr. W. A. O'D. Kelly presided. In the matter of the appointment of a board of adjustment in disputes between landlord and tenant, there was considerable discussion. This object would be to curtail the growth of slums and to control the hiring of houses, having a rental up to \$120. The further discussion of the matter was deferred until the building regulations come up for discussion. Section 237 dealing with the rates of taxation and method of determining the same was discussed for a while and definite consideration deferred.

A PECULIAR CIRCUMSTANCE

Two men were brought in by the express yesterday afternoon, father and son, from Little River to the General Hospital. Both are afflicted with paralysis and a strange feature of the case is that the father and son were stricken with the disease within 24 hours of each other. A doctor accompanied them to the city and thinks the case resembles the infantile paralysis which was so much in evidence in the States recently.

"NJORD" FOR SEALFISHERY

The S.S. Njord whose transfer to the firm of Baine, Johnston & Co. the Mail and Advocate exclusively recorded last week is now on the dry dock and will get a new rudder and stem post, with other repairs.

Letter From Mr. M. J. Kennedy M.H.A.

Take Exception to Our Statements That His Firm Has Received Favors From the Morris Government Amounting to \$150,000—What Work They Secured From Government Sources Was Secured by Other Building Firms

(To the Editor) Dear Sir:—My attention has been called to a statement that appeared in your paper of the 23rd inst. that M. J. Kennedy received \$150,000 profits through favors bestowed on him because of being a colleague of Sir E. P. Morris. Now I want to explain that M. J. Kennedy or his firm received no favors from Sir E. P. Morris or his Government except to be allowed to tender on the public buildings, and if we are the lowest bid we expect to get them just the same as we would from any business firm.

Now one of the first public buildings we tendered for, was the Nurses' Home at the General Hospital and there were three bids received—Messrs. Davey Brothers, Thomas Brothers and M. & E. Kennedy—and the Thomas Bros. were awarded the contract, their bid being the lowest, but when asked to sign agreements they discovered they made a mistake and refused. Now the Government called on my firm to take them out of the hole and erect the building. We had the same right to refuse as Thomas Bros. did, and then the Government would have to call on the Davey Bros. and then give them \$5,000 more as their bid was that much over our firm; but we signed agreements and saved the Government that amount. Then the additions to the laundry and kitchen at the General Hospital was awarded to the Thomas Bros. although they would not sign for the Nurses' Home contract, and this work went on the same time that our men were constructing the Home although we had a verbal agreement with the Government Engineer that we were to get this work.

Now this came out in evidence in our arbitration, as we had to hold an arbitration to recover our extras, and the Government fought it to the last ditch, but the arbitrators gave us a verdict. Now this is one of the "grabs" that M. J. Kennedy gets by being a colleague of Sir E. P. Morris. The next building we tendered for was an addition to the Insane Asylum kitchen and laundry. The bids for this work were Mr. Walsh \$15,700, Thomas Bros. \$9,000, Davey Bros. \$9,250, and M. & E. Kennedy \$7,500. Of course we got this contract and saved the Government \$1,600; another "grab" for M. J. Kennedy, the colleague of the Premier. Now I can tell about the public buildings he did not get to build: The Harbor Grace Court House, costing about \$40,000, was given to Mr. LeDrew, and Grand Falls Court House, costing about \$25,000, was given to Mr. Walsh. The Mortuary Chapel at the General Hospital was given to Mr. Johnston, costing about \$5,000, and Government House Lodge to Mr. Harris, costing about \$3,000.

Now these are some "favors" bestowed on M. J. Kennedy, the colleague of Sir E. P. Morris. Now I want to state right here that M. J. Kennedy or his firm got no favors from this Government, nor do we expect any. If we are called to do any work in our line we do our best to give satisfaction to the Government and if they think they can do better by calling on anyone else we will not lose much. If we were to rely on the profits that M. J. Kennedy or his firm made out of the Government I do not think we would have a very big "grab. I did not have to go into politics for to make a living—nor our firm—as we were always able to look out for ourselves and get our share of what was going on in our line. I am a supporter of Sir E. P. Morris's party as long as I think he is doing right with the people, but if not I am going to oppose him just as hard as I fought for him.

Now Mr. Editor, I ask you to publish this in a spirit of fair play, as I would not take notice of it but for having a partner, and I do not think it fair to accuse him of the "big grab" when there is no grab. If at any time you can point out that M. J. Kennedy got any grab that he did not give value for than you can hit out as hard as you like and I will take my medicine.

Thankfully yours, M. J. KENNEDY. St. John's, Nov. 25, 1916.

LOCAL ITEMS

Mr. P. E. Woodford arrived in town yesterday from H. Main. He will return home to-night.

A much respected resident of Foxtrap in the person of Mrs. Selina Butler, wife of Mr. John Butler, passed away at her home on Sunday. She had reached the age of 68 years.

The Rev. Canon Bolt preached at Foxtrap and Hopwell Churches on Sunday past. He was accompanied by Mrs. Bolt. Both came in to town by yesterday's train.

The wives of several Newfoundlanders who have enlisted in Canadian regiments came by the S.S. Florizel. They will spend a while with friends of their husbands while they are at the front.

The volunteers had drill in the armoury yesterday and in the afternoon they were inspected by His Excellency the Governor, who was accompanied by Capt. Abraham.

The storekeeper to whom we alluded last week and who is charged with smuggling cigarettes will come before Court to-morrow. The man, a foreigner and relative of a dealer in coal, who informed on the other, it was alleged, will be one of the principal witnesses in the case.

The wedding of H. A. Winter, Esq., M.A., editor of the Evening Telegram, and Miss Florence Goodridge, for some time resident in New York, will take place this afternoon. The wedding ceremony will be performed at the residence of Hon. M. G. Winter, uncle of the groom.

Sergt. Thos. Peel has been admitted to Wandsworth Hospital to undergo a second operation and his chances of getting back to the front soon is not bright. There are several pieces of shrapnel yet in his leg to be removed. This news was contained in a letter recently received by his father, Head Const. Peet.

Miss Gladys Duley, accompanied by her Mother, Mrs. T. J. Duley, leaves by this afternoon's express for East Orange, New Jersey, where on the 20th of next month she is to become the bride of Mr. Jefferson B. Courtenay, late of the staff of the Imperial Tobacco Company of the city, but now of Lenoir, North Carolina.

ANOTHER BODY PICKED UP.

Yesterday evening Hon. H. J. Devereaux, M.H.A., had this message from Trepassay: "The body of a man was picked up yesterday morning on the east side of Trepassay Reach. The head was gone. It is believed to be another of the crew of the Bonnie Lass. The body has been confined and will likely be taken to Salmonier for interment."

It is thought that this is another of the crew of the ill-fated "Bonnie Lass," which came to grief at Trepassay Bar several weeks ago during the big gale which raged.

HELP FOR THE C. E. ORPHANAGE.

Mrs. Gosling, Hon. Sect'y Church of England Orphanage, desires most gratefully to acknowledge the kind contribution of \$100.00 from the "Pansy League," towards the Orphanage Funds. This is the third similar contribution, making a total of \$300.00 for which the Orphanage is indebted to this League. To the Misses Diana and Daphne Davidson, the little daughters of His Excellency the Governor, and to their nurse, Miss Ayre, who has been indefatigable in promoting this successful work, the very hearty thanks of the Orphanage are due.

"MCNEY TO BURN"

At 6.25 p.m. yesterday officers Kelly and Brown doing duty on Water St. West found a butcher of Manuels gloriously drunk and unable to get either himself or his team along. They took him to the station and it was well they did for he had in his pockets the sum of \$396.65 which he must have lost if the officers did not come across him. A fisherman of Caplin Bay was also arrested by the police. He was also drunk and had on him \$109.48. Mr. Hutchings, K.C., who presided in court to-day let both men go.

ST. JOSEPH'S BAZAAR

The bazaar and fancy sale in aid of St. Joseph's new church, Holyveston, will open at 3 p.m. to-day and will continue open for 3 nights to conclude with a concert and dance. The ladies in charge have a profusion of the best of goods for sale and we bespeak for this worthy project a full measure of success.

NOT FAIR TREATMENT

(To the Editor) Dear Sir:—If I mistake not it has always been the custom of governments when contracts for work of various kinds are being called for to ask for tenders for the same and this system is not only economic as far as the taxpayer is concerned, but is also giving those who may compete a square deal.

This system, equitable though it is, does not seem however to appeal to the present Governmental aggregation misnamed the "People's Party."

I have before me as I write a gross piece of injustice perpetrated on a deserving class of tradesmen, not long since—I mean the city plumbers. There was a job to be done for the Consumption Camps, located on the Topsall Road, water and sewage services to be instituted, and of course those interested thought the usual proceedings in such cases would be observed, and tenders called for, but nothing of the sort occurred. The contract was awarded an East End firm the principal of which represents the District of Ferryland, I mean Moore & Co., and no others got a chance to figure on the job. What the firm is doing the work for I do not know, but like every other unfortunate taxpayer, I suppose my slim pocket book will give me the answer by and by.

If I mistake not, many of the City plumbers were ardent supporters of Premier Morris and his government at the last election and are to-day, but in face of treatment like this, what must they think of him, and especially what must those of the West End think, and last of all, what must the unfortunate taxpayer, who is being bled white by the extravagance, corruption and dishonest tactics of the Morris Government think? This plumbing patronage to members is on par with other proceedings of this debauched oligarchy, called by courtesy a Government. Incidents of this kind go to show what is being done with the moneys of the unfortunate people of Newfoundland and the sooner they get clear of these "State paupers and legalized robbers" the better it will be for poor old Terra Nova, which is being despoiled with a rapidity and thoroughness which is appalling, by the political pirates now in charge here. The only consolation is that their term of financial rapine and plunder is closing and that the pleasant prospect of a Government for and by the people can be desiered.

Thanking you in anticipation of publication. I am, truly yours, JUSTITIA. St. John's, Nov. 27, 1916.

Fish and Brewis Fund.

Table with 2 columns: Name and Amount. Includes Arthur Manuel, Twillingate 3.00; A Friend, N. 10.00; A. G. Williams 2.00; Thos. Hallett 2.50; Employees Pants Dept. N.F. Clothing Co. Ltd 13.05; Hon. J. C. Crosbie 25.00; Eugene Lindsay 5.00; C. and E. Godden, H. Grace 5.00; M. Drover 15.00; Total \$1,924.95

Rally was Well Attended

The recruiting meeting at the British Hall last night was addressed by Commander McDermott and Mr. H. Cowan. Mr. Geo. Adams presided. Splendid addresses were delivered, and the duty of all eligibles was clearly put to the audience. The appeal was directed, especially to the young men outside of the city. The Commander dwelt on the splendid work which the Regiment had already performed and state that at least 120 volunteers were needed to keep the Regiment at full strength. These should be forthcoming if we were to maintain our unit in the field.

Mr. H. E. Cowan, in his masterly way, graphically reviewed the whole war situation and made a most stirring appeal for recruits, and said that come what might we must maintain our reputation as a loyal daughter of the Motherland and Empire. The work of the land and naval forces were splendidly described by Mr. Cowan in a way calculated to create an impression on those present.

Mr. Adams in proposing a vote of thanks dwelt for some time upon the ravages made upon helpless countries by the ruthless enemy and said it was up to our young blood to see that the same would not happen any part of the British Empire.

After the close of the meeting the following came up and offered their service in the Empire's cause. Walters, Goulds, G. Adams, Harbor Grace, J. Murphy, Argentea, D. Manuels, St. John's, W. Morrissey, St. John's.

A boy suffering from diphtheria was removed from his home on the South Side to the Fever Hospital yesterday.

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