

IMPERIAL BILL EXCELLENT ONE OPENING WEEK

Norma Shearer Leads in Striking Picture, "The Devil's Circus"

When Director David Hartford came to Saint John to make the Ernest Shipman local picture "Blue Water" he had with him the demure little Montreal actress, Norma Shearer. Yesterday this brilliant star reached great heights of artistry in the powerful Danish story and Metro production "The Devil's Circus," at the Imperial Theatre when large crowds saw it. Truly Norma is now a favorite screen artist and all her offerings under the Metro banner have been most acceptable so far.

In this picture now running, Miss Shearer is first presented as a girl on the brink of womanhood, just out of an orphan asylum, a shabby, shy, forlorn little creature, her only friend in the world her nondescript dog, which she carries under her arm.

The awakening of love carries her into womanhood, and as the stirrings of passion effect the transformation there strike the pangs of separation. Her love is torn from her by the police and an emotional scene of rare realism and convincing fidelity takes place.

Then she is a circus girl, a tragedienne, clad in lights and spangles,

unseled ballet skirts and ornate wraps. Here she is a woman of the world, disillusioned, despairing, clutching at counterfeit love as she sighs for the true one lost. This transition, rapid though it is, is portrayed in plausible fashion through Miss Shearer's extraordinary histrionic ability.

Then again she drinks more deeply of the gall of life. She is a cripple, maimed by the act of a woman insane with jealousy, peddling dolls on the streets, ragged, cold, hungry and, above all, bitter against life. All of these characterizations would perhaps be simple enough to an actress of Miss Shearer's attainments when done simply and linked in one picture and considering that they represent a fairly rapid transition their achievement is extraordinarily praiseworthy.

Y. W. C. I. Begins Its Work For Winter

The Y. W. C. I. in Cliff street reopened for the 1926 season yesterday and the new arrangements made by the alterations to the building during the summer months were found to add greatly to the convenience of the operations. A new office has been constructed on the ground floor where the alterations to the building during the summer months were found to add greatly to the convenience of the operations.

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JACK O'BRIEN SAYS CHANCES AT HOLLYWOOD FEW

Movie Actor Makes Personal Appearance and in Picture at Unique

Popular movie star Jack O'Brien made his first personal appearance in the Maritimes yesterday before a highly appreciative audience, answered many questions regarding Hollywood and movie stars, gave advice to movie aspirants.

The chief requisites for any girl planning a trip to Hollywood, are a chaperone and a return ticket, he told an audience in the Unique last night. "Hollywood" is just another great big gold field, he said, girls come on every train, girls of undoubted beauty and talent, who would certainly be successful in the movies if they had the opportunity, but with 25,000 girls making the rounds of the studios every day, they have almost no chance to get that opportunity, and they have many pitfalls awaiting them.

Questions were answered in an interesting and amusing manner and the entire talk given by the popular actor seemed to be highly enjoyed by the Unique patrons. After the talk Mr. O'Brien screened several shots from recent pictures including one wherein he played leading man to Norma Shearer, giving the audience a chance

to see him on the screen as well as in person.

In addition to the personal appearance of Mr. O'Brien the Unique presented two splendid pictorial features: "Footloose Widows" with Jacqueline Logan and Louise Fazenda, a racy, irresponsible comedy of love's young dream in a Florida summer resort and how it almost turned out to be a dreadful nightmare, and New Wayburn and his Follies girl in the Ball Room Charleston, which in addition to being an interesting film really teaches the initial steps of the Charleston.

The whole program scored a decided success.

MODERN ROMANCE IN DAVIES PICTURE

"Marion" is at The Palace Theatre in "Beverly of Graustark"

"Beverly of Graustark," with Marion Davies in the lead, is a romance with a capital R—and all in modern dress. An automobile proves as romantic as a charger of old, and a modern girl in modern garb as romantic as a princess of the middle ages. The new Cosmopolitan production, now playing at the Palace Theatre, is George Barr McCutcheon's famous novel, told with fidelity to its spirit. Miss Davies plays an American girl, heroine of the play—with hair cropped short, and garbed in military uniform, she counterfeits a crown prince. Then she goes back to fluttering femininity and becomes once more the famous beautiful heroine of the play.

Antonio Moreno makes an ideal leading man and Roy D'Arcy is the sinister villain. Creighton Hale, Paulette Goddard, Max Barwyn, Albert Gran, Charles Clay and others have adequate roles.

Tonight will bring to a close this engagement.

BUCK JONES HERE IN A MAN FOUR SQUARE

Finds New Use For Lariat in Picture Shown at Gaiety

"A Man Four-Square," Buck Jones' latest William, for starring vehicle, made under the direction of R. William Neill and now playing at the Gaiety Theatre, has a sequence in which there is a country dance.

Florence Gilbert, playing the lead opposite Mr. Jones, and Marion Harlan, who has one of the important roles, attend this dance which is given in honor of Mr. Jones' being elected sheriff to clean up marauding cattlemen.

Both of the young ladies come dressed in very chic and pretty frocks. While waiting for a scene to be shot, the two young ladies started a friendly argument as to whose dress has the widest sweep to the circular skirt.

Buck Jones seems to think he knows a lot about dresses but, decides the only way to settle the argument, and go on with the picture, is to take his lasso and measure each of the skirts. This is done, and Miss Gilbert won.

Those supporting Jones are William Lawrence, Jay Hunt, Harry Woods, Sidney Bracey and Frank Beal. "A Man Four-Square" will be shown to night for the last time.

IMPERIAL FAVORITE STAR IN TREMENDOUSLY POWERFUL STORY



Pathe News—Aesop's Fable—Scenic and Travels
CONCERT ORCHESTRA AND PIPE ORGAN

GILDA GRAY COMING!
Wednesday Only
ALOMA OF THE SOUTH
SEAS
A Dancing Fantasy

BROKEN AXLE.
Owing to a broken axle on street car No. 88, near the corner of Main and Bridge streets last evening, traffic was delayed for a short time. Other main line cars used the second track. The damaged car was towed to the repair shop shortly after midnight.

Full of Velvet

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Show Begins Early Again

JACK O'BRIEN
MOVING PICTURE STAR NOW
APPEARING IN PERSON

giving a Talk on Picture Making and the Truth about HOLLYWOOD.

Mr. O'Brien, formerly leading man for NORMA SHEARER, MARION DAVIES, HOPE HAMPTON, ANNA Q. NILSSON and other famous stars, will be remembered as "DINKY" in the "IRON HORSE."

Since this is the first personal appearance of a movie star of importance the theatre will no doubt be packed, hence evening shows will start early. First Show at 6:45. No advance in price.

Any questions about Hollywood may be placed in Question Box in Lobby and will be answered from stage.

Today's Feature Picture With Louise Fazenda and Jacqueline Logan
Footloose Widows

ANOTHER EXTRA
Ned Wayburn and his Follies Girl, will teach you the Charleston from the screen. Learn to CHARLESTON.

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BIG JAZZ ORCHESTRA—"LITTLE MISS BLUEBEARD"

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THE RUSH FOR SEATS FOR THURSDAY'S CONCERTS CONTINUES. The same applies to Monday and Friday. At the Imperial Theatre the downstairs locations remaining are chiefly front and rear seats. Upstairs there is a wider choice. For the matinee chairs may be had in all divisions of the house. Tickets bought by telephone must be redeemed quickly; too many people asking for choice locations to hold them long unpaid.

MUSICAL EVENT OF THE YEAR

EVENING PRICES:
Downstairs \$2.50, \$2.00 and \$1.50
MATINEE PRICES:
\$1.00 to \$2.00

FRECKLES AND HIS FRIENDS

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EVENINGS FROM 7 TILL 12
Balcony available for parties Wednesday Evenings. Entire hall can be hired Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday.

British Football
Canadian Press Despatch.
LONDON, Sept. 20.—Football games played today resulted as follows:
ENGLISH LEAGUE.
First division—Birmingham 1, Everton 0; Blackburn Rovers 0, Sunderland 2; Cardiff City 1, Newcastle United 1.
Second division—Hull City 1, Reading 1; Port Vale 3, Darlington 2; Swansea Town 2, Blackpool 0.
Third division, Southern section—Aberdare Athletic 0, Queens Park Rangers 2; Millwall 3, Merthyr Town 1; Norwich City 3, Northampton 1.
Northern section—Abercrombie Stanley 3, Durham City 0; Ashington vs. Wallsall, undecided; Trimmers Rovers 1, Lincoln City 1; Wigan Boro 1, Bradford 2.

BEACH PARTY.
The executive of the Exmouth street Young People's Society had a pleasant beach party, corn boil at Little River beach last evening. After several games had been enjoyed and songs heartily sung plans for the coming year were discussed and a schedule of meetings for the society was drawn up. It was also decided to arrange a series of group competitions as a means of keeping the work of the league up to a high standard. It was decided to start the meetings on Monday of next week.

FINED \$200
Ernest Driscoll appeared for the Edward Hotel in the police court yesterday afternoon and was fined \$200 for having overstrength beer in a hotel.

COMING NEXT WEEK!
The Unprecedented Sensation of the Hour
Rudolph Valentino
"The Son of the Sheik"
VILMA BANKY
Exquisite Vilma Banky of "Dark Angel" fame as Yasmin, the Dancing Girl.
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