

### GOOD THINGS COMING TO THEATRES OF ST. JOHN

#### WONDERFUL PETROVA IN SENSATIONAL FILM

##### "The Eternal Question" Brims With Novelty

Mme. Petrova, the foremost emotional star of the stage or screen, will be seen at the Opera House tonight, tomorrow and Saturday in "The Eternal Question," a five part Metro wonderplay produced by the Popular Plays and Players. This is, without a doubt, the strongest feature in which the great Petrova has ever appeared, and to miss it is to miss one of the sensations of the year.

The production abounds with big scenes, including a realistic chapter made at sea, when the hero gives chase in an aeroplane and overtakes a steamship going under full steam. The heroine, played by Mme. Petrova, has been abducted and taken aboard the vessel, and her rescue is one of the most thrilling chapters ever shown in motion pictures.

In "The Eternal Question" Mme. Petrova is surrounded by an unusually strong supporting cast which includes Arthur Hoopes, Mathew Hamilton, Edward Markland, Warren Oland, Henry Leone, Howard Messner and Evelyn Dumme. The story is an original one, written by Aaron Hoffman, was directed by Burton King and the production was supervised by Harry Reiter, a master of intricate problems and novelties in motion pictures.

For the first time since she has appeared in America on either the speaking stage or screen, Mme. Petrova essays a character role, that of an immigrant girl. She is seen in this role during the early chapters of the story, and afterwards gets into the strong, emotional situations and scenes in which she excels. In this production Mme. Petrova wears half a dozen new gowns that are extremely costly creations, and added to other clothes worn by the star, constitute the most expensive wardrobe of any actress now appearing before the camera.

The programme also includes the 18th chapter of the gripping serial drama "Liberty" tonight at 7.15 and 8.45, afternoon at 2.15 and 8.45. Usual little pieces.

#### BIG FEATURES AND INTERESTING VIEWS

Mid-Week Programme at the Star Theatre Varied and Enjoyable.

The mid-week programme at the Star Theatre consists of the following new items: Sir Sam Hughes reviews the British troops near the firing line; British forces more up through the communication trenches to the first line; German prisoners taken during recent drive by the British, south of the Ancre.

The feature production, "Bred in the Bone," caused a great deal of favorable comment last night. The star is Lilian Gish, whose many admirers are always glad to hear of her appearance. She is supported by an excellent cast, and the strong story is characterized by its human appeal and by its big theme, dealing with the line of the foot lights. The same show will be presented again tonight.

#### VESSEL TORPEDOED IN ST. JOHN

Vitagraph productions at the Imperial have been creating a mild sensation of late but it is quite probable that when Friday and Saturday's patrons see the big passenger steamer on which the hero and heroine are being chased, a high state of excitement will seize watchers. For absolute realism on a grand scale tomorrow's picture is most unusual. In addition to this Vitagraph story, which is entitled "Through the Wall," a story of an escape from a common foe—there will be the second story of the "Blasted" series, entitled "Billy's Romance." This will show how a Western Union messenger boy of diminutive size rescued the banker's tiny daughter from the clutches of a band of extortionate kidnapers. It is a good old-fashioned wholesome drama.

#### CHARLIE CHAPLIN IN NEW COMEDY AT UNIQUE TONIGHT

"Behind the Screen," Chaplain's latest comedy success. Other features Unique tonight. First evening show starts at 6.45.

#### PAULINE FREDERICK'S FINALE TONIGHT

This is the last occasion tonight to see Pauline Frederick in the exceptionally strong drama, "Ashes of Embers" in which story the well-known emotional actress plays a double role. Yesterday's large crowds at the Keith house were much impressed with this production which is a social drama by Forrest Halsey. Magazine pictures and the story of Canadian wheat in film are the additional films.

#### IT'S A DANDY SHOW AT THE GEM

You'll enjoy the new programme at the Gem. Everybody did last night, to judge from the rous of laughter as the excellent vaudeville was presented and the keen interest shown in the two feature pictures. It's a rattling good show. Two performances tonight—at 7.15 and 8.45.

#### INSPECTOR OF TOOLS

Amherst News: Jack Urquhart, who is now government inspector of tools in munition factories, has been covering factories in Quebec and Ontario, and will spend the next week of two in New Brunswick. Mrs. Urquhart is spending the winter in St. John's.

#### THREE BROTHERS ENLIST

John Downey, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Downey of Amherst, has joined the Army Medical Corps at Halifax. Another brother is with the 246th Reserve Battalion in the same city. Still another brother is with the 166th Battalion in England.

### LOCAL NEWS

Holly wreaths, natural holly prepared to last several seasons, 50c. each.—Daniel, head of King street.

Canadian Imperial League will meet in the European War Veterans' Association Hall this evening at 8 o'clock.

Don't forget the Old Folks' concert tonight, St. Philip's church 8.30. Grand treat in store. Admission 10 cents.

Chalet advanced class with orchestra tonight.

SENT 610 PAIRS. In a recent report on the activities of the Lancaster Red Cross Society, an error was made in the number of socks sent during the month by that organization. The number should have been 610 pairs.

Germain street Brotherhood will meet tomorrow, Friday night, at 8 o'clock. All committees will report. E. L. Rising, president.

The man who can't afford to pay a big price for his overcoat will do well to call and see our black melon overcoat at \$12. All sizes.—Turner, out of the high-rent district, 440 Main. T.F.

BROWN'S IN TOWN. No, we do not refer to the well-known comedy or any special individual, but we wish to draw the attention of our lady patrons to our showing of Havana brown boots, high cut lace styles in low or Louis heels, \$2.85, \$3.50, \$7.50.—Wise's Cash Stores, 249-257 Union street.

ST. JOHN ART CLUB. Congressional Library of Washington, lecture by M. V. Padlock at studio, Peel street, Thursday evening. Music and refreshments.

A. O. H., Division No. 1, will meet tonight for election of officers. Full attendance is requested.

SUITABLE GIFTS. Natty neckties \$5 to \$7, silk mufflers \$1 to \$2.50; gloves, hosiery, braces and handkerchiefs. W. E. Ward, 68 King street, corner Germain. 13-16

WHY NOT. Give him a hat for Christmas? New stock just in from \$2 to \$5. W. E. Ward, 68 King street, cor. Germain. 13-16

FREDERICTON RECRUITS. Last week but one recruit was secured in Fredericton, but this week four have enlisted already. They are W. A. Russell, 46, Nashua; Robt. A. Sanderson, 18, Woodstock; Herbert McLean, 24, Sydney Mines; N. S. Fred W. Hannison, 26, Woodstock; Sapper McLean is for the Canadian Engineers, and the others are for the Army Medical Corps Depot at St. John.

PERSONALS. Mrs. Martin F. Smith will receive for the first time at her home, 199 Douglas avenue, on Thursday, December 21, from four o'clock until six o'clock in the afternoon.

The condition of Captain James H. Leonard of the ferry which plies between Innesport and Pleasant Point is slightly improved today. He is suffering from rheumatism and lumbago.

Miss Dorothy T. Wright of New York is visiting her sister, Mrs. E. S. Thorne, Harding street, Fairville.

Archibald Fraser of Fredericton is in the city this morning.

E. L. Philips of Halifax arrived in the city this morning.

Thomas S. Myles of Fredericton is in the city.

HEART ON WRONG SIDE, BUT IN RIGHT PLACE. Halifax Herald.—Ronald Crewe, a native of Trinity Bay, Nfld., who has been working at shoemaking in St. John, N. B., for two years, enlisted two weeks ago for service with the 296th, now at Windsor. Arriving at Windsor he was given a thorough medical examination for overseas service. It was found that he only has one lung, that his heart is on the wrong side of the body, and his liver is in an entirely different region from that of a normal man. In consequence of these peculiarities, and not because of his lacking in strength, he was sent to Halifax for the authorities here to decide upon the case. He arrived on the D. A. R. last night. Doubtless fellow passengers, to whom he told his story were allowed to feel the healthy throbbing of the misplaced heart. "I don't see what difference it makes where I carry my heart as long as it does its work," said Private Crewe. A recent companion in the car added: "It might fool a German sniper to have it on the wrong side."

NOTICES OF BIRTHS, MARRIAGES AND DEATHS. 50c.

BIRTHS. JOHNSON.—To Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Johnson, Lancaster Heights, on Dec. 13—a son.

DEATHS. HENDERSON.—At the residence of Thomas J. McHugh, East St. John, on the 14th inst., Mary C. Henderson, aged 76 years, daughter of the late William Henderson.

Funeral tomorrow, Friday, from East St. John. Service at 2.30.

WILLIAMS.—On December 13th inst., at his residence, 195 King Street East, John Parker Williams, aged eighty-four years, leaving one daughter and four sons to mourn.

Funeral on Friday afternoon from his late residence. Service begins at 2.30 o'clock.

### LOCAL NEWS

Handkerchiefs, ties, scarfs, tea aprons, bedroom slippers, waists and sweaters at special cut prices.—C. J. Bassen, cor. Union and Edneye. 12-15

Arnold's Dept. Store will be open every evening till Christmas, 12-23.

BOYS WANTED. One Hundred Boys to buy a \$12 overcoat for \$7.45, Friday and Saturday at Beatty & Giggey's closing out sale.

Hot! Hot! Hot! bargains at Bassen's monster reliable sale, 14-16-18 Charlotte street.

Save money. Buy your Christmas groceries and confectionery from The 2 Barkers, Ltd. Open every evening.

MEN AND BOYS WANTED. To help more out our stock we are going out of business. This is your opportunity to clothe yourself at a big saving.—Beatty & Giggey.

Do all your shopping at Bassen's monster reliable sale, 14-16-18 Charlotte street.

DISTINCTIVE LADIES TAILORING. Suits made up from \$25 to \$50, coats \$18 to \$25. Best, class work by men tailors. Customers' own material made up reasonably. John Glick, the ladies' tailor, 106 King street. 12-19

No waiting—first come first served at Bassen's monster reliable sale, 14-16-18 Charlotte street.

NEW LIGHTS ON KING SQUARE. A shipment of very fine diamonds has just come to hand, which were fortunate in buying at a particularly low price, and as a result can sell these stones for less than any other dealer. In fact, you can buy today at prices that were ruling three years ago, notwithstanding the general increase in the market. Some very beautiful effects in solitaire or combination, boyas & Co. King Square, (near Imperial Theatre). 12-15

Don't forget you will save money on your Christmas presents at Bassen's monster reliable sale, 14-16-18 Charlotte street.

Great Bargains in toys, dolls, games, books, fancy goods, at 2 Barkers, Ltd., 100 Princess street.

APPRECIATED. A traveling bag or suitcase would be much appreciated as a Christmas gift. See our line of new goods. W. E. Ward, 68 King street, corner Germain. 13-16

OUR SPECIAL XMAS NUMBER. Ten C. gold eggshell chain for \$1.25, very useful to those who wear glasses. K. W. Epstein & Co., 198 Union street. See our adv. on page 7. 12

Men's referees and working pants that are good at Turner's, out of the high rent district, 440 Main. T.F.

C. J. Bassen's, cor. Union and Sydney, is place where you can buy all your Christmas presents at lowest prices.

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TEMPERANCE HALL. A. H. Stewart will lecture again on Sunday at 8.15 p.m. in Temperance Hall in St. James street. Come and hear him. Everybody welcome. No collection. 12-16

CLOSING OUT SALE. Our stock is going fast. In order to move it faster we have again put the knife in our prices. Special for Friday and Saturday, black Melton overcoats, regular \$15 cost for \$9.95.—Beatty & Giggey, 687 Main street.

Men, women and children—bargains for all in all sorts of wear at Bassen's monster reliable sale, 14-16-18 Charlotte street.

### FAMILY OF OFFICER KILLED AT SAND POINT INTERNED IN BELGIUM

Chief Officer Geddes, of the S. S. Menling, who met death in an accident on his steamer, leaves his wife and two children, all of whom are interned in Belgium by the Germans. His wife was a Belgian. This fact adds a sadder touch to the unfortunate accident. Dr. W. E. Roberts said this afternoon that he had not yet decided whether an inquest was necessary or not.

BERLIN SAYS THAT THE CALEDONIA NEARLY SANK THE SUBMARINE

Berlin, Dec. 13.—(Via Tuckerton, Dec. 14)—Details of the close escape of a submarine which sank the British steamer Caledonia, are announced. The Caledonia attempted to ram the submarine, and nearly succeeded at the periscope tubes but the American submarine was forced to remain submerged for an hour, until repairs were made.

LITHUANIANS DO NOT QUIETLY SUBMIT TO DEPORTATION

London, Dec. 14.—The Wireless Press reports the following from Berlin: "Formidable deportations of Lithuanian peasants to work in Germany has provoked several revolts in Lithuania. In the Samogitia province of Suwalki the German military commission sent to enroll workmen. In other districts many peasants are hiding in the forests and marshes."

The Wheat Market. Chicago, Dec. 14.—Bearish feeling took a new grip today on the wheat market. Traders appeared to be largely influenced by reports that the American ambassador in London had been instructed to ascertain the attitude of the British government toward an appeal by the president to enter into peace negotiations with Germany.

Opening prices, which ranged from 2 1/2 to 3 1/2, fell 1/4 to 1/2, and closed at 167 to 168 and July at 148 3/4 to 144 were followed by moderate declines all around, and then something of a rally.

Those who make their Christmas purchases this season early, will certainly make no mistake, as the range of first quality imported goods are more limited than other seasons. Particularly does this apply to PARISIEN IVOY

the genuine, which has been difficult to obtain. For the next season will be off the market if war continues.

THE ROYAL PHARMACY. 47 King Street.

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EYE STRAIN is not a disease, but an overworked condition of the eyes.

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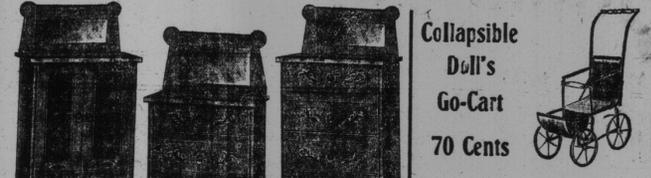
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Diamond Combinations Rings, \$12 to \$100. Gold LaValieres, \$8 to \$150. Gift selections will be held for you at our store if desired.

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## Dutch Throne Might Go to a German Prince

Only Two Lives Bar the Way to Accession of an Alien

The Hague, Netherlands, Nov. 20.—(Correspondence of The Associated Press)—Only two lives, those of the reigning queen and of her daughter, Princess Juliana, seven years old, bar the way in the natural order of things to the accession to the throne of the Netherlands of a German prince. It is true that, so far as health and age are concerned, those lives may be described as "first class" but the potential sterility of the queen was illustrated not long ago in The Hague woods, where the royal automobile carrying Queen Wilhelmina and the little princess was in a collision that might have cost the lives of both.

This question of the succession had given Dutchmen some concern before the war, and gives them much more now. Several well-known public men have drawn public attention to the matter in the last few days, and what looks like a strong agitation, enjoying widespread sympathy, has been started for a revision of the constitution declaring null and void all potential rights of succession of foreign princes, leaving the choice of a new sovereign in the hands of the people and an unexpected circumstance as the failure of all direct heirs to the throne, entirely to the States General or parliament of the country.

Practically without exception, whatever his sympathies in the present war, would regard the accession of a German prince as a calamity, threatening the dearly cherished independence of the nation.

In the House of Orange, Holland is blessed with a dynasty bound to Holland, and Holland alone, by such strong ties that no one at home or abroad would dream of suggesting that the council chambers of the crown are accessible to other than purely Dutch interests. But if that house were left without living issue, the next claimants to the throne would be found among the collateral princely houses of Saxe-Weimar and Reuss-Koestlin, followed or accompanied by those of Saxe-Meininger, Hohenzollern, another branch of Reuss-Koestlin, Schleswig-Holstein, Norway, Saxe-Weimar-Eisenach, and Wied. One and all equally foreign to the Netherlands.

## PATRIOTIC FUND

Monthly: S. A. Thomas, \$8; P. B. H., \$10; Wiczel's Cash Stores, \$5; H. Parker Jenkins, 4 mos., \$4; K. Balmain, 60c.; Mrs. H. W. Hodges, 60c.; Thos. Whelpley, 60c.; Mrs. Napier, 4 mos., \$1; Dr. Moran, \$1; F. J. Lewis, \$1; Mrs. D. Fitzpatrick, \$2; Mrs. E. McBeth, 50c.; Mrs. D. C. Campbell, \$2; Chas. Kohr, 2 mos., \$2; Chas. Kilby, \$1; Mrs. Jos. Jackson, 2 mos., \$2; Mrs. Wellington Lord, \$2; Chas. W. Christopher, 50c.; A. Belyea, 2 mos., \$1; H. Page, 3 mos., \$4; Mrs. J. Medley Belyea, 2 mos., \$4; B. G. Grant, \$2; Mrs. W. Keefe, 60c.; Theo. Stackhouse, \$2; W. J. Ambrose, \$10; Mrs. W. J. Ambrose, \$5; W. A. Henderson, \$2. Single: Wm. Thomson & Co., Ltd., \$2,000.

## PATRIOTIC CAUSES

Y. W. P. A. A meeting of the Young Women's Patriotic Association will be held this evening at 8.15 o'clock in the Royal Order of Moose rooms, Union street.

## MISS MARY C. HENDERSON

The death of Miss Mary C. Henderson occurred at the residence of her niece, Mrs. Thomas J. McHugh, East St. John, early this morning, after a lingering illness. She was seventy-six years of age and a daughter of the late William Henderson of this city. The funeral will take place on Friday afternoon from East St. John.

Mrs. Adelaide Young, widow of John N. Young and a highly esteemed resident of Calais, died early on Tuesday morning, after a lingering illness. She was a native of Charlotte. Her maiden name was Adelaide Gardner, but she had resided in Calais for the last 15 years. She is survived by three daughters and one son.

## THE WAR VETERANS

To the Editor of the Times: St. John, Dec. 14, 1916. Sir,—We, the members of the European War Veterans' Association, wish it to become known that any concert of other entertainment advertised as for the benefit of returned soldiers has nothing whatever to do with us.

We understand that the general public have the impression that we have pooled our funds. This is not so, and any affair that we may pull off in the near future for the benefit of returned soldiers will be done so under the title of the European War Veterans' Association. On behalf of the E. W. V. A. I beg to remain, Sir, Yours truly, JAS. J. BARROUR, Secretary.

## This Big Fire Sale IS THE BEST

### Suit and Overcoat Sale

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Hundreds of garments, a big variety of styles and materials and prices much lower than you expected to pay. Every garment represents a big saving. Will you be among the lucky buyers tomorrow?

At \$10.00—Men's and Youths' D. B. Overcoats and Slip-ons, values up to \$18.00 and \$20.00.

At \$11.35—Men's and Youths' D. B. Ulsters, worth up to \$18.00.

At \$13.50—Men's and Youths' D. B. Ulsters, Slip-ons, etc., worth up to \$18.00 and \$20.00.

At \$14.00—Men's and Youths' Overcoats and Ulsters, Suits, etc., worth \$18.00 and \$20.00.

At \$15.00—Men's Black Melton Overcoats, D. B. Ulsters, D. B. Overcoats, form fitting, and Slip-ons, worth up to \$22.00.

At \$16.00—A large number of Overcoats, styles to choose from, worth up to \$22.00.

At \$17.00—A great variety of Fancy Mixed D. B. and S. B. Overcoats, worth up to \$25.00.

NOTE—We carry a large assortment of Blue and Black Suits. The Blues are of old stock prices from \$15.00 up. Don't get mixed up over the location. I'm down town in the Western Union Building at No. 3 King St.

## A. E. HENDERSON

Men's Clothier