

## DOCTOR ASSAILS BEAUTY VERDICT

Objects to College Vote in Favor of Girl Wearing High Heels

NEW YORK, Dec. 18.—Dr. Norman Mattison has made public a letter he sent to the department of physical education of Barnard College, criticizing the award of first place in posture and physique to a student who "wears high heel shoes because her insteps are so high."

"Your department," he wrote, "is doubtless familiar with the following established facts, though some of them seem to have been overlooked or ignored in making this award: a foot which is accustomed to high-heeled shoes is very usually a type of contracted weak-foot; the artificial elevation of two or more inches at the heel so contracts the foot that the ball is converted into an anterior heel in order to stabilize its structure; for the same reason the toes are retracted, instead of being free to carry out their normal functions of flexion and prehension; the inner aspect of the foot, intended to be free to prop the body weight in walking, usurps the function of the outer aspect of the foot, which is intended to be in contact for weight-bearing; for this latter reason the foot rolls inward on its long axis, or pronates, and a degree of impeding or actual weak-foot results; and, of most importance, the contraction of the foot makes it difficult or impossible for the region between the heel and the outer ball to be in contact with the inside or ground, and there is accordingly no bridge between the posterior and anterior heel—the beginning, and most frequent cause, of so-called fallen arch."

## Soviet Makes New Move For Business

MOSCOW, Dec. 18.—Russia has made a decided move to capture more of the world's trade. Noticing a lack of cohesion between her domestic and foreign markets, the authorities recently combined the foreign and internal trade commissariats into a united single commissariat. Henceforth this will be known as the Foreign and Internal Trade Department. Alexander Danilovich Tsurupa, a Ukrainian, has been appointed president. The new move is also intended to help the government combat speculation.

## LACE WORKERS PROTEST

NOTTINGHAM, Dec. 18.—Lace workers here are loud in their denunciation of modern styles and demand a return to the fashions of the Victorian era. They don't mind the scanty skirts of the women of 1925, but they feel aggrieved at the scantiness of the lingerie that goes with them. In spite of all they say, they follow fashion's dictates.

## FEWER BABIES.

LONDON, Dec. 18.—The birth rate in London has declined at the rate of 4,800 a year for the last three years, a report of the medical officer of health shows. The birth rate has shown a consistent decline for the last 50 years, the report states, but it has fallen off alarmingly since the war. If the present rate continues the next census will show only about 10,000 children less than five years ago.

Radio sets are under a temporary ban by the Venezuelan government. It is claimed that listening interferes with the work of the nation.

## GOOD THINGS COMING TO THEATRES OF SAINT JOHN

### Imperial's Santa Claus Gift Contest

Now that the public schools are closed for the Christmas holidays the fun starts at Imperial Theatre in earnest. Beginning Monday of next week Santa Claus will be on hand every afternoon to greet the little ones and distribute the gift tickets to which every juvenile patron is entitled. In fact there will be two tickets, one to be used the same afternoon in deciding upon the winners of door prizes and

another one of a different color to be held until the day of the awarding of the big capital prizes. This is a gift distribution and no extra charges are made whatever. It is a merry little contest for the children themselves—a real Santa Claus stunt. The prizes include a 9-foot toboggan, upholstered in grey corduroy velvet; a 10-foot double-runner, an English-made power boat, never before seen in the Maritime Provinces; sewing machine, dolls' trousseau, superior steam engine, English dolls, specially imported semi-toy saxophone, new kinds of games, roller skates, sleds, frames, ice skates, hockey sticks, etc. etc. There will be a boy's prize and a girl's prize given away every day commencing Monday with the important capital prizes on the final day of the gift carnival, which will be the 21st.

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## FREE PLAYTHINGS FOR IMPERIAL THEATRE'S Boy and Girl Patrons STARTING NEXT MONDAY

HERE'S THE LIST:

LOOK IN OUR WINDOWS and you will see a splendid collection of exclusive toys and winter playthings. You will also find a gay collection of Christmas gift articles dear to the heart of every boy and girl. These are to be given away to our youthful patrons beginning on Monday next, the 21st. Santa Claus will be present at the matinee and will supervise the winning of the gifts. Every boy and girl passing through the Imperial door to see our shows will receive two numbered tickets. The White Ticket will be for the door prize of that particular day, to be awarded at the close of the matinee. The Green Ticket is to be held for the big capital prizes to be awarded the day before New Year's.

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## Geraldine Farrar To Rest for Winter

RIDGEFIELD, Conn., Dec. 17.—Miss Geraldine Farrar, prima donna, whose sudden illness two weeks ago was responsible for the closing of "Romany Love Spell" after the premiere of the opera in Hartford, will not return to the show, even should it be reopened, her father, S. D. Farrar, has announced. Mr. Farrar said that his daughter was well on the road to recovery, but that she has decided to spend the entire winter resting at her home here. She has made no plans for the future, Mr. Farrar said.

## IMPERIAL THEATRE TODAY—THE GREAT HORSE DRAMA



## "Rex"—Wild Horse in BLACK CYCLONE

Wolves! His "Lady" in Danger! Snarling and leaping for the throat of the fair mate of "Black Cyclone"—trying with their cruel fangs to tear the coat of the who was like a Silver Flash in the Sunlight!—then in answer to her call came "Black Cyclone," with the blood of battle in his noble veins and death hidden in his hoofs!

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Most everybody in Saint John saw Hoot Gibson in the "Calgary Stampede," suffice to say "Arizona Sweepstakes" is a companion picture. Also Comedy and "SUNKEN SILVER"

## BREAKS MIRROR; DISAPPEARS.

LONDON, Dec. 17.—Police are searching for Patricia Dunning, 17-year-old domestic servant of Guildford. The girl accidentally broke a mirror. She appeared horrified at the occurrence, and two hours later disappeared.

## Friday and Saturday 2.30, 7, 8.45

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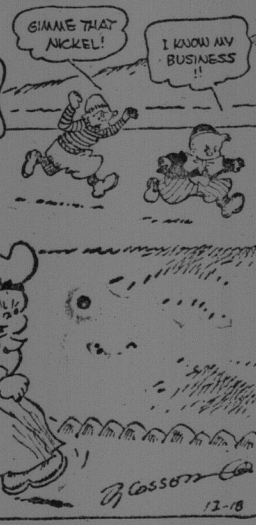
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## BOOTS AND HER BUDDIES



## ALICE AIN'T SO GOOD



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## SALESMAN SAM



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