

OUR THEATRES

ROSSLEY'S Those who want to spend a pleasant night will take in Thursday night's show at Rossley's. The competition, the last one for the season will take place on Thursday night instead of Friday. Besides the splendid act of your favourites Brown and Locke, and the very best pictures obtainable. On Saturday the much-talked-of pantomime, "Beauty and the Beast," the most beautiful and gorgeous entertainment ever seen in this city, eclipsing all Mrs. Rossley's former attempts. This year she has the assistance of Mr. Ballard Brown and the one and only Madge Locke. The finest singers and dancers before the public to-day.

THE NICKEL

The "Exploits of Elaine" will not be shown at the Nickel theatre this evening because of the stores being open until 10 p.m. A grand programme has been arranged, however, and no one should miss it. There is a thrilling human interest dramatic adaptation of the famous novel produced in three parts by the Edison players entitled "The Stoning" His Great Experiment" is a Selig Co. two-part social drama. There is a melo-drama by the Vitagraph Co., a Pathe Weekly with all the latest news events, and the popular resort these days. Every afternoon there is a big matinee for the children. Look out for the big bill on Friday with a two-reel Chaplin comedy.

THE CASINO

Lieut. Donnelly and his brave companions—whose names will live forever, will be seen in the great Newfoundland Regiment picture which will be shown at the "Casino" theatre on Christmas Day. Both afternoon and evening performances will be given, the former commencing at 2.30, and the latter at 7.30. Although already having been seen by thousands, hundreds will undoubtedly avail themselves of the opportunities being presented by going to see the most remarkable military picture to have ever been taken.

THE CRESCENT

The Crescent Picture Palace is presenting a big mid-week programme. Mark Swan's prize-winning picture in the dramatic Edison contest is entitled "The Maritton Thief." An episode of the girl detective series is "Mike Donegal's Escape," produced in two reels by the Kalem Company. A thrilling Lubin story of the underworld is "One Law Breaker" and a great Waddy and Art comedy is "Music in Flats." Mr. Dan Delmar sings a lively novelty song: "The Band played all the Time." The recent is putting in a special Christmas programme of pictures and music.

RETURNING TO WORK

Quite a number of the young men who returned to Conception Hr., Holyrood and other places in Conception Bay, will leave for New York, Philadelphia, Boston and other American cities after the New Year to resume work. These men work at bridge building, carpentering, ship building and in foundries and factories, and make good wages each year, returning in the fall to spend a time with their friends, well-stocked with money. They receive excellent wages and their work is highly appreciated.

A VESSEL OVERDUE

The schr. "Little Secret," Capt. Couch is making a very long passage from Santa Pola to Marystown. The vessel which has a cargo of salt is now 80 days on the voyage, but as she is a staunchly built craft and her skipper an experienced and skillful navigator hopes are expressed that she will yet turn up safely.

CURLERS ARE PREPARING

The City Curlers this year are evincing their old-time enthusiasm and last night held their first meeting to prepare for the season's events. A very good programme has been drawn up and the season promises to be the best in the history of the Association. The various divisions will play keen games and all that is required is good ice and plenty of it.

THE "KYLE'S" PASSENGERS

The Kyle arrived at Port aux Basques at 11.30 to-day, bringing J. Vokey, P. Vatcher, Miss M. Forsy, Mrs. J. C. Crosbie, Miss Nina Crosbie, Miss Ella Crosbie, H. B. Lake, Miss J. J. Collins, M. A. Winsor, B. W. Payne, D. C. Duff, D. Gillis, A. Abbott, W. Babcock, W. L. Rowe, Jr., W. Lowland, Miss L. Reid, Leonard Reid, J. W. N. Johnston, A. B. McIsaac, Eddard Gillis, W. Hayse, P. P. Clement, O. Herder, M. Vallard and D. Curtin.

CHRISTMAS MUSIC COCHRANE ST. CHURCH COLLEGE HALL

Solo—"Holy Night, Peaceful Night"; Miss Herder. Carol-Anthem—"See Amid the Winter's Snow," John E. West; "In a Stable Lowly," Oliver King. Carols—"Jesus Christ is Born," H. E. Nichol; "The Star of Christ," H. E. Nichol; "Many Years Ago," H. E. Nichol. Service on Christmas morning at 11 o'clock. The Christmas music will be repeated on the next day (Sunday). On Sunday afternoon, Dec. 26th, at 2.45, the Sunday School will hold a special Xmas Service in the College Hall, to which all will be welcomed. There will be special singing.

OUR VOLUNTEERS

In the armoury yesterday the volunteers were put through Swedish and other drills and under Lieut. F. A. Rendell had a route march in the afternoon. Yesterday Joseph Pittman of St. John's enlisted bringing the number on the roster to 2662. The men of "H" Co. are rapidly becoming proficient in the drill.

THE STORM OF LAST NIGHT

Last Night the first snow storm for the season broke over the city about 11 o'clock and as the hours went by the wind which was from the S.E. increased until by this morning it had reached hurricane force. Drifts were piled high on the city streets, and in the higher levels and suburban roads. The tram tracks were covered in this morning and to-day two sweepers and the street car employes with shovels are clearing the track line and Water Street tracks. Several fences were blown down in various parts and across country to Humbermouth the storm was severe and piled heavy drifts in all directions. The Reid Nfd. Co. say however that their trains are running on all sections, snow plows preceding them and clearing the road of the snow. The storm was severe in the Gulf also and the Kyle did not arrive at Port aux Basques until past 11 to-day.

SPORTS AND PASTIMES THE ATELETE NUMBER

The athlete number "Sports and Pastimes" will be on sale on the streets to-morrow. It is an interesting and attractive publication, dealing as it does with the athletics of the city during the year now closing. The soldiers will no doubt greatly appreciate copies and friends could not send them better athletic reading matter. There are a number of well-written articles and the book is profusely illustrated.

THANKS

We acknowledge with thanks the following season's publications:—Christmas Annual (Mr. T. D. Carew), Holly Leaves (Mr. C. Power) also a wall calendar from Messrs. A. S. Rendell & Co.

KEEP THE POT BOILING

The young ladies of the Salvation Army Started to-day to collect for the Christmas dinner to the poor of the city. The pots for the collections are to be seen along Water Street and we feel assured that our charitable people will give to this worthy object in their usual generous manner.

ARRESTED FOR THEFT

Yesterday evening Const. Tobin arrested two young men who for some time past have been at work on the new Cochrane Street Methodist Church. The men were accused of stealing a lot of copper cuttings valued at \$2.00 and were before Judge Morris to-day. They pleaded guilty but as the Church authorities did not wish to press the case they were allowed off with the light fine of \$1 or 5 days each.

STEPHANO HERE

Messrs. Harvey & Co. had a wireless at 8.30 last night that the Stephano had then passed Cape Race and was due to tie up at her pier here 1.30 a.m. to-day. The weather, however, intervened and she has to sea when the bad weather came on and did not arrive in port until 1.30 p.m. to-day. She brought a full freight, mostly of Christmas goods, poultry &c. and had a wild night of it last night in the snow storm which raged. A very high sea ran. Capt. Mitchell, the chief officer, is in charge, as Capt. Smith has remained off on a holiday.

OFFICIAL CASUALTY LIST FIRST NEWFOUNDLAND REGIMENT

- 339 L.-Corp. Hubert Edgar Ebsary, 147 South Side. Died of wounds December 1st. Additional Information. 435 Private John Nicholle, 164 Pleasant St.; previously reported dangerously ill of Tetanus, Alexandria, Dec. 13th. Now, seriously ill. 153 Private Larry Field, 4 Deady's Lane; previously reported, debility and jaundice severe, Malta, Nov. 26. Now, arrived in 3rd London General Hospital, Wands worth. 227 Private Oswald K. Batstone, Jackson's Cove, N.D.B., previously reported, dysentery, Malta, Oct. 30. Now, arrived in 3rd London General Hospital, Wands worth, dysentery. 338 Private Nicholas A. Galway, 222 Water Street W.; previously reported, dysentery, Alexandria, Oct. 26th. Now, arrived in 3rd London General Hospital, Wands worth, dysentery. 1130 Private Herbert R. Parsons, 7 Hayward Avenue; previously reported, enteric, Malta, Nov. 5th. Now, arrived in 3rd London General Hospital, Wands worth, enteric. 1148 Private Michael J. Boland, 126 Duckworth Street; previously reported, enteric, removed from dangerous list, Malta, Nov. 5th, arrived 3rd London General Hospital, Wands worth, enteric. 242 Private Stanley S. Kirby, Silverdale, Three Arms, N.D.B.; previously, fever severe, Alexandria, Nov. 5th. Now, arrived in 3rd London General Hospital, Wands worth, enteric.

J. R. BENNETT, Colonial Secretary.

WEDDING BELLS HARVEY-RITCHIE

A very pretty wedding took place yesterday at the residence of the bride's mother, Duckworth Street when Miss Muriel Harvey, daughter of the late Dr. Harvey, was united in Hymens Bond to Mr. Robert Ritchie, travelling salesman with Franklin & Co. Rev. J. S. Sutherland of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church tied the nuptial knot. The bride wore a very handsome costume of pale blue silk with white hat trimmed with white wings and carried a beautiful white bouquet. Miss Una Harvey, the bride's sister, who wore navy blue with hat to match, attended that happy lady, and Mr. Kenneth Blair acted as best man. The bride was given away by Mr. John Jackson. The Groom's present to the bride was a cheque, and to the bridesmaid a gold ring. A conclusion of the ceremony a reception was held and the health of bride and groom duly honored. By the evening train the happy couple left for Holyrood to spend the honeymoon. The presents received were numerous and very valuable and included several cheques, an evidence of the popularity of the young couple. The Mail and Advocate extends its felicitations.

LOCAL ITEMS

Yesterday afternoon a case of diphtheria was reported from a house on LeMarchant Road and the patient was removed to Hospital. The Hon. Secretary of the Methodist Orphanage begs gratefully to acknowledge the receipt of Twenty Dollars from the Provincial Grand Lodge of Nfld., L.O.A., per Jordan Milley Esq., Grand Secretary. In the Police Court to-day before F. J. Morris, K.C., a drunk who gave the police some trouble was fined \$2 or 7 days. An assault case between two women in which one bore the marks of the other's hands on her face was up for hearing. The accused was convicted and fined \$5 or 14 days. Rev. R. C. Vivian who has for the past two and a half years worked at St. Anthony Mission, left by last evening's express for the States, where he will spend some time. He expects to take a course in New York Theological College, and also to do work in the interest of the St. Anthony Mission while he is away. You never can tell. The college student with the broadest shoulders isn't always the one who carries off the most honors.

MERCY CONVENT PUPILS HOLD ENTERTAINMENT

Archbishop Roche Distributes Prizes Won During the Year—An Enjoyable Concert Was Rendered by Pupils. The prize-day exercise of the Convent of Mercy Schools, Military Road, took place yesterday afternoon at the Archbishop's Library, before a large attendance of the parents and friends of the pupils, there being also present:—His Grace Archbishop Roche, Right Rev. Mons. McDermott, Revs. Drs. Greene, Kitchin, Carter, Revs. Frs. Pippy, Conway, Goff, Sheehan and many prominent citizens. An excellent concert was given, the pupils acquitting themselves in a manner alike creditable to the youthful performers and their devoted teachers, the good nuns of the Convent. After the opening chorus an address to the archbishop was read by Miss Kitty Harris which was couched in beautiful language and most neatly printed, the work having been done at the Convent. In a brief reply the Archbishop thanked the children for the kindly expressions contained in their address, and congratulated them on the good school record for the year closed, and as well the devoted Sisters, under whose care the moulding of their lives has been placed. The Archbishop expressed the hope that there would be an annual prize day in the future, and that the classes would be as well represented in the prize lists as in the present year. Programme. Chorus—"The Dance from Faust." Address to His Grace—Miss Kitty Harris. Japanese Reception. Recitation—"Home for the Holidays"—Miss B. O'N. Primm. Vocal Solo—"The Old Green Isle,"—Miss M. Ryan. Flag Drill. Recitation—"Morio"—Miss M. McGrath. Vocal Solo—"When the heart was Young"—Miss Mary Harris. Ribbon Drill. Chorus—"Tally Ho." Distribution of Prizes by His Grace the Archbishop.

CLOTHING FOR OUR REGIMENT

Dec. 22nd, 1915. Sir,—I beg to give you herewith copy of Telegram No. 702, of the 21st December, received by His Excellency the Governor from the Secretary of State, regarding clothing for the Newfoundland Contingent in the Mediterranean. This satisfactory message, obtained by Mr. Steel-Maitland, M.P., from the highest authority, disposes of any allegation of preferential treatment. I should be glad if you would kindly give it space in your columns. I have the honor to be, Sir, Your obedient servant, J. R. BENNETT, Colonial Secretary. NO. 702. Code Telegram from Secretary of State. (Received December 21st, 1915) My Telegram, 10th December. Following from Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State for Colonies—begins:—"In reply to enquiry sent at my request the following has been received from General Headquarters Mediterranean Expeditionary Force:—Newfoundland troops have received the same warm clothing at the same time as the other troops in the Corps. BONAR LAW. The S.S. Fogota sails north at 7 p.m., taking a full freight of Christmas goods and a large number of passengers. Freight enough was offered we understand to fill two ships of her size.

THE FATE OF SIR IAN

LONDON, Dec. 21.—Sir Ian Hamilton is not returning to a command in the Near East. If any other duties are assigned him, the announcement will be made in due course. This was the enigmatic reply of Premier Asquith in the House of Commons to-day to members who tried to learn what disposition was to be made of the General, who was formerly in command at the Dardanelles. KRUPP WORKS DESTROYED COPENHAGEN, Dec. 22.—The National Tidende prints the statement of a Dane from Constantinople, that Krupp's armament works, outside Constantinople, has been destroyed by bombs dropped by British airmen.

Spain to Join Fray?

NEW YORK, Dec. 21.—A news agency despatch from Gibraltar to-day says that great significance is attached by British military officers to recent activities among the Spanish forces. An order was issued to-day which authorizes 60,000 Spanish carabineers to surrender their Mauser rifles and to substitute Remingtons of the latest design. A large number of Spanish recruits are constantly training.

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LATEST WAR MESSAGES Wastage of War Is Enormous

LONDON, Dec. 21.—Moving in the Commons for a new vote for an additional million men, Premier Asquith made a general survey of the ever-widening theatre of war and the increasing responsibility placed on this country for providing arms and men. Great Britain, he said, already has a fighting force at various theatres, of 1,250,000 men, and as the wastage is enormous, the country must aim at getting every man of military age who is physically qualified. The Premier pointed out that whatever system was adopted to obtain the services of these men, deductions must be made before it was possible to arrive at the recruitable maximum. He regretted he was unable to give the results of Earl Derby's recruiting system. The figures had not reached him until last night, and the inferences to be drawn required careful attention. Applications to enlist under the Derby plan had been made from distant Hong Kong and Rhodesia.

Turks Claim a Success Suvla Bay

BERLIN, Dec. 21.—A wireless to Sayville says that Constantinople despatches state, that the withdrawal of the British from the Anzac and Suvla Bay districts of Gallipoli Peninsula came as a result of a violent offensive on the part of the Turks, who inflicted heavy losses. According to Constantinople reports, the Turks began a general offensive in all sections at the Dardanelles. The fighting was violent. The Turks began their attack at Anafarta, Suvla Bay, Avi Burnu and Anzac. The enemy launched counter-attacks at Sedd-ul-Bahr on the top of the Peninsula, which were repulsed. The Turkish artillery inflicted heavy losses on the enemy. Turkish soldiers, who had waited for months for this moment, showed immense enthusiasm. Finally the enemy fled from the Turks at Avi Burnu and reached the ocean.

Irish Party Opposes Conscription

LONDON, Dec. 22.—The Irish Party held a meeting in Commons yesterday, John Redmond presiding and affirmed its unshaken adherence to the resolution adopted on June 7th, opposing compulsory military service, adding: "All that has occurred since, more than justifies the attitude then taken by the Irish Party and the magnificent response of the British people to Lord Derby's recruiting campaign. He proved that patriotism in this country can be relied upon to supply by voluntary effort all men necessary to carry war to victorious conclusion." We repeat our resolve to resist by every means in our power any attempt to bring into force a system of compulsory military service.

GERMAN LOSSES ARE ENORMOUS

LONDON, Dec. 22.—Harold J. Tennant, Parliamentary Under Secretary for War, made a statement in the House of Commons to-day that the total number of casualties published in the official lists from Prussia, Saxony, Bavaria, Wurtemberg up to Nov. 30 were 2,524,460. Of this number, Mr. Tennant added, 484,228 men were killed or died of wounds, 354,188 severely wounded, 27,674 died of disease, and 331,419 missing. Naval casualties, he said, were not included in these figures.

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LATEST LONDON REVIEW

LONDON, Dec. 22.—The only additional details of the withdrawal of the British forces from the Gallipoli Peninsula, revealed from British sources today, were those gleaned from Premier Asquith's speech in the House of Commons, which stated the British losses were confined to three men wounded, a few guns abandoned, after being rendered useless, and an insignificant amount of stores, which were left behind. From Turko-German sources, several new details have reached London. An official communication gave the Turkish side of the withdrawal, it being somewhat amplified by a Constantinople despatch, circulated through Berlin wireless. Both these despatches claim there have been enormous British losses along the Sedd-ul-Bahr front and the taking of an immeasurable amount of booty and evacuated positions. From the Turkish account it appears the retirement was aided by a heavy fog, while terrific attacks from Sedd-ul-Bahr positions, which have not been abandoned, provided a feint diversion. Aside from the text of these despatches, no fresh details have been published in London and all London newspapers refrain from speculation regarding the manner of the withdrawal. The situation on the Greek front remains tranquil, although the greatest activity prevails. The Allied camp at the port of Salonika and the proposed entry of Bulgars into Greece with the German army, is at present the subject of diplomatic pour paroles in Athens and the Greek public is more keenly aroused over this matter than at any phase of the situation which hitherto have threatened to precipitate a crisis. The results of the Greek elections are interpreted by the Press as favourable to the former premier, Venizelos as a defeat for the Government, it being declared the returns show that nearly nine-tenths of the electorate followed the adherents of Venizelos in refusing to go to the polls. The possibility of further Zeppelin activity is agitating London, the receipt of a telegram from Ameland, Holland, stating that at twelve o'clock noon to-day an airship passed over North Ameland bound in a westerly direction. Scotland Yard to-night issued a Note warning worshippers that if they desire to hold watch night service, they must take care to observe orders regarding shades on lights in churches, as the possibility of attacks by hostile air-craft at this time of year cannot be disregarded.

THOS. L. WILSON DEAD

OTTAWA, Dec. 22.—Message from New York announces the death there of Thomas L. Wilson, of Ottawa, noted for his discovery of acetylene gas buoy, now used as an aid to navigation all over the world. His most recent discovery was that of chemical fertilizer, for production of which he had received an enormous concession from the Newfoundland Government.

BIG RUSSIAN VICTORY

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Cabinet Crisis In England

NEW YORK, Dec. 22.—A cable to the Tribune from London says that fundamental Government changes may take place in the immediate future if information received to-day is borne out by events. It cannot be denied that political unrest exists in several quarters with the Government. Begun on the first of the month, it has grown to such considerable proportions that it is just about ready to launch its attack on the existing Government. "I learn that at a recent meeting of peers, a considerable number of peers were opposed to Premier Asquith and Sir Edward Grey. They took no formal steps, but a frank and free discussion ruled and the general sentiment was for a change at an early date. While the peers were meeting, Opposition leaders in the Commons were debating the same question. There is no doubt there is much mature intellect in this Government, but little masculine decision. This fatal habit of procrastination on the part of the Government is generally regarded as a new phenomenon, but it is really only an extension of the practice obtaining before the war.

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