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PLAYERS WHO ARE KNOWN IN ST. JOHN

Edward Mawson, Mary Ryan, Florence Webber and Others

FRANCES McHENRY OWNS STOCK

General News of Interest: Jessie Bonstelle May Have New York Season; Joe Lang Dead; Other Items of Stage

Edward Mawson, well known in St. John some years ago, is in the cast of a new play "Under Fire," with William Courtenay, which had its premiere this week in Atlantic City.

Florence Webber, who created so favorable an impression in St. John in "The Climax," being a very talented singer and actress, is at the head of the Manhattan Opera Co., playing a season of summer stock. The opening bill was an old favorite with her, "Naughty Marietta," and scored a hit. Edward Beck, favorably recalled here from the days of the Hobbs Opera Co., is with the company.

Mr. Cohen has put away "The Miracle Man" for good and all because the cities and towns in which it has been tried for three months past were even more indifferent to it than was New York. In some respects it was his best, as it was his quietest work; but the public that seeks his pieces would have none of one in which he forsook his smartness and bustle.

In the newly published year book of the Comedie-Francaise, it appears that the receipts on the two days of the outbreak of war last summer were \$16,414 for July 31, and \$46,800 for August 1. But the announced performance proceeded, and so was "the tradition of the house" maintained.

The stock season inaugurated by the Frances McHenry Players at the Dominion Theatre, Ottawa, promises to put up a record. Miss McHenry, who played in St. John some years ago with Billy Burke, has rented the house, engaged the company to suit her ideas, and personally supervised every detail. Despite the adverse opinion of many who opened in "An Englishman's Home," and proved her managerial aptitude by giving the Ottawa players what appeared to them. Miss McHenry also presented a Scotch comedy and that was rewarded by excellent business and the approbation of the entire city. She is the first stock manager to supply the audience with tea and coffee between the acts on the lines inaugurated by Winthrop Ames, and a special military night is given each week with extra features in the way of music, vocal and instrumental.

"The Last Laugh" is the title of the latest farce by Messrs. Dickey and Goddard, who made those excellent entertainments, "The Misleading Lady" and "The Ghost Breaker." The new play has just been launched for the spring season, with Edward Abeles playing the chief role. The story concerns a great surgeon who has created a monster in the form of a man. It lacks only the breath of life, which he proposes to put into it. His friends fear for his reason if the experiment should fail, so they look for a man to take the place of the monster. To learn what happens then we shall have to wait until "The Last Laugh" finishes its run in Boston. The crude critics of that city show again their faculty for discussing a play of great length without telling what use is made of the basic idea.

Mary Ryan, a former favorite in St. John, is still popular in New York in "On Trial," supporting Frederick Perry. Miss Jessie Bonstelle, now in Buffalo, announces that she has a list of 6,000 subscribers for a season of stock in New York city. She is therefore looking for a theatre centrally located, where she can carry out the plans begun at the spring engagement at the West End.

Mack's Musical Revue has been greatly improved since its last visit, and with some changes among the members of the cast, is brighter than it has ever been. The new comedian, Al Dushington, has scored with his hit. He made his introductory bow to St. John audiences this week, and they seem to have taken a strong liking to him.

Joseph Lang, one of the last old-time minstrels, is dead at his home in Chicago, after an illness lasting more than three years. "Joe" Lang, as he was known to theatre goers throughout the country, had been identified with the management of theatres in Chicago since 1884.

An interesting report is going the rounds of the Rialto, in New York, to the effect that F. Ziegfeld, Jr., will next season become the manager of his wife,

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A VISIT TO THE CHEERFUL FOLK OF AMHERST

(Continued from page 1.)

Amherst is Musical. They are music lovers in Amherst, and one Sunday evening in each month the Baptist church has a song service only. With the exception of Scripture reading and prayer the whole service is musical. Here is last Sunday evening's programme, which was heard by an audience that almost completely filled the

large church, though the evening was very fine, and it was the eve of a holiday—Organ prelude, anthem, by the choir, with solo parts by Mrs. G. E. McClary and E. A. Belding; duet, Mrs. Estey Chapman and E. A. Belding; solo, Mrs. C. C. Black; anthem; solo, James Thomson; duet, Mrs. G. E. McClary and G. R. Shiers; soprano solo, Mrs. G. E. McClary; quartette, Mrs. C. C. Black, Miss Ethel Simpson, H. R. Keith and J. Thomson; solo, G. R. Shiers. In addition there were three hymns in which the congregation joined, and there was Scripture reading and prayer.


Two Newspapers.

There are now two newspapers in Amherst, the Daily News, Conservative, and the Semi-Weekly Guardian, newly started, and Liberal in politics. F. H. S. Paisley, well known to St. John newspaper men and readers, says the Guardian is meeting with much favor, and Editor Ross of the News wears his old

cheery smile. When a political campaign is on, Amherst is one of the hottest corners in Nova Scotia; but when it is over the fierce foremen forget their feud and continue to "boost Amherst."

The German Prisoners.

There are several hundreds of German prisoners interned at the plant of the Malacca Iron Works on the outskirts of Amherst, and if we may trust the opinion of a colored gentleman and a gentleman who talked with a French agent, they are having too good a time. They have comfortable quarters, a very large open space for exercise, good food and regular medical attendance. They have constructed a sort of grand stand upon which perhaps forty or fifty may sit in the sun and look over the fence at passers-by, or survey the landscape. When the Times man saw them on Sunday some were on this elevated place, some were sitting or standing in groups, and some walking vigorously in pairs about the very large yard. Some were singing a patriotic German air. They were variously dressed, some in the white of the tropics, some in sailor uniform, but most in the ordinary clothing of civilians. They have hired a piano, and one who heard it said that the concert they gave last Sunday evening, with about fifty fine voices blending in the music of the great German composers was a revelation. One singer, who was detained when he sought to go home from Mexico to fight for Germany, was the finest tenor the Times informant had ever heard. But there are some faces in the outfit one would not care to encounter in a trench if one were not prepared for the occasion. At each corner of the fence is an elevated sentry box, and an armed guard is always within call of the sentries.



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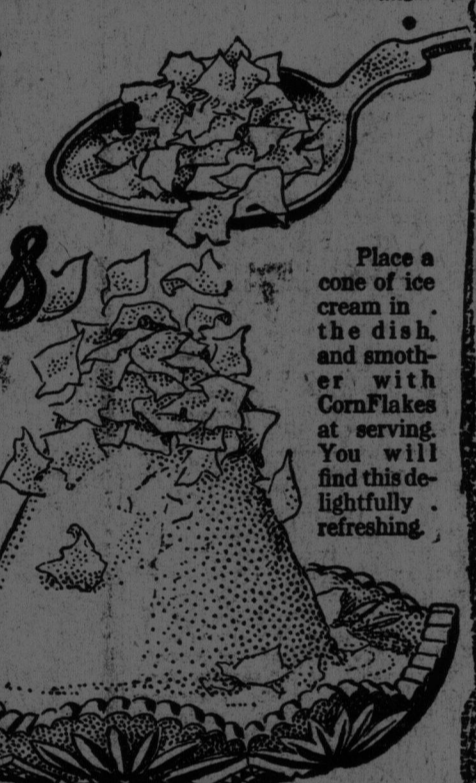
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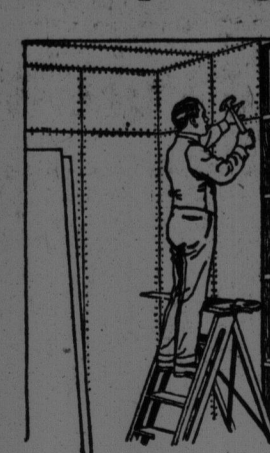
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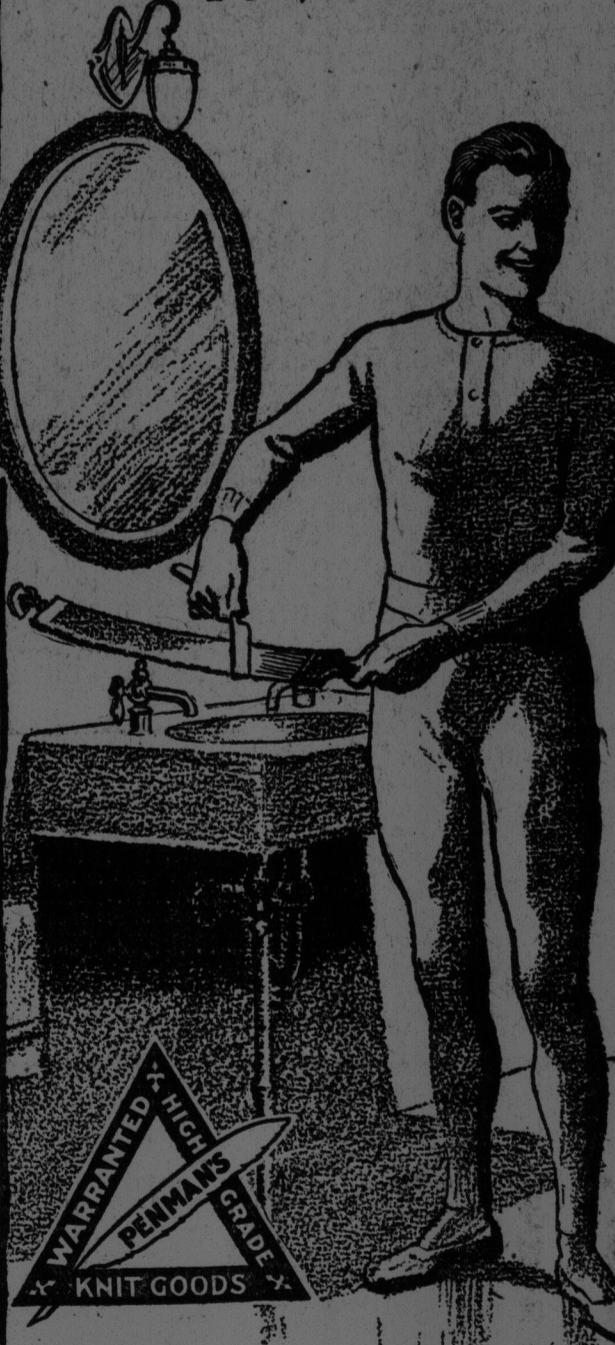
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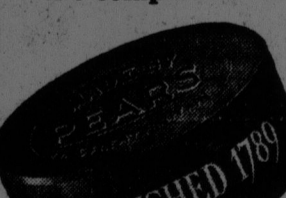
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