

OUR THEATRES

AT THE CRESCENT.
The Crescent Picture Palace presents G. M. Anderson in "A Book Agent's Romance," a two reel comedy drama produced by the Essanay Co. Edward Sloman, Melvin Mayo and Helen Wolcott in "The Embodied Thought," a social drama produced in three reels by the Lubin Photoplay Company. Professor McCarthy plays a new and appropriate programme of music to accompany this great show. Don't miss seeing it.

BEAUTIFUL PICTURES AT ROSSLEYS'
The pictures shown at Rossleys' British Theatre last night were certainly extra good ones and the large audience enjoyed them very much. There is a complete change to-night of others just as good or better, as Mr. Rossley has a new shipment from New York. On Friday night the last competition of the season will take place and there will be a splendid programme. Competitors send names at once, there are a few already. The Christmas production will be a great novelty and something entirely new, never attempted anywhere before with youngsters. Mrs. Rossley has marvelous patience to produce anything so unique.

The S.S. Ellswick Hall, which has been in port the past two weeks for repairs to machinery will resume her run to-day.

"The Liars"

To a large and delighted audience a company of local amateurs last night presented in the Casino theatre one of the best comedies ever rehearsed in St. John's, in "The Liars." The production was given under the patronage of His Excellency the Governor and Lady Davidson, who were present attended by Capt. Riley, M.C., Private Secretary in St. John's, and who last night easily upheld the reputation which each has earned in the past for clever acting and histrionic proficiency. It would seem unfair to make invidious distinction where all departed themselves with such evident perfection, but we cannot refrain from referring to their excellent department, and appreciation of what was due their roles of Mesdames Baxter and Grjeve, Messrs Warren and Bavier and Capt. MacDermott, R.A., Capt. J. J. O'Grady, H. T. Bell, A. Hayward, E. Emerson, Jack Patterson, and Misses Agnes Hayward, Margaret Doyle, Emily Mare and Frances Gosling. The comedy is a most enjoyable one and the cast effective and versatile, and the stage settings and scenic effects were in keeping with the general excellence of the portrayal. The supervision of the production was in the capable hands of Mr. T. H. O'Neill and the orchestra which contributed greatly to the success of the production, was led by Prof. Hutton. "The Liars" will be repeated to-night and should bring to the theatre a capacity audience.

WEDDING BELLS

CAMERON-GARLAND
A pretty wedding took place at the Congregational Church yesterday evening, when Mr. A. C. Cameron of Carbonear led to the altar Miss E. Louise Garland, only daughter of Mr. S. E. Garland, bookseller and stationer, of this city. Rev. W. H. Thomas, pastor of the church, tied the nuptial knot and the bride, who entered the church, leaning on the arm of her father, was attractively gowned and carried a bouquet. She was attended by Miss Violet Parsons. The groom was supported by Pte. Walter Joyce, of the Newfoundland Regiment. The immediate friends of the contracting parties were present at the ceremony. A wedding breakfast was later held at the residence of the Bride's parents, Bond St., when the health of the newly wedded pair was honoured. Mr. and Mrs. Cameron then motored to Topsail, where the honeymoon will be spent. The presents received were many and handsome and both received congratulatory telegrams from friends residing outside the city. The Mail and Advocate extends congratulations.

STEAD-BURDEN.

On Thursday, Dec. 7th, Miss Lizzie Stead, a well-known customer of this city, and Mr. Albert Burden, of Salvage, B.B., were united in the Holy Bonds of Matrimony at the Church of St. Andrew Cathedral. The Rev. J. Stead, brother of the bride, performed the ceremony. The bride, who was nicely attired in a costume of blue velvet and hat to match, was given away by her brother-in-law, Mr. Harry Butler, and was attended by Miss Elsie Stead, her sister. Mr. W. Gort of the Postal Department acted as best man. Only the immediate relatives of the contracting parties were present. After the ceremony an enjoyable evening and a reception was held at Mrs. H. Butler's, sister of the bride, and where the health of the bride and groom were toasted. Mr. and Mrs. Burden left by yesterday's (Sunday's) express for Salvage, their future home.

CORRESPONDENT.

December 4th., 1916.
Pte. Phil Jensen will deliver a lecture at Wesley Church at 8 p.m. tomorrow, when a collection will be taken on for the Cot Fund.

VARIA

BY GALE

AUSTRIA'S NEW RULER: WHAT WILL HE DO?

THE death of the Emperor Francis Joseph is without doubt going to have far-reaching influence in the world of diplomacy; and already speculations regarding the policy of his successor are finding their way into publicity. A well-informed student of European politics, Cunliffe-Owen, asks in a recent number of The New York Times: "What will the new Emperor do?"

Briefly, he sums up the situation as follows: "Charles Francis, Austria's new ruler, is not likely to be influenced by the Kaiser of Germany as was his grand-uncle, Francis Joseph. The latter was without doubt hypnotized by Wilhelm; and frequently within the past few years many of the Austrian Ministers endeavored to arrest the unintentional subordination of the views of the aged Emperor to those of his friend from Berlin."

The new Emperor has managed to keep aloof from the influence of the Potsdam Butcher; for it is well known that Charles Francis views the endeavors of the Kaiser to play a preponderant role in Austria-Hungary with resentment and his usurpations of authority in the Dual Empire with indignation. Perhaps the most striking indication given by Emperor Charles Francis of his feelings with regard to Wilhelm II. and to Germany was when last summer he invited Count Leopold Berchtold to be the Grand Master of his household; for it was an unprecedented thing to offer a statesman with the rank of Count, who had been Minister of Foreign Affairs, and virtual Chancellor of the Dual Empire such a position. This act was construed to mean that the heir-presumptive to the throne (as he then was) desired to have Count Berchtold by his side, not so much as Grand Master of his household, but rather as his principal political adviser and as his mentor in statecraft.

Charles Francis was clever enough to realize that he needed counsel of this kind in view of the manner in which he had been treated by his uncle, the Archduke Francis Ferdinand, whose death at the hands of a Serbian assassin, precipitated the War. It was a surprise to everybody that he should have chosen Count Berchtold for the purpose; for the latter, only a year before, had insisted on resigning the direction of the foreign policy of the Empire, owing to his variance with the views of the people at Berlin. He resented the attempts of Kaiser Wilhelm to dictate not only the military but also the diplomatic policies of the Dual Empire and regarded the tendency of the late Emperor to submit to the direction of Germany as intolerable.

It is also no secret that in the early part of 1915, before Italy had joined in the fray, Charles Francis was strongly in favor of the Dual Empire concluding peace—a separate peace if necessary but at all costs peace—foreseeing nothing but ruin and disaster for Austria-Hungary if the conflict were continued. There can be no doubt that Austria-Hungary would be better off to-day if he had had his way especially as Italy was still neutral at the time, and did not throw down the gauntlet to Austria until several months later. In those days Austria's secession from Germany would have been even still more welcomed by the Entente Powers. She would in all probability have been followed by Bavaria and the other South German States.

In that event the Kaiser, left alone with his Prussians to face the Allies would have been forced to throw up the sponge, and the war would have been brought to a close. It is now known that the Entente Powers would have met Austria and the South Germans half way, their principal bitterness being directed against the Prussians. These conditions still prevail, though in a lesser degree. They have, however, been complicated by the appearance of Italy and Rumania, each of which will require territorial compensation for the aid they have given the Allies. Rumania will demand the Hungarian Province of Transylvania, and Italy the Trentino, Trieste, and part of the Adriatic Coast.

Herzegovina and Bosnia would, of course go to Serbia, while Rus-

sia would probably be content with a portion of Galicia, and the Duchy of Bukovina, finding her principal compensation in Germany.

Emperor Charles Francis and his chief adviser, Count Berchtold, are both known to be fully alive to the advantage to be derived, even now, from a separate peace with the Entente Powers. They know that if they continue the struggle to the end, the terms imposed upon the Dual Empire will be much more onerous than they would be at present. If, on the other hand, the improbable were to happen, and the Kaiser win, then Austria and Hungary would be committed to a military, political, and economic policy which would be actually servitude to Berlin and absolute dependence upon orders of the House of Hohenzollern. This was scarcely a pleasant prospect.

What the conditions would be in the Dual Empire in the event of the Kaiser's victory, may be gathered from the proposals submitted some days ago by Dr. Dernburg to the leading bankers and merchants of Vienna, and especially in Budapest. When he presented to the heads of the leading shipping, banking, mercantile, and industrial concerns of the Dual Empire a Berlin scheme making it a condition of export and import never to use British ships or British agents, and never to have any dealings with British firms or with British and French bankers after the restoration of peace, he received an intimation that the concerns in question could not dream of tying themselves up for the sole benefit of Germany.

The Dual Empire really has far more to win by Germany's defeat than by her victory. The latter spells servitude to Berlin, from which the only escape would be by means of another war; whereas the success of the Powers of the Entente would mean the emancipation of the Dual Empire from Teuton political, military and economic bondage.

Austria can have peace now if Emperor Charles Francis and Count Berchtold are able to put into execution what are known to be their views. While they may be opposed by the so-called war party in Vienna, working in unison with Berlin, there is no doubt that any move which they may make in the direction of a separate peace will have the strong support of the people at large and of every class of society in all parts of the Dual Empire.

The Prussians have always been hated there. To-day they are execrated for all the ruin and disaster by which both Austria and Hungary have been overwhelmed, while the action of the Berlin Government in forcing the Dual Empire to supply Prussia with grain and cattle, leaving the peasantry of the Dual Empire to starve and reducing the laboring classes to destitution, has brought the lieges of Emperor Charles Francis to the verge of revolution. All Austrians and Hungarians would hail with relief and satisfaction a separate peace to-day, no matter at what cost.

It should be understood that none of the Allies desires the obliteration of Austria-Hungary as a European Power. Her existence is indispensable to the international equilibrium of the Old World.

It is not the first time that Austria has been beaten in war; for her defeats have been numerous. Yet she has survived them all. Other powers may go under as the result of defeat in the present international conflagration; but not so Austria; and to-day, what was said of the Hapsburg Monarchy by Napoleon III. after the Battle of Solferino, in 1859—"that the rulers of Austria were the only ones in the world who, after a crushing defeat and overwhelming disaster in war, would be welcomed back to their capital by their people with as much enthusiasm as if they had returned crowned with the laurels of victory"—still holds good.

We may be prepared for singular developments in the war situation at any moment now.

FOR FISH EXPORTERS.

The following was posted yesterday at the Board of Trade Rooms from the Colonial Secretary:

"Sir,—I have the honour to acquaint you, for the information of the members of the Board of Trade that His Excellency the Governor is in receipt of a cablegram from the Secretary of State for the Colonies, under date of 3rd inst., which directs detention of all Greek ships, and of all ships carrying cargoes for Greece, except those of Allied forces at Salonika. As a result of this direction from the Secretary of State, no further shipments of codfish to Greece will be allowed."

Correct Eye Witness

(To the Editor)

Dear Sir,—Please allow me space in your much read paper to make a few remarks on what appeared in the paper a short time ago, concerning a Pie Sociable, which was held here in November. The letter was signed "Eye Witness," giving names or at least trying to give them of girls who carried pies on that night. Now, if Eye Witness wanted to send to the paper about the Pie Sociable why did not he or she get the whole rights of it before sending, it would have saved a lot of trouble and it would not have made such a fool of him or herself. I was one chosen by the members of the W. P. A. to take the responsibility of that night, so according as the pies were brought into the hall I wrote down the names of those that brought them. There was thirty-three pies that night, not eighteen as Eye Witness said. Now I will give their names:—

Mrs. Mark Ploughman, Mrs. William Bannister, Mrs. J. J. Day, Mrs. Isabella Bailey, Mrs. William Bailey, Mrs. James Plowman, Mrs. Willis Butler, Mrs. William Barbour, Mrs. Thomas Randall, Mrs. Walter Randall, Mrs. Joseph Randall, Misses Minnie Pittman, Calista Pittman, Mary Jane Randall, Louie Randall, Annie V. Bannister, Lucy Vivian, Janie Plowman, Sarah Plowman, Susie Brown, Annie Bailey, Isadora Bannister, Mary E. Cook, Bessie J. Randall, Ethel Bailey, Bessie Bailey, Lillian Plowman, Mary J. Plowman, Eloise Randall, Ethel Butler, Mary E. Bailey, Mary Fifield, Maggie Butler, Sophie Plowman 60c, Mrs. William White 1.00.

These are the names of those that brought pies not forgetting our doorkeepers, Mr. Walter Randall; the doorkeepers, Mr. Thomas Randall and Henry Plowman; our teacher, Mr. Robert Plowman; also Marcus Randall, Stephen Day and Norman Butler, who spent their afternoon with us in helping to get ready for the dance and Pie Sociable.

If Eye Witness gave credit to one who didn't he or she give credit to all. If it is credit and praise they are after.

Not forgetting to thank Mrs. William White for the oil she so kindly gave to us.

I hope I have not said anything to offend Eye-Witness but next time he or she write anything to the paper, give the whole story not half of it. Eye Witness could not have been there at all that night, it was only what some one else told Eye Witness said to him or herself I will send that to the Mail and Advocate, so sat to work and wrote down something. Now Eye Witness if I am wrong in anything I would be very thankful if you will answer me.

I also forgot to thank Mr. Isaac Butler who acted as treasurer and thanking you for your kind space,

Yours truly,
MISS A. M. BUTLER,
Port Rexton, Dec. 5, 1916.

STORM ON WEST COAST

Last evening and night it was very stormy on the West Coast and as a result of the high wind the trains on that section were prevented from running. The express with the Sagona's mail was held all day at Port aux Basques, not getting away until 4.30 a.m. to-day. In the city it became stormy early this morning, with a gale of S.E. wind and heavy rain.

OBITUARY

MRS. ALEXANDER SAUNDERS

It is with feelings of sincere regret we record the death of Mrs. Ellen Saunders, wife of Mr. Alexander J. Saunders, agent for the Reid Nfld. Co. at Whitbourne, which sad event occurred at her home yesterday after a brief illness. The deceased lady was born in St. John's and was the eldest daughter of the late Conductor Stephen Howlett and was well and favorably known all over the city. She is survived by a husband, four children, mother and two sisters, to whom the Mail and Advocate extends its sympathy.

Lodge Dudley Annual Meeting

The annual meeting of Lodge Dudley S.O.E., took place last night at Victoria Hall, when the business of the year was concluded and the election of officers took place. The election was conducted by Past President T. F. Thompson, the scrutineers being P.P.'s Williams, Pope and Bro. J. Naoman. The following were elected: W.P.—W. P. Butler. V.P.—W. T. Quick. V.P.—E. A. Crowther. Chap.—J. Hemmans. R. Sec'y.—C. W. Udle, P.P. F. Sec'y.—Wilson Clarke. Treas.—G. P. Hutchings, P.P. 1st. Guide—R. Pike. 2nd. Guide—C. Puddeter. 3rd. Guide—Jno. Bishop. 4th. Guide—R. Ivamy. 5th. Guide—E. Arnot. 6th. Guide—W. Escott. J. G.—M. Spurrell. O. G.—W. Thistle. Lodge Surgeon—Dr. Anderson. Organist.—M. Colton. Trustees—P. P.'s Collier, McCoubrey and Andrews. Auditors—Bros. P.P. Pope, Naoman and Ebsary.

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"A DOUBLE HEADER"

We notice all the city papers fell into the same error in wrongly giving the position of the German raider.

The ship was seen 500 miles north of the Azores and latitude and longitude were given. All the papers printed as they received the message, which inverted the order in which nautical terms are properly read. In this message longitude came first, 48 deg. 45 min. west; latitude 27 degrees, 55 min. north. This would give the position of the raider no indeed north of the Azores, but east of the coast of Florida.

This may be called a "double-headed" mistake and it is more than strange that our editors who live by the sea should have committed the blunder.

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