

OUR THEATRES

THE NICKEL. "Once a Thief" is the title of a beautiful drama to be shown at the Nickel Theatre to-day.

THE CRESCENT.

This week-end programme at the Crescent Picture Palace is immense. Joseph Kilgour and Julia Swamy Gordon are presented in a wonderful Broadway star feature.

STOP THE MOTORS.

Despite the regulations as to lights being shown after dark, motor cars were in evidence last night with their lights up.

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Heavy is the Price We Pay

The past few days have been ones of sorrow and gloom in Newfoundland because of the loss of brave sons, heroes who undaunted and unafraid, went out in the hey day of youth and strength to fight the common foe of humanity.

The vicissitudes and dangers inseparable from this most terrible of wars have been brought home to us here in St. John's with startling suddenness of late.

When it was announced yesterday that the Hero of Caribou Hill, Capt. Donnelly, was no more universal sorrow was evident.

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Weekly Meeting Civic Board

The Mayor presided and all the Councillors were present at last night's meeting.

In the plans submitted of protected repairs to property on Lime St. by F. Maynard, further details must be given.

I. G. Sullivan wrote to the effect that he was not satisfied with the promiscuous showing of lights by the Council's employees who are nightly testing the water mains.

E. S. Pineson, for the Masonic Hall Joint Stock Company, asked permission to make repairs.

Referred to the Engineer. P. Malone asked that the embankment at the foot of Kenna's Hill be removed.

The Engineer will report. G. Hatcher, Pleasant Street, complained that a resident of the street occasionally threw slop water in his door way.

The Inspector will be asked to make enquiries. S. G. Collier asked that a few loads of clay be spread near the west end cemetery.

Will be attended to. The Standard Manufacturing Company objected to importation of paints for city work, when they had to pay taxes, and as well their employees, who are paid by the Company yearly about \$20,000.

The Company will be looked after in the future, and a recent order to a foreign concern will be cancelled. Residents of McKay Street asked that a light be removed to some other place.

Not considered. D. Cook, York Street, informed the Council that he would connect his house with the sewer next spring.

P. Myron, Pennywell Road, asked for sewerage connection, under the Small Homes' Act.

Mr. Myron will have to instal connection at his own expense. W. Collingwood asked permission to build a watchhouse on Newman's Wharf, which request was granted.

D. and A. Smallwood were given permission to build a henery, they to comply with city regulations. K. Knowling can build concrete sidewalk, Duckworth Street, under the Engineer's supervision.

J. Connolly, Lower Battery, asked permission to repair house. Referred to the Engineer.

Charles Pretty, Battery Road, also asked permission to repair house. The Engineer will deal with the application.

P. Berrigan forwarded plans of proposed dwellings, Theatre Hill, which were approved.

Tenders for the removal of the "Coffin House" were opened, and the contract was awarded Mr. J. Brennan.

The Health Office complained of the sanitary condition of the grounds near C. of E. Cemetery. The matter will be attended to.

Stephano's Crew Home Again

Yesterday by the Banan there arrived from New York 2nd. Officer James and Steward Snow, and by the Kyle's express the crew of the ill-fated Red Cross Liner Stephano.

In speaking to the men after arrival they said that it was to them an unique and more or less uncanny experience to be summarily ordered from their ship under the guns of the Hun submarine.

The underwriter craft appeared shortly before 6 p.m. on Sunday the 8th, when the Stephano, bound from St. John's via Halifax to New York, was about five miles east of Nantucket lightship, about 47 miles off the three-mile limit and 105 miles from Newport.

When the submarine appeared four shots were fired across the ship's bow and by Capt. Smith's orders all the boats were in the water by 6.15 p.m., and all the passengers and crew were in line, except Capt. Smith, Second Officer James, Chief Engineer Fernandez, Serend Engineer Coffey, Marconiman Hansen and Steward Snow.

They waited until a motor launch from an American Destroyer took them off, as it was too difficult to launch two other boats remaining on board. Capt. Smith was the last to leave the ship.

On the destroyer they boarded were 64 of the crew and passengers, 96 having been put on board another U. S. warship and taken to Newport, the ship on which the officers were standing by the Stephano till she disappeared.

The submarine began shelling the liner at 9.45 and by 10 p.m. had put 30 4-inch shells in her starboard side. The ship, however, remained afloat with all lights showing on her, when a torpedo was discharged at here, there was a heavy explosion and this fine vessel sunk beneath the waves at 10.05.

Shortly after the Hun was seen to send out flash-light signals in the worse code, but the American officers could not translate them and they were evidently for the benefit of another submarine. What was believed to have been the periscope of another submarine was seen at some distance, but the destroyers could not locate it.

The men, when on the destroyer, could plainly see the submarine when she went for the "Blommersdyke" to take off her crew. The ship was blown up by explosives placed on board, went down by the stern and her bow now shows above the Nantucket shoals.

A search party from the sub. went through the ship before she was sunk and hauled down the Union Jack flying at the bow and the ensign at the stern and the ship went under with the American flag flying at the foremost head.

The men say they were exceedingly well treated at the Newport Naval Barracks, which they and the passengers reached early Monday morning; the conduct of the passengers was worthy of all praise, the officers got them safely away in the boats, there was no panic, each was provided with a life belt and the women and children were looked after first.

Nothing out of the ordinary was known on the Stephano until about 4 p.m. Sunday, when news of the sinking of the "West Point" was received. They had no knowledge of the U-53 being at Newport News and the U. S. torpedo boats seen were believed to be out at practice.

The submarine was not noticed till she left the side of the Blommersdyke, which it was thought for a while was the supply ship. Capt. Smith sent out wireless messages that he had 47 Americans on board, when the first shots were fired, and the stars and stripes were run and a destroyer came between the submarine and Stephano to save passengers and crew.

There was no possibility of getting away from the sub. to run to the three-mile limit. All the crew were exceedingly sorry to see the fine ship, in which they took so much pride, the victim of the ruthlessness of the Germans.

CHURCH OF ENGLAND CATHEDRAL. Owing to the lighting regulations, the late Evening Services will be discontinued until further notice.

W. CHARLES WHITE, Rector. GLOUCESTER SCHOONER ASHORE. Mr. A. W. Picot, Minister of Marine and Fisheries had a wire to-day saying that the schooner "Senator," owned by Cunningham and Thompson, of Gloucester, had gone ashore at Port aux Basques.

The message was from the owners and he wired back for more particulars. The "Viola May" which discharged salt here to Smith Coy., and was docked for repairs at Hr. Grace, is due here to-day to be laden with fish by the Smith Coy for Europe.

The Darkening Of the Town

(To the Editor) Sir,—I very much approve the same editorial in yesterday's issue of your paper respecting the closing of the port and the putting out of lights.

It seems ridiculous in the extreme to put out lights in the town and to put a bar across the entrance to the harbour that is very easily broken, as Capt. Kean proved.

What is the big idea? Do the ones responsible for the regulation fear an invasion from the sea. Then if this be so, they had better consult some of our mariners if the darkness of the town is sufficient to keep out an invading ship.

He is a very stupid mariner who could not find his way into this port even though the night be black as Erebus, providing it be not foggy.

Are the authorities that be, in fear of an air raid, then they might know that the darkening of the city can afford no protection. If there are any objects that an enemy might think it worth while to destroy such objects are along the water front.

An airman could fly low enough here to see every outline of our water front clearly silhouetted against the water's edge. Lights or no lights would make very little difference to him.

In view of these facts it seems stupid to enforce such regulations as sit down upon this unfortunate town. Hysteria seems to have laid a heavy hand upon some people here.

They are to see how daffy, or are they just trying to see how far they can impose upon us, that are said to be "too green to burn."

A. ENGLISH. St. John's, Oct. 20, 1916. FOR SALE. Schooner "UNION CLUB," 29 tons, built by J. West & Sons in 1913, constructed for bounty, sails as good as new; also new running gear and ground tackle.

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A Denial From Capt. Geo. Carty

1st Nfld. Regt. Headquarters, St. John's, Nfld. Oct. 20th, 1916.

Sir,—In your issue of last evening Mr. W. H. Jackman writes a letter giving details of a conversation which he overheard in the Casino Theatre.

In this letter Mr. Jackman credits me with having made the following statement: "It was reported that this same Robinson had made the remark that 'it was good enough for the Newfoundlanders; all they were fit for was to be shot.'"

I beg to say that no such statement was made by me. Yours faithfully, GEORGE T. CARTY, Capt. 1st Nfld. Regt.

A GAS EXPLOSION, MAN'S NARROW ESCAPE. At 11.15 to-day while Chas. Roberts was down in a cut tapping the big gas main opposite the eastern end of the Seaman's Institute on Water Street, there was a sudden explosion and instantly flames shot from the hole about seven feet in the air.

The large volume of gas escaping from the main became in some unaccountable manner alight and but for the quick work of Mr. P. F. Moore, Roberts might have been terribly burned, while others were momentarily rendered active by the explosion.

Mr. Moore took in the situation at a glance and running to the edge of the cut drew Roberts out of it with his clothing blazing like a torch. This was soon quenched and a telephone message sent to the Gas Works from the Institute and caused the shutting off of the gas through the residue in the pipe, which blazed for a considerable time after Roberts was burned slightly about the hands, but had not Mr. Moore acted as he did the man would have suffered terrible injury.

The S.S. Banan arrived here yesterday afternoon from New York direct after a run of five days. Her commander is Capt. Amundsen and the ship is a fine freight carrier. She had fairly fine weather on the run to port and brought a full freight. There came as passengers, Second Mate James and Chief Steward Snow of the lost Stephano.

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LOCAL ITEMS

The Prospero left Wesleyville at 10.50 a.m. to-day, going north. The Portia left Curling for Bonnet Bay at 9.10 this a.m.

The funeral of the late Wm. Cook will take place to-morrow at 2.30 p.m. from his late residence Water St. The Smith Coy. Ltd. are loading the "Lady St. John" and the "Yrsa" for Europe.

The S.S. Erik arrived here to James Balrd, Ltd. this morning, coal-laden after a run of 42 hours from Sydney. The schr. Francis Smith arrived to Crosbie & Co. yesterday coal laden from Sydney after a good run.

Eight fine husky young fellows, from Grand Falls, arrived by the express yesterday to enlist, and will be medically examined to-day. A magisterial enquiry into the fire at Ayre & Sons will be held this afternoon before Mr. J. McCarthy, J.P.

The schr. A. V. Conrad, Capt. Bartlett, arrived at Gibraltar yesterday, after a run of 22 days with fish shipped by the Smith Coy., Ltd. The Meigle and Glencoe which were held up at Port aux Basques owing to the firemen's strike will likely get away to-day, as some non-union firemen have been sent along by train to join them.

The volunteers had Swedish and other exercises in the armory yesterday forenoon. In the afternoon the men had a route march and did quick work over difficult country. Rifle practice was engaged in at night in the armory.

The men of the Stephano who arrived here yesterday by the S.S. Banan and the Kyle's express, say they lost all their clothing and effects when the ship was sunk. Purser Snow saved the manifests and ship's papers and considerable money before leaving the ship and was complimented by the agents, C. T. Bowring & Co. of New York.

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