

Good Things Coming to Theatres of St. John

IMPERIAL'S HALIFAX BENEFIT COMMENCES

Big Bill For Tonight and Tuesday
—Pauline Frederick and Relucting Vaudeville—One Show Tonight

The week of benefit shows for the sufferers in Halifax commenced at the Imperial this afternoon. The opening bill is an especially strong one. Pauline Frederick is to be the star of the Paramount feature, "Double Crossed," one of Eva Ussell's impassioned society dramas and the vaudeville specialties will include an instrumental quartette, a duo of rapid-fire gabblers and a dancing team. Pathe British Gazette opens every programme.

This evening there will be only one show, as advertised, because of the big mass meeting in Liberal interests to be addressed by Hon. Sydney Fisher and others. Therefore the Imperial will show from 7 to 9 only. However, those buying tickets for the Halifax benefit programme—in fact the benefit lasts all week—will be nicely seated for the speeches after 9 o'clock.

The people of St. John should make this a bumper week at the Keith house. Every cent of the ticket money taken goes to Halifax. The expenses will be paid by the Keith people out of their private funds. A person attending the Imperial during the week gives his or her admission money directly to the sufferers without any deductions or percentage shrinkage.

The programmes are corking good ones. Pauline Frederick and vaudeville today, Elkie Ferguson in "Barbery Sheep" and a new list of vaudeville Wednesday, George Beban and serial story Friday and Saturday with new vaudeville again Saturday as well. So you see it's going to be a wonderful week for changes of bill with some new ideas injected as the week goes by.

BEST OF VAUDEVILLE FOR YOU AT GEM; ACTS VERY SUPERIOR

The Gem in its new programme has some of the best vaudeville seen in St. John. It is far above the ordinary run, refined, brilliant, full of fun and clever in every phase. Don't miss seeing Miss Bertie Fowler and Graham. "Rational or you will have lost a notable treat. The picture is "A Soldier's Oath" with the famous Wm. Farnum in the leading role. A big picture story. Come in tonight at 7.15 and 8.45.

ONE SHOW AT THE OPERA HOUSE TONIGHT

One show only at the Opera House tonight, starting promptly at 7.30. Picture of good vaudeville and Eddie Polo in The Gray Ghost.

LOCAL NEWS

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Jassy, Roumanian, Dec. 8.—It is understood that an armistice between the German and Roumanian forces, taking in also the Russians on the Roumanian front, has been agreed upon.

BODY OF BABY FOUND.
Coroner F. L. Kenny told a Times reporter this afternoon that he is investigating the case of a new born babe found dead off Havelock street, but had not yet decided whether or not an inquest was necessary.

At the Rotary Club today President Gunter and Vice-president Estabrook reported on the visit to Halifax. The club will render all assistance possible. Dr. Farris gave a most important address on Tuberculosis, with special reference to conditions in St. John.

WON QUILT.
Mrs. J. R. Lock, 71 Mecklenburg street, recently won a beautiful work quilt in a drawing held under the auspices of East St. John Soldiers' Comforts Circle, at the home of Mrs. James Foley. The sum of \$47.10 was realized to purchase soldiers' comforts.

NO SUBMARINE
Montreal, Dec. 10.—The mystery of the strange looking craft, "apparently a large submarine in tow of a steamer," reported off the Nova Scotia coast, has been solved, in the opinion of shipping men, in the news of the safe arrival of the "Sir Hugh Allan," official craft of the Montreal harbor commissioners. The "Allan" with an oil tanker in tow arrived at Halifax some time before the explosion.

DEATHS

MALLISTER.—In this city, at the residence of her daughter, Mrs. John Colwell, 140 Victoria street, Sarah Ann, widow of James Mallister, aged ninety-one years and seven months, leaving five sons, one daughter and one sister to mourn.

The body will be taken to Chipman on Tuesday morning for burial.

HUTCHINS.—In this city on December 9, 1917, Alice J., widow of George G. Hutchins of Boston, Mass., in her ninety-fourth year.

Funeral on Tuesday afternoon at 2.30 o'clock from the residence of her niece, Mrs. G. B. Thomas, 188 Queen street.

BRITTAIN.—Suddenly, on December 9, at her home, 8 King street, West St. John, Isabella Brittain, leaving one son and two sisters to mourn.

Funeral private; no flowers by request.

PEARL WHITE NEXT

"The Neglected Wife" and "The Double Cross" to a close, and the management of the Star Theatre.



PEARL WHITE—Pathé Star

North End, has therefore arranged for two more Pathe serials to commence the first of the year. A Pearl White serial to replace "The Double Cross" and "The Neglected Wife" will be replaced by another continued story will replace "The Neglected Wife." Watch the newspapers from now on.

EVELYN NESBIT AT THE LYRIC TODAY

One of the most successful film stories of the season opens a week's engagement at the Lyric today. Redemption, with Evelyn Nesbit and her son Russell Thaw playing the lead roles. In view of the fact that this is a film representation of Evelyn Nesbit's life story the interest which the feature arouses is readily understood. See adv. for details.

To Cure a Cold in One Day
Take LAXATIVE BROMO QUININE Tablets. Druggists refund money if it fails to cure. E. W. GROVES' signature is on each box—50c.

THE MEN WHO WILL CONDUCT THE INQUIRY

Montreal, Dec. 10.—The personnel of the board of inquiry to determine the cause of the disaster at Halifax is: Judge A. Drysdale, admiralcy secretary, supreme court of Nova Scotia; Captain W. H. Ross, R. C. N., and Captain L. A. Demers, government wreck commissioner. W. A. Henry of Halifax will be counsel. Sessions are expected to start tomorrow.

NOTES OF HALIFAX DISASTER

Mrs. J. Roy Mills of 122 Victoria street, was greatly relieved this morning on receiving a telegram from her sister, Miss Elita J. Hunter, of Halifax, saying that she and her family were safe.

Mrs. Gordon Parlee, of 27 Barker street, has received a telegram from Mr. Parlee's people, who reside in Halifax, saying that they are all safe.

The Retail Merchants' Association, through its president, A. O. Skinner, has wired the Nova Scotia Association asking what help it can best render at this time.

Mrs. George Palmer of 186 Duke street, West St. John, has received a telegram from her uncle, James Hillis, owner of the Richmond Foundry, Halifax, stating that Frank Hillis, general manager, and Bert Hillis, wife and two children are dead. Mr. Hillis has also met with great loss of property, the foundry and a block known as the Hillis Block, in Richmond, and a large hardware store in Hollis street being entirely wiped out. Mr. Hillis' private residence in Coburg Road is all that is left. Miss Mabel Simpson of West St. John is also a niece of Mr. Hillis.

A special train that passed through St. John yesterday carried six representatives of the Mother Church of Christ, Science, Boston, with \$10,000 to spend for relief work and more to be added, the delegation to remain as long as they deemed it necessary, to render the fullest assistance possible.

John Prossman, proprietor of the Royal Billiard Parlors returned to the city yesterday after visiting the scene of the Halifax disaster.

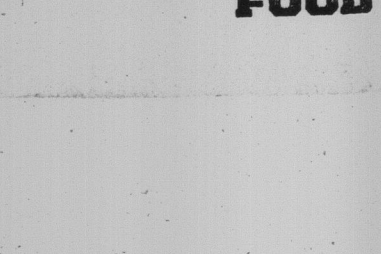
Chief Inspector Busby of the customs department has arrived at Halifax from Ottawa to take charge of the customs department. He has instructions to deliver without entry to the different committees all hospital and relief supplies from the United States.

Relief parties continued to pour into Halifax today, the New York, Toronto, Montreal, Rhode Island and Fredericton hospitals and help units arriving about the same time. The steady rush of relief workers is causing some confusion.

There is some hope that a quarter of the 2,000 missing in Halifax will yet be found alive.

Overseas Mail.
Ottawa, Ont., Dec. 9.—Reports that large quantities of overseas mail had been destroyed by the Halifax explosion are not confirmed.

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BLADE IS KEEN; TEMPER TRUE

U. S. Secretary Daniels Speaks of Drawing Sword

Washington, Dec. 9.—To a young officer, commanding the first division of American destroyers to reach the war zone when the United States entered the world war, Secretary Daniels turns in his annual report, made public today, to find the war slogan of the naval service. Asked by the British admiral to whom he reported when his ships would be ready for work against the submarines after the long voyage, the officer replied:

"We are ready now."

"That was not the language of boasting," Mr. Daniels says in describing the incident. "It was the prophecy and pledge of our service with those fighting in a common cause."

"During peaceful years the navy has been quietly but steadily perfecting itself to meet the time of war. Now the hour has come when it is preparing to draw its sword. Our sword is drawn, and no one will dispute that the blade is keen and free from rust and its temper true."

"While I may not speak in detail of the greater naval operations, it may be stated that the record is one of increasing power, of developing resources and of co-operative achievement which the American people may well survey with national pride. While the details of what we have done and how we have done it must wait until it is permissible to spread them upon public record, this summary may be given to our people."

"In the navy we have prepared for, and have met the duties of the present war. We are preparing for and are confident we will be able to meet any call for greater duties, for more exacting responsibilities. The best way to secure this during peace is to prepare unceasingly, night and day, for the winning of the war, whether it be long or short. This we have done; this we are doing and this we will continue to do."

For the coming year Mr. Daniels proposes a naval budget of \$1,039,666,592 which is an increase of \$100,000,000 over the fiscal year 1917. He points out, however, that appropriations for the last fiscal year totalled \$1,442,732,595 for the navy and for a thirteen month period \$1,908,410,590. Congress provided, however, he says, and legislature for the navy with vision and wisdom.

"This was done, too," he adds, "in the broadest spirit of national patriotism by members of all political parties."

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HER TEAM THROUGH ICE; WOMAN THROWN INTO KENNEBECASIS

Mrs. Pettigill of Goudal Point is critically ill at her home from the effects of a submersion in the icy waters of the Kennebecasis river on Saturday. She was crossing the ice from Routham when her horse and sled broke through. How she managed to scramble back to safety is a mystery for both the horse and sled sank. Although badly chilled Mrs. Pettigill was able to continue across the ice on foot and reached her home without further mishap.

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J. Marcus, 30 Dock St.

The Christmas season is here again, and you will no doubt be looking for appropriate gifts for members of your family and friends.

There are very few things just as good as furniture for Xmas gifts. This year we are well stocked with all the useful and pretty pieces that are inexpensive and yet are very much appreciated.

See Our Gifts for the Kiddies!

MORE SUPPLIES HERE ARRANGED FOR THE MAYOR IS HOME

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was named, consisting of Robert Cathwood T. J. O'Rourke and Mrs. McKiel. Mr. Cathwood will be at the hall today to receive contributions.

A finance committee to interview citizens for monetary aid was appointed as follows: W. E. Gunter, Wm. Golding, John T. O'Brien, T. J. O'Rourke, Harry B. Tippet and H. M. Stout, with power to add.

In order to add to the funds quickly, so that children's boots and rubbers, which are most urgently required, could be purchased, Mr. O'Rourke offered the use of Gaiety Theatre Thursday evening. The generous offer was accepted and Mr. O'Rourke and H. P. Alling and Mr. Cathwood were appointed a programme committee. The ladies present decided to use the Orange hall (upstairs), also donated for the occasion, on the same night to hold a fancy goods fair. Miss Mary O'Brien, Mrs. McKiel, Mrs. Stewart Nelson, Mrs. Harris, Mrs. A. E. Cox and Miss Thea McKiel were placed on the committee with assistants by united soldiers' helpers.

There is a rumor that Harry Barry of Halifax, formerly of New Brunswick and Nova Scotia men in Eureka, Cal., asking what they could do to help Halifax. He forwarded the enquiry to Halifax.

The New Brunswick Telephone Company employees are raising a fund to assist their fellow workers who suffered from the Halifax disaster.

MEETING IN WESTFIELD
Westfield Beach, Dec. 8.—Rev. Dr. G. M. Campbell and Rev. Robert Smart, addressed a well filled house here tonight. E. R. Machum, chairman of the union committee, was in the chair. The first speaker was Mr. Smart, who asked the people of Westfield to do all they could to keep the army well supplied with food and clothing, and said that packages sent to the home of Mrs. Machum would be forwarded to the relief committee.

He then spoke a short time on the "uses in this election and pressed upon the people to vote for union as the best way to help our boys in the trenches. The chairman then called upon Dr. Campbell. He spoke forcibly on the need of the government to push home the war to a successful completion, and said that the only way to accomplish this was to push on and on till that end was reached. To win, the army must be kept up, and to keep the army well supplied with food and more men until the end, and those who cannot go to the front must help at home and stand by those who face the foe. There was no better way at the present time than to cast ballots in favor of the union government.

Bishop Fallon's Appeal

Rt. Rev. M. F. Fallon, Roman Catholic Bishop of London, Ont., in a very powerful statement issued through the press to his people, setting forth clearly the danger that threatens Canada, and referring to the attitude of Quebec, said:

"I make the definite and unequivocal appeal to my fellow countrymen of the Catholic faith to support the Union Government and the cause for which that union was effected."

Endorses Union.
Regina, Sask., Dec. 10.—Premier Martin informed the Canadian Press on Saturday that on Monday he would make an announcement over his signature endorsing union government.

Rev. Dr. J. A. Morrison is to begin this evening a week of activity in Royal Constituency in support of Union government.

THREE ST. JOHN MEN HOME
Frank O. Garson, J. Jacobson and Samuel Selick, all of this city, were in Halifax during the explosion and arrived home this morning. Mr. Garson's foot was slightly cut with glass. The other two escaped unscathed. Mr. Garson was in the Halifax Hotel at the time of the explosion and was thrown violently on the floor of his bedroom in the midst of broken glass. He said the Hebrew population of this city were collecting funds and clothing for the destitute ones in Halifax.

WILL SPEAK TONIGHT
Hon. Sydney Fisher, former Minister of Agriculture, will this evening address mass meetings of the electors at the Imperial and Opera House on behalf of the Liberal party. Meetings will commence at 9 o'clock in both houses immediately after the first show.

Death of Wm. A. Campbell.
Fredericton, Dec. 10.—William A. Campbell of Boiestown died there on Saturday. He was a nephew of James Robinson, ex-M.P. His wife, formerly Miss Eliza Kilburn of Kingscote, survived. He was 40 years of age.

MISS MARY CARROLL.
Many will learn with regret of the death of Miss Mary Carroll, daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. John Carroll of West St. John, which occurred this morning in the Mater Misericordiae Home in Sydney street. She is survived by two sisters, Mrs. John Friel of Boston and Miss Margaret in the Mater Misericordiae Home. The funeral will take place on Tuesday from the Home.

FIRE ALARM TELEGRAPH
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LOCAL NEWS

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WATCH TOMORROW'S TIMES.
Contest announcement of Christmas gift jewelry.

Ladies' and gentlemen's tailored suits from \$25 to \$35 at North, 52 Germain, 12-17.

Don't be disappointed, order your Christmas photos from us now. The Condon Studio, 101 King street.

Make your friend a present of the new "step by step" dressmaking book at \$1.25. Pictorial Review Publishing Co. Daniel, Head of King street.

Only three more nights of Arnold's big Christmas auction sale—tonight, Friday, 14th, and Monday, 15th, at 107 Brunswick street, at 7.30. Come for bargains.

Local 810, I. L. A. Conhandlers and Trimmers. A full meeting will be held on Tuesday, Dec. 11. All are earnestly requested to attend.

Save the coupons given with each purchase of cigars, cigarettes, tobaccos and pipes; they are valuable for Christmas presents, at Louis Green's, Charlotte street.

MEN WANTED FOR HALIFAX.
Wanted—Ten chauffeurs, ten auto mechanics, to go to Halifax on the 11.30 train tonight. Apply mayor's office, City Hall, up to 10.30 tonight.

NOTICE.
Anyone having outstanding accounts against the Department of Public Safety are requested to send same to the above Department on or before the 15th day of December.

Alexandra Circle, S. C. A., will hold annual sale at Mr. Ritchie's store, Main street, near Palace Wednesday, Dec. 12. Part of proceeds to go to Halifax sufferers. Come and help.

100 bed comforts on sale Tuesday at \$2.19 each. Many people now looking for something really useful to give away this night. Do your Christmas shopping this week and save money. Hunt's, 17-19 Charlotte street.

PERSONALS
Mrs. Joseph B. Hannum will be at home to her friends, for the first time since her marriage, on Wednesday and Thursday afternoons, December 12 and 13 at her home, 76 Dorchester street.

Mr. and Mrs. S. H. Sherwood of Passages, announce the engagement of their daughter, Jennie Isabella, to Fred E. Heine, the wedding to take place on the nineteenth.