

OUR THEATRES

THE NICKEL. The greatest sensation of New York and Broadway's best melo-drama, will be presented at the Nickel Theatre to-day and to-morrow. It is in three reels by the Vitagraph Co., and is the best production of that Company. The title is '413' and it has a thousand thrills. This picture shows the most realistic train wreck ever filmed. Julia Swayne Gordon, Anita Stewart and Harry Northrup are featured in this wonderful act. The thirteenth episode of the serial beautiful "The Goddess," will be shown to-day also, and many admirers of Charlie Chaplin will be delighted to know that the Nickel is to show the great comic, "Woman" with Charlie in the principal role.

THE CRESCENT. Go to the Crescent Picture Palace to-day and hear Mr. Dave Parks sing "If I should Meet You Face To Face," a classy ballad by Chas. K. Harris. The picture programme is a fine one. "Mrs. Van Aldan's Jewels" is a great detective drama produced in two reels by the Biograph Company. Isabel Ross features in a fine society melo-drama "Masked Fate." All the latest interesting world happenings are contained in a reel of "Hearst Selig News," and Wallace Beery features in a laughable Es-sanay comedy, "The Broken Pledge." This is a great week-ending show, take it in.

The C.C.C. "At Home"

Those who may wish to enjoy a pleasant evening could not do better than attend the At-Home of the C.C.C. to be held to-morrow night at the Mechanic's Building. The At-Home will be under the patronage of His Excellency the Governor and Lady Davidson, as well as His Grace Archbishop Roche, and the affair promises to be the most interesting and successful ever yet held by the Cadets. A very fine concert, in which some of our leading vocalists will take part, will take place at 8.15, after which there will be dancing. The splendid band of the Corps, under the baton of Capt. Arthur Bulley, will discourse a choice programme of new dance music and a large attendance is assured. Many tickets have already been sold.

OBITUARY

MRS. J. B. McLEA. The death occurred on Friday last at Montreal of Mrs. John B. McLea, a lady well known and highly respected in Newfoundland, as well as in Canada. Mrs. McLea was mother-in-law of Kenneth R. Prowse Esq., commission merchant of this city. The McLea family occupied an honored place in the business and social life of St. John's in years gone by and many of the older people will hear of Mrs. McLea's death with sincere sorrow. The deceased lady was also an aunt by marriage of Mr. Prowse, whose mother, Miss McLea, was a daughter of the late Hon. Kenneth McLea.

DEATH

POWER.—This morning after a short illness, Mrs. Maurice Power, of Placentia, aged 23 years, daughter of J. W. Collins of the H. M. Customs, Botwood, leaving a husband, father and mother, two brothers and one sister to mourn their sad loss.

C.C.C. "AT HOME"

(Under the Distinguished Patronage of His Excellency the Governor and Lady Davidson, and His Grace Archbishop Roche.) THE ANNUAL "AT HOME" OF THE CATHOLIC CADET CORPS, WILL BE HELD On Tuesday, February 29th, 1916, IN THE C.C.C. HALL. The Programme will include a short Concert, Supper, and Dance. CONCERT WILL START AT 8.15. By Permission of Lt. Col. Music by Full Brass Band of the Corps. Tickets on sale at Atlantic Bookstore, Hutton & Co.'s, Parker & Monroe's, and Smyth's East and West End Stores. feb26,27

COOPERS, ATTENTION! We are Sole Agents for the BEST BARREL HEATER in the Country. We have them now ready for delivery. R. CALLAHAN, Water St.

Richard Gray Again in Trouble

Walks Into Residence On Church Hill And Gets Away With Lot Of Silverware—Tec Byrne Quickly Rounds Richard Up. One of the boldest robberies ever perpetrated in the city occurred shortly after 11 a.m. yesterday, when Richard Gray, so well known to the police and who spends the better part of his life in the penitentiary, made a brazen entry into the residence of Mr. Henry C. Carter (of the Bank of Montreal) on Cathedral Hill. Richard entered by the front door which he found open, and going into the dining room gathered up all the silverware that was about there and decamped. The domestics were for the most part in the upper apartments but some of them got a glimpse of the man and the police were notified. When he was described to Detective Sgt. Byrne, he knew his quarry and quickly located Gray on Water Street and recovered the stolen property after he had been landed in jail.

REMOVED REWARDS FOR REGIMENT. There are rumours about in the city to-day that the 'V. C.' has been awarded a young man Bowling of Pleasant Street, a private in Ours, also that Pte Gladney has received the Military Cross and that the V.C. will be given the regiment in recognition of the valour of the late John Fitzgerald. We do not vouch for any of them but detail them just as they were given us.

26 RECRUITS FROM GRAND FALLS.

The second contingent of volunteers from Grand Falls, 26 in all, arrived here by the express yesterday morning. They were met at the Railway Station by Instructor Hussey and the acting Section Commanders of H. Co. and were escorted to the Seamen's Institute, Water St., and will report at the armory to-day. They are a fine crowd of young chaps and should pass a good medical examination. Yesterday were visited by Magistrate Fitzgerald, chairman of the Grand Falls' Patriotic Association. There are now 53 Grand Falls' Recruits here and more are expected a few weeks hence.

GOT SIX MONTHS

Rd. Gray was given six months by Hutchings, K.C., for stealing from H. D. Carter's residence yesterday—4 carving knives, 2 steels, 14 silver table forks, 2 silver card cases, dozen eggs, dark cake and sideboard cloth, all valued at \$15.00. Richard, who wants free board, was evidently pleased with the sentence.

NOCTURNAL PROWLERS ABOUT

A couple of nights ago two men tried to force the rear door of the residence of Pennywell Road but seeing the inmates were aware of their presence they ran away.

BARRATRY CASE POSTPONED

Mr. Hickman, the Messrs Roberts and others were in Court to-day in connection with the Roberts Barratry case. As the Crown was not in a position to proceed and F. J. Morris, K.C., is still ill the hearing was postponed till Monday next, the same bail being taken for the accused.

FROM YOUNG N. R. MEN

Mr. Samuel Joy last week had letters from his sons, Wm. and Albert. One of them is in the Navy in the North Sea and the other is at the Dardanelles. Both are in good health, and will, who would not stay at school here, recently sent for books, a supply of which his father received from his former teacher, the good Christian Brothers of St. Patrick's Hall. Will intends to study hard during his spare time, and the captain of the ship in which he is and who has a liking for the young lad applauds his action and will give him every facility to improve his mind. Both lads are in excellent health and asks to be remembered to their friends here.

MEN WITH NO HOME

The police locked up four prisoners Saturday night. Two of these were drunks and two others vagrants. One of them is a man named Scott who several times during the winter came to the Police Station for shelter and was given different terms in the penitentiary. The other is a man named Power who occupied a kind of dug-out or underground dwelling on the South Side Hill all last summer and fall and which was known by appellation of the "Hen's Egg." The man was taken off the streets Saturday homeless and hungry and was looked after by the police.

LOCAL ITEMS

There will be no skating at the Parade Rink to-night. Geo. Yetman from Bay Roberts and another man very ill arrived by train to-day for the Hospital.

To-night the members of the St. Andrew's Society will hold a Leap Year entertainment. The young lady friends of the Society are accountable for the entertainment and a jolly good time is in store for all who attend.

The drains on Henry Street overflowed in Saturday night's rain storm, and water pouring down into the Casino theatre damaged the ceilings in the T.A. & B. Society's armory reading and billiard rooms.

The work of taking the heavy safes from the old to the new Bank of Nova Scotia was done Saturday by Contractor Chas. Lester. It was laborious and difficult and was performed without accident.

Master Harold Pike, son of Mr. Mark Pike of Steer Bros. underwent an operation last week at the hands of Dr. Murphy. The lad suffered from tonsillitis and the operation was very successful.

Mr. and Mrs. Morine are leaving by the Florizel to visit Mr. Neville Morine, who is ill at an hospital in Toronto. Mr. Morine expects to be absent from St. John's about three weeks.

Capt. Edward English, Sr., who has been laid up for some weeks past suffering from a severe attack of la-grippe is still confined to his room. The many friends of the Captain hope to see him around again soon.

Saturday night dense fog prevailed in the city, and late at night and early yesterday there was very heavy rain. As a result, floods were general on the streets and the Council had its men out looking after the drains and gullies.

Mr. Eli Whiteway Saturday had two letters from his son Alder, about whom he was very anxious. The young soldier had not been heard from since October and is in fine health and spirits. His father had only written Friday to Capt. Timewell asking him to trace him.

The 16 Naval Reservists to whom The Mail and Advocate made exclusive reference last week arrived by Friday's express. Only two of them detained here the rest getting off at different stations. A number of others, as we observed, will be here later, all having put in their one year's term of service.

AN UNFORTUNATE SHIP

Mariners now fear that some ill has befallen the barqtn. "Lake Simcoe." Since engaging in the Newfoundland trade some 12 or 15 years ago the ship has been the scene of some vague happenings. Capt. Tizard was lost from the ship, as well as Mr. Wm. Finn who was mate of her, and an awful affair was the tragic death of the young man Sears, who was stabbed to death on a voyage to Brazil in her by a mess-mate. She was a well built, good sailor and generally made good passages.

CONGRATULATIONS

We tender to Inspector General Sullivan our congratulations on the attainment of his 70th birthday, to-day. We wish the Inspector general many happy returns of the day.

Secure your tickets at once for the Mount Cashel entertainment on Wednesday evening next, March 1st, at the Casino Theatre. A splendid programme has been prepared.—A dramatic sketch by Mrs. Dr. Chaytor and Asst. Paymaster Pearce of H.M.S. Briton; Solos by Misses Shea, Anderson, Ryan, Mare, Herder, Violin Solo, Miss S. Johnson; Songs and Recitations, Messrs. Ruggles, Hutton, O'Neil and S. O'Leary; Gun Drill and Dances by Mount Cashel boys; Chorus, St. Patrick's Hall and Holy Cross Boys; C. C. C. Band overture and selections. Reserved Seats, 50 cents.—Atlantic Bookstore. feb26,28,29,30.

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Cochrane Street Church Now Completed

Is Splendid Building—Opening Delayed for the Present—High Praise Given Our Local Workmen—Congregation Will Use Sunday School For Worship For The Present. Messrs Downing, Cook & Company, contractors for the erection of Cochrane Street Methodist Centennial Church, have completed their work and the building was handed over on Saturday. The opening, however, will be delayed because the chairs and pews, which have been ready since the end of last year, were held up by the embargo on the railway. Mr. Gibbs, the representative here of the contractors, speaks in high praise of the local workmen and would not wish any better. Wherever it was possible local labour was employed.

The church is a record here in various ways. It is the first church to be constructed of steel and concrete. The plan of the Sunday School is unique in Newfoundland and is thoroughly up to date. The ventilation of the building also calls for comment. Beside the ordinary steam heating by radiators there is provision for hot air, which will be blown into the building by electric motor and fan, while the foul air will be drawn out by another motor and fan. Special attention has been given to obviate risks from fire. The heating plant is contained in a concrete chamber, so that fire there cannot communicate to any other part of the building. There is a fire wall between church and Sunday School. The electric wires are all laid in conduit. The cost, including organ, will approximate \$100,000. The organ is being built in England by Messrs. Harrison & Harrison, of Durham, and owing to the war, will not be ready for the opening of the church.

Mr. A. Dunn is the representative of the Building Committee and of the architects, Messrs. Ross & Macdonald, Montreal, and he has given constant attention to the work, in order to ensure that it was carried out according to the plans and specification. It is hoped that the Sunday School seats, which are now in Sydney, will be received in a few days. The congregation will then worship in the Sunday School portion of the building instead of the College Hall.

WHY MEN MARRY

You will learn that along with other good things at the Sociable that the Congregational Ladies' Aid Society intend holding on Wednesday Evening, March 1st, in the Lecture Room of the Church. Come and bring your friends. Good Programme, Candy, &c. for sale. Entertainment at 8 o'clock. Admission 30 cents. feb28,29,mar1

B. I. S. MEETING.

Yesterday forenoon the adjourned annual meeting of the B. I. S. took place, the President, Hon. J. D. Ryan presiding. The following Literary and Amusement Committee were elected: W. J. Higgins, E. J. Ring, Jas. Aiyward, W. Carew, T. H. O'Neil, Wm. J. Harris, N. J. Vinicombe, J. McGrath, Jas. Callahan, P. J. Grace, Jno Moore, P. K. Devine, M. J. Donnelly, E. J. Brophy, and T. J. Power. The above will meet on Thursday night to elect the officers.

FIRE ALARM SATURDAY

A few minutes before six Saturday evening an alarm of fire was sent in, bringing the Western and Central firemen to the residence of W. Murin of McFarlane Street. His son, William, aged 13, accidentally toppled over a lighted kerosene lamp on the stare in the kitchen and a blaze ensued, but the flames were quickly quenched and no damage resulted.

RE-BUILDING A SCHOONER

At Baine, Johnston & Co.'s wharf the past few days the owner and a crew of men are stripping the schooner Nagal, of 103 tons. She is an old but well-built vessel, all the decayed timber is being taken out of her and she will be practically rebuilt. The hull under water line is of oak and when finished she will be used at the Straits and Labrador.

STOLEN BOOTS AND SKATES

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SHIPPING

The Prospero left Pastthrough at 8.55 a.m. yesterday. The S.S. Kyle is due from Sydney at Port aux Basques to-night.

The S.S. Stephano leaves New York for Halifax and this port Wednesday and will bring a full freight.

The S.S. Mary, Capt. Bourne, arrived here Saturday from Bell Island with a cargo of coal for Bown & Co.

The S.S. Noreg left Barry Friday for this port in ballast to load fish for Europe.

The Freeman, Capt. H. Harold, arrived at Pernam Saturday after a run of 58 days.

The Ingraham went up to Bay Bulls to-day to tow down the Calladora detained there for some time past.

The Florizel will sail this afternoon from Morey & Co.'s wharf for Lousburg, taking some passengers. She will return with a full cargo of coal and will then outfit for the seal-fishery.

The Alconda which has been delayed by ice conditions is taking a large supply of comforts for our soldiers and sailors. They were shipped by the Women's Patriotic Association and a large mail for the boys will also go forward.

On Wednesday evening, March 1st, in the Presbyterian Hall, the George Street Adult Bible Class are holding their Annual "At Home." Concert starts sharp at 8 o'clock. Games after Concert and Tea served. A feature of the evening will be a "Jumbled Word Prize Contest." All members are requested to be present with a friend.—feb28,mar1

CROSS CUT SAWS AND ICE SAWS just received at GEORGE KNOWLING'S Hardware Dept. feb25,31,eod

MAY BE INSANE.

The police, in considering the case of the woman Butler, now under arrest, on suspicion of the commission of various larcenies, think that the woman's brain is affected. Nearly all the clothing material which she had when arrested a couple of years ago is still in her possession. Though possessing so much the woman was dressed very poorly when arrested she wore only an old coat and skirt. She is the owner of two houses, the rent of which she receives. She comes before the Court shortly.

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Returned to Duty

Yesterday a wire was received by the relatives of Capt. Gus O'Brien of "Ours," saying that he has fully recovered from the wounds from which he suffered and was leaving to re-gain the regiment.

Mr. James Buckley of the Customs' Brokers office had word Saturday from the Record Office, London, that his brother, Private John Buckley left to rejoin the Newfoundland Regiment on the 3rd inst. He had been in hospital at Cairo suffering from chill contracted in the trenches.

\$8,000 IN RESERVE

Besides declaring a dividend of 7 1/2 per cent the Knitting Mills this year put \$8,000 to the credit of Reserve Account.

POLICE COURT NEWS

To-day Mr. Hutchings, K.C., discharged two drunks, one as a vagrant, and sent another down for 10 days.

THE OPORTO MARKET

A message from Lind and Couto of Oporto to the Board of Trade, dated Jan. 26th and received Saturday, read: "The demand is very dull and is quite out of proportion to the very heavy stocks in the market. Buyers are demanding lower prices. The rate of exchange is 34d."

FORT CAPTURED BY HUNS RETAKEN BY FRENCH

NEW YORK, Feb. 27.—An announcement from the French War Office in Paris last night, stated that the position captured this Saturday morning by the Germans was reached again by French troops, who advanced beyond that point and have resisted all attempts to drive them back.

BERLIN was silent last night on the later results of the great offensive against Verdun. No official report and no news of any kind has come from the German Army Headquarters since early yesterday.

RUSSIAN STEAMER SUNK

LONDON, Feb. 28.—The Russian steamship Petsheuga is sunk. Fifteen of those on board were saved.

UPHOLDS NEW GOVERNMENT

AMSTERDAM, Feb. 28.—With only one dissenting vote the Luxembourg Chamber of Deputies adopted a vote of confidence in the new Ministry. Five members were absent.

WAR MESSAGES

ANOTHER NEUTRAL SUNK

LONDON, Feb. 28.—The steamer Birgit has been sunk and 17 survivors have been landed. There are three small steamers named Birgit, according to shipping records, two Swedish and one Norwegian. The largest of the three is 220 feet long and 1117 gross tonnage. This vessel flies the Swedish flag.

NO CHANGE ON VERDUN FRONT

PARIS, Feb. 28.—There was no change upon the battle front, north of Verdun, during the night, according to a French official war office statement this afternoon. French troops continue to reinforce their positions; no new attack was made by the Germans to east of the Meuse.

WILL CONVEY TO ALLIES THANKS OF SERBIANS

PARIS, Feb. 28.—Crown Prince Alexander of Serbia accompanied by Premier Pachitchais Sonisto, make a trip to Rome, Paris and London, to thank the Entente Governments for the assistance they have rendered to Serbia, says a Despatch from Athens.

STEAMER ON FIRE ABANDONED AT SEA

LONDON, Feb. 27.—The British steamer Suevior, from New York on Feb. 11th for Havre, has been abandoned, afire, at sea, according to a despatch to Lloyds from Inshirahall, Ireland. All the members of the crew are reported taken off by another steamer.

BRITISH TROOPS ROUTE TURKS AT AGAGIA, EGYPT

LONDON, Feb. 28.—A Turkish column was attacked and routed by South African troops yesterday at Agagia, Egypt, according to a British official statement issued to-night, which adds the fleeing Turks were being pursued.

DUTCH MAIL MAIL BOAT STRIKES MINE AND IS LOST

FLUSHING, Holland, Feb. 27.—The mail steamer Mecklenberg, of Zealand, ran on a mine while on a voyage from Tilburg to Flushing. The vessel was lost, the officials of the line state, but the passengers, crew and mail were saved.

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Vol. 1 Fre All V Artillery D tions Mar Verdun s ced by Champagn a French 1000 men Reported Russians Hungaria River—A Over the LONDON, entire sector western bat where the G stacked so are still in tions. To th at Fresnes, have put do against th have inaugu ment in the C by a surpris in entering a tion of a su front of near than one th standng the French have front of Douv Office declare fruitless and advanced th and Vacherau by the Germ tively expell Meuse Pla Samogneux ville. On the Rus richstadt and heavy artiller firing. In G sed an atten according to Middle Strip with sanguin tack against sides of Mor Azso. They stryed an It zia bridge. The Russia cessfully aga from Erzeru forces in the NEW YOR of S.S. Rayn the Clyde a Companies, is LONDON, the novelist,