

GOOD THINGS COMING TO THEATRES OF ST. JOHN

"DAMAGED GOODS" OPENS TOMORROW

Rev. J. A. McKean's Endorsement—Men Only This Week

(Advertisement.) Much interest has been aroused concerning "Damaged Goods" which is to be shown at the Lyric tomorrow, Friday and Saturday for men only, and the first three days of next week for women only. Children under fifteen years are not admitted unless their parents accompany them. The following endorsement from Rev. J. A. McKean, pastor of St. David's, should be, to say the least, convincing:

"Dear Mr. Spencer,—It has been my privilege to see the motion picture film called "Damaged Goods," and I hold little doubt but that its public performance will have great uplifting power, and accomplish the good for which it was created, namely, educating the people to the danger which surrounds them. I could preach from my pulpit a sermon so convincing, I would consider that I had achieved a triumph.

I have no hesitation in recommending "Damaged Goods," but believe it would be indecorous and unwise to have men and women see it at the same time, or permit the attendance of children under fifteen years of age, unless accompanied by their parents.

(Sgd.) J. A. MCKEAN.

REMAINING TICKETS FOR TOMORROW'S REVUE

That the Imperial Theatre will be filled from orchestra rail to the very roof with a fashionable and brilliant audience tomorrow night is assured. The ground floor and first balcony are both sold out solid. The boxes have been sold out for over a week. So many tardy buyers have been disappointed that the upper balcony is now fast disappearing as far as seats are concerned, despite the fact that the chairs are not reserved. There need be no hesitancy about buying the upper balcony seats, for this is just the kind of a show they are best adapted for, and furthermore, several large theatre parties in that region of the house will continue the gaiety of the scene to the topmost rows. These 50c seats are on sale in the Imperial lobby tonight and tomorrow forenoon, also at the door tomorrow night when the show takes place.

TINGLING RED-BLOODED STORY FOR A COLD DAY

William S. Hart, the good bad man of the movies, again appears at the Imperial tonight and tomorrow in a veritable classic of early western times, entitled "A Cold Deck." With all the picturesque quality of the days of the West, the excellent company portray a sweet though strenuous story of a sleazy girl and how she was befriended by a hardened gambler, a man whose fame for two-handness in gun work and desperate dealing was far and wide. Bill, bold, brave Bill Hart shines like the star that he is, and everybody will be delighted with his performance. A Mack Sennett comedy, entitled "A Pullman Bride," the British Government Weekly and the two singers, Annie Laurie Leonard and Harry Bennett, will complete a splendid bill.

WHERE ARE YOU GOING TONIGHT? WHAT DO YOU SAY, TO THE GEM?

You'll see a stirring picture feature and two entertaining vaudeville acts for a very little money, and you'll enjoy heat and comfort while so doing. "The Crimson Dove" is the feature, a picture with a punch in it. See page 11 for details.

A GOOD PICTURE AT PALACE.

Tonight and tomorrow night the Palace Theatre screens "The Flow Women," a five-act Indian settler picture that is packed with thrills for every picture lover. See the Indians with their war-painted faces in an old-time war with the white settlers.

LAST TIME TO SEE MARY MILES MINTER AT UNIQUE THEATRE

Mary Miles Minter in her latest and most delightful success, "The Mate of the Sally Ann," shown at Unique last time tonight. Too good to miss; better see it.

"THE SUBMARINE EYE" GIVEN FINAL PRESENTATION AT LYRIC TONIGHT

That wonderful novelty, "The Submarine Eye," will be presented for the last time Lyric tonight. A wonderful production surely. Under water scenes something decidedly new.

Notice of Births, Marriages and Deaths, 50c.

DEATHS

WHIPPLE.—At West St. John on 6th last, Hazen Albert, son of J. Robert and Clara G. Whipple, aged 14 years, leaving besides his parents, five brothers and four sisters to mourn.

FUNERAL.—Friday at 2:30 from his parents' residence, Summer street, Lancaster.

CONWAY.—At his residence, No. 5 Brussels street, on 6th inst., Terence Conway, in the 86th year of his age, leaving his wife and eight sons to mourn.

FUNERAL.—Friday at 2:30 from his parents' residence, 230 Main street, St. John.

KING.—On the 4th inst., George Vincent, third son of James and Mattie King, aged nineteen years, leaving, besides his parents, three brothers and four sisters to mourn.

(Boston and Bangor papers please copy.)

FUNERAL.—On Thursday from his late residence at 2:30 o'clock.

CARDS OF THANKS

Mrs. Herbert Lohb wishes to thank her many friends and relatives for kindness and sympathy during her recent sad bereavement.

NORWEGIANS TO REMAIN NEUTRAL

"Cannot Break With One Belligerent" Is Reply To American War Trade Board—Recites Aid To Allies

Christiania, Feb. 5.—Norway's reply to the proposals from the American war trade board regarding supplies from the United States to Norway, published today, emphasizes the firm resolve of the Norwegian people and government to remain neutral.

"Norway in her commercial policy cannot break with one belligerent," the reply says, "without imperiling her general neutrality." The Norwegian government entertains no doubts that the United States and her Allies will understand Norway's difficult situation. Norway justly claims that the country should not go without bread, thus being confronted with the alternative of complete distress or an agreement that might endanger her neutral position and possibly expose the country to war, which in a short time might destroy what the Norwegian people have taken centuries to build.

The reply also emphasizes the important benefits rendered to the United States and her Allies by Norway, and especially by Norwegian commercial shipping, which have been attended by great sacrifices in human life and ships. It adds: "The reply points out that Norway's efforts to the United States and her Allies the greater part of her exports in return for supplies necessary for her national health and productivity."

BRITAIN AND TURKEY EXCHANGE PRISONERS

Berne, Switzerland, Jan. 21.—(Correspondence of The Associated Press)—British and Turkish delegates, who have been conferring here for some time in regard to a proposed exchange of prisoners, have closed their negotiations after reaching what the British delegates describe as "a satisfactory arrangement."

The negotiations provide not only for the exchange of prisoners, but also for a complete inspection of prison camps. Turkey has about 10,000 British prisoners, mostly Indians, while Great Britain has 50,000 Turks. It is expected that the agreement will be immediately implemented and within a few weeks the first exchange will be made on Swiss soil, 1,000 British and 1,000 Turkish prisoners being exchanged for 1,000 British and 1,000 Turkish.

NO SCARCITY OF POTATOES

Ottawa, Feb. 5.—That there is no scarcity of potatoes in Toronto and that any overcharging to the consumer or any apparent shortage must be placed at the door of the retailer is the statement which emanated from the food controller's office.

It has been stated that in Toronto potatoes are charging as high as 80 cents a peck for potatoes and are limiting their sales to half a peck. The controller is contending, however, to hold up the price of potatoes and no right to restrict the supply. The whole sale price is controlled by the food controller and the department has full knowledge of the supply.

ST. JOHN COMPANY TO TAKE OVER MONCTON LAND

Fredericton, N. B., Feb. 6.—The East Norwood Real Estate Company, Limited, has been incorporated with a capital stock of \$25,000 and head office at St. John. The company is empowered to take over certain lands and premises in the city of Moncton, now vested in Henry L. Main as trustee for the use of The Norwood syndicate. Those incorporated are Fred W. Campbell, J. McE. Freeman, George D. Scarborough, G. M. Pratt, A. F. Emery, F. A. Dykeman, William Hawker, Albert McArthur, A. H. Chipman, all of St. John; R. T. Mack of Fredericton, John Kennedy of Salisbury, F. G. Rennie of Sackville, George B. Thompson of Penobscot, R. G. Fowling of Hampton, Henry Main and Austin A. Allen of Moncton.

MUST CUT MORE WOOD IN N. B. FOR FUEL

Fredericton, N. B., Feb. 6.—The department of the fuel controller already has taken steps to ascertain the outlook for wood for fuel in central New Brunswick. Clyde Leavitt of the forestry branch, conservation commission, is in charge of that portion of the fuel controller's department which deals with wood fuel and on his instructions C. H. Prince of this city, head of the forestry survey of the provincial department of lands and mines, is obtaining information concerning conditions in this section. It evidently is the wish of the fuel controller's department that the supply of wood fuel cut in this section of New Brunswick be doubled.

ADDITIONAL WAR TAX

Paris, Feb. 6.—Louis Klotz, the minister of finance, announced today that additional taxes amounting to \$61,000,000 francs must be levied in order to meet war expenditures in 1918.

CATARRH LEADS TO CONSUMPTION

Catarrh is as much a blood disease as scrofula or rheumatism. It may be relieved, but it cannot be removed by simply local treatment. It causes headache and dizziness, impairs the taste, smell and hearing, affects the voice, deranges the digestion, and breaks down the general health. It weakens the delicate lung tissues and leads to consumption.

SIX INJURED IN NOVA SCOTIA WRECK

Truro, N. S., Feb. 6.—No. 2 Midland train from Windsor to Truro last night met with an accident about one-half mile on the Hants county side of the Big Shubenacadie bridge over the Shubenacadie river, on account of a broken rail. One of the passenger cars left the road and went over the bank into the mill pond.

There were about forty passengers on the car, among whom were some fifteen students enroute to enter the Nova Scotia Normal College. Most of the passengers were more or less shaken up and generally scratched or cut from broken glass.

LOCAL NEWS

HAD ONLY ONE SESSON.

On account of the severe cold yesterday the public school of this city had only one session. This was not the case today as the weather was several degrees warmer.

AIRMEN HELD SPORTS.

On Tuesday last week a large sporting meet was held at Fort York, Texas, the training camp of the Royal Flying Corps. Several St. John boys participated and showed up well. R. Murray Sinclair, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. Sinclair, of this city, won a standing broad jump, and got second in the shot put.

COUNTRY ROADS BLOCKED

Reports have reached the city of the immense depths of the snow drifts in the country districts and the poor condition of the roads. A man attempting to drive to Grand Bay yesterday found that so great was the amount of drifted snow, he could not get that far and had to turn back. There is another story of a farmer whose horse foundered in a drift yesterday and before the animal could be extricated it had perished from the cold.

ST. JOHN SOLDIER WEDDED IN ENGLAND

A quiet yet pretty wedding took place on Saturday, January 19, at Dover, England, in the Wesleyan Methodist church, when Miss Ada Florence Croke, nurse, was united in marriage to Murdoch R. Grant, of St. John. The bride was given away by her father. After the ceremony the happy pair drove to the bride's home, where a dainty breakfast was served. The bridegroom returned to France on the following Monday. Corporal Grant is well known throughout the maritime provinces and Ontario. He is a son of William Grant and a farmer whose horse foundered in a drift yesterday and before the animal could be extricated it had perished from the cold.

TENDERS.

Sealed tenders addressed to H. E. Wardrop, common clerk, will be received up to noon on Monday, February 18, for supplying 250 or 275 tons of asphalt.

G. FRED FISHER, Commissioner.

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NEXT TWO MONTHS TO BE CRITICAL

Food Situation in Britain At Most Serious Stage—Rationing Whole Country Is Considered At Conference

London, Feb. 5.—Lord Rhonda, the food controller, met more than 100 members of the House of Commons in committee rooms of the house tonight and gave confidential information on the food situation and the existing stocks in the country and discussed with them the question of extending compulsory rationing to the whole country. Lord Rhonda spoke for an hour, but the proceedings were private.

An official report, which was issued, says that Lord Rhonda expressed the view that the food situation would be in its most difficult stage during the coming two months and asked the members to give him all possible help.

Lord Rhonda, in the belief that many persons have rendered themselves liable to prosecution for food hoarding by inadvertence, has provided that during the week ending Feb. 18 such persons may voluntarily surrender their stocks for the benefit of the public and will be indemnified against prosecution. This privilege does not apply to persons against whom prosecution is already pending or whose domestic have already been searched.

TWENTY-FIVE FAMILIES THREATENED BY FIRE IN HALIFAX BUILDING

Halifax, N. S., Feb. 6.—Fire this morning broke out on the top floor of St. Mary's Temperance Society Hall on Barrington street and caused a loss estimated at \$5,000, principally by water. Twenty-five families rendered homeless by the disaster of December 6, were sheltered in the building and all got out safely.

SHORE LINE RELIEF TRAIN STALLED ALSO

The Shore Line railway is still tied up and the latest report received at C. P. R. headquarters was to the effect that the relief train sent out from West St. John yesterday to assist the regular train stalled at Penfield, failed to reach its destination. Within half a mile of the tank at Penfield the engine ran out of water and had to be "killed." As the engine is very large the train cannot be moved either forward or backward. H. C. Grant, general superintendent of the C. P. R. for the Maritime division, has ordered a train made up in St. Stephen to leave tomorrow morning and enroute to the relief train. It will be impossible to determine when the line will be opened.

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Our Mid-Winter FURNITURE SALE

Closes Saturday, Feb. 9th.

Just three more days to secure the wonderful values we are offering on our entire stock of Furniture and Floor Coverings.

NOTICEABLE—Every few hours during the past week of the sale some visitor would shop by taking a memorandum of the things that appealed. That was always a cheering experience for the salesman. He knew the chooser would return after shopping around, and almost invariably it ended that way.

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DE MONTS CHAPTER HAD BUSY YEAR

Reports Submitted At Annual Meeting Show Much Good Work Accomplished—Mrs. G. K. McLeod Regent

At the annual meeting of the De Monts Chapter, I. O. D. E., at the home of Mrs. G. K. McLeod, regent, this morning the following officers were elected for the coming year—Regent, Mrs. G. K. McLeod; first vice regent, Mrs. W. E. Foster; second vice regent, Mrs. Ambrose; secretary, Mrs. Simon Jones; assistant secretary, Mrs. H. B. Robinson; treasurer, Miss H. S. Smith; standard bearer, Mrs. James U. Thomas; "Boys" secretary, Mrs. May Harrison; educational secretary, Mrs. M. G. Teed; Mrs. F. E. Sayre presiding at the meeting.

The sum of \$22 was voted to the Free Kindergarten, \$10 to the Soldiers' Club and \$10 to the men of the Depot Battalion now suffering from the mumps.

On behalf of the executive of the De Monts Chapter, I. O. D. E., the regent, Mrs. G. K. McLeod, presented a report of the work accomplished during the year ending Jan. 31, 1917.

In all thirteen meetings have been held, ten regular and three special, with an average attendance of twenty-five. One regular member, Mrs. Cullip, and three honorary members, Mrs. Powell, Mrs. Fugatey and Mrs. Christie, have been added to the roll, while two regular members have resigned, placing the membership now at forty-eight regular and three honorary members.

Since the last annual meeting the chapter has had the proud pleasure of presenting the badge of a husband or son overseas to nine members—Mrs. F. Caverhill Jones, Mrs. Teed, Mrs. White, Mrs. Sturges, Mrs. Coster, Mrs. Short, Mrs. Stewart Sclimier, Mrs. Campbell and Mrs. McLeod. With two of these, I regret to say, we have been called upon to sympathize. Mrs. Teed's son, Lieut. Teed, having been killed in France and Mrs. F. Caverhill Jones having died in August through illness contracted while on duty overseas.

As in previous years, the chapter has been almost entirely expended on patriotic work which may be classified under the heading of "local, national and overseas." Under the former we have contributed to the following causes: To Miss Allison Jones for hospital work in France, to Dr. Margaret Parks for hospital work in France, to Miss Hegan and Mrs. M. Hooper for hospital work in England, to the Y. M. C. A. fund through Major Birks, the prisoners of war fund, Lady Jellicoe fund and the British Red Cross.

One thousand seven hundred and ninety-five poppies, a large sum of money, also a money contribution to the C. W. C. A. maple sugar fund, 100 Christmas stockings for the soldiers, a sum of money for Christmas treats for the men of the 18th Field Ambulance, through Major Stewart Sclimier, and ten dresses of gowns and eight suits of pajamas.

Fifty pairs of pajamas to the Maple Leaf Club in London, forty-eight pairs of socks to the Y. M. C. A. fund, and eighty pairs of socks to the sailors through the C. W. C. A. fund. Under the heading of local work contributions have been given to the soldiers' welcome committee, the discharge depot, the free kindergarten, the soldiers' club, the sailors of the Canadian patrol boats, the Red Cross at Fredericton, the infectious military hospital, the Great War Veterans' Association, the Halifax relief work, a plan to the discharge depot, socks to the local Red Cross appeal in October, socks to the 16th battalion on their departure for overseas, also fifty pairs of socks each to the Soldiers' Comforts Association and the Seamen's Mission. Needless to say, this expenditure has involved much vigorous work on the part of the members, the first of which to be taken up being the daffodil tea held at Mr. Robinson's residence, German street, in April and for which 125 pairs of daffodils had been planted in the autumn. Many articles for this sale were made by the members during the winter to supply the various tables of children's clothing, novelties, sofa pillows and candy.

The next undertaking was the maple sugar day held on April 23, the result of which was that nearly a ton of sugar was sent to our men in hospital. This was a very good work we hope to continue this spring when we look for even better results, the necessity of which is being supplied the men overseas so emphatically impressed upon us by those in authority.

In May, under the auspices of our chapter, came the entertainment in St. Andrew's rink given by the Rotherham school boys, the boy scouts and the cadets, the chapter assisting by selling tickets and contributing and selling candy and ice cream. In September a bridge and tea was held at the Cliff Club. In October the tone test concert in the Imperial Theatre was given under the auspices of the chapter and for which the members sold 1,800 tickets at twenty-five cents each, realizing a goodly sum.

In October also the assistance of the chapter was given in distributing the food conservation cards issued by the government, and when the awful calamity befell at Halifax the chapter at once rendered what assistance it could, some giving their aid at St. Andrew's rink, where the sorting and packing of clothing was being done, others helping at the Red Cross rooms and still others working on behalf of the chapter itself, buying, packing and forwarding, together with a supply of pyjamas and dressing gowns on hand, over \$100 worth of new clothing, while two of our members, Mrs. Tuley and Mrs. Thomas, went to Halifax and rendered most valuable assistance in the hospitals.

During all these months knitting and the sewing of dressing gowns and pyjamas was being vigorously carried on, while two energetic committees were at work, one lending its aid at the discharge depot seeing that the rooms were supplied with as many comforts as possible, the other busy at the arduous task of compiling the calendars brought out by the chapter at Christmas and which proved such a happy success, 1,400 in all being sold with a great demand for more.

As so on our year's work comes to an end and while we have not done badly still, as we see another year beginning with the men of the empire still in the trenches, still facing the hardships and dangers with courage undaunted, we as daughters of the Empire must not let our courage or energies flag but face the new year with equal determination, not satisfied until we have done our bit but with enthusiasm to do our utmost.

(Sgd.) GERTRUDE GORDON, Hon. Secretary.

To Prevent Grip.

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PERSONALS

Mr. and Mrs. W. Malcolm Mackay left last evening on a trip to Florida.

E. R. Machum was on Monday night's train for Montreal, which met disaster at Sherbrooke, but escaped entirely without injury.

Alex. G. Finlayson, of the department of marine and fisheries, Ottawa, is in the city yesterday.

V. G. R. Vickers, superintendent of the Dominion Express Company, was in the city yesterday.

Miss Driscoll, Miss Hamilton and Miss Mitchell, of the Marr Millinery Co., Limited, have returned from two weeks visit to the leading millinery centres.

Miss Grace Morton, a Boston nurse, who has been visiting Mrs. W. C. Wilson of St. John, West, has returned to Medford, Mass.

Mrs. J. R. Jones of Cedar street, left last evening for Omaha, Neb., to visit her son, Kennedy Jones.

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LOCAL NEWS

Band on Carleton Rink tonight.

See Jackie Saunders today in "A Bit of Kindling." Nickel, Queen square.

Great bargains going now at the mid-winter clothing sale—corner Union and Sydney.

Miss Jennie McLaughlin has returned from the millinery openings in New York.

At Bassen's is the people's dry goods store, where good service and economy is combined, 14-16-18 Charlotte street. We have no branches.

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Every coupon you get with your purchase of smokers' goods at Louis Green's, 59 Charlotte street, is valuable. Save them all. We will give you beautiful gifts in exchange.

SALE PRICES. Children's dresses, from 1 to 4, mid-winter clearance sale price, 29c. at C. J. Bassen's, corner Union and Sydney.

Boys and girls coats, regular \$5 to \$7.50, now \$3.98 at the mid-winter clearance sale corner Union and Sydney.

The Canadian government suburban train, No. 336, due to leave at 10:30, will be held over until 11:15 on Thursday night, Feb. 7, to accommodate parties attending the 1918 Revue at the Imperial. 2-8

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