

GOOD THINGS COMING TO THEATRES OF ST. JOHN

MORE ADDED TO THE GEM PROGRAMMES

Beginning tomorrow the Gem's programmes will be four fine acts of vaudeville as at present and a five reel Master picture, such as the Gem is noted for, instead of the two-reel subjects now given. That will make a programme appealing to all and a hard one to beat. The new bill will be on at 8.30, 7.15 and 8.45 tomorrow. Here it is: Yardi Trio, singing and instrumental novelty; Geo. Dorhan, comedy monologue and singing; Garfield and Smith, conversational; Willbur and Dobbins, a novel act and Mrs. Vernon Castle, America's best known woman, in five reel photoplay, "Stranded in Arcady," a big story of the fourth woods and the open country, thrills, paths, humor and a gripping story. Some programme this.

Last times tonight for present good bill detailed on page 11. Our shows big and prices little.

ELSIE FERGUSON IN "ROSE OF THE WORLD," TOMORROW

If you were a beautiful young woman, and your first husband had been a dashing army officer who had died a hero, and your second husband was an old man of title and wealth, but stupid and conceited, whom you had married in a moment of weakness; and you found your love for your dead husband growing stronger and stronger, until you could not bear the presence of your second husband; and, to complicate matters, if your first husband's best friend fell in love with you, what would you do?

These are some of the problems that Elsie Ferguson battles with in her latest Artcraft picture, "Rose of the World." In which the lovely star does some remarkable emotional acting. Miss Ferguson has won most of her laurels in heavy roles, and as "Rosamond," the heroine of the film story, she has a part well suited to her talents. The picture is coming to the Imperial Theatre on Friday.

GOING STRONG FOR THE THIRD LIBERTY LOAN

(J. M. Robinson & Sons, Private Wire Telegram)

New York, April 11.—Official subscriptions to Liberty loan listed at Federal Reserve Bank of New York, \$197,997,800, against \$66,974,000 same time in campaign for second Liberty loan. British sinkings last week, four vessels of more than 1,000 tons and two less; lowest number since February 1, 1917. Sinclair Oil and Ref. presents quarterly dividend of \$1.25. President says conservation of earnings deemed best in present condition.

ARRESTS IN BANK CASE

Montreal, April 11.—Three persons have been detained by the police in connection with the robbery of the Cote des Neiges branch of the Royal Bank of Canada last Friday. Early this morning two men and a woman were taken into custody in Brockville, Ont., and brought to Montreal. About \$800 in cash, supposed to have formed part of the stolen \$5,000, was recovered.

Notice of Births, Marriages and Deaths, 50c.

DEATHS

BROWN.—At her late residence, 19 Main street, on April 10, Sadie, beloved wife of F. Yale Brown, leaving her husband, father, mother, two brothers and four sisters to mourn.

FUNERAL Friday afternoon at 8.15 from her late residence.

PILE.—In this city on the 10th inst., after a lengthy illness, Ellen Pile, aged forty-one years, wife of Thomas W. Pile.

FUNERAL on Friday from her late residence, 83 High street, at 2.30; service at two o'clock. Friends invited to attend.

WILSON.—At Cochrane, Ontario, on April 8, Sergt. John Wilson, late of the 25th Battalion.

FUNERAL on Friday, 12th inst., from the residence of his sister, Mrs. Harry Sibley, 80 Autumn street, at 2.30 o'clock, to St. Mary's church. Interment in "Field of Honor," Fernhill cemetery.

IN MEMORIAM

ARTHURS.—In loving memory of Margaret A. Arthurs, died April 11, 1914.

Oh, mother, thy gentle voice is hushed, Thy warm, true heart is still; And on thy pale and peaceful face I resting death's cold chill; Thy hands are clasped upon thy breast, We have kissed thy marble brow, And in our achings hearts we know We have no mother now.

CUNNINGHAM.—In loving memory of Thomas M. Cunningham, who departed this life April 11, 1918; only child, aged fifteen years. A flower just budded into youth. Had caught an angel's eye. Too pure for earth, He said some homo And bade the flower die.

DUNHAM.—In loving memory of Frederick C. Dunham, who fell asleep on April 10, 1917. Dearest loved one we have laid thee. In the peaceful grave's embrace; But thy memory will be cherished. 'Till we see thy heavenly face. WIFE AND DAUGHTERS.

CARD OF THANKS

Bruce Wright and family wish to thank their many friends for their kindness and sympathy in their recent sad bereavement; also for floral tributes.

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COMMISSION ON FAIRVILLE RENTS

Warden Golding in Fredericton Seeing Premier Foster About It

Fredericton, N. B., April 11.—William Golding, warden of St. John County Council, is here today to confer with Premier Foster regarding a proposal to improve rent conditions in Fairville. He will ask for the appointment of a fair rent commission to settle disputes between landlord and tenant regarding any proposed increase in rents, which are going up rapidly in Lancaster. The proposal is something on the line of the Irish land commission. J. King Kelly, county secretary, accompanies Warden Golding.

ANOTHER PEACE STORY

This Time United States Brought Into It

London, April 11.—Negotiations regarding the possibility of peace between the United States and Austria-Hungary have been carried on between Professor Anderson of Washington and Count Stephen Tisse and Count Julius Andrassy, former Hungarian premiers, according to a Vienna despatch to the Berlin Telegraph.

The despatch also says the Austro-Hungarian foreign office admits various attempts have been made to obtain a general peace, and that Emperor Charles had had negotiations with several persons who have international connections. The Austro-Hungarian foreign minister, Count Czernin, has returned unexpectedly to Vienna from German headquarters. The despatch says his sudden return caused a sensation.

In the case of Fitzandolph vs. Fitzandolph, argument was completed yesterday afternoon. The court consists of the chief justice, Mr. Justice G. B. Patterson, and Mr. Justice G. B. Patterson.

OUR CHEESE AND BUTTER

Montreal, April 11.—The dairy produce commission, which succeeds the old cheese commission, held its initial meeting in this city today. The British import of food is prepared, through the allied provisions commission, to purchase the exportable surplus of Canadian cheese, butter and condensed milk of this year's production, and in such a manner as to ensure some parity of prices.

OLD, BUT BRITISHER ENLISTS

Veteran Moved by Stirring Appeal of English Recruiting Officer.

(New York Times)

His hair was gone on top and gray in the sides. Heidgeted uncomfortably during most of a talk by Lieut. Col. F. Fraser Hunter, D. S. O., of the British and Canadian Recruiting Mission last night in the Thirty-ninth Street Theatre.

He cheered when a woman in the gallery shrieked "Shoot the German!" and when Colonel Hunter declared there wasn't a man—emphasizing the last word—in the audience who wouldn't be in France if he could, he seemed almost unable to keep his chair.

At last Colonel Hunter reached the end of his talk about the feats of British arms in many parts of the world, and asked for volunteers to serve under the British colors.

A young old, come shake thy hand! he urged, and we'll find some sort of duty for you."

Half a dozen youths scrambled toward the stage at that and the elderly man, moving slowly all by himself, followed them to the corner of the footlights, from which they sprang "over the top" to the stage. Unconscious of the eyes upon them, they surveyed the jump and shook his head. Then slowly he worked his way through an entire row of spectators until he reached the middle aisle.

By the time he had reached the steps and clambered to the stage, the elderly man had been grasped by the hand, the recruiting seemed to be over and everyone wondered just what he was going to do. Colonel Hunter looked at him curiously. The old man straightened and raised his hand to a salute that told plainly that the man's name was registered along with the others and Lieut. Gordon Sherries of the Black Watch, succeeding Col. Hunter, explained British official moving pictures of the war.

CALL TO CANADA BY BRITISH PREMIER.

(Regina Leader)

The message from Premier Lloyd George addressed to the governor-general of Canada for delivery to the government of this dominion is a call and a challenge to the statesmanship and manhood of our people.

It is an urgent call. The empire's great war premier did not wait for the slower process of the mails; he flashed his message under the seas by cable. It is a call for action—immediate action. The demand of the war situation is not for a few more small reinforcing units, mere dribbles of a few thousand men a month, 75,000 or 100,000 spread over a year or more. Lloyd George calls for Canadian reinforcements "in the fullest possible measure, and with the least possible delay."

It is a call to the statesmanship of union government. The empire, yes, the whole Allied world, expects this call to be answered. The people of Canada will demand that it be answered, and answered promptly. The responsibility of devising ways and means of leading the people of Canada to the present crisis devolves upon union government.

It was in order to be in the strongest possible position to respond to such a call that the people of Canada in December last rejected the old party form of government for the period of the war and overwhelmingly declared for a union government representative of all parties. That government must now measure up to its great responsibilities, or be written down in history as an abject failure. Nor does Lloyd George call upon the Canadian government to do something his own government at home does not propose to do. He announces that his government "proposes to ask parliament to authorize immediately measures for raising fresh forces." Canada is asked to do likewise.

Quicktime Used to Wreck Piers of Massey. Quicktime was put to unusual use not long since in tearing down several piers of brick masonry, says the April Popular Mechanics Magazine. Rows of holes, three inches in diameter and three feet deep, were bored every three feet in the tops of the piers and filled with freshly moistened quicklime to within a few inches of the top. A layer of brick dust was tamped in above the lime. The expansive force of the filling in the holes made the wrecking of the piers a simple matter.

MYSTERY IN DEATH OF SOLDIER FROM ONTARIO IN QUEBEC

Quebec, April 11.—Falling unconscious on last Saturday while on picket duty at the Union Station here, Pte. Allan Farrel, of an Ontario unit, died Monday evening without regaining consciousness. An open verdict of death through poisoning was returned. The deepest mystery enshrouds his death.

SYNOD NEXT YEAR TO MEET IN ST. JOHN

Fredericton, April 11.—The diocesan synod this morning spent the greater part of the time upon the adoption of the report of the nominating committee upon the boards and committees for 1918. The changes are not very extensive.

Nominations also were made for delegates to the general synod of the diocese which will meet in Winnipeg on Sept. 11. Six clergymen and six laymen are to be elected. The balloting probably will take place this afternoon.

The next annual meeting of the synod will be held on April 29, 1919, in St. John city, alternating with Fredericton as the place of meeting.

In the appeal in the division of the supreme court this morning argument was completed in the case of Roy vs. St. John Lumber Company, M. L. Hayward for the plaintiff, showing cause against a rule nisi for security for costs of appeal. The court consists of the chief justice, Mr. Justice G. B. Patterson, and Mr. Justice G. B. Patterson.

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HEALTHY CHILDREN

It is natural for little ones to be well, and with care every baby can be kept healthy. Mothers should keep their little ones well to keep their little stomach sweet and their bowels regular. Baby's Own Tablets will do this. Thousands of mothers keep their babies in the house as they find them an efficient guard against illness. Concerning them, Mrs. Hildre Desmarais, St. Joseph de Sorel, writes: "I believe Baby's Own Tablets are the best medicine in the world for children. My baby was terribly constipated but the Tablets promptly cured him and now he is a healthy child." The Tablets are sold by medicine dealers or by mail at 25 cents a box from The Dr. Williams' Medicine Co., Brockville, Ont.

PERSONALS

Mrs. R. T. Worden, of King street east, returned home after a trip to Boston. She witnessed the Liberty parade there.

Mrs. E. B. Nixon has just undergone a serious operation in the hospital. Her mother, Joseph Kierwin of Bridge street, will refer to learn that he is quite ill.

Rev. F. S. Dowling, accompanied by Dr. Shearer, of Toronto, left at noon today for Truro. They will attend the annual meeting of the governors of The Maritime Home.

IT WILL PAY YOU TO BUY YOUR SPRING SUITS OR COATS AT GOLDMAN'S, WHERE PRICES ARE REASONABLE AND GOOD VALUES IN BOYS' SUITS.

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40c. Stilton Cheese for 32c. lb. 15c. pkge. Threaded Cod, 12-1-2c. 1 lb. pkge. Star Cod, 17c. 55c. pkge. Lipton's Tea, 47c. 55c. pkge. Salada Tea, 52c. 55c. pkge. Red Rose Tea, 52c. Special O. P. Bulk Tea, 45c. lb.

EXTRA SPECIALS

1 lb. Oleomargarine, 33c. 1 lb. block Pure Lard, 33c. 1 lb. tin Crisco, 33c. 1-1/2 lb. tin Crisco, 49c. Early June Peas, 18c. tin Sweet Corn, 21c. tin 3 lb. tin Tomatoes, 21c. 3 lb. tin Asparagus Tips, 31c. 1 qt. Soya Beans, 23c.

ROLLED OATS

Adv. advancing, 5 lbs. for 35c.

TOILET SOAPS

Floating Bath, Only 5c. cake Pure Castile, 7c. cake Peas' Assorted, For 8c. cake Castile with Wash-cloth, 12-1-2c. cake Peas' Glycerine, 15c. cake Peas' Scented, 18c. cake

LAUNDRY SOAPS, ETC.

5 cakes Lenox Soap, 29c. 5 cakes Sunlight Soap, 35c. 5 cakes Gold Soap, 35c. 5 cakes Ivory Soap, 35c. 2 tins Babbitt's Cleanser, 9c. 2 tins Old Dutch, 21c. 2 pks. Lux, 22c. 2 bottles Ammonia, 22c. 2 tin Chloride of Lime, 21c. 2 tin Smoky City Cleaner, 21c. 3 tin Saniflush, 29c. 2 tin bottle Liquid Veneer, 21c. 5c. bottle Liquid Veneer, 41c. 1 tin Orona Cleaner, 10c.

AIRCRAFT IN DEFENCE WORK REACHING IMPORTANT STAGE

British Bombs Down More Than 350 Hun Planes in a Short Period—Many Raids on German Towns

London, April 11.—From authoritative sources it is learned that the possibilities of faircraft in defence have been considerably developed in the present battle in France. The machine-gunning of troops on the ground and the bombing of railroads, junctions, etc., have been carried further than ever before. Some general conclusions reached by observation and questioning of prisoners are: Low-flying aircraft cannot be dealt with by other aircraft. They have to be dealt with by artillery or artillery from the ground. An infantry attack cannot be held up by airplanes, however numerous, but its impetus can be reduced to a certain extent.

During the period from March 20-21 down to April 3-4 the British brought down at the front 240 German airplanes and down 123 out of control, a total of 363.

The former are all machines which have been actually seen lying broken on the ground or falling in the air. The latter include those which, falling through a cloud, or from some other reason, were lost sight of by the airmen. They undoubtedly include many which crashed to the ground. During the same period the British had 123 machines missing.

Tons of Bombs Dropped. Records show that, excluding the bombs dropped in raids on Germany, British aircraft dropped during the same period 179 1/2 tons of bombs by day and 151 tons by night, a total of 330 1/2 tons. They also in the same period fired 1,189,295 rounds of ammunition from various machine-guns upon ground targets.

When it is remembered that in order to fire upon ground targets the airplane has to take special dive, and in each dive fire only ten or twelve rounds, perhaps, some idea can be formed of the enormous amount of work represented by these figures. The maximum number of rounds fired at ground targets in a single day was 200,000, and in a single night 60,000. The maximum weight of bombs dropped in a single day was 91 tons, and in a single night 27 1/2 tons.

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With the Americans. With the American Army in France, April 10.—(By the Associated Press)—The Germans attempted an attack against the American positions northwest of Toul just before sunrise this morning and were completely repulsed. Two German prisoners said the enemy planned the attack with a force of 800 men, but that it was stopped in its full strength by the effective fire of the American artillery.

Says Lines Will Hold. New York, April 11.—Myron T. Herick, former American ambassador to France, told an audience in City Hall Park yesterday that "these same allied lines, which German snatched attacks failed to break in 1914, will be found even more powerful in resistance now."

THIS MORNING ON NEW YORK EXCHANGE

New York, April 11.—(Wall Street)—Petroleum was the heaviest feature at the listless opening of today's stock market. Sinclair Oil losing a point on suspension of the dividend. Mexican Petroleum and Texas Company fell back on fractions. Changes elsewhere, though mainly downward, were confined to narrow limits. Shippings and equipments manifested little of their recent activity and rails were again neglected. Liberty bonds held steady.

Noon Report. The market resisted pressure during the first hour, but the tenor of later war bulletins finally brought about moderate liquidation. Investment rails yielded 1 to 1-1/2 points, shippings 1 to 2-1/2, and the more distinctive war issues, lost 1 to 2 points. The early reaction in oils and specialties was generally extended, trading becoming more active on the decline. Fractional rallies occurred at noon, the extra dividend on Marine preferred causing a sentimental influence.

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