

GOOD THINGS COMING TO THEATRES OF ST. JOHN

OPERA HOUSE, ONE SHOW TONIGHT; THE NEW BILL FOR SATURDAY

One show only at the Opera House tonight, starting promptly at 7.30, the second show being given up for a concert for the Halifax Relief Fund.

MARGUERITE CLARK AT IMPERIAL

"Bab's Diary," the first of the Paramount series of Saturday Evening Post stories by Mary Roberts Rinehart, will be the unusual attraction at the Imperial Theatre tonight and on Saturday.

HEAR GEM TENSOR AND ENJOY A FINE SHOW

The Gem's programme will be all changed tomorrow afternoon so that the performances at 7.15 and 8.45 tonight the talented tenor singer who has made such a sensation, will be heard for the last time.

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AWARDS IN THE EXCHEQUER COURT

Suits Brought in Connection With St. John and Quebec Railway Right of Way

Fredericton, Dec. 21.—Judgment has been given in all but one of the suits before Sir Walter Cassels in the exchequer court which were brought in connection with the right of way of the St. John and Quebec Railway in Fredericton.

PRICES RALLY IN WALL STREET

New York, Dec. 21.—Wall Street noon prices rallied briskly soon after the opening, the improvement being coincident with reports of a rupture in the negotiations between Russia and the Central Powers.

PERSONALS

Capt. W. J. Davis, formerly master of one of the Standard Oil Company's fleet, has now entered the service of the United States government and is captain of a transport plying between United States and France.

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SCROFULA AND ALL HUMORS GIVE WAY

There are many things learned from experience and observation that the older generation should impress upon the younger. Among them is the fact that scrofula and other humors, which produce eczema, boils, pimples and eruptions, can be most successfully treated with Hood's Sarsaparilla.

This great medicine is a peculiar combination of remarkably effective blood-purifying and health-giving roots, herbs and salts, which are gathered especially for it.

SACRIFICES ASKED OF ITALIAN PEOPLE

Rome, Wednesday, Dec. 19.—"All the property we possess individually and nationally must be consecrated to the war," declared Minister of the Treasury, in making his annual statement by the chamber of deputies today.

"The great faith that Italy's people have in her future is by the fact that savings deposits have increased 1,500,000 lire during the past year and that there is also plenty of capital available for private industry. It is true that during October there was a panic, but it was largely limited to the bank depositors in the districts nearby the invaded territories.

"We are now enduring trying hours, and others are coming, but they will be met with the spirit of sacrifice." The estimates for 1917-18 show an increase of eight and one-third billion lire above the normal government expenditure of three billion lire, with an income of 4,760,000,000 lire.

The minister said that Italy had spent from November, 1916, to October, 1917, 16,750,000,000 lire, of which the sum of 8,500,000,000 lire was obtained by various loans and 8,250,000,000 by extraordinary means.

SAYS LAST BATTLE OF WAR WILL BE DECIDED IN AIR

Toronto, Dec. 21.—Lincoln Eyre in a special London cable to the Mail and Empire says that the end of the war will be decided in the air.

Russian-Japanese Treaty

London, Dec. 21.—The Pravda, the Bolshevik organ, according to a Petrograd despatch to the Times, prints the text of a secret treaty between Russia and Japan, signed in July, 1916, agreeing to co-operate against the interference of any third power in the affairs of China.

Washington, Dec. 21.—Railroads desiring to withdraw from joint rate agreements must obtain specific approval of the interstate commerce commission if the withdrawal would mean an increase in rates. The commission so ordered today.

FRENCH REPRESENTATION IN DOMINION CABINET

Ottawa, Dec. 21.—According to the Morning Citizen French representation in the cabinet, when provided for, will include two Unionists and two Liberals, the appointments to be made, however, until after the final result of the election is known.



For Christmas

- 4 lbs. Oatmeal..... 25c.
1 lb. block Pure Lard..... 31c.
1 lb. tin Crisco..... 33c.
1-2 lb. tin Baker's Cocoa..... 22c.
12 oz. pkge. Seeded Raisins..... 8c.
16 oz. pkge. Seeded Raisins..... 12 1/2c.
15 oz. pot MacLaren's Cheese, 10c.
CANDY
Special Mixed..... 15c. lb.
National Mixed..... 25c. lb.
St. Croix Mixed..... 30c. lb.
Frank White's Mixed..... 30c. lb.
Frank White's Creams..... 50c. lb.
French Cream Mixed..... 35c. lb.
Assorted Kisses..... 25c. lb.
Barley Toys..... 25c. lb.
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Turkish Delight..... 30c. lb.
Butter Scotch Wafers..... 40c. lb.
Special Mixed Caramels..... 50c. lb.
Mixed Chocolates..... 40c. lb.
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Marie Saunders' Chocolates, 60c. and 70c. lb.

QUALITY CHOCOLATES, 80c. lb. TABLE RAISINS, 15c., 20c. and 30c. lb.

MIXED NUTS, 25c. and 35c. lb.

COSSAQUES or CRACKERS 35c. to \$2.00 a box

FILLED STOCKINGS For the Kiddies, 10c. to \$2.65 each

Corn for popping, 10c. pkge. Popcorn Balls, 20c. doz.

REELY-TROOLY DOLLS To cut out, six in box... For 27c.

BIG BARGAINS IN DOLLS Extra values at \$1.33 each

These Dolls are 15 inches high, nicely dressed, in large variety. Special Sale price until Xmas, \$1.05 each

CANDLES FOR THE TREE, 10c. box

OHOW OHOW Special Home-made... 35c. bottle

CANNED CHICKEN Boneless, in 1-2 lb. tins... 65c.

Boneless, in 1 lb. tins... 95c. Breasts in glass... \$1.15

PLUM PUDDINGS In Sealed tins, extra quality, 45c., 60c. and \$1.00 each

GREENING Wreaths, etc. GILBERT'S GROCERY

Kiddies' Xmas Gifts. Strongly Built Tricycle - Leather saddle, adjustable, heavy rubber tires; three sizes. Xmas Special, \$4.00, \$4.50, \$5.00. Doll's Perambulator - Heavy wood body, leatherette hood. Xmas Special, \$2.35. Others from \$1.00 to \$12.00. Rocking Horses, Hobby Horses, Swing Horses, Dolls' Carts, Kiddie Cars, Kindergarten Sets, Blackboards, Express Carts, Sleds, Framers, High Chairs, Morris Chairs, Rockers, Tricycles, etc. etc. Order Your Gift Now and We Will Deliver Xmas Eve. J. Marcus, 30 Dock St.

HEINZE-SHERWOOD.

A pretty wedding was solemnized in Passaic on Wednesday afternoon at 3 o'clock at the home of Mr. and Mrs. S. H. Sherwood, when their daughter, Miss Jennie, became the bride of Fred Heinze, who holds an important position on the staff of the Atlantic Refiners. The ceremony was performed by Rev. Mr. Rowley of Hampton. The bride, who was prettily gowned in a traveling dress, was given away by her father, and there was a happy gathering of relatives to witness the marriage ceremony. Mr. and Mrs. Heinze left on a honeymoon trip to Boston and New York, and on return will reside in Waterloo street. They were the recipients of many handsome wedding presents and they have the hearty good wishes of a host of friends.

The Quinine That Does Not Affect Head Because of its tonic and laxative effect, LAXATIVE BROMO QUININE can be taken by anyone without causing nervousness or ringing in the head. There is only one "Bromo Quinine." E. W. GROVE'S signature is on box. 30c.

Choice Western Beef

ALSO Lamb, Pork, Chickens and Vegetables

L. D. BROWN 12-24

Shop—Shop and shop your Christmas shopping at Bassen's, 14-16-18 Charlotte street. No branches.

Buy fancy china at Hoyt Bros.' 12-23.

For jewelry, moderately priced, quaint table articles and bric-a-brac, silverware, etc., the place to shop is Poyas & Co., near Imperial Theatre.

Useful and durable gifts for everyone. Shop at Bassen's, 14-16-18 Charlotte street. No branches.

Band at Victoria Rink tonight.

Now is your chance to save the coupons and buy your Xmas presents at Louis Green's, 84 Charlotte street, cigars 50c. box upwards; pipes for 25c. up; tobacco of all kinds. Everything is guaranteed.

A choice assortment of diamonds and watches for Christmas; also well supplied with the usual lines.—Ernest Law, 5 Coburg street.

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LOCAL NEWS

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Frame pictures at Hoyt Bros.' 12-23.

Christmas bargains, sleighs.—Edgecombe's, City road. 12-24.

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Bargains in dolls at Hoyt Bros.' 12-23.

Best Christmas cards at Hoyt Bros.' 12-23.

MOCHA GLOVES Wool-lined, \$1.25, \$1.50, \$2.00.—Harry W. King, Union street. 12-24.

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Poyas & Co., near Imperial Theatre, the store with the Christmas spirit in full control.

XMAS TIES 25c., 30c., 50c. and 75c., all nicely boxed.—Harry W. King, Union street. 12-23.

CARD OF THANKS Mr. and Mrs. John Sweeney wish to thank the doctors and nurses for kindly treatment to their child, Joseph Leo.

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Useful Holiday Gifts. Are the Proper Levine Expressions of Good Will This Year. when economy has become the watch-word of our nation. In a sense, making a practical Xmas is another way to "Do Your Bit." Why not make your gift one that will bring comfort as well as happiness. One Thing You May Be Sure Of THE prices at our store are decidedly lower than uptown dealers, who are under more expense in staff and rentals. Look over their Christmas lines, then price ours, and you will be astonished. FOR WOMEN The time-honored gifts of a pair of comfortable SLIPPERS are being used this year more than ever. Our price in Felt lines run from 95c. to \$1.85 (All sizes and varieties) SKATING BOOTS—Strong and serviceable, neat and stylish... \$3.25 to \$3.85. Besides, our line of regular Shoes unexcelled in quality and value. LADIES' DRESS BOOTS—All styles and prices. BOYS His Heart's Desire, the ever popular SKATING BOOTS. Sizes 11 13 at a Special Price, Only \$1.98 HIGH OUT SPORT BOOTS... \$2.65 to \$3.25 "WHERE THE SAME COSTS LESS" FOR MEN FELT SLIPPERS—Cozy and comfortable. Enticement sufficient in themselves to coax a man to spend the evening at home. Our Prices, 75c. to \$1.85 And you will get no such values elsewhere. SKATING BOOTS... \$2.85 to \$3.85 (The right kind) Besides, our line of regular Shoes unexcelled in quality and value. GIRLS FELT SLIPPERS—Attractive colors and good style... 49c. and up SKATING BOOTS—Always acceptable. Sizes 11 to 2... Special Price, \$2.65 "Where The Same Costs Less" Levines Two Shoe Stores 96 Charlotte Street 8 1-2 Brussels Street

The Best Quality at a Reasonable Price Thorough Satisfaction In Christmas Shopping Every factor which helps to make Christmas delightful is found at Sharpe's. The store is filled with the best of all things. There is a wide choice in each line. Prices are marked in plain figures, and values are decidedly attractive. There are presents here suitable for every age and both sexes. A FEW SUGGESTIONS—FOR WOMEN: Diamond Rings, Bracelet Watches, Gold Lavallieres, Bar Pins and Brooches, Cameo Brooches, Mesh Bags and Coin Purses. FOR MEN Gold and Gold-filled Watches, Signet and Set Rings, Military Wrist Watches, Gold Scarf Pins, Waldemar Chains and Knives, Cigarette Cases. FOR CHILDREN Coding Spoons and Pushers, Silver Mugs, Bracelets, Rings, Lockets, Bib Holders. A Small Deposit Reserves Any Article. L. L. Sharpe & Son Jewelers & Opticians 21 King St., - St. John, N. B.

D. BOYANER, 111 Charlotte St. As a Christmas Gift to those who require them, a pair of glasses is about as fitting a remembrance as can be imagined. You can arrange all the details of such a gift with us now. The lenses will be carefully and scientifically fitted after the holidays. JEWELRY A choice assortment of diamonds and watches for Christmas; also well supplied with the usual lines.—Ernest Law, 5 Coburg street. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT. The Seaman's Mission Society wishes gratefully to acknowledge a subscription of \$50 from Royal Standard Chapter to special Christmas Treat Fund. SUGGESTIVE ARTICLES. That bring to mind a friend who would appreciate them. Our store settles the gift problem by suggesting the appropriate remembrances.—Poyas & Co., near Imperial. NOTICE. Commercial travelers! Your 1918 certificate can be had at 61 Dock street, any time, commencing Monday, Dec. 24. W. V. MCKENNEY, Secretary. 12-24. On Wednesday afternoon Olive, eldest daughter of Alfred and Ella Orr, Lewisville, was united in marriage by Rev. S. W. Stackhouse to William Tait of Salisbury. THEY HELPED ST. JOHN. Bangor Commercial: In October, 1917, Bangor was quick to respond to the need of St. John, as recently stated in the Commercial, in connection with the Halifax relief train from here. There are at least four survivors of the 1877 relief party—Thomas White, Franklin W. Cram, Edward M. Blanding, then city editor of the Commercial, and Edward P. Boutelle, then city editor of the Whig and Courier. The train was loaded with goods that were welcomed with gratitude by St. John, which was devastated by a fire. BELIEVES TEUTON DID IT. Bangor Commercial: There is little reason to doubt that it was a Teuton hand that placed the bomb intended to destroy the life of Governor Stephens, of California as well as the executive mansion of that state. The governor had just returned from a tour during which he had aroused the Californians to great patriotic ardor. Then came the attempt upon his life. What other belief is there than that this was the act of an alien enemy, the continuation of the German campaign of frightfulness upon American soil? The great misfortune is that the criminal and would-be murderer was not caught.

PICTURES Halifax Disaster THIS WEEK'S MONTREAL STANDARD