

GOOD THINGS COMING TO THEATRES OF ST. JOHN

YOU'LL ENJOY THIS AT THE OPERA HOUSE
Have you seen Louis London at the Opera House this week?

LOCAL NEWS

A meeting of the Boys' Club was held last evening in their rooms in Union street. The total membership of the club is 127.
FROM GUNNER COLWELL
Mrs. G. W. Colwell, 45 Exmouth street, today received a welcome letter from her son Gunner Orland A. Colwell.

BIRTHS

STEVENS—On December 26, to the wife of Garfield H. Stevens—a son.

DEATHS

THOMPSON—In this city, on the 26th inst., Hannah, wife of the late William Thompson, aged eighty-eight years, leaving one son and two daughters to mourn.
HENDERSON—On the 26th inst., Mrs. Anne Henderson, widow of C. J. Henderson, at the age of seventy-seven, leaving one son and two daughters.

IN MEMORIAM

PARKER—In loving memory of Eliza Parker, wife of David Parker, who departed this life Dec. 21, 1916.
You are not forgotten, Mother dear, And never shall you be As long as life and memory last, We will remember thee. DAUGHTER.

CARDS OF THANKS

Mr. and Mrs. A. S. Proffitt and family wish to thank their many friends for kindness and sympathy during their recent bereavement.

THE BIG SALE Still Going Strong

What Better Way to invest that Xmas money gift than in warm, serviceable clothing, either for yourself or someone more needy.
What Better Place than here and now when this mighty sale is offering such price values.

A FEW PRICES TO SET YOU THINKING:

- SHIRTS: Men's Work Shirts—(Heavy Black Duck) 39c. Special Reinforced Striped Duck Reg. 85c.—Our Price, 68c. Dress Shirts—While they last. Reg. \$1.50 line. Now 79c.
OVERALLS: Heavy Black Duck 68c. Extra Quality Heavy Blue Duck 88c. Union Overall (with bibs and braces). Reg. \$1.85. Our Price, \$1.32.
PANTS: Dark Tweed Effects, strong and serviceable. \$1.39 a pair. Fine Tailored Pants—Dark Tweeds, Chevots, etc. Reg. \$4.00 and \$5.00 lines. Yours for \$2.68.

Above Only Partial List—Many Other Articles Equally Good Value
King Square : : Across From Market MARITIME SALVAGE CO.

WHOLESALE ARRESTS IN GERMAN MINORITY SOCIALIST PARTY

London, Dec. 27—More than 300 members of the German minority Socialist party were arrested on Christmas eve by the German military authorities, according to a Zurich despatch given out today by the Wireless Press.

WOULD REVOLUTIONIZE BRITISH INDUSTRIES

London, Dec. 27—Proposals which would revolutionize the industry of Great Britain are contained in a report of the coal conservation sub-committee on the supply of electrical power. The main reforms advocated are as follows: Construction of 10 super-power stations in different parts of the country. Suppression with adequate compensation of 800 small undertakings now in existence. National control of the whole undertaking by a national board of electricity commissioners.

WHISKEY DEARER

Whiskey quotations in Montreal are up \$3 a case for domestic and \$5 for imported.
Halifax, N. S., Dec. 27—The city vendors under the Nova Scotia temperance act were today notified by wire from Montreal that the price of whiskey had increased \$5 per case, the first jump as a result of the announcement of prohibition of importation of liquor.

MEMBER OF NOTED FAMILY

Thomas A. Crane passed away at his home in Grand Pre last Friday evening. He had been prominent in business circles in Montreal for some years. He is the last survivor of his family, excepting a sister, Miss Elizabeth Crane of Grand Pre. His brother, the late Sir Leonard Crane, K.C.B., died in London a few years ago. On retiring from business, he returned to his native town to reside. Miss Nita Patterson of Amherst, Mrs. Dr. Paisley of Sackville, and Mrs. F. W. Curry of Hortonville are nieces. He leaves a widow, but no children. He was a grandson of the late Col. Crane, who was well known in Westmorland and Cumberland counties. His son, the late William Crane, of Sackville, was speaker of the House of Assembly of New Brunswick for some years. His nephew, the late Hon. Jas. S. Morse represented Cumberland in the House of Assembly when he himself represented Kings county. Three nephews are James N. of Halifax; William of California, and Fred H. of Grand Pre. Mr. Crane was the youngest son of the late James Noble Crane, also of Grand Pre, and nephew of the late Dr. James F. Avery of Halifax; and was nearly eighty-six years of age.

BRITISH STEAMER WRECKED

London, Dec. 27—The British steamer City of Nagpur has been wrecked in Delagoa Bay, Portuguese East Africa, according to a despatch to the Times from Lisbon. The passengers, numbering 239, were saved, as was the cargo. The City of Nagpur was of 3,881 tons, and was built in Belfast in 1914. She was chartered by the Ellerman Line of Liverpool.

TOM FOLEY'S CLOSE CALL

Well Known Athlete and Boxing Instructor Was on the Verge of Death Following the Halifax Explosion.
(Halifax Recorder for)
This, Foley, who for years was the champion boxer of the maritime provinces, and later well known as a referee and physical instructor, who was first reported dead as a result of his injuries in the recent explosion, was able to be out Friday for the first time. There have been many wonderful escapes reported in the disaster, but probably none who were so near death as Mr. Foley and to still live.

Mr. Foley was at his home on Creighton street, and was engaged in washing his face when the first rumble came, and turning his head to look towards the window wondering what happened, the explosion came, and he was badly cut with the glass about the face, head and arms, bleeding profusely. His condition was such that members of his own family had no hopes of his recovery. He had a bad gash on the forehead, he was in danger of losing his right eye, his left arm was cut, but, worse than all, his jugular vein was severed, and he bled to such an extent that all hopes of his recovery, and his family said what they feared was their last farewell.

So little were the chances expected of his recovery that when a couple of days later it was decided, with the crowded condition of the hospital, to remove him to the abode of his family, and Dr. Little 'phoned' to the undertaker to have the ambulance sent to the hospital, he did not happen to mention that he wanted him removed to his home. The person receiving the message at the undertaker's rooms, knowing how serious was Foley's condition, and thinking under the circumstances he had passed away, sent to the hospital the wagon that is used for removing dead bodies. Mr. Foley's brother went to the hospital at the same time, to find that he was not only alive, but improving.

As the message the doctor had happened to call at the undertaker's, and it was with great astonishment that it was learned that Mr. Foley was well enough to be removed from the hospital at Mr. Foley and the undertaker are personal friends, and it is only since the former's recovery that the undertaker has made him acquainted with the fact that they started to get a coffin ready.

BREWERS ALLOWED GREATER PRODUCTION IN GREAT BRITAIN

London, Dec. 26—The food controller has issued an order permitting brewers to increase their present output by 20 per cent in the first quarter of the new year. The order also permits an additional increase of thirteen and one-half per cent for brewers supplying 'necessitous' quantities.

For Cash Tomorrow



FOR CASH TOMORROW
1 lb. block Pure Lard 32c.
1 lb. tin Crisco 38c.
1-2 lb. Baker's Chocolate 20c.
12 oz. pkge. Seeded Raisins 9c.
16 oz. pkge. Seeded Raisins 12 1/2c.

16c. pot MacLaren's Cheese 10c.
4 lbs. Rolled Oats 25c.
15c. pkge. Macaroni for 10c.
20c. tin Clark's Spaghetti 17c.
5c. lb. Lipton's Tea 47c.
Shrimps, only 17c. tin
New Pack Lobsters 27c.
Snider's Tomato Soup 15c.
Campbell's Soups 17c.
Canadian Cheese 27c. lb.
Choice Creamery Butter 50c. lb.
Clark's Pork and Beans, 18c. tin
3 lb. tin Tomatoes for 20c.
24 lb. bag R. H. Flour \$1.65
Golden Dates, only 10c. pkge.
25c. tin Baker's Cocoa 22c.

CANNED CHICKEN
Boneless, in 1-2 lb. tins. 65c.
Boneless, in 1 lb. tins. 55c.
Breasts in glass. \$1.15

PLUM PUDDINGS
In Sealed Tins, extra quality.
5c., 60c. and \$1.00 each

SUGAR (With Orders)
5 lbs. for 50c.
10 lbs. for \$1.00

APPLES
Ripston Pippins, only 16c. doz.
No Delivery of Specials Alone
GILBERT'S GROCERY

LOCAL NEWS

Band on Carleton Rink tonight.
Miss E. I. Heffer postpones classes on account of illness, for one week.
McRobbie Shoe Co., 50 King street, have women's dark tan rubbers to fit high and low heel boots. Price \$1.25. 12-81.

TONIGHT
And every night, store open until ten o'clock. Clothing and furnishings must be sold regardless of prices. Maritime Salvage Co., King Square, opposite market.

Sixty-six boys' winter overcoats for sale at cost price—Turner, out of high rent district, 440 Main. T.F.

Maritime Salvage Co. clearing out sale of King Square. Clothing, underwear and furnishings for less than what regular dealers buy at wholesale.

You can get an extra good quality ankle support, price 55c., at McRobbie's, 30 King street. 12-18.

A NEW DISCOUNT
We have decided to make a liberal price discount on all purchases at our store from now until the New Year. Remember we have still most appropriate gifts for the friends you could not decide for the last minute. Poyas & Co., near Imperial.

ONLY ONE PLACE
And that on King Square, opposite The Market, where men's shirts are being sold for 75c. Shop early. T.F.

ANNUAL CHRISTMAS TREK
This annual Christmas tree concert of Calvin church will be held in the school room on Friday evening, December 28, at 8 o'clock. Admission 10c.

Fifty-three men's winter overcoats for sale at cost price—Turner, out of high rent district, 440 Main. T.F.

MORE COLD WEATHER
There is no doubt winter has just begun. We are selling warm underwear for men and women at sale prices. Also men's overalls, pants, and general furnishings at less than wholesale. See signs opposite market.

Wanted—shoe shine man and bell boy. Royal Hotel. 7066-12-29.

HALIFAX RELIEF FUND
Cannivers who have books for collecting funds for Halifax relief, are asked to return them to the Victoria Loan and Bank, whether they have been used or not, as they must be had at once in order to close the accounts.

CLEARING SALE OF MEN'S AND BOYS' WINTER OVERCOATS AT
We have fifty-three men's winter overcoats in stock, also sixty-six boys' overcoats, which we are selling at cost price to clear. Call and make your selection early. Turner, out of the high rent district, 440 Main. T.F.

RECENT WEDDINGS
Heffer-Outon.
At the Highfield street Baptist parsonage, Monday afternoon, December 25, the marriage of Elmer Siles Hour, of the Salisbury Road, and Miss Nellie Marie Leaman, was solemnized by Rev. E. H. Cochrane.

Duff-McClelland.
On Monday evening Albert Leonard Duff and Lillian McClelland of Rexton, were married at the Highfield street Baptist parsonage by Rev. E. H. Cochrane.

Hoar-Leaman.
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RECENT DEATHS
Mrs. Denis J. LeBlanc died on December 25 at her home, Moncton, aged sixty-six years. She is survived by six sons and three daughters. The sons are Alfred D., of The Times Printing Company; James D., merchant tailor; Joseph D., employed with his brother, James D.; and three others. The daughters are Mrs. P. E. Cormier, Alfred D., of The Times Printing Company; Camille D., with the 28th Battalion in France, and Henry, at home. The daughters are Mrs. Arthur LeBlanc, of St. John, and Mrs. Angus Drisdell, of Moncton.

Alex. F. Smith passed away at his home in Petticoat Christmas Eve. He was sixty-six years of age and is survived by five sons and three daughters. His wife, who before her marriage was Miss Amanda Alward, of Havelock, died about a year ago. The sons are Max and Harry, at home; Ephraim and James, of Smith Brothers, Sussex; Frank, in France, with a Canadian Battalion; and Alfred, of Amherst. The daughters are Mrs. Carrie Davis, of Sussex; Mrs. Roland Davis, Petticoat, and Miss Sarah Smith, at home.

BROACHING CARGO CHARGED
In the police court this morning three foreign sailors were charged with broaching cargo on a vessel in dock on the west side. After some evidence was taken the case was postponed until this afternoon.

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BIG ARMY OF WOMEN FIGHTING THE KAISER

1,500,000 Strong in Men's Places; Thousands in Hospitals and Munitions Shops

Some idea of the huge and important part British women are playing in the war Miss Helen Fraser, a British war worker, who recently arrived in the United States, is seeking to give to the American women who are anxious to take up war work on a large scale and more systematically than heretofore.

Here are some of the figures quoted by Miss Fraser in the New York Herald:

One and a quarter million women doing work formerly done by men. Eight hundred thousand women in munitions plants.

Two hundred and fifty-eight thousand women on the land. Eighty-three thousand women in government offices.

Forty thousand women somewhere in France, working at military bases. Sixty thousand women voluntary hospital workers.

Between six and seven hundred women patrols. That is only a part of it. There are also great numbers of home women who give part of their time to war activities.

As an example of the thoroughness and vast extent of this sort of work in England Miss Fraser cites the organization of 40,000 war savings committees and the cantens of the Young Women's Christian Association, which serve no less than 80,000 meals a week.

"A feature of women's war work which has proved of tremendous value is our communal kitchens," said Miss Fraser. "The kitchens have served two purposes—that of making possible a tremendous food saving and also the proper nourishment of great numbers of persons who otherwise would have been insufficiently fed."

"At all of the munition plants there are canteens or communal kitchens for supplying the workers with food. We very earnestly realized that this was extremely important. In some cases these canteens are run by the management of the factory in others the Y. W. C. A. conducts them. The food is of excellent quality. Our munition dinners consist of soup, meat, vegetables and bread, the cost ranging from 12 to 15 cents."

"The enthusiasm of the munition girls is delightful. They are glad to work in the munition plants and make use of such a phrase as 'We are out to win this war,' the roof almost comes off with the cheering. It is almost dangerous for any factory worker to be absent because of being lukewarm in the cause. You see, nearly every girl worker has a boy at the front, and she hasn't much patience with half-hearted patriotism."

NOVA SCOTIA CAPTAIN IS DROWNED IN BOSTON HARBOR
Bridgetown, N. S., Dec. 27—Capt. John J. Walsh, found drowned yesterday in Boston harbor, was a native of Gilbert's Cove, Digby, and had sailed all his life time between St. Mary's Bay and ports in Massachusetts and Maine. He was a member of the Masonic lodge, Yarmouth. He leaves his wife, seven daughters and two sons, and is also survived by one sister, who resides in Roxbury. At the time of his death he was on the schooner Weymouth, N. S., schooner Quay.

SECOND VICTIM OF WOOD ALCOHOL
Newcastle, Dec. 27—Peter D. Arsenault, who was reported seriously ill from drinking wood alcohol, died at four o'clock this morning.

PERSONALS
Mrs. J. Albert Godard, nee Cameron will receive for the first time since her marriage on Friday, December 28, afternoon and evening, at her residence, 62 Guelph street, west.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry H. McAvity and daughter Irena, of Halifax, are guests of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas McAvity, 192 King street east, for the Christmas holidays.

Mrs. J. W. Lambert, who was Miss Mamie Ward, has returned to the west after spending a few months with her parents, Captain and Mrs. George Ward, 9 Somerset street.

Among the arrivals at the Royal Hotel this morning were J. M. Dickson of Fredericton, F. M. Tweedle of Chatham, J. D. Palmer of Fredericton.

Wm. Hogan of Chatham is in the city visiting his old home and is receiving a hearty welcome.

SAYS PROGRAMME FOR BUILDING OF WOODEN SHIPS IS FAILURE
Washington, Dec. 27—The wooden shipbuilding programme was pictured as an almost complete failure today by Rear Admiral F. A. Bowles, assistant general manager of the Emergency Fleet Corporation, testifying at the senate commerce committee's investigation of shipbuilding.

STRIKE DID NOT PROVE WHOLLY SUCCESSFUL
San Francisco, Cal., Dec. 26—Only part of the 15,000 iron trades mechanics employed in industries other than shipbuilding in the San Francisco Bay region, made good their threat to strike today for a ten per cent wage bonus, according to reports to the California Metal Trades Association, the employers' organization.

R. W. Burton, president of the iron trades' council, said the only men who had not obeyed the strike order were those that had not been formally notified. He estimated that all of the men affected would be out tonight.

ENEMY LOSES IN BIG AIR BATTLE
Rome, Dec. 27—Eleven Austro-German airplanes have been brought down by the British and Italian forces in a big aerial battle.

TWO CURRENTS OF OPINION NOW

Bourassa Hopes More Solid Ministers Will Not Be Swayed by Hotheads—Attitude of Liberals

Announcing that he belongs neither to the party of the victors nor to that of the vanquished, Henri Bourassa, the Nationalist chief, has analyzed, in Le Devoir, the result of the general election.

Mr. Bourassa contends that the victory of the government in real and significant, and would have been secured without the audacious acts preceding the election. The results, he says, prove that the majority in English Canada want to keep the unionist cabinet in power and approve, on the whole, its war policy. It is going a long way, however, to contend that the vote was equivalent to a formal approval by referendum of conscription, or that the people wish to carry on the war without let-up or limit.

In announcing that the sons of farmers will be exempted from military service, and that the second class of conscripts will not be called up, the government assured for itself the support of a large number of anti-conscriptionists.

Nationalism vs. Imperialism.
"The various groups and provinces in the country voted against unionism in direct ratio to the strength of their resistance to the imperialist tendency," continues Mr. Bourassa. "The government has rallied all Canadian-born or Canadian by adoption who were blinded by the prospect of grandeur and imperial solidarity. The French-Canadians resisted, en masse, because they are en masse, and by instinct, Nationalists. At the moment two currents of opinion are exercising their influence on the government and its triumphant majority. The most turbulent element of the unionist party wants to drive the government to measures of reprisals against Quebec. We like to believe that the more solid heads of the cabinet, Messrs. Borden and DeLery, will not allow themselves to be carried along by the hot-heads of their party."

Prospects for Liberals.
"As for the Liberals," concludes Mr. Bourassa, "one can only hope that they will have a clear vision in the situation and will not fall into their past errors. All the concessions they have made to imperialism, militarism, and jingoism have done them no good. They are classed as Nationalists. Their newspapers appear to cherish a hope of reconciliation with the Liberal Unionists. That is an illusion. The Liberals who sincerely abandoned their party will remain true to the coalition as long as the reason for their change lasts."

"After the war parties will be broken up again. The alignment of political forces will be on two principal questions: The settlement of our accounts with England; and the readjustment of our own economic equilibrium. To the first belongs closely the problem of new relations to be established between the various parts of the empire. It is then that the struggle between imperialism and nationalism will come into its own. That is an illusion. The Liberals who sincerely abandoned their party will remain true to the coalition as long as the reason for their change lasts."

FREDERICTON NEWS
Fredericton, N. B., Dec. 27—The Maritime Lumber Company has changed its head office from Martinon to the city of St. John.

The Hartland Manufacturing Company, limited, has been incorporated with head office in Hartland and capital stock of \$24,000. It is empowered to carry on a general manufacturing and trading business and to generate and sell electric current in the village of Hartland. Those incorporated are: Walter H. Hatfield and Frederick G. Scott of Montreal.

Judge Grimmer resumed his sittings in Fredericton as appeal judge under the military service act this morning. It is expected that he will complete his hearing tomorrow. Today exemption was granted to those engaged as bona fide agriculturists or in other basic industries.

SIR GEORGE FOSTER AWAY FROM DESK FULLY TWO MONTHS
Ottawa, Dec. 27—It is not expected here that Sir George E. Foster will be able to resume his duties within a couple of months. It will be some weeks before he leaves the hospital at Toronto, after which it will be necessary for him to go south to recuperate.

Colds Cause Headache and Grip.
LAXATIVE BROMO QUININE removes the cause. There is only one "Bromo Quinine." E. W. GROVES signature is on box. 30c.

THE ROTARY CLUB
W. S. Fisher addressed the Rotary Club today, giving a most interesting talk on the Canadian situation at Quebec and Lindsay, the Ross Rifle factory and the manufacture of munitions generally. H. C. Rising presided. The annual meeting will be given up to discussion of the plans for boys.

ROYAL YEAST CAKES

Some women hold to the idea that bread-making is a long and difficult operation, but this is a mistake, for with Royal Yeast Cakes, light, sweet bread can be made in a few hours with but little trouble.
FREE: Our new Royal Yeast Baking Book will be sent free upon request. It contains full instructions for making bread and cakes with Royal Yeast Cakes. Send name and address plainly written and the baking book will be mailed promptly.

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GEM'S NEW BILL IS EXCELLENTE ONE

Roller Skating Act Makes Big Hit—Good Comedy And a Stirring Picture Feature

The new programme at the Gem won popular favor last night in its various features. An outstanding item is a roller skating exhibition by The Two Franks, man and dainty miss. They present a very dainty act and perform with most pleasing grace and skill. They certainly are at home on roller skates and dance on them as well as the ordinary individual would on the polished ball room floor. They also present acrobatic feats on the skates and the young woman gives a very fine reproduction of a Russian dance and creates a funny scene with her "whirling Dervish" act on the skates. The whole makes a very fine feature.

Bredrou and May, man and woman, are pleasing singers in solo and duet and the man has a good line of comedy stories. The young woman is a particularly pleasing story dancer. She makes several costume changes and in the finale appears as an Irish lass in duet with her partner and in a well executed Irish jig. The act pleased greatly.
Beautiful Ethel Clayton has the lead in the picture feature, "The Bondage of Fear." Through no fault of her own, she is a victim of a mad scientist who robs her happiness threatened just at a time when life is sunniest. Circumstances, however, which she has had no control, have involved her in a web of events that threaten to stela her entire life. The manner in which she solves this problem, rolling out of scenes and situations, Miss Clayton is supported by a particularly able cast including Rockfelle, Fellows and Arthur Ashley. "The Bondage of Fear" is a World Picture Brady-Made and stands prominently among the best yet offered. There is a thrill in almost every foot of film and the climax is particularly effective. Gem patrons followed the picture with keen satisfaction.

The Gem will continue this program with and including Friday night with all changed on Saturday afternoon.

WAR NOTES
Second Lieut. Archibald B. Roosevelt, son of Col. Theodore Roosevelt, has been promoted captain in France.

The New York State Fuel Conservation Commission says a national coal shortage must be faced by the small consumer with the practice of the utmost conservation.

Petrograd reports that the Putilov works, employing 30,000 men, and the Petrograd Metallurgical Works, employing 8,000, have begun to pay off their men.

Charles H. Smith of St. Louis, a member of the American railway commission in Russia, who was arrested recently in Siberia, was released after a few hours' detention.

SALTS IF BACKACHE AND KIDNEY'S HURT

When you wake up with headache and dull misery in the kidney region it generally means you have been eating too much meat, says a well-known authority. Meat forms uric acid which overworks the kidneys in their effort to filter it from the blood and they become sort of paralyzed and loggy. When your kidneys get sluggish and cloggy you must relieve them like you relieve your bowels; removing all the body's urinous waste, else you have backache, sick headache, dizzy spells; your stomach sours, tongue is coated, when the weather is bad you have rheumatic twinges. The urine is cloudy, full of sediment, channels often get sore, water solids and you are obliged to seek relief two or three times during the night.
Either consult a good, reliable physician at once or get from your pharmacist about four ounces of Jad Salts; take a tablespoonful in a glass of water before breakfast for a few days and your kidneys will then act fine. This famous salt is made from the acid of grapes and lemon juice, combined with lithia, and has been used for generations to clean and stimulate sluggish kidneys, also to neutralize acids in the urine so it no longer irritates, thus ending bladder weakness.
Jad Salts is a life saver for regular meat eaters. It is inexpensive, cannot be injured and makes a delightful, effervescent lithia-water drink.