



BELGIAN MACHINE GUN IN ACTION—ACTUAL SCENE IN THE GREAT WAR PICTURES AT THE GRAND, FRIDAY AND SATURDAY, DEC. 25 AND 26. MATINEE DAILY.

SANTA CLAUS IS FACING BIG JOB ON WEDNESDAY

One Thousand Children to be Looked After—Every Detail of Arrangement Has Been Looked After by Energetic Committee.

Santa Claus has a big night's work ahead of him to-morrow when, in the local armories, he will distribute from a mammoth Christmas Tree, gifts to approximately 1000 children who might this year have been overlooked had not Santa's appeal to the generous citizens of Brantford met with a ready response. Every detail of the arrangements have been completed, and it promises to be a night long to be remembered not only by the children, who receive gifts, but also by the older people who are privileged to be present and incidentally by all who have contributed to the Kiddies Christmas Tree fund. Invitation cards, which will be used for identification purposes, have been sent to each child whom the investigators have reported favorably and the kiddies are asked to remember to take these cards with them to the armories, as otherwise they will not be entitled to receive gifts from Santa Claus' store. The old fellow will be present in person, but owing to the great amount of work he will have to do, he has asked a number of local ladies and gentlemen to be present and assist him in seeing that none who are entitled to receive a gift is overlooked.

- A baby friend50
- S.P. Class Colborne St. Church6.00
- Edna Nelles1.00
- Miss Carpenter's Room, Dufferin School2.00
- Miss Graham's S.S. Class, St. Andrews Church1.50
- A rural resident1.00
- St. Andrew's Church Men's Class1.00
- Helen C. Daniels1.00
- M.T.R.1.50
- M.D.F. Club5.00
- Mrs. R.1.00
- Richard Hamilton1.00

Social and Personal

The Courier is always pleased to use items of personal interest. Phone 276.

Miss C. Edmanson, 212 Nelson St. is spending a few days in Toronto.

Harold Brewster has arrived home for the Christmas vacation.

Mr. Jas. H. Edmonson, representative for T. J. Fair Co., is home for Christmas holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Gibbons, of Toronto, and Mr. and Mrs. Baker, of Toronto, will spend Xmas in town, the guests of Mrs. J. G. Cookshutt.

Mr. Carl O. Apps of McGill University, Montreal, will spend the Christmas vacation with his parents at Evergreen Lodge.

Mel Brock, the well known sprinter who was picked to represent Canada in the Olympic games, is at present sojourning with his parents in the city.

MR. F. J. BISHOP

Is Elected Director of the Big Coniagas Silver Mine.

ST. CATHARINES, Dec. 22.—The eighth annual meeting of the Coniagas Mines, Ltd., was held here yesterday afternoon. The following board of directors was re-elected: President and General Manager, Major R. W. Leonard, St. Catharines; Vice-Presidents—Alex. Longwell, Toronto; R. P. Rogers, Cobalt; F. J. Bishop, Brantford; and W. D. Woodruff, St. Catharines; Secretary-Treasurer, J. J. McKean, St. Catharines.

On account of the low price of silver and the conditions of the country owing to the war, the operations, while very successful, were not quite so prosperous as in the three previous years. Still, the reports presented was highly satisfactory.

The payment of \$7,000,000 in dividends on the capital stock of 4,000,000 shares in proportion to 1913 was shown in the report presented. Since November 1st last year, when \$560,000 was paid, there have been three dividends of \$360,000 each—in February, May and August—and a quarterly dividend of \$440,000 on November 1st this year. Ore reserves are estimated at 11,904,000 ounces. The total shipments of ore aggregated 20,000,000 ounces. Reductions in earnings was attributed to the low price of silver and the diminishing output of high grade ore stacked at the mine. Silver shipments for the year totalled 2,497,394.658 ounces, of concentrates (dry weight). Ore was mined and concentrated at the mine at a net cost of 12.444 cents per ounce, as compared with 8.776 cents per ounce the previous year.

Music and Drama

THE CHOCOLATE SOLDIER

Of all the lighter works of the European composers that have come across the water to amuse and entertain American audiences, none has reached a success in any degree comparable to that of "The Chocolate Soldier," the exquisite Viennese opera by Oscar Strauss based upon Geo. Bernard Shaw's satiric comedy of burlesque and romance in Bulgaria, Arms and the Diable. Its exuberant melody, its radiant with freshness and beauty, lend harmony to a story told amid a score of delightful comic situations, and peopled with the charming contradiction, ludicrous human types that Bernard Shaw draws with nurturing pen.

The coming of "The Chocolate Soldier" to this city is set for Wednesday, Dec. 23, at the Grand Opera House. Mr. Whitney has given a new grace and elegance to the production this season by the construction of new scenery, and by duplicating the costumes throughout, in order to maintain the high standard of excellence which has for years been associated with a Whitney production. In the Whitney Opera Co. the star system is unknown; this eliminates all weakness in the minor roles which is the shortcoming of most light opera companies. The high degree of talent which Mr. Whitney insists upon in his companies is increased by the fact that every member of the company presenting "The Chocolate Soldier" can boast of a grand opera training.

AT THE GRAND. Harry Lauder, the Scotch comedy star, saw the war pictures which come to the Grand Friday and Saturday. His only son, a boy of 20, is a soldier in the British army somewhere along the battle front. "The pictures," he said, "are amazing, in view of modern warfare. They show us the actual members of Belgium still smoldering. "The films are the result of a piece of enterprise as modern as the

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"I cannot remember anything, personal or impersonal, that affected me more more deeply, I saw a million pictures beyond the ones upon the curtain. For every dead I saw the suffering living, for every living refugee I saw his dead. And my heart went out to little Belgium and its peaceful, and the peasant, cat and torn between two engines of blood soaked destruction."

AT THE GRAND. Irish wit sparkles like dew on the Kildare hills in Fiske O'Hara's new Irish play, "Jack's Romance," which will be presented for the first time in this city at the Grand next Monday, Dec. 28, "Jack's Romance" takes us back to the days before the Revolutionary war broke out, when all was peace and happiness in the Green Isle, and we get a very vivid glimpse of how love-making was done in those far distant days. It was a good deal simpler than it is now, for there were no taxi-cabs or tangy teas, but they had just as much fun out of it. Fiske O'Hara, who is one of the most popular of all the singing stars, sings his way into the heart of the pretty Lady Constance Butler in a manner that would make the birds come down off the bushes and forget all their notes. A splendid company of players assist him to win his lady love and there is a wealth of handsome scenery and costumes that one rarely sees in a dramatic performance nowadays.

THE APOLLO. The Apollo opened up last night under new management and with an auspiciously large audience. The evening and its programme were splendid and if the success of the night is to be a criterion of future nights, a successful season is promised for this new venture. Mr. W. Howard Spence, the new manager, is a member of The Canadian Theatres Lim.

ised staff, and comes to the city from the Savoy Theatre, Hamilton, with a reputation already made for the class of his selections and the success of previous ventures to inaugurate his new appointment.

The pictures were steady, clear and of travel and comedy, and the manager will contribute also throughout the week, he being the possessor of a magnificent baritone voice. On Thursday night "the kids" are especially invited, and a Christmas tree is being provided, from which the young people will be presented with gifts.

THE COLONIAL. With the advent of Christmastide has come an increased programme at the Colonial. The Colonial has for some time past been featuring extensively in the best dramatic company.

films procurable. This week's film play Richelen, starred by two noted movie actors, Miss Pauline Bush and Murdock McQuerrie, is the greatest effort of its kind that we have seen for many a day. It ranks with many of the dramatizations of Shakespearean works, and its scenes have the force of realism alone met in high rate companies.

Fruits and Flowers is another, with a somewhat lighter touch, and has two favorites now recognized all over the continent, Eddie Lyons and Victoria Ford. Two other film productions are laughter raisers, and quite the thing for this joyous season. "In and Out," simply comes in with a shriek and goes out with a breezy howl of laughter. The Blacksmith's Daughter, is a play made rare by the masterly parts of Fred Church and

Lillian Christy, and is a fitting conclusion to a splendid film series. had initiated

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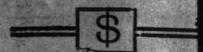
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WILL INVESTIGATE. TORONTO, Dec. 22.—The Ontario Government is considering the point of view of the following gentlemen as a committee to investigate the employed situation in Ontario: John Willison, Archbishop McNamara, Rev. H. J. Cody, Rev. Dan Strachan, D.D., Mr. McNaughton, J. Gibbons, Toronto Railway

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