

GOOD THINGS COMING TO THEATRES OF ST. JOHN

LIKE "THE BONNIE BRIER BUSH"
"The Daughter of MacGregor, featuring the bright little actress Valentine Grant, created considerable interest at the Imperial yesterday.

LAST TIME TONIGHT
There will be an entirely new programme of vaudeville and pictures at the Gen Theatre tomorrow afternoon, so that tonight will offer the last two chances to see the really good programme now running—Stanley and Bates and Edgar Foreman & Co. in vaudeville acts and the Fox feature picture "The Ruling Passion." Another good bill for tomorrow.

NATIONALIZE SOME OF MERCANTILE PURSUITS

Judge Campbell at St. Catharines Urges Also Enforcement of Militia Act

St. Catharines, Dec. 18.—After advising a higher standard of national honor and private living as one of the needs shown by the war, Judge Campbell, in his address to the Grand Jury, urged the following:
The nationalization for the period of the war of some mercantile pursuits, as well for the release of men employed therein and who might without detriment be replaced by women, and for the apportionment of profits between the industry and the state for public need. This was seen visionary or drastic, but it is worth thinking about.

WALL STREET NOTES.
(J. M. Robinson & Sons, Private Wire Telegrams.)
New York, Dec. 19.—Crucible Steel declared extra dividend of 2 per cent. on pfd. on account of deferred dividends. Lussian government has placed orders for fifty additional large engines with Canadian Loco. Co. The total of 880 ordered in the last month of which American Loco. will build 150, Baldwin 100 and the remaining 80 will be constructed by Canadian Loco. Co.

GERMANY FINDS NEW EXCUSE THIS TIME

Berlin, Dec. 19.—The American steamer Columbia was torpedoed because, being on the coast of the United States, German submarine, she sent out wireless warnings of the submarine's zone of operations, in violation of neutrality. This was the German reply today to American inquiries.

NOTICES OF BIRTHS, MARRIAGES AND DEATHS.

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Varied Work of the Boy Scouts

Proficiency Badges Awarded for Skill in Many Lines of Activities --The Qualified Cook Always Popular

Ottawa, Dec. 19.—Boy Scout efficiency is, in a very large measure, aided and encouraged by the proficiency badges. Boy Scout training includes a wide variety of subjects and the scout who is successful in passing tests on each subject is entitled to a proficiency badge for each subject; that is, if a boy is smart enough he may win thirty or more of these badges. And the boy who is efficient in all, or nearly all the subjects is well developed both in mind and body.

A great many of the scouts, however, try to become more efficient in some subjects than in others, and it is mostly the case in every province that from time to time a certain group of subjects are more favored than others. For instance in Ontario during the past year, 290 Scouts were awarded the ambulance badge, 220 the laundryman badge, 220 the photographer badge, and 214 the cyclist badge. In comparison, only twenty-five qualified for the electrician badge, eight for the friend-to-animals badge, twenty-nine for the pioneer badge, eight for the photographer badge, three for the prospector badge, twenty for the signaller badge, etc. Of course it would be unfair to score the boys for not taking more interest in certain subjects, without first looking into local conditions and determining whether or not it would be feasible for them to qualify in one subject as easily as in another.

In Quebec Province, during the past year the fireman badge had ninety-seven more winners than any other badge, 278 scouts qualifying for this badge. The musician badge was next, with 179 winners; the ambulance badge next with 188 winners and the laundryman badge following closely with 127 winners.

In Manitoba, as in Quebec, considerably more fireman badges were won than any other. The total number of fireman badges awarded was 170. The musician badge which was next in order, had 180 winners. In Manitoba, the handyman badge seems to be more popular than in any other province. Strange to say, in nearly every province considerably more laundryman badges were won this year than ever before. This applies particularly to Ontario and Quebec. In order to qualify for this badge the Scout must make and finish garments of linen, cotton, wool and flannel, including dressing a shirt, and a theoretical test as the examiner may require. To win the fireman badge, the scout must have knowledge of how to turn on an alarm, how to enter burning buildings and work in fumes, how to prevent the spread of fire, how to rescue animals, etc.

Another badge which usually has many winners in most of the provinces is the cook's badge. Any boy who can cook a good meal while out on a tramp or in camp is usually held in high esteem by his fellow scouts, and so most scouts give a desire to be efficient in this subject. In order to qualify for the cook's badge the scout must be able to lay and light a fire and make a cooking place with a few bricks, stones, a log, and the following dishes: Porridge, Irish stew, vegetables, plain egg omelet, boiled, fried, scrambled and poached eggs, make tea, coffee, or cocoa, rice puddings, butter pudding and pan cakes, also clean and cook fish. He must be able to mix dough and bake bread, make an oven or make a damper or twist (round steak) at a camp fire. He must have a knowledge of the methods used in cooking meats and explain the uses of baking powder and baking soda.

200,000 SLAVES OF DRUGS IN N. Y. STATE

Number of Child Addicts is Increasing and Traffic is Greater Than Ever

Statements that there are 200,000 drug addicts in the state of New York, that the number is increasing daily, that an increasing number of children are using drugs, and that there is more trade in drugs through illegitimate channels than ever before, were made today at city recently before a legislative committee, of which Senator George H. Whitney is chairman, which is seeking information on which to base new legislation or amendments to the Bolland act.

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LOCAL NEWS

Big opening Queens rink tonight.
"If you buy it at Hunt's he will surely like it."

Big cut in prices in flour, Christmas groceries, dolls, toys, etc. At The Two Barkers, Ltd., 100 Prince Street.

GIFT UMBRELLAS
Ladies' and gentlemen's umbrellas, sterling silver mountings, from \$2.50 to \$6.—W. E. Ward, 53 King street 12-23

ARMLETTS, BRACES, ETC.
In fancy boxes, 25c, 30c, and 50c.—Harry W. King, 177 Union street. 12-21

Christmas trees delivered at your house. Ring up West 140-11 or Main 2325, trees from four to five feet high at \$3 each, up to eight feet high at \$1 each.

XMAS SUGGESTIONS
Men's neckwear, \$5c to \$2; mufflers, \$2c to \$6.50; gloves, \$1 to \$3.50; silk hose, braces, arm bands and fancy sets.—W. E. Ward, 53 King street, corner Germain. 12-23

Smalley & Co. are showing the finest selection of watches to be found in the city, including gold, gold filled, silver and gem metal. Every watch fully guaranteed. Smalley & Co., 91 Prince William street. 12-23

PHOTON M. 1783.
For an assorted case of Blue Ribbon brandy, including 12 bottles of the celebrated City Club ginger ale. 12-23

A ROUTE MARCH
They came off the ferry to Union street, along Union to No. 108, next the Bank of Nova Scotia, and marched into the New Ideal Shoe Store. Satisfaction guaranteed.

TRAVELING BAGS
Ladies' and gentlemen's traveling bags, \$5 to \$25, fitted bags, \$15 to \$30. An excellent gift.—W. E. Ward, 53 King street. 12-23

Handsome velvet and silk mantel draperies, greatly reduced in price at F. W. Danie & Co.'s this week. Excellent Christmas presents, each in fancy box. See advertisement on page five.

NOTICE
To accommodate our customers who wish to make their purchases in the evening, particularly on Wednesdays, our King street store will be open every evening until Christmas.—Waterbury & Risling, Ltd. 12-20

OUR SPECIAL XMAS NUMBER
Ten K. gold eyeglass chain for \$1.25, very useful to those who wear glasses.—K. W. Epstein & Co., Union street. See ad. on page 7. 12-19

You can buy a good strong well made suit for your boy for \$4 at Turner's, out of the high rent district, 440 Main. 12-19

FOR YOUTHFUL ARTISTS
Small violin sets or outfits.—Gouldie, 7 Charlotte street. 12-23

PARTICULAR SOLDIERS
When buying a military wrist watch give us a card, a gold filled silver or nickel. Satisfaction assured. We back up every watch with a guarantee. Prices from \$4 to \$21.—Poyas & Co., King square (next Imperial). 12-20

F. W. Daniel & Co. advertise a reduction in sale of women's coats, and children's coats, costumes and furs for Christmas week, prices so reduced as to bring beautiful garments within easy reach for presents. See advertisement on page five.

HUNTS
An attractive and modern institution thoroughly organized to fill every requirement of the Christmas shoppers—extra salesmen and extra deliveries. Store open evenings this week.—Hunt's, 17-19 Charlotte street.

DIAMOND RINGS
There is nothing more acceptable as a Christmas gift than a diamond ring. Our selection embraces all styles, solitaires, clusters, three and five stone rings, all stones of the highest quality. Prices from \$12 to \$250. Smalley & Co., 91 Prince William street. 12-23

FUNERAL OF SOLDIER
All the members of the European War Veterans Association, and many former members of overseas forces, are requested to meet in the rooms of the E. W. V. A., 38 Charlotte street, to attend the funeral on Wednesday afternoon of the late Pte. G. N. North of the 26th Battalion. Dress uniform, if possible. By order of "Bud" Tippett, president.

PATRIOTIC CAUSES

Christmas in Military Hospitals
Among the soldiers in our hospitals are a large number whose ailments would in no way interfere with their hearty enjoyment of Christmas fare. The hospital management provides everything desirable for the bed-cases but for the larger number of men who are up and about every day, nothing special appears on their table at this festive season beyond the usual army rations. Citizens of St. John undoubtedly will be only too glad to hear of this opportunity for making a bit of "Christmas" for these soldiers whose luck it is to spend in hospitals their first Christmas away from their homes. V. A. D. workers are co-operating with the staff to make the day for these men as happy as possible and will arrange a real dinner for them if provisions are sent in. Donations may be sent any day this week to the Soldiers' Club, addressed to Miss Edna Austin, quartermaster. Fats, mince pies, puddings, cakes, fruit, candy, Christmas decorations, and reading matter are especially needed, or cash to purchase them. Donors are asked to see their names are sent in with gifts so that due acknowledgement may be made.

Mrs. Harry L. Brown, of Moncton, received word Saturday of the death of Mrs. C. O. Allen, daughter of J. Marsden Wallace, of Winnipeg, but formerly of Moncton. Mrs. Wallace recently also lost his son, Avarad Wallace, who was killed in action. Mrs. Allen died in Winnipeg, where she was residing.

Assel Harold Colwell died on Sunday at the residence of Mrs. E. R. McKinnon, at the age of twenty-five years and four months. He was a son of James Colwell, and was formerly a machinist in the L. C. R. shops. Besides his father, one sister, Gerlie, survives.

Only One "BROMO QUININE"
To get the genuine, call for full name, LAXATIVE BROMO QUININE. Look for signature of E. W. GROVE. Cures a Cold in One Day. 25c.

PERE MARQUETTE
The Pere Marquette Railway reports earnings for the first week of December of \$312,441, an increase of \$88,182, from July 1, \$10,461,881, an increase of \$1,822,852.

CHINESE MINISTER TO GIVE UNIVERSITY CONVOCATION ADDRESS

Hundred and Seventy Four Degrees, Titles and Certificates Conferred Today

Chicago, Dec. 19.—One hundred and seventy-four degrees, titles, and certificates will be conferred by the University of Chicago at its one hundred and first convocation, to be held in Leon Mandel Convocation Hall today.

Of the total number, ninety-three students will receive titles in the junior colleges and five, certificates in the college education. In the collection of arts, literature, and science the University will confer thirty-nine bachelor's degrees; in the college of commerce and business administration, two; and in the college of education, ten. In the divinity school six students will receive the degree of master of arts and one the degree of bachelor of divinity.

In the graduate schools there will be eight candidates for the degree of master of arts, two for that of doctor of science, and eight for that of doctor of philosophy. The total number of degrees to be conferred is seventy-six.

Among the graduates will be three Chinese and one Japanese. "China and the United States" is the subject of the convocation address to be given by His Excellency V. Kuyin Wellington Koo, envoy extraordinary and minister plenipotentiary from the Chinese Republic to the United States.

Dr. Koo, who was one of the first students sent by the Chinese government for an education in this country, is a graduate of Columbia University, where he also received his master's and doctor's degrees. He is the author of a notable book on "The Status of Doctors in China," and is also an authority on Chinese education. Although the youngest minister ever accredited to our government, he has already had wide diplomatic experience abroad and in the home office, and has been English secretary to the president of China.

Dr. Koo is the second Chinese to give a convocation address at the University of Chicago, the first being Wu Ting Fang, now the new minister of foreign affairs in the Chinese Republic, who was the convocation orator in 1901. President Harry Pratt Judson and Mrs. Judson had Minister Koo as the guest of honor at the convocation reception given in Hutchinson Hall last evening.

The wide distribution of the student constituency of the University of Chicago is well illustrated in the number of states and foreign countries from which candidates for the convocation come. Twenty-one states are represented and five foreign countries.

Of the total number of candidates, two are from Connecticut, one hundred and fifty from Illinois, six from Indiana, six from Iowa, two from Kansas, two from Louisiana, one from Massachusetts, one from Michigan, three from Minnesota, six from Missouri, four from Nebraska, two from New York, six from Ohio, one from Oklahoma, one from Oregon, one from Pennsylvania, one from South Dakota, two from Tennessee, one from Texas, one from Utah, two from Virginia, one from Wisconsin, Austria, France, China, Hawaii, and Japan are also represented among the graduates.

THE GRANT RETURNED.
A grant of \$800 given to Rev. H. E. Thomas by the Methodist Conference cover the expenses of furnishing a home for his family during the year he was in active service, has been returned to the conference. In returning the money, Mr. Thomas expressed his appreciation of the thoughtfulness which prompted the grant.

THE WHEAT MARKET.
Opening prices, which ranged from the same as yesterday's finish to 2 1/4 higher, with May at 164 1/2 to 167 1/2, and July at 188 1/2 to 189 1/2, were followed by substantial gains all around.

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PATRIOTIC FUND

Monthly: Rotary Club, \$3; J. B. Day, 6 mos, \$5; Mrs. J. S. Malcom, 6 mos, \$4; Annie M. Kilpatrick, 6 mos, \$5; F. W. Munro, 2 mos, \$19; W. F. Hatheway, \$25.

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EYE STRAIN

is not a disease, but an overworked condition of the eyes.

There is an instinctive desire to close and compress the lids.

In reading and near work the eyes feel fatigued and the letters become blurred and seem to run together.

The symptoms of eye-strain should be heeded.

D. BOYANER