



The appearance of Lillian Russell at the Grand to-night and to-morrow matinee and evening will no doubt attract large audiences, as her new racing comedy, "Wildfire," is said to be an immense success. Miss Russell wears some stunning gowns in the play, which will prove quite an attraction to the ladies. There are three new Parisian gowns in "Wildfire," and, like most of the actress' gowns, they are on simple architectural lines, and in simple color effects, in spite of elaboration of detail. The white tailored lace gown worn in the first act is of baby Irish lace, heavily encrusted with heavy Irish guipure motifs that form a deep border, and skirt and sleeves and bodice are finished off with tailored edge set on with endless pearl buttons. With this gown goes a white Panama hat lined with pale blue silk, trimmed with purple and dahlia colored peonies, the light blue coiffure ribbon merging into it cleverly, as if it might be a part of the bandeau. The yellow chiffon gown worn in the third act might be from the jeweler rather than from the dressmaker. It is encrusted in gold and green paillettes and copper shades are introduced by a glorious stole made of reddish gold and silver lace, and all intermixed at the yoke with creamy point de venise lace.

Changes at the Savoy.
The Savoy show as it stands now, with the addition of two new acts to replace Sevengala, the hypnotist, who was suddenly summoned to New York, is one of the most thoroughly pleasing programmes patrons of that theatre have enjoyed this season. The first time at the matinee yesterday, and captured the audience by storm. The act bristles with genuine humor, and kept the audience bubbling over with laughter. Mr. Murphy is one of the best comedians seen here in a long time. Tom Judge and son, acrobats, was the other new number, and it likewise made a most decided hit. The work is original and difficult, some of it remarkable, and the audience applauded vigorously last night. Little Garry Owen, who was laid up since Tuesday, was able to appear again, and received a warm welcome. The celebrated Alexandroff troupe of Russian dancers, eight in number; the Golden Gate quintette; Hines and Remington, with a little lively comedy skit; Arthur Vale and Allie Simpson, presenting another rattling good comedy number, and L. A. Sweet, the juggler, are a combination guaranteed to chase away dull care. It ought to attract record business to the Merrick street theatre for the remainder of the week.
"After School," the sketch to be presented by Sager Midgely and Gertie Carlisle at the Savoy next week, has been declared by Mark Twain to be the funniest thing on the stage. Millie Spellman's troupe of trained bears will be another big feature. They come direct from the New York Hippodrome.

A Great Musical Show.
A laughable scene introduced in "Fascinating Flora," which comes to the Grand next Tuesday night, is the one in which Miss Ada Lewis, in the character of Winnie Wiggles, a ludicrous young woman with aspirations for the grand opera, appears at a Parisian conservatoire of music and announces that her claim to stellar honors rests in the fact that she and Caruso have sung duets in her home town.
Winnie offers to prove her assertion by singing in the company with the famous artist himself, the assembled masters of the musical college. When asked where Caruso is, she replies: "Oh, he's outside with mother." It is promised that "Fascinating Flora" will be the best musical show seen in Hamilton this season. In the cast is James E. Sullivan, who made such a hit here as the German waiter in the first production of "The Red Feather." The sale of seats opens to-morrow morning.

At Bennett's Theatre.
Julian Eltinge, the female impersonator; Charles K. Bradshaw in "Fix in a Fix" and Goldsmith and Hoppe, musical comedians, have made good at Bennett's this season. Eltinge's act is one which interested ladies and gentlemen alike. To the ladies he appeals because of his audacious coquetry and polished imitation of a Gibson girl, a comedienne and a fresh young girl. Minnie Kaufman is a dainty little trick cyclist, and her act is not the least interesting on the programme. Murphy and Francis, colored singers, have a humorous act, which has met with a good deal of appreciation. Chinko juggles smartly, and Countess Rossi and M. Pauli are also warmly received. The motion pictures, dealing with a scene from a street car window and an eloquent, round off the show.
Next week an exceptionally fine bill will be put on. First comes Little Hip, the baby elephant, who is very much wiser than he looks. Estelle Wordette and company introduce a laughable farce called "A Homecoming in the Catskills." The Watermelon Trust are a bunch of colored artists. Willie Weston is a first-class mimic; Henry and Francis contribute comically; Van Brothers are musical comedienne; Armeta, dancer, and the Zoosie Vernon pantomime troupe show a distinct novelty.

Between the Acts.
The Earl Burgess Stock Company will be the attraction at the Grand all next week with the exception of Tuesday night, when "Fascinating Flora" will be presented.
New York, Jan. 24.—Edward Alexander Macdowell, who has been recognized

as America's foremost composer, died at the Westminster Hotel at 8 o'clock last night. He was 46 years of age.

American Vitagraph Co.
This company will appear in Association Hall on Saturday afternoon and evening, with a new and first-class two-hour programme of moving pictures. Whether the secret is in the operator, the lantern, or the electric current, it would be hard to say, but certain it is that the moving pictures put no by the American Vitagraph Company in Association Hall for surpass the other pictures seen in this city. The programme to-morrow will be of special interest, including that wonderful 700-foot film entitled "Shaughraun," an Irish romance, "The Trainer's Daughter," a sensational one, "The Enchanted Pond," "Neighbors Who Borrow," and "Brown Saw the Ball Game." The last two are ridiculously funny, and compel laughter from the longest-faded people in the audience.

DOING WELL.

Rev. Mr. MacWilliams' Successful Pastorate in Calgary, Alta.

The Calgary (Alberta) News of January 14th contains a report of the anniversary concert and reception of Grace Presbyterian Church of that city, the pastor of which is Rev. Mr. MacWilliams, formerly pastor of St. Andrew's Church, of this city. During the evening that gentleman made an address, in which he spoke of the progress of the church since he had become the pastor. "The membership," he said, "when we began was around 75. During the year just past 140 have come in. I looked over the roll to-night, and I find that figures are about 202. The Sabbath school has also shown phenomenal progress. It began with 76 members and now has 171. This is truly a good record and I trust we have an even larger progress in store for us during the coming year." Mr. MacWilliams stated that he was not at all sorry that he had come west, and declared that he had never been in a congregation that had done so much for its pastor and in such a generous way as Grace Church had done. Mr. and Mrs. MacWilliams' many Hamilton friends will be delighted to hear of their prosperity out west.

LADY TEACHERS

Have Formed Association and Will Join Local Council.

A meeting of the women teachers of the Public schools was held in November for the purpose of forming a woman's association. A committee was formed to draft a constitution. The second meeting was held in the Queen Victoria School on the 20th of January. Miss Harris occupied the chair.
After the constitution had been submitted and adopted, the election of officers took place, which resulted as follows:
Miss Harris, President.
Miss Adams, Vice-President.
Miss Steinmetz, Secretary.
Misses West, Riach, Park, Locke, Lawson, Woodcock, Booker, Robertson, Strong, Committee.
It was decided to affiliate with the local Council of Women and Miss Coventry, Miss Malcolmson and Miss Briggs were appointed delegates. The meeting adjourned to meet in April.

At R. McKay & Co.'s Saturday.

The great January clearing sale is drawing to a close. To-morrow will be the last and great Saturday, then only five days more. It has been a grand success, because cutting down the stock to normal before stock-taking outweighs all consideration of profits. The unalterable rule of R. McKay & Co. is to close out all the season's goods in season, a condition that must be attained by selling at cost or below cost. The low prices that prevail now are therefore unavoidable of expeditions business an opportunity which shrewd shoppers understand and profit by. On another page you will see their large advertisement, and it will pay you to read every item for in every department there are great bargains for Saturday. Great slaughter in kid gloves; wonderful reductions in dress goods; final clearance in millinery; extra specials from the big staple section; inventory sale on the second floor; carpets, housefurnishings, mantles and furs. Bring the paper with you to-morrow, if you doubt the printed offers. Ready at 8.30 sharp. Close at 10 p.m.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

At the regular meeting of Court Marquis of Lorne Juvenile Branch, A. O. F., No. 56, the secretary's report was read. The year was a very prosperous one. The following officers were elected:
C. R. J. Haddow.
S. C. R. J. McNaughton.
P. C. R. A. Hayhoe.
Secretary—C. Phillips.
Treasurer—H. Goodale.
S. W. J. McCullough.
J. W. E. Hall.
S. B. A. Galloway.
J. B. J. Thompson.
Medical Officer—Lafferty.
Sub Secretary—H. Ray.
Trustees—Bros. Hodd and A. Hayhoe.
After business the members were entertained to a fine programme of games and contests, which all the boys took part. Mr. J. Burghall and Mr. J. Stacey, the well-known entertainers, were present and treated the boys to a fine programme of amusement, which was enjoyed by all.

Two Italians, wanted in Philadelphia for "Black Hand" murder, were arrested by the Toronto police yesterday. The first was taken on a Yonge street car at 4 o'clock by Detectives Tipton and Twigg, and later, in company with Detective Twigg, Newton and Sackett, Tipton picked out the second man from among forty of his fellow-countrymen at 167 York street.

The Daily Fashion Hint.



Spring model of black and white striped silk, with yoke and undersleeves of Irish lace. Large white pearl buttons are effectively used.

ADMITTED HE PUT POISON IN.

BEAMSVILLE CANDY CASE BEING TRIED AT ST. CATHARINES.

James L. Karr, the Defendant, Made a Simple Statement of How He Doped the Sweets.

St. Catharines, Ont., Jan. 24.—The case against Jas. L. Karr, the Beamsville boy charged with administering poison to George Russell, was opened before Police Magistrate Higgins yesterday afternoon, when evidence was given by Russell, Dr. C. A. D. Fairfield, who sold the poison, and Albert Wright, Col. in Wadham, Lorne Kunkle, James Tufford, Leonard Lintner, Franklin Hickman, all of whom swore they saw Karr put a powdered substance into chocolates, which he gave to Russell. The doctor's evidence was to the effect that he sold a quantity of cantharides to Karr, telling him it was poison. Later he admitted Russell, who was ill from the poisoning, but after treatment recovered.
Karr was sworn and said that on a recent Sunday, when he was in Tufford's livery stable, he heard some one mention cantharides and decided to get some. According to his story, he and Tufford went to get the drug from Dr. Fairfield, Tufford remaining outside while the prisoner and three others bored a hole in the chocolate and put the poison in, one of the candies being subsequently given by Karr to Russell.
The hearing of the case was adjourned till Thursday.

While giving his testimony young Russell fainted and had to be carried to the open air.

BALLOON RACE TO-NIGHT.

Willie Daniels and Sandy McMaster beat Miss Clara Condon and W. Smith in a couples' matched race skated at the Britannia roller rink last night. Miss Condon and Mr. Smith were given a start of half a lap and the winners had a lead of one lap on them at the finish. The winning couple's time was 2.55 for the mile. To-night a balloon race will be held at the big rink. This is a feature new and exceedingly funny and will provide a good evening's entertainment.

TO SPLIT ON SOCIALISM.

The New Labor Movement Already Launched in England.
London, Jan. 23.—There are signs of dissatisfaction among the trades unions at the declaration in favor of Socialism made by the Labor Congress yesterday, and a split in the Labor party on the question is predicted. According to one report, a new movement has already been inaugurated to form a Labor party independent of Socialism. The leaders of the movement, it is said, confidently believe that a majority of the trades unionists will support it. They declare that the vote of the congress was a snap one, and that at least one great trades union, the Amalgamated Society of Railway Servants, with a membership of 70,000, did not have an opportunity to instruct its delegates on the question.
Mr. Steadman, M.P., secretary of the Parliamentary Committee of the Trades Union Congress, said, in an interview, that the vote would not bind the trades unions. It was a mere expression of biased opinion. Secretary Apoleton, of the General Federation of Trades Unions, spoke in a similar way.

A plain silver tankard of the time of Charles I. six inches high, was sold at auction, at Christie's, London, for £667.

AT TERCLIFFE

Mr. Fred Miller sold his farm last week to Mr. W. Brown, of Gelheim, price, \$3,000 cash.
Mr. Abe Senebough has shipped several large lots of furs to New York.
R. J. Gracey, merchant, is giving his many customers a special ten-days sale, commencing on Monday of this week.
Mr. James Sauter is running his mill all hours. One can get saving done while he waits.
Mr. Hex Jones' horse ran away while driving to our village last week, carrying the new cutter of Mr. E. Miller.
Mr. David Senebough has improved a little since last week.
Mr. Peter Parker's case is growing quite serious.
Mr. Seaman Tisdale is moving his family from the Falls on to his farm here.

ELECTION MARCH THIRD.

The New Brunswick Legislature Was Dissolved Yesterday.

St. John, N. B., Jan. 23.—The New Brunswick Legislature was dissolved by Lieutenant Governor Tweedie to-day and the writs for the elections issued. Nomination day will be February 25 and the elections on March 3. In Gloucester the elections will be on March 2. The Government will meet in St. John to-morrow and it is expected that the resignation of Hon. James Barnes, member without portfolio, which was tendered some weeks ago, will be accepted. Mr. Barnes is to take up immigration work for the Government.

BANK FRONT WRECKED.

A New York Institution Shattered by a Bomb.

New York, Jan. 23.—An exploding bomb to-night wrecked the front of an Italian bank building on Elizabeth street, briefly exposing \$40,000 in silver and gold, which the bankers, Pasquale, Pati & Son, had piled in the windows as ocular proof of their ability to pay depositors on demand.
The junior partner, Salvatore Pati, who was on guard inside, was badly hurt by the glass that crashed in upon him, but stuck by his charge, and soon had the money stored away in the vaults. If robbery was the object, it is believed the perpetrators were amateurs who lost the courage at the critical moment when the tempting treasure was within arm's reach of the street.

HAIR CAUGHT IN MACHINE.

Young Girl's Head Drawn Down to Pulley.
Guelph, Jan. 23.—While working at one of the machines in the carpet mills this morning, Miss Beatrice Thompson, a girl of 19 years of age, met with a painful accident, which might easily have been attended by fatal results. She went around to the back of the machine to adjust a part known as a collar-box, when her hair caught in a set screw on a revolving shaft. The girl's hair wound round the shaft, and in an instant her face was against a fast moving pulley. One of the men working near heard her screams and had the machinery promptly stopped, but not before an ugly cut had been sustained and the girl's ear split open.

Two Americans, a young man and a young woman, apparently on their bridal tour, were eaten alive by alligators in the Balsas River, a stream forming the boundary between the States of Michoacan and Guerrero, in Mexico, nobody knows anything of their identity.

James Gilchrist, at the Toronto Assizes, got a verdict of \$1,500 for the loss of his right leg.

THE RIGHT HOUSE

HAMILTON'S FAVORITE SHOPPING PLACE.

Good furs: final reductions

HERE is the saving story in a nutshell—every piece, of course, measuring up to the high standard of Right House excellence. It is a rare opportunity to secure good furs of character and style at a remarkable saving in price. Don't let it go by. Come early. Values such as these can't last long.

\$14 Marmot throws \$8.95

Handsome Marmot Mink—Tweed Scarf, ornamented with heads and tails; new French double furled shape, long length, full 72 inches. Other special sale lines in nobby Marmot Mink Throw Scarfs.

\$3.95, formerly \$7.00
\$5.95, formerly \$12.00

Sable ruffs and stoles

\$ 6.95, formerly \$10.00
\$11.69, formerly \$16 and \$18

Smart natural Alaska and Western Sable Ruffs and Stoles in newest large style effects, very rich, dark, full furled qualities, stoles have double-furled necks and broad satin lined fronts, finished with tails and ornaments, or tails and heads, in effective fashions, very long lengths.

\$10 Marmot muffs \$7.39

Extra fine full-furred quality, in new pillow shape; trimmed with heads and tails.

\$30 to \$35 fur coats \$22.50

A most remarkable offering with two or three months of the real winter yet ahead, and these black As-trachan Coats are made as coats should be made—from whole skins and perfectly matched; rich, bright finish; large revers and storm collars; 27 to 30 inches in length; satin linings; come at once if you would be sure of getting your size.

All opera cloaks reduced

\$14.00, reduced from \$20.00
\$15.00, reduced from \$22.00
\$20.00, reduced from \$27.50
\$18.50, reduced from \$25.00
\$30.00, reduced from \$45.00

Beautiful dressy creations in Broad-cloths, many are elaborately trimmed, exclusive new styles and exquisite effects in cardinal, sky, champagne, fawn, grey and pale green.



More embroidery bargains

FRESH new lots of beautiful Embroideries have arrived from Switzerland and will go on sale to-morrow at splendid January money-saving prices. Assortments are very large, patterns new, exclusive and dainty. Only six days left of the sale. Don't delay longer.

BLOUSE FRONTINGS—RUFFLED SKIRT-INGS—
60c, value 85c. 40c, value 55c.
88c, value \$1.15. 88c, value \$1.15.
\$1.19, value \$1.50. \$1.19, value \$1.50.
EMBROIDERY
MUSLIN ALLOVERS—STRIPS—
49c, value 70c. 5c, value 7 to 10c.
50c, value 75c. 7c, value 10 to 13c.
60c, value 85c. 9c, value 14 to 17c.
88c, value \$1.15. 11c, value 15 to 18c.
Others in proportion. 13c, value 20 to 25c.

Less than half for millinery

Here are chances to buy smart Paris Trimmings to give your Hat an added style touch. Every wanted sort, and the prices are only a small fraction of real worth. You may freshen up your hat at a very small cost indeed.
Paris Mounts 10c, 25c and 50c, formerly \$1.50 to \$4.00.
Paris Flowers 35c, formerly \$1 to \$1.50—all kinds.
Trimmed Hats at half price and less.

Clearance of winter coats

WE can see every one of these smart Coats trotting away out of the store on Saturday morning. These little prices mean "Hurry up," if you would get just your size in just the kind you want. Scores of good desirable this winter styles start the sale.

Half price for stylish tweed coats

\$2.88, formerly \$7.00 \$4.95, formerly \$10
\$3.95, formerly \$8.50 \$5.95, formerly \$12

The price does not pay for the materials—not by half; and the Coats are this season's smart loose back, 7 1/2 length styles, too, made of heavy, warm winter tweeds, in smart, new pattern effects; less than half price Saturday.

Women's black beaver coats: a clearance

Fine Black Beaver Cloth Coats, for women, in an assortment of sizes and several neat styles: warmly lined throughout with satins or silks, semi and fitted styles, in 25 to 30 inch lengths. Included are a few Black Cheviot Coats.

In most cases less than half price

\$3.00, formerly \$ 8.00 \$6.50, formerly \$14
\$4.50, formerly \$10.00 \$8.50, formerly \$22

Smart, practical English raincoats reduced

\$6.88, were \$9 \$7.95, were \$12.50 \$8.95, were \$15
Plain olive and fawn shades in English Cravenette Materials; also black and white and grey and white checks, velvet trimmed collars, pleated styles. Some are in Russian blouse effects, long and 3/4 length.

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BOAT STILL MISSING.

No Trace of the 21 Passengers of the Amsterdam.

Hook of Holland, Jan. 23.—The small boat from the steamer Amsterdam, which was in collision yesterday with the steamer Axminster, which contained a number of persons who abandoned the vessel, is still missing. It contains 21 passengers, the steward, three stewardesses, a sailor and two firemen. The fog, which has been practically continuous for four days, is as thick as ever. The sea remains calm. Tugs and lifeboats searched for the missing boat for hours to-day, and policemen patrolled the coast looking for her and made enquiries aboard of several anchored vessels. Nothing was learned of the boat or its occupants.

Lemieux the Flag.

(Canadian Courier).
The Conservative editors do not seem to have realized that when Mr. Lemieux took ship for Tokyo, he ceased for the time being to be a Liberal leader and became a Canadian diplomatic representative. It would be as good patriotism to keep up a running fire of ridicule and belittlement and prediction of defeat on a Canadian regiment marching into battle because it happened to be led by a Liberal officer, as to assail Mr. Lemieux in this way during his diplomatic errand. Diplomacy is a civilized substitute for war. When a nation has

Men's goods

EVERY man or boy who likes to dress well may buy most anything in stylish furnishings to-morrow at a fraction of regular values. Here are a few hints just to show you how the savings run. It will pay you well to be early for these.

WARM LINED GLOVES—
75c, reduced from \$1.00.
98c, reduced from \$1.35.
\$1.25, reduced from \$2.00.
\$1.45, reduced from \$2.25.
\$1.75, reduced from \$2.50.
\$3.50, reduced from \$4.75.
UNLINED GLOVES—
60c, reduced from \$1.00.
88c, reduced from \$1.25.
\$1.00, reduced from \$1.50.
MEN'S SHIRTS—
70c, formerly \$1.00 to \$1.25.
88c, formerly \$1.00 to \$1.50.
95c, formerly \$1.50 to \$1.75.
MEN'S NECKWEAR—
25c, reduced from 50c.
17c, reduced from 25c.
FLANNELLETTE NIGHT-GOWNS—
\$1.00, real value \$1.40.
MEN'S MUZZERS—
60c, reduced from \$1.00.
MEN'S HANDKERCHIEFS—
18c, real value 25c.

FOG ENSHROUDS EUROPE.

It Covers an Area of About 600,000 Square Miles.

London, Jan. 23.—Europe is enveloped in a dense fog. It prevails over the whole North Sea, the English channel, all of England, east of a line drawn from Berwick to Weymouth, on the Continent from the south of Norway over Denmark, Holland, Belgium, all of Germany and the eastern half of France.

Two hundred English immigrants left

The Toronto Union Station yesterday their way back to the old country. They had all been in the country about two months.

Alexander Fraser Noble, late head of the private detective agency which bore his name, by his will left his estate to his widow, Emma Elizabeth, of 109 Jameson avenue. His estate totals \$52,238, and is all personality.