

GOOD THINGS COMING TO THEATRES OF ST. JOHN

THESE ARE BIG DAYS AT GEM

Tonight at 7.15 and 8.45 the Gem will present for the last time the Fox Kites in "Alladin and the Wonderful Lamp." It's a great picture. Tomorrow comes vaudeville when five big acts will be staged, with two reels of comedy picture.

ONE SHOW IMPERIAL TONIGHT

Because of the platform meeting in connection with the civic recall campaign at the Imperial tonight, there will be but one programme of the regular show, namely from 7 to 8.30.

GENERAL RESUMPTION OF TRADE RELATIONS

Washington, Dec. 27.—Special communication to trade with America and London and a rapidly broadening programme for trade with many nations was announced yesterday by Chairman McCormick of the trade board. The general resumption of trade relations, Mr. McCormick said, as now in prospect, reaches countries from the Arctic Ocean to the Tropics. All these relations, it was announced, have been made after inter-Allied conference and are to be put into effect simultaneously by all the countries involved.

JUDGMENT SOON IN N. S. COAL DISPUTE

Ottawa, Dec. 27.—The decision of the government in the dispute between the Nova Scotia Steel and Coal Company and the Dominion Coal Companies is expected to be announced tonight or tomorrow. It is understood that the judgment will give the Nova Scotia Steel Company temporary rights to mine on the Dominion Coal Company's property and that the ruling will determine that the rate of compensation to be fixed by some such judicial authority as the exchequer court of Canada.

Great Elevator Destroyed

Portage La Prairie, Man., Dec. 27.—The great elevator of the Western and Northern Company here yesterday with a loss estimated at from \$400,000 to \$450,000, fully covered by insurance.

SUBSTITUTE CEREALS TO BE SENT TO EUROPE

Boston, Dec. 27.—Eighteen thousand tons of cereals, brought into New England to be used as substitute for wheat, will be taken off the market by direction of the federal food administration and shipped to European centers.

Notice of Births, Marriages and Deaths, 50c.

BIRTHS

OXTON—On December 24 to Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Oxton, 133 Acacia street, a daughter.

PATCHELL—On the 23rd inst., to Mr. and Mrs. S. H. Patchell, 81 Elliott Row, a daughter.

DEATHS

HATFIELD—At the residence of grandfather, Francis P. Curran, 85 Goldfield street, on the 27th inst., of seven months, Gordon William, aged seven years, eldest child of Gordon H. and Kathleen Hatfield, leaving his parents and his brother.

LAND—The death of Jennett A. wife of Alfred D. Land, occurred this morning at his late residence, Westmorland Road, Kings county.

DALTON—At his residence, 899 Main street, William J. Dalton, leaving his wife, one son, three daughters, one brother, four sisters to mourn.

CAMPBELL—On the 23rd inst., at Bethesda Hospital, Hognell, New York, Rev. G. M. Campbell, D.D., in the sixty-fifth year of his age.

KEE—On December 21, at the Third London General Hospital, London, England, Captain William J. Kee, of the Imperial Army Veterinary Corps, aged twenty-four years, the beloved son of John C. and Alice M. Kee, of this city.

IN MEMORIAM

McKINNON—In loving memory of Albert McKinnon, who departed this life Dec. 27, 1914.

Sleep on, dear husband, take thy rest; God called thee when He thought it best. We shall sleep, but not forever; There will be a glorious dawn; We shall meet to part no more On the resurrection morn.

In loving memory of James A. MacNutt, who died December 27, 1914, after a long and painful illness, in the General Public Hospital, leaving a sister and brother to mourn. One year has passed away and gone, My heart yet is sore; And as the days go on and on, I miss you more and more.

Many a friend and I have parted In the past year; But there's not one I miss so much As you, my brother dear.

But you are better far away From this world of pain; With the hope we'll meet some day To be sister and brother again. SISTER FLORENCE.

CARD OF THANKS

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Johnson wish to thank their many friends for kindness and sympathy extended during their recent bereavement.

James W. McKenzie and family wish to thank their friends for the many kind words shown to them during their recent bereavement.

LOCAL NEWS

Victoria Rink, skating tonight. Band every night and Saturday afternoon.

Band on Carleton Rink tonight. Ice in excellent condition.

If you want lowest prices on your groceries, try The 2 Bakers, Ltd., 100 Princess and 1111 Brussels streets.

Buy your New Year's gifts, pipes, cigars, cigarettes, cases at Louis Green's, Charlotte street. Save the coupons that are given free with each purchase.

NOTICE

Regular meeting of the Freight Handlers' Union will be held tonight, Dec. 27, in their hall, West St. John. All members requested to attend. By order of the president.

CARPENTERS MEETING

Special, Sunday afternoon, 2.30, Odd-fellows' bldg. Full attendance requested. 911-10-20.

My wife, Margaret Mason, having left my bed and board, I will not be responsible for any debts contracted by her after this notice.

(Signed) FRANK MASON. 911-12-23.

LOCAL NEWS

SEVERAL ILL. The household of William McAndrews, 12 Esin street, has been hard hit by the influenza, with several members of the household ill. Happily they are now recovering.

DEATH OF BOY

Gordon William Hatfield, seven-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Hatfield, died this morning at the residence of his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. F. Curran, 85 Goldfield street. The funeral will be held tomorrow.

IS WELL ADVANCED

The War Moonoon, which is under construction by the firm of Grant & Horse is well advanced. The design plans have all been placed and the construction work is also progressing favorably. The War Fund, which was built by this firm, is nearly ready to make its maiden voyage. All that remains to make her ready for sea is some machinery, which will be installed in the near future.

THE WAGE AGREEMENTS

Representatives of the Longshoremen's and Coal Handlers' Association had not at noon called at city hall to sign the wage agreements forwarded to the mayor by the federal government. Among those who returned on the Granpian was Flight Lieutenant Charles Alcorn, of the Royal Air Force, who is spending the Christmas holidays with his father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Alcorn, 275 Water street. Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Alcorn, Queen street, he left yesterday for Yarmouth. He has three months' furlough and will then report at Toronto.

SOME MORE ROCK

The work of extending the water main to East St. John has been progressing rapidly during the recent mild weather but the contractors have struck another ledge of rock which will add to the difficulty of completing the work. It is expected that the work will be pushed on the section at the creek as a section of high tide is almost due and it is desired that the sections should be finished before the high water interferes.

THE LILY LAKE SKATING

Skating on the lake in Rockwood park is good along the shores but rather rough in the centre. In the usual days of swift brushes, and from the look of things, St. John is still going strong on the "good" crop of pretty lily lake. Youngsters are moving on the tubulars this season. Once in a while a pair of old-fashioned woodtops catches the eye of the remnant person, and these with a occasional pair of "Long Reachers" are the ideal of the lad ten to twenty years ago—seen as links between generations who have used the old lake for many a long year.

MRS. A. D. LAND

The death of Jennett A. wife of Alfred D. Land of Westmorland Road, Kings county, occurred this morning at his late residence, Westmorland Road, Kings county.

Mrs. Land is survived by her husband, three sons and five daughters. The sons are D. W. Land of this city, Leonard of Moncton, and Robert at home. The daughters are Eda in Toronto, Mrs. Allison Jones, Moncton, Vera and Florence of St. John, and Mabel at home. Mrs. Land also leaves one brother, Thomas M. Gass of Harvey, York county, and two sisters, Mrs. James Ward of St. John, and Mrs. Robert Hamilton, Prince William, York county. Very many friends sympathize deeply with the bereaved family.

TAXING THE GERMANS

Washington, Dec. 27.—Taxes designed to raise about eighty billion marks are planned by the council of the people's delegates, said an official report received today from Berlin, quoting a Berlin despatch to the Deutsche Zeitung. The despatch said that the new taxes would be levied on war profits, and that a degree determinative of the tax would be published within a fortnight.

SINN FEIN M. P.

Count Plunkett, who has been elected by acclamation for North Roscommon, but who is not likely to take his seat at Westminster, the Sinn Fein policy being not to go to parliament.

TAHITI BUILDS PYRES OF INFLUENZA DEAD

Succumbs and Bodies Feed Steady Fires

Food and Medicine Scarce—Victims of Plague Everywhere Are Surrounded by Dying, While Disease is Spreading

(New York Times)

Papeete, Tahiti, Dec. 27.—Influenza has turned the island of Tahiti into a charnel house. At the crest of Papeete burn great pyres with the stench of rotting bodies of many natives waiting to be thrown into the glowing pyres. Those who have been consumed by the flames. The Associated Press correspondent has learned that fully one-seventh of the population of Papeete, the best of the most crowded of the home islands, are with no medicine and little attention, while the fever continues, their lives ebb away.

Those who succumb to Americans who escaped the disease formed a volunteer corps to carry food and medicine to the sick and to help in the disposal of the dead. But the situation grew so serious, and soon got out of hand. The deaths became so numerous by the day that the pyres were built up. Only the pyres were left.

Attempts to keep the epidemic from spreading have failed. It now has reached the island of Moorea where there are no doctors, and is exacting enormous toll. In Papeete the victims of the plague are everywhere, surrounded by the dying. Day and night trucks rumble through the street, piled with bodies that are constantly being piled up.

The elder generation of Tahitians, noted for their hospitality and charm, reports from other points say that the mortality is appalling.

The start of the epidemic has been traced to the arrival of a steamer here on Nov. 17 with many cases on board.

Tahiti, a French possession in the Eastern Pacific, is the most fertile of the island of Moorea, the chief town on the island has a population of 10,000. It is a beautiful island, with a population of 10,000.

PERSONALS

Friends of A. Russell Mabee, son of Capt. W. H. Mabee of the ferry service, will be pleased to know he is improving after being ill for the last four months. Dr. Oliver Hayward of Miramichi, N. B., is spending the Christmas holidays with his father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Hayward, 275 Water street.

Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Alcorn, Queen street, he left yesterday for Yarmouth. He has three months' furlough and will then report at Toronto.

S. Gordon Brown, vice chief of the Mobeon exchange of the N. B. Telephone Company, spent his Christmas holidays with his father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Brown, 86 Summer street. He returned to his home last evening.

Senior George A. Hayter of the military headquarters in Fredericton, left for Fredericton last evening after spending the Christmas holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. James Hayter, Winter street.

Miss Dorothy O'Brien of Fredericton is spending the Christmas holidays in this city, the guest of Miss Hayter, Winter street.

Dr. J. M. Palmer of Sackville is at the Royal Hotel.

The condition of Mrs. Hannah S. P. Roberts, mother of Hon. Dr. W. F. Roberts, who is seriously ill, is slightly improved today.

It was reported at the hospital today that Robert Garnett, who was taken in yesterday, suffering from a dislocated shoulder, was resting quite comfortably.

AUTO OWNERS

Owners of motor vehicles are reminded that it will be necessary to secure licenses for 1916 in order to legally operate automobiles or motor trucks, or other motor vehicles after Tuesday, December 31, 1915.

In order to avoid the delay which a rush of last minute applications would result in, owners who are using their cars and trucks should all get the necessary forms and remit license fees at once.

W. H. McQUADE, Provincial Tax Inspector, St. John, N. B., Dec. 27, 1915. 12-13.

Gilbert's Specials For Friday and Saturday

- 1 lb. block Pure Lard . . . 35c.
- 1 lb. choice Seeded Raisins . . . 15c.
- 1 lb. Fancy Seeded Raisins . . . 25c.
- 1 lb. Baker's Cocoa . . . 20c.
- 1 1/2 lb. Tin Chocolate . . . 20c.
- 50c. lb. Tin Royal B. Powder . . . 45c.
- Snider's Tomato Soup . . . 17c.
- Pulverized Sugar For Frosting . . . 15c. lb.
- Preserved Ginger . . . 50c. jar
- 25c. Baker's Cocoa . . . 22c.

ORANGES. Dominican . . . 40. 50 and 60c. doz Florida . . . 60 and 75c. doz Seedless extra fancy large, \$1 doz DRESSED DOLLS (with orders), six different styles, sixteen inches high, good value \$1.50. SALE PRICE 98c. Xmas Tree Candles . . . 10c. box Cossagues, Crackers and Table Decorations. Other lines too numerous to mention.

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The best course of restorative treatment, purifying the blood, stimulating the liver, building up the whole system.

Hood's Sarsaparilla, the standard blood purifier, cleanses the blood and effects a cure.

These two great medicines work in perfect harmony, improve appetite, aid digestion, relieve biliousness and constipation. They make convalescence restful, rapid and perfect.

Each is good alone, both are good together. Get them today.

CHARGE DRIVER WITH THEFT OF MAIL BAGS

Quebec, Dec. 27.—Alfred Houde, mail driver at Arimbaska, Que., was bound over to the grand jury on a charge of stealing two mail bags from his own wagon in last October. He said at the time that two masked bandits held him at the point of guns. The mail pouches were recovered intact in a hole by the roadside near Ham South, Que.

BANKING ANNOUNCEMENT

New York, Dec. 27.—According to an announcement here today, the Union Bank of Canada and the Bank of Montreal of New York, which have been in close relationship for many years, have decided to enter the Oriental Banking field together and to establish a subsidiary corporation for that purpose. Branches may be opened soon in Yokohama, San Francisco, Seattle and other Pacific points.

THE CIVIL SERVICE

Ottawa, Dec. 27.—Hon. T. A. Cregar, minister of agriculture, authorized the department today that he had reached no decision respecting the request of the civil service federation that he should act as arbiter in the bonus controversy. Mr. Cregar received the request of the civil service federation only this morning. The original was forwarded to him when he was in the west, but failed to reach him. He received a copy today.

FOR HARMONY IN CUBA

Havana, Dec. 27.—Leaders of the Conservative and Liberal parties met here today and agreed to appoint a joint committee to begin work immediately on an effort to harmonize as quickly as possible the conflicting interests. It is decided messages are to be sent immediately to former President Gomez and Cretes Ferrer, former speaker of the house of representatives, both of whom are now in the United States, asking them to return at once to form part of the committee to be named by the Liberal group.

FOR CHRISTMAS

Rich Fruit Cakes and Pastry, Jellies and Lemon Pies, Strawberry Preserves, Jellies, Filled Cakes, Doughnuts, Chow-Chow, etc. Variety in Fancy Fruit Cakes. Rent one new Books. Open evening.

Distinctive Eye-glasses

There is a knack in selecting just the right kind of eye-glasses to suit your individual needs. Out of hundreds of different styles, there is probably one that is best adapted to your purpose.

We save you all the discomforts of wearing glasses that do not suit your requirements. We give you 25c credit for a service that cannot fail to be appreciated.

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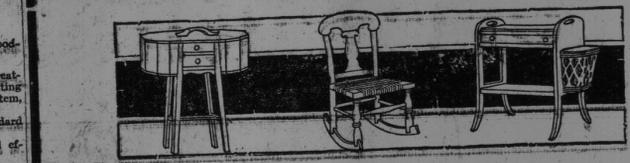
One ought to have the eyes examined every few years by a competent optometrist. This will help greatly in preserving and protecting good sight.

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Freshly Roasted Coffee

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RECENT WEDDINGS

COOK-LAYDEN

On Thursday evening of last week in Halifax, Archdeacon Armitage officiated at his residence in the marriage of Robert Nehemiah Cook, contractor, of Halifax, and Miss Annie Gertrude Layden, daughter of John Layden of St. John. The groom was supported by Harry Coxhead, and the bridemaid was Miss Mary Alice Coxhead. The bride wore a handsome seal coat with hat to match. Mrs. Cook were the recipients of many well-wishes. They will reside in Halifax.

CORRIE-CHANDLER

On Wednesday, December 23rd, at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. C. Chandler, Moncton, their youngest daughter, Marie Corrie Chandler, was united in marriage to William F. Curtis, of Albany, P. E. I.

NEELY-LOCKART

The marriage of Miss Beattie Louise Lockhart, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Lockhart, of Moncton, to Carlton Neely, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Neely, of St. John, N. S., took place on Monday, Dec. 23.

CALL-TARGET

At the rectory, Moncton, N. B., by Rev. V. B. Sisson, on Dec. 26, Helen M. Target, of Upper Main River, was united in marriage to Leslie J. Call, of Pine Ridge, Kent county.

The death of Mrs. Eliza Janet McClure, widow of James McClure, occurred Wednesday afternoon, December 23, at her home in Moncton. She was sixty-five years of age and was a daughter of the late Captain Chambers and Levinia Albert County. Six daughters and two sons survive. The daughters are Mrs. Benjamin Groundwater, Mrs. Coleman Jones, Mrs. James E. Pickerson, Mrs. Cracker Lovell, Boston, and Misses Lotie and Myrtle at home. The sons are Roy L. of Leithbridge, Alta., and Gordon. She is also survived by one sister, Mrs. Joseph McClure, Gunningville, N. B.

THEATRE MANAGER REMEMBERED

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur B. Farmer were visited upon by the staff of the State Theatre at their home in Main street on Christmas eve and made recipients of a set of carvers in an oak chest. The presentation was made by Samuel Buchanan in a speech testifying to the esteem in which the recipients of the gift were held by Mr. Farmer's workers. The Post-Christmas excitement was heightened then and there by Mr. and Mrs. Farmer giving the theatre staff an evening of rare enjoyment.

HOPE TO HAVE OWN GOVERNMENT IN PALESTINE

Philadelphia, Dec. 27.—Resolutions providing for the regulation of immigration to the proposed republic of Palestine and for that country's political, industrial and economic relations were adopted by the Poole Zion convention in session here yesterday. The resolutions urged that the new republic be affiliated with the proposed league of nations, and express the hope that Great Britain will allow the Jews to establish their own government in Palestine.

TURK LEADER ARRESTED

ANVER PASHA, the man who has been arrested by the new Turkish government and will, with other leaders of the Young Turks, stand trial on treason charges.

SHIPPING

ALMANAC FOR ST. JOHN, DEC. 27.

High Tide . . . 7.02 Low Tide . . . 11.11 Sun Rises . . . 8.10 Sun Sets . . . 4.43 Time used is Atlantic standard.

PORT OF ST. JOHN.

Arrived December 27. Coastwise—Stm. Ruby L. from Margateville, N. S., with general cargo. Capt. D. Baker.

Cleared December 27. Coastwise—Connors Bros. for Chance Harbor, with general cargo, Capt. J. H. Warnock.

BRITISH PORTS.

Liverpool, Dec. 27.—Ard, str. Scotlan, St. John; Metagana, do. Sid. str. Tunisian, St. John.

AMERICAN PORTS.

New York, Dec. 27.—Sld. schr. Annie P Chase for St. John; Isiah K. Strickson, do.

MARINE NOTES.

The Donaldson liner Cassandra, which was to have sailed yesterday afternoon, did not get away until this morning, as she was held up waiting for passengers, who were late arriving in the city.

The C. P. O. S. liner Montezuma moved this morning from No. 7 berth, which she occupied for a day, to No. 4 berth where she will load grain.

The S. S. Crawley, which arrived here a few days ago and was lying in the street, moved into No. 15 berth this morning where she will load general cargo.

The S. S. Fishpool arrived in port this morning from Bourdeaux.

The S. S. Bank Dale shifted this morning from No. 13 berth to No. 2 where she is loading grain.

The Lake Coma, which arrived here a few days ago with a cargo of sugar from Havana, Cuba, is expected to sail this morning for early tomorrow morning for Boston in ballast.

The Furnes liner Kanawha is expected here tomorrow or the next day from London via Halifax with general cargo.

The S. M. Middleham Castle is expected to arrive here tomorrow from Sydney in ballast for Australian and New Zealand ports.

NOTES FROM HALIFAX

The only steamer to arrive on Tuesday was the Frankton, bound from St. John, N. B., for an English port. She put in for bunker coal. The vessel is engaged in overseas transport for the British Admiralty.

The R. M. S. P. Chaleur sailed on Tuesday for West Indian ports and Demerara with passengers and general cargo.

According to the Pictou Advocate, a rumor is current that the Nova Scotia Steel and Coal Company are contemplating establishing a shipbuilding plant on the "Sibley" property in Pictou.

The steamer Boyallie, which has been loading oil at the Imperial Oil Works, has cleared for St. John, N. B.

SUCCESSFUL GRADUATES. Miss Stella Evans, daughter of Robert Evans, Nashwaakias, and Miss Jennie Burpee, daughter of Wallace Burpee, also of Nashwaakias, arrived home on Saturday from Fall River, Mass., where they were taking a course in nursing at the Truesdale Hospital. Both successful graduates with the class of 1915.

ENGAGEMENT ANNOUNCED. Mr. and Mrs. Frank H. Chiffre of Lower Kingsley announce the engagement of their daughter, Helen Edna, to John N. Murray, at present of Cabano, Quebec.

FOCH HAS OCCUPIED THE INTERESTS OF PRISONERS. Zurich, Dec. 27.—(Havas Agency)—A battalion of infantry have occupied Mannheim by order of Marshal Foch in order to watch the prison camp near there, where 10,000 allied prisoners await liberation. It is said this step was taken because of bad treatment of the prisoners, several of whom were murdered. Mannheim is on the east bank of the Rhine, south of Mayence.

QUEBEC BY-ELECTIONS. Quebec, Dec. 27.—The election struggle in Matane is keen and whoever is elected will apparently win by a small majority. Everything points, however, to the election of Mr. Diome, official standard bearer of the provincial Liberal government.

Montreal, Dec. 27.—The by-election in St. Lawrence division is being held today. There are two candidates, Henry Miles and Isaac Lande, the former the official Liberal candidate, while Mr. Lande has the support of the leader of the Conservative opposition at Quebec, Arthur Sauve.

WILSON AND BRITISH STATESMEN IN CONFERENCE

(Continued from page 1) Forty American correspondents who arrived here yesterday with President Wilson were taken in charge by the government as its guests. They were given a dinner last night by Lord Robert Cecil, former minister of blockade, at the Savoy Hotel. The Newspaper Proprietors' Association will give a large dinner in their honor today.

Mrs. Wilson was entertained at a small luncheon party today by the Countess of Reading. The guests included Mrs. David Lloyd George, Mrs. H. H. Asquith and Mrs. John W. Davis, wife of the American ambassador.

President Wilson was given a welcome unique in the history of London on the occasion of his arrival in the British capital yesterday. It is estimated that two million people lined the streets and shared in the spontaneous celebration in his honor. The procession, which escorted the president through the streets, was bright with medieval pageantry. In contrast with which the black coat and silk hat of the central figure gave a note which struck the London street world as odd.

As the procession passed, the president was greeted with tumultuous enthusiasm. Not satisfied with this, some 200,000 people flocked to the square in front of Buckingham palace and called for the president. The latter responded and again was accorded an ovation. He spoke briefly.