

GOOD THINGS COMING TO THEATRES OF ST. JOHN

RUSSIA'S STORY TOLD ON SCREEN

Fall of Romanoff's Greatest Historical Drama of Age, at Lyric
This week
No greater film feature could be presented at this time than the one entitled "The Fall of the Romanoffs," which is to be shown at the Lyric every afternoon and evening this week. In this immense production, which has cost a fortune to make, which embraces the best efforts of thousands of actors, the subject of which almost brought calamity upon the Allied forces in the field of battle. This is presented in the story of Russia. The most enlightening that has ever been told, the most gripping and sensational account of the situation, unparalleled in the whole history of the world.

TONIGHT AND NEW YEAR'S AT GEM

There's a compelling bill at the Gem for tonight and the New Year's shows at 8:15 and 8:45. The great feature is Dustin Farnum, noted star, in "Dance of the Bad Lands," a throbbing west story, recently interesting. There's also a rattling good comedian and also two dainty misers in songs and dances. Prices the same for the holiday as usual. The cosy Gem invites you and will entertain you well.

NOVA SCOTIA HIGHWAY BOARD

Announcement is made of the appointment of the members of the Provincial Highway Board of Nova Scotia authorized under the provision of Chapter 8 of the Acts of 1917. The personnel of the board is as follows:—

Willard G. Clarke, of Bear River, warden of the county of Annapolis.
Walter Crowe, K. C., of Sydney.
Col. Thomas Cantley, of New Glasgow.
James K. Kellher, of Halifax.
Percy C. Black, of Amherst.
The chairman of the commission will be Willard G. Clarke who, in addition to a lengthy experience in municipal affairs, is one of the most capable business men in Nova Scotia.
The commission will, it is expected, enter upon its important work at an early date.

To Cure a Cold in One Day

Take LAXATIVE BROMO QUININE Tablets. Druggists refund money if it fails to cure. E. W. GROVE'S signature is on each box. 30c.

FIRE THIS AFTERNOON

At 2:30 this afternoon box 181 rang in for a fire which broke out in a new building in Durham street, near Victoria street. The house is owned by Sergt. Charles Rankine of the police force. Little damage was done.

The Premiers Hopeful

Toronto, Dec. 31—General prosperity from one end of Canada to the other, with cheerful optimism for the future, is the epitome of new year's articles, contributed to the "Morning Times" by the premiers of all the provinces.

Halifax Bank Clearings

Halifax, Dec. 31—Halifax bank clearings for December were \$12,281,429; last year, \$11,938,054 and for 1915, \$10,828,846.

No Liquor to Halifax

Halifax, N. S., Dec. 31—As a result of the visit of the ministers of the federal cabinet to Halifax, the transportation of liquor into this city has been banned.

There is no change in the condition of James Mulholland, who is seriously ill with blood poisoning.

BIRTHS

OWENS—On Dec. 29, 1917, to Mr. and Mrs. D. J. Owens, 146 Queen street—a daughter.
HOOPER—On Dec. 31, to Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Hooper, 187 Leinster street—a son.

DEATHS

MORTON—At Robbsey, on the 29th inst., Mary J., wife of A. P. Morton, leaving besides her husband, one son and two daughters.
Funeral tomorrow (Tuesday) afternoon at 2 o'clock from St. Paul's church, Robbsey.
SHORT—In this city on the 30th inst., Edith Short, leaving her parents and three sisters to mourn.
Funeral Tuesday at 2:30 o'clock.
BREEN—In this city on the 31st inst., after a short illness, Thomas W. Breen, aged eighty-four years, leaving a wife and three sons to mourn.
Funeral on Wednesday from his late residence, 84 Moore street. Service at 2:30 o'clock.
WRIGHT—In this city on the 30th inst., Annie Wright, wife of Jacob L. Wright, aged seventy-seven years, leaving besides her husband, four daughters and three sons to mourn.
Funeral service this (Monday) evening at 8 o'clock at her daughter's residence, 108 St. James street.
HAINES—At the residence of her daughter, Mrs. Joseph Arthur, Acamac, South Bay, on the 30th inst., Sarah, widow of Samuel Haines, aged ninety-one years, leaving four sons and three daughters to mourn.
Funeral service this Monday afternoon at 2:30; remains will be taken to St. Mary's, N. B., for burial from the residence of her daughter, Mrs. Jerry Fleming, on Tuesday at 2 o'clock.
GREGORY—On Dec. 31, Ellen Gregory, widow of Hugh S. Gregory, leaving one daughter and five sons to mourn.
No flowers, by request.
Funeral from her late residence, 179 Canterbury street, Wednesday afternoon to Trinity church; service at 2:30.
COOK—At West St. John, on the 30th inst., Margaret Cook, aged sixty years, leaving three sons and two daughters to mourn.
Funeral Wednesday from her late residence, 24 Winslow street, West St. John.

IN MEMORIAM

KAY—In loving memory of my dear mother, Mrs. Kay, who departed this life December 30, 1916.
Daughter Mrs. Charles Nelson.

UNDER THE MILITARY SERVICE ACT

Decision of Central Appeal Judge in Case of Man With One Brother Killed, Another Overseas

(Re Deakin (Serial No. 829504 B. C.))
Where, of a family, more than one are already members of the C. E. F., a sole remaining member should be granted exemption under s. 11 (1d) especially where one of the members of the family has already been wounded or killed.
This was an application for leave to appeal by the military representative of the Toronto District from the judgment of His Honor Judge Winchester, sitting as an appeal tribunal, who dismissed an appeal from the local tribunal which had granted the application for exemption.
The Central Appeal Judge, Benjamin Deakin, the applicant, is one of a family in which there are three sons, two of whom volunteered for service and the other is still on active service. The military representative does not dispute the propriety of the judgment of the local tribunal and the appeal tribunal, but applies for leave to appeal with the object of obtaining a ruling by the central appeal judge.
The judgments referred to are plainly right, and for that reason leave to appeal will not be accorded. The case falls within Section Eleven, Subsection One (d), where the granting of a certificate of exemption is authorized in cases in which "serious hardship would ensue," in the words of the act "if the man were placed on active service owing to his exceptional . . . domestic position."
The general considerations which ought to govern the application of this provision in this case and in cases where the circumstances are similar, are admirably stated in paragraph 53 of the memorandum of suggestions prepared and issued by the military service council for the general guidance of the local tribunals, in these words:—"Facts which may create a case for exemption on this ground . . . arise by reason of the extent to which voluntary enlistment from the family of the man in question has already taken place. Indeed, where from a given family one or more are already members of the Canadian expeditionary force, every humane consideration would point to the propriety of a single remaining member being granted exemption on this ground. These reasons might also apply to more than one member of a family from which voluntary enlistment has already taken two or more members, especially if one or more had already been wounded or killed."
These considerations have been correctly appreciated and applied in the judgments below.
Leave to appeal refused.

CLEARING SALE OF MEN'S AND BOYS' WINTER OVERCOATS

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—Tues. 11 to 12. High street, 440 Main. T.F.

FREDERICTON PERSONALS

(Saturday's Mail).
Miss Edith McKay of St. John is spending the holidays with Mrs. Maunsell at the experimental station.
Miss Goddard of St. John will arrive this evening to spend New Year's Day with her aunt, Mrs. Rupert Taylor.
Herbert Vavouras of this city is now in Southern California. Recently he visited ex-Ald. Hugh Calder, Dr. A. B. Atherton, Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Burkhardt and other Fredericton people who are residents of San Diego and neighboring places.
Rev. W. D. Wilson, chief inspector for New Brunswick under the Intoxicating Liquors Act, 1916, is being heartily congratulated upon the arrival of a son at his home Christmas Day. This is the fourth boy in the family.

A MINE DISASTER

Scranton, Pa., Dec. 31—Many miners are reported killed by a gas explosion in the Underwood mine of the Pennsylvania Coal Company, near Throop. At noon seventeen bodies, some dead and some alive, were reported taken from the mine.

THE HALIFAX DEAD

Halifax, Dec. 31—According to the latest statement the number of dead, the result of the great disaster of December 6 will total about 1,400.

ST. JOHN PLUMBERS ARRIVE

The Halifax Board of Health succeeded in getting fourteen journeymen plumbers from St. John and they have gone to work in the employ of the different master plumbers who are carrying on work ordered by Lieut.-Col. Low, superintendent of reconstruction.

TABLE DELICACIES

Three times a day, seven days a week and fifty-two weeks a year you sit down to eat.
But the number of years you sit down depends much on the kind of food you put into your stomach.
You will be guaranteed the longest life possible if you begin now and keep on using our pure foods. You will keep on when you begin.

GILBERT'S GROCERY

37 WATSON ST.

DO YOU SUFFER FROM BACKACHE?

When your kidneys are weak and their functions, your back aches and you do not feel like doing much of anything. You are likely to be despondent and to borrow trouble, just as if you hadn't enough already. Don't be a victim any longer.
The old reliable medicine, Hood's Sarsaparilla, gives strength and tone to the kidneys and builds up the whole system.
Hood's Sarsaparilla is a peculiar combination of roots, barks and herbs. No other medicine acts like it, because no other medicine has the same formula ingredients. Accept no substitute but insist on having Hood's, and get it today.

MOTHER OF CAPTAIN W. J. WEAVER DEAD

Fredericton Exemption Figures—Customs Returns for 1917

Fredericton, N. B., Dec. 31—A telegram received here on Sunday evening conveyed the news that Mrs. Weaver, mother of Capt. W. J. Weaver, R. A. C., died yesterday in Toronto. She had been ill for several months. Her son returned recently from Saloniki and he reached Toronto a few days before his mother died. Interment will be made in Toronto.

Appeal Tribunal No. 4, Judge Grimmer, which sat in Fredericton during December, had before it 182 cases. Thirteen were adjourned for further hearing. Of the appeals, 148 were made by or on behalf of men drafted for military service, and nineteen were made by a deputy military representative. In nine of the latter appeal exemption was allowed, making ten in which the decision of the exemption tribunals to exempt were reversed. Of the others exemption was refused in 173 cases. In all eighty-two were allowed and seventy-six refused.

The customs returns for the year closing today show that duty collections were up 10 per cent. In all eighty-two were allowed and seventy-six refused.

Friends in Fredericton have received word from Mrs. Allan Laurie, wife of Major Laurie, who was stationed here with the 296th, that her mother, Mrs. Dennis Breaker of Breakville, Que., died suddenly on last Friday.

George A. Grant of Devon died on Sunday afternoon at his home, at the age of thirty-five years. His wife, three sons and a daughter survive; also a brother, Howard, of Fredericton; two sisters, Mrs. Alex Galloway, of Toronto, and Mrs. Thomas Morgan, of Fredericton.

LOCAL HORSEMEN

Local horsemen are to have four classes on New Year's day racing tomorrow afternoon. Fifteen horses are entered. The racing will take place in Queen street.

At the Meteorological Observatory at the University the lowest temperature was twenty-five below on Sunday morning. This morning it was twenty-three. About the city, twenty-eight was registered yesterday morning, and about thirty this morning.

BULGARS REPORTED TO HAVE ACCEPTED RUSSIAN TERMS

(J. M. Robinson & Sons' private wire telegram).
New York, Dec. 31—Bulgaria accepts Russian peace proposals.
Present copper prices fixed by government to stand until January 21.
Italians making desperate resistance to Trenton advances toward Italian plains.
Russia—Central Powers treaty partly drawn, provides that trade relations be resumed, all war prisoners to be liberated. Poles right of freedom to be considered.

WEIR OWNERS MEETING

A meeting of the sardine weir owners of St. John county will be held Thursday evening, January 3, at eight o'clock, at 19 Dufferin Row, West St. John. All weir owners are asked to be sure to attend this meeting, as business of importance in connection with Weir Owners' Union and prices for next season's fish will be discussed. 1-3.

MONTREAL RECORD MADE IN FIRE CALLS

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PROPER GLASSES

Wearing a pair of properly fitted glasses is soothing to the nerves and a relief for anyone troubled with eye-strain.
We design, fit and make glasses that assure you full comfort, ease and efficient eyesight.
Our Service is Complete. Prompt, Accurate and Satisfying.

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Notice the way you hold your book or paper. It fits inches from your eyes, or about a foot farther off?
The change in the eyes when one passes middle life is natural. Glasses ought to be worn then for reading and close work to prevent eye-strain.
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It costs no more—but pays you better.

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LOCAL NEWS

There will be Watch Night Service in Trinity church tonight at 11.15 o'clock.
Special New Year's dinner at The Victoria.
Regular dance will be held in Tipperary Hall tonight.
Band on Carleton Rink New Year's afternoon and evening.
Don't fail to see the Fall of the Romanoffs at The Lyric this week.

VICTORIA RINK

Band tonight and every night during the week; also New Year's afternoon.
United Baptist Sunday School rally tomorrow at 11 a.m., Central Baptist church.

During January, February and March the stores of M.R.A. Ltd. will open at 9 a.m. and close at 6 p.m. daily.

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20 TO 28 1-8 P. C. AT MAGRE'S
In the advertisement of Magre's Fur Sale, which appeared in a morning paper, the discount offered was inadvertently given as 25 to 28 1-8 per cent. It should have read 22 to 28 1-8 per cent.

UNITED WATCH NIGHT SERVICES

At 11 p.m. in Waterloo street United Baptist church, the following churches joining: Calvin, Zion and Coburg street. Everybody welcome.

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Band tonight and every night this week; also New Year's afternoon.
Those who purchased Victory Bonds are reminded that their payments are due at the banks tomorrow.

Russia guarded by the second Russian and the events which led up to the downfall of Russia at The Lyric this week.

During war time let Louis Green provide you with tooth paste, shaving powder, soap and such necessities, all free for the coupons given away with every purchase of smokers' goods at 89 Charlotte street.

ASSIGNED

Mrs. Elizabeth Cronin and William H. Pyne, who did business at Germain and South Market streets as the Waldorf Cafe, have made an assignment to John A. Barry and the place is closed.

ELOCUTION LESSONS

New courses in elocution and extempore speaking beginning in the New Year, by Amelia M. Green, Studio Church of England Institute. Phone 2380-11.

A SIMPLE PLAN THIS

To the person of moderate means desirous of obtaining high grade bonds or stocks a simple plan is offered by J. M. Robinson & Sons as announced on another page of this issue. A nominal sum first payment and an easy monthly follow-up makes it within the reach of anyone to own a profitable and safe interest bearing security.

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"Happy New Year"
We want to thank our numerous friends and patrons for their co-operation in making the year 1917 the banner year of our business history, and extend to you all our very best wishes for a bright and prosperous "New Year."
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LOCAL NEWS

FOR HALIFAX

Mayor Hayes received a check this morning from Mrs. A. P. Crockett for \$50, which was sent to her from H. Newman, New York to be contributed towards the Halifax relief fund.

IMPORTANT PROMOTION

Major Rev. George Wood, formerly of St. Andrew's Presbyterian church, Chatham, who has been serving in France as a chaplain, has received an important promotion, having been appointed to senior chaplain of the Fifth Division. He is at present in England.

MRS. MARGARET COOK

The death of Mrs. Margaret Cook occurred last night at her residence, 24 Winslow street, West St. John. She was sixty years old and leaves three sons, Simon in England, John, a member of a battalion now in France, and Thomas of this city. The funeral will take place on Wednesday afternoon from her late residence.

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LOCAL NEWS

FRENCH ON OFFENSIVE ON ITALIAN FRONT AND HAVE MADE GAIN

Berlin, Dec. 31, via London—French forces on the northern Italian front yesterday took the offensive. In the afternoon the French infantry penetrated portions of the Austro-German positions on Monte Tomba. The German general staff announced this today.

FIRE AT BISHOP'S COLLEGE

Sherbrooke, Que., Dec. 31—Fire broke out beneath the library at Bishop's College, Lennoxville, this morning and at one time threatened to be a large conflagration. With the thermometer around 40 below the firemen put up a big fight and succeeded in containing the blaze to the seat of the outbreak.

A Russian Raid

Petrograd, Sunday, Dec. 30—The commission to prevent a counter revolution today raided the premises of the Union for Defence of the Constituent Assembly.

Smith-Miller

At the Baptist parsonage, Fredericton, on Friday evening, Rev. G. C. Warren united in marriage George Howard Smith of Chipman, and Miss Nellie B. Miller of The Range. They will make their home at Chipman.

Opie-Fullerton

On Wednesday morning in the living room of the Waverly Hotel, in Albert, Miss Lena Fullerton, youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Elijah Fullerton, was united in marriage with Claude W. Opie of Jacksonville. Rev. Richard Opie, the groom's father, officiated.

In Boston on Thursday morning Joseph C. Keith, formerly of New Canaan, Queens county, passed away. He was sixty-four years of age and was a son of the late Louis Keith. Mr. Keith followed the restaurant business in Boston, and of late years was a popular proprietor of several restaurants there. He leaves two sisters, Mrs. Sarah Alward of 127 Duke street, St. John, and Mrs. S. E. McDonald of Havelock. Two brothers also survive, John and Harry, both of Montana.

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When in need of Ladies', Men's and Children's Clothing and Furs, call at the New Store, 26 Wall St., where prices are low.

J. GOLDMAN

QUEBEC CLASH WITH UNION GOVERNMENT COMING, SAYS DESPATCH

Quebec—That Quebec will clash with federal government in connection with recent order-in-council governing the emission of provincial or municipal obligations, is forecasted in semi-official circles here. It is said the Quebec provincial government refuses to accept the order-in-council passed at Ottawa relating to the said emission of obligations and that a provincial order-in-council has been passed which will be published in the Quebec official gazette this week.

CORN AND OATS

Chicago, Dec. 31—Fresh strength developed in the corn market today more or less to scantiness of receipt to further reports of difficulty in flag cars in which to make ship from country elevators. One bill road was said to be furnishing only 10 per cent of the car requirements. Husk returns were likewise slow, much of the crop being still too full of moisture to crib even in cold weather. Opening prices, which ranged from unchanged figures to a shade off, with January 1918-8 and May 1918-14 to 1918-3-8, were followed by a moderate general upturn. Oats advanced sharply as a result of offerings being meagre. Prospects of new export business had also a bearish effect.

THE CURLERS

Local curling enthusiasts are looking forward for some good matches tomorrow. The ice is in splendid condition. Scrub games will be played on both St. Andrew's and Thistle curling club ice.

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