### Music and

Drama

For years that exquis' light opera The Chocolate Soldier, has been be-fore the public, but it still continues, as of old, to interest, amuse and entertain. It is some time since the is cast abroad, but like wine, it seems the older the better. Certainly, time has not palled on the production as

were once again unfolded at the afternoon, when a large number of ton in scription in script:

Grand theatre last night, and the customers of the Bank assembled "Presented to Mr. B. G. P. Forcomical nature of his exploits caused the customers of the Bank assembled "Presented to Mr. B. G. P. Forcomical nature of his exploits caused the customers of the Bank assembled to Mr. B. G. P. Forcomical nature of his exploits caused the customers of the Bank assembled to Mr. B. G. P. Forcomical nature of his exploits caused the customers of the Bank assembled to Mr. B. G. P. Forcomical nature of his exploits caused the customers of the Bank assembled to Mr. B. G. P. Forcomical nature of his exploits caused the customers of the Bank assembled to Mr. B. G. P. Forcomical nature of his exploits caused the customers of the Bank assembled to Mr. B. G. P. Forcomical nature of his exploits caused the customers of the Bank assembled to Mr. B. G. P. Forcomical nature of his exploits caused the customers of the Bank assembled to Mr. B. G. P. Forcomical nature of his exploits caused the customers of the Bank assembled to Mr. B. G. P. Forcomical nature of his exploits caused the customers of the Bank assembled to Mr. B. G. P. Forcomical nature of his exploits caused the customers of the Bank assembled to Mr. B. G. P. Forcomical nature of his exploits caused the customers of the Bank assembled to Mr. B. G. P. Forcomical nature of his exploits caused the customers of the Bank assembled to Mr. B. G. P. Forcomical nature of his exploits caused the customers of the Bank assembled to Mr. B. G. P. Forcomical nature of his exploits caused the customers of the Bank assembled to Mr. B. G. P. Forcomical nature of his exploits caused the customers of the Bank assembled to Mr. B. G. P. Forcomical nature of his exploits caused the customers of the Bank assembled to Mr. B. G. P. Forcomical nature of his exploits caused the customers of the Bank assembled to Mr. B. G. P. Forcomical nature of his exploits caused the customers of the Bank assembled the

Grand theatre last night, and the comical nature of his exploits caused great merriment and was heartly polared and appreciated. The casts was excellent and every individual spart was taken in the happy spirit of abandon peculiar to the authors and to present him with a handsome in the sle ping apartment of Nadina, into which breaks the Chocolate Soldier, to the close when he takes the hand of Colonel Poppoff's daught: the operatta went with a swing which, bespoke well the merits of the caste.

As the head-piece, J. R. Phillip, could not be excelled. But he had excellent support. Nadina, besides being at home in her role, possessed a glornious voice, and it combined in harmony well with those of the Colonel, Major Alexius Spondoff and the Lieutenant. As the flittatious mother, Aurcila Poppoff, wife of the Colonel, Polla Niven gave an impersonation of most heartly into the life and various Della Niven gave an impersonation of George Tallman, while Kit v. Brike was loudly applauded for her impersonation of Mascha, Auteica, precocious cousin.

The music of this opera has made it famous, and a magnificent chorus, and it is and your tenure of office here.

The music of this opera has made courteous and sympathetic at all times and your tenure of office here that did full justice to the delicate and tantalizing refrains of the piece. The whole was exquisite, and the Chocolate Soldier left, leaving as good an impression as existed before he ame.

Hamilton, you have been uniformally sympathetic at all times and your tenure of office here will always be recalled by the most pleasant recollections.

On behalf of the customers we ask you to accept this chest of silver, accompanied by the warmest and been wishes for your future happiness and courteous and sympathetic at all times towards him in such a magnitic tenure of office here will always be recalled by the most pleasant recollections.

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### Splendid Pictures at the Grand

Opera House Will be Shown. The "Chocolate Soldier" the bril-

liant and tuneful comic opera held the boards last night at the Grand Opera The address liant and tuneful comic opera held the boards last night at the Grand Opera House. It is one of the most attractive offerings of that class and the company was a good one.'

On Friday and Saturday with two matinees, the only authentic war pic-

company was a good one.'
On Friday and Saturday with two
matinees, the only authentic war pictures will be seen. They were taken by permission of the Belgian authorities and fifty per cent, of the profits go to the Belgian Red Cross fund. These pictures have attracted crowds everywhere and should be seen by

All of the vaudeville houses also have special features and will be well worth patronizing

### A MCITY XMAS The one of those terrible days in the trenches along the Yser," the king said, "I know that 700 of our brave Belgian soldiers were killed out-TO ALL

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## NICE PRESENT FROM FRIENDS

story originated in the mind of George Bernard Shaw, to be the basis of an operatta by Oscar Strauss. Day by day, the romance enveloping the ruminations of Lieutenant Bumerile is cast abroad but like wine it recent Friends--- A Cabinet of Silver.

A very pleasant event took place at the Bank of Hamilton on Wednesday tation of the silver. Upon the hand-some mahogany case was the inscrip-

wishes for your future happiness and success, in which sentiment we would such a happy, home. From the botalso ask Mrs. Forsayeth to share as tom of his heart he thanked the cusshe too, will be greatly missed in this clity, where she has taken a very accluded a happy speech by wishing tended trip. ive interest in many good works. Again wishing you and your family a long and prosperous life and all good fortune in the years to come.

On behalf of the Brantford customers of the Bank of Hamilton (Signed by some fifty customers of of a branch of the Bank of Hamilton

trenches, praising their good spirits. When the correspondent expressed a desire to see the Belgian soldiers act-

"You may, but I cannot promise that this will be worth the risk. Mrs.

Asquith epressed the same desire, while she was visiting my wife a

short while ago. When the party was

taken to the second line of trenches

big German shel fell near by, and

t did not make our guests feel com-

When the correspondent inquired

as to the King's own sfacty, King Al-bert smilingly repiled: "We must live under shell fire here."

Later inspection showed this re-mark to be literally true, as scarcely a quarter of a mile of Belgium under

the rule of her king is free from the danger of shell fire.
"Your majesty, it has been pre-

dicted that you will re-enter your

capital within three months," the cor-

The king shook his head sadly, saying, "Not so soon; but some day I shall ride into Brussels at the head

Bidding the correspondent good night, with a warm handshake, the

King Albert is the commander of ais army in fact as well as in name,

Its reorganization into a compact

fighting force of less than half its former size, but infinitely superior in sheer efficiency, is due principally to the king's work and inspiration. He has surrounded himself with young and enthusiastic officers, who already

are veterans in experience; and this new personnel works with the utmost

The king's chief support is Queen Elizabeth, who lives only a few miles away at a place also on Belgian soil,

where she has complete charge of one of the military hospitals. No other women except trained nurses are permitted to approach the Belgian lines. Even the wives of the highest offi-

cers are not allowed to pay visits to

King Albert is living as simply as

Children Cry

FOR FLETCHER'S

CASTORIA

espondent said.

of the Belgian army."

king ended the interview. THE COUNTRY'S LEADER.

ually in the trenches, he said:

ments of the season.

With the modesty and shyness

which marks the whole manner of his address, King Albert continued:

"I believe I am not claiming too officers, who serve 24-hour watches, officers, who serve 24-hour watches, while the queen's ladies-in-waiting much to say that our army saved Dun-kirk and Calais at the battle of the hospital staff. The king spoke with the warmest

with a Belgian army surgeon, who said: "Before the war I was an ardent republican. I still dislike the orffection of his soldiers now in the

KINGS GREETINGS

George and Queen Mary had sent the following message to all the officers and men in the Imperial navy: "The Queen and I send to the officers and men of the navy our hearty good wishes for Christmas and the new year. (Signed) George R. I."

Wishing

One and All a

Merry

Christmas

AND A

Happy

New Year

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any subaltern of his staff. In the entrance of the town hall is a rickety army cot, on which he seeks short naps (Continued from Page 1)
fered in the deliberate destruction by its sowners of the most valuable agricultural part of the country.

A TERRIPLE DAY

them all most sincerely the compli-

He, too, paid a tribute to his worth

are trained nurses serving on her

The correspondent dined last night dinary type of kings, but I am with King Albert to the end. Even if Belgium should become a republic he is the man for president."

OTTAWA, Ont., Dec. 24.— The Dominion naval department was advised by the British Admiralty this morning that their Majesties, Kin;

After an absence of sixteene years

### Social and Personal

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

Mr. C. R. Morrow will visit friends

Mr. R. Spraklin will journey to Owen Sound for Christmas. Mr. F. J. Bennion is in Toronto

Mr and Mrs John Thurlow are visitors in St. Catharines. Mrs. H. H. Hamilton, Nova Sco-tia is the guest of Mrs. Yeigh.

Miss Manchester of Bufalo, is spending Christmas in town. Mr. and Mrs. L. Barber are spending Christmas in Toronto. Mr. H. V. Carling will spend Christmas with friends in Exeter.

Mr and Mrs. Arthur Parker of To-

Mr and Mrs H. C. Lindsay, Market street, are guests of friends in the Queen City.

Mr. Harry Adams, Brock street, will spend Christmas with his son in

Mr. and Mrs. Charles McD. Hay of Toronto, are the guests of Mrs. Mr. and Mrs. A. G. Brown will have Christmas dinner with relatives

Mr. and Mrs David Webster left to visit relatives in London, Strath-roy and Wyoming.

Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Thompson will spend the Christmas holiday with her parents in Chatham

Mr. and Mrs. T. H. Preston and Miss Preston leave shortly on an ex-

Mr. Victor Harding of Porcupine, is spending the holidays with his parents on St. George Road. Mr. C. L. Laing, the new manager, in a very neat speech, referred to the fact that he had twice followed Mr. Forsayeth in the managership Miss Edith Trenworth and Mr. Wil-

liam Trenworth, have returned from summering in Old England. Mr. Laing, the new manager of the Bank of Hamilton, is spending Christ-mas with his family in Berlin.

Mr and Mrs Hary Cluff, 499 Col-borne street, left to spend the holi-day with relatives in Goderich.

Mr and Mrs A. C. McDonald of Toronto will spend Christmas with Mr and Mrs W. H. Inglis, Colborn

"In one of those terrible days in hospitals located on safer beds. The hospitals located on safer beds. The

Mr. Carl Apps, has returned the McGill University to spend the holi-Neither the king nor queen has days with his parents at Evergsan Lodge.

Mr. and Mrs. Junior Wodyatt of Mr. and Mrs. Junior Woodyatt of Miss Doreen Woodyatt are in Brantford for the holidays. Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Gibbons and Mr. and Mrs. Baker will spend Christmas with Mrs. Cockshutt in

rantford .- Toronto Globe. The ladies of the house committee the Children's Shelter, yesterday remembered the matron, Miss Brown, and presented her with an eiderdown

Mr. and Mrs. F. J. Bishop and family, Major and Mrs. Leonard and the Misses Leonard are spending Christmas the guest of Major Leon-

Mr. Wm. uncan and wife and little son of Salt Lake City, Utah, are visiting at the home of his sister, Mrs. S. Menzie's, 110 West Mill St.

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Carpet Sweepers Carpet Sweepers, Bissell's make. \$4.50 Special at ......\$2.75, \$3.00, \$3.50 and

Suitable Gifts for Men Men's Sweater Coats, Men's Lined Gloves, Men's Silk Ties, Men's Silk and Crochet Mufflers.

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Silks for Xmas 5 yards of Black Silk or Duchess Safin. Special at \$1.00, \$1.25 and \$1.50 per yard. Makes a nice dress length suitable for Xmas. Roman Stripe and Dresden Silks at, \$1.00 per yard ......

All Toys to clear at half price, Huck Towels Guest Towels at, pair .......50c, 65c, 75c, \$1.00 and \$1.25

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day in Toronto.

Percil Roberts of Detroit, is spendng the festive season in the city. Ross Beckett arrives in the city tois spending Christmas at the parental home on Nelson street.

Manager Spencer of the Apollo has secured for X-mas the famous Euronight to spend the holidays at hom.e

Mr. J. Workman, contractor, of ople, showing the actual scenes and Drumbo, is spending the Christmas methods now employed on the firing holidays in the city.

ing the Christmas holidays with Brantford friends.

Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Towers will spend the Christmash holidays in Sarnia with friends.

Perce O'Neill returns from the Toronto camp to-night to spend week-end in the city.

.Harold Goold will spend the hoti- Miss Jennie Draper will spend the Mrs. George Watt, Dufferin Ave. Christmas holiday with Stratford is entertain friends.

Mr. Harold Fowler of St. Thomas

Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Phin. Another British steamer had her wireless dismantled by U. S. officers for alleged violation of neutrality. Charles M. Schwab stated that \$15,-

the ooo,ooo worth of submarine contracts with Great Britain had been cancelled, mi

Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Hope, and daughter, are spending the Christmas holidays in Hamilton.

Mr. and Mrs. Bishop and family will be the guests of St. aCtharines friends for the Christmas holidays.

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Manager Spencer of the Apollo has

pean war picture, The Siege of Adrian

wacation.

Mr. MacArthur to-day left for his home in London where he will spend the holiday.

Mr. Harry Fleming will spend Christmas Day with his people in Hamilton.

Mr. J. Berger left yesterday to spend the Christmas vacation with Chicago friends.

Mr. S. Webb of Cleveland is spending the Christmas holidays with Brantford friends.

Mr. W. Webling and Mr. R. Scarfe are spending Christmas holidays.

Miss Clara Thomas from St Thomas, show. Come early.

Mrs. Coates, who is spending Christmas in the city, will have her new play produced in Worcester, Mass, on Monday, Dec. 28th, by Miss Annie Russell, the celebrated American actress, On January 4th it will be seen for aweek in Toronto, then New York. A number of Brantfordites are going to Toronto to witness the production, which promises to be of a notable character. Miss Russell is sparing no expense in the mounting of the play.

Grace Church Christmas Day Service

10.30 a.m.—Mattins. Sermon, Holy Com-munion, Offertory—Clergy.

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