

# CONSTRUCTION ON MAINE LINE BEGINS TODAY

### Could Give Order to Contractors to Start

**PRESQUE ISLE, Me., Dec. 26-** On Monday morning 100 men will begin at Washburn, Maine, on the work of the new Quebec extension electric road, 115 miles to Lake Frontenac, United States Senator Arthur R. Gould arrived here from Washington Saturday night. He found the letter he had been looking for from A. R. Graustein, president of the International Paper Company, and says the construction of the road is now assured.

Senator Gould did not divulge the contents of the letter, but said that it was not entirely satisfactory. He had sent out word to waiting construction foremen and contractors to get busy at the earliest possible moment. He is obliged to return to Washington in a few days.

**ORIGIN OF PLAN**  
About 15 years ago Senator Gould, who already had constructed in 1910 an electric line between Presque Isle and Washburn, a distance of 12 miles, with extension of 12 miles from Washburn to New Sweden in 1912 and a branch of seven miles to Caribou in 1913, conceived the idea of building a line straight through the primeval forest to the boundary of the province of Quebec as the only means of making accessible the vast timber wealth of the northern tip of Maine. Preliminary surveys were made and the project was moving along satisfactorily, with every prospect of success,

when the world war upset the financial arrangements. After the war there was further delay in coming to an agreement with the owners of the timberlands through which the road would pass concerning certain concessions in the way of hardwood stumpage asked by Mr. Gould.

The International Paper Company have been the only land owners to hold out, but it is now understood they have made concessions.

**\$4,000,000 COST**  
This new electric line, which is to cost about \$4,000,000, will be like the other Gould roads of standard gauge, and its traffic at first will be almost entirely heavy freight, the transportation of logs, lumber and a great variety of forest products, including railroad ties, posts, poles, shingles, etc.

**REGION TO BE TAPPED**  
In the region to be penetrated by the new railroad, which, like the other Gould lines, will be operated by power from the Maine and New Brunswick Power Co. plant at Aroostook Falls, there are one million acres of heavy forest growth, the most extensive virgin tract in the United States. Upon these million acres there is standing today, at a most conservative estimate, 2,000,000,000 feet of spruce and pine, 600,000,000 feet of cedar and 500,000,000 feet of hardwoods. By far the greater part of this timber is at present inaccessible, because of lack of good driving waters.

It has been estimated that the new cross-Maine electric road will add \$15 an acre to the value of the million acres of timber through which it is to pass.

# LOBSTER CATCH IN N. B. INCREASES

### 169,000 Pounds Shipped in Nov.; General Value of Fish Haul Declines

**OTTAWA, Dec. 26-**The total catch of sea fish on the Atlantic and Pacific coast during the month of November was 87,228,000 pounds, valued at \$1,386,505. This is a decrease of 3,600,000 pounds over November, 1925, when the total catch was 90,828,000 pounds with a value of \$1,420,785.

The total catch on the Atlantic coast of cod, haddock, hake and pollock was 88,800 pounds compared with 12,800 pounds in November, 1925. An increase of 86,000 pounds is recorded in the catch of cod. Haddock shows a substantial gain of 1,112,600 pounds, while hake and pollock catches were somewhat lower than the previous November.

There were 728,400 pounds of mackerel landed as compared with 291,400 pounds. The new season for lobster fishing commenced in Charlotte and Saint-John counties, New Brunswick, during the month, and some 109,100 pounds were taken. These were all shipped in shell. During the same period last year the catch was 154,100 pounds.

**POPE SENDS SYMPATHY**  
ROME, Dec. 27—Immediately after the death, on Saturday, of Emperor Yoshihito of Japan, Pope Pius ordered the apostolic delegate at Tokio to present condolences to the family of the emperor and to the Japanese Government.

He mentioned that for two and a half years he was on the stage and had once played Hamlet. "I have also played 'The Queen,'" he said, "but not one of my successes. I took the part at short notice owing to our manager's wife having left her teeth behind."

**JEROME REVEALS HE WAS ONCE AN ACTOR**  
LONDON, Dec. 27—Jerome K. Jerome, still as much of a social lion as he was back in the days when "Three Men in a Boat" and the "Idle Thoughts of an Idle Fellow" were creating their first furor, revealed to the Bancroft Dramatic Club that he once was an actor.

# Christmas Trip To City By Auto From St. Andrews

### Vernor E. Collins, of this city, accompanied by M. E. McFarlane, of St. Andrews, yesterday and with few exceptions found the roads in good condition.

They reported that near Spruce Lake and vicinity they were obliged to make a detour through fields as the road was completely blocked with snow. They made the run in four hours.

**FIRST BUSINESS MAN:** "Say, Jim, I hear that your parrot died. And how that bird used to swear!"  
**Second business man:** "Yes, he dropped dead out on the golf links."

# INJURED IN FALL

Edward Birmingham, 19 Prince Edward street, slipped and fell down the stairs of the Longshoremen's hall on Water street at 2.15 o'clock Friday afternoon, breaking his nose and injuring one of his legs. He was taken to the General Public Hospital in the ambulance, where he received treatment.

## NEW YEAR'S EVE DANCE

TROJANS ATHLETIC CLUB  
**AT VENETIAN GARDENS**  
DANCING FROM 9 'TILL 2  
Motor Bus Leaving Gardens at Two For North End Fairville Corner, and West End. Returning to City  
**ALL TICKETS \$1—INCLUDES EVERYTHING**

## UNIQUE-TODAY-NIGHT CLUB IN TALKERS

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**SEE THEM! AND HEAR THEM!**  
Enjoy Real Night Life Through The Medium of De Forest's Wonderful Invention Phonofilm.

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With Mae Busch - Frank Mayo Elliott Dexter - Walter Hiers Eva Novak - Lee Moran

An amazing drama of a girl who toyed with love!

He had believed in her kiss. Love flamed into jealousy when he found her with another -- and grim tragedy darkened the lives of three.

ALSO--LAST OF ALBERTA VAUGHAN SERIES  
**"THE FIGHTING HEART"**  
And LOUIS CHENEY AT THE PIANO

# IMPERIA

EXTRA—Wild Animals of New Brunswick Part I

## TODAY AND TUESDAY



**THOMAS MEIGHAN**  
IN  
**"The Canadian"**

TOM IN A STORY OF STRONG MEN, in a country where only that type can stand up. One of the many "different" things about this picture is the fact that there's not a Royal Northwest Mounted Cop in the length of it. A movie drama every patriotic Canuck will like.

**BIG EXTRA!** Exclusive Showing New Brunswick's Wild Game.

**PART I—** Moose, Deer, Caribou, Fox, Wild Cat, Lynx, Bear—all roaming at liberty. Caught by hidden camera with telescopic lenses.

**NOTE:** These pictures, made by Burton Moore, of Carleton county, have created a sensation among nature lovers and hunters all over the continent.

**THIS WEEK**  
Big 50c Attraction  
**RED GRANGE**  
"One Minute to Go"

## HIDDLE - OPERA HOUSE -

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# THE CAT'S PAJAMAS



Mattine Daily 2.30—10c, 15c, 25c, 35c. Evening Picture 7.15 and 9.30. Revue 8.30—15c, 25c, 35c.

## MONDAY - PALACE - TUESDAY

NORTH END

LON CHANEY in  
**The Road to Mandalay**

With Lois Moran, Owen Moore, Henry B. Walthall

LON CHANEY IN HIS GREATEST HIT!

LON CHANEY, The Man of a Thousand Faces, now brings the greatest of his amazing characterizations to the screen!

You were thrilled by him in "The Liberty Bells" and "The Blackbird." You'll be fascinated now by this film masterpiece. A gripping picture of the dash between East and West, with the sinister figure of "Singapore Joe" traveling the road of intrigue and adventure to a surprising redemption.

## GAIETY

FAIRVILLE  
MONDAY AND TUESDAY

**BUCK JONES**

"CRAZY LIKE A FOX"

IT'S A REAL COMEDY

"THE NON STOP BRIDE"

Another Rib Ticker  
BY FOX

## WALTER PIDGEON is here in

WILLIAM FOX presents  
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Not a Problem Play, Yet Answering The Most Vital Question of The Day—Not a Sex Drama, Yet Fascinating With Vivid Emotions It's a Story True to Life and Just as Big

ALSO FOX NEWS

SHOWING TONIGHT AT  
**Queen Square**

## FRECKLES AND HIS FRIENDS

Really!



LOOK WHAT I GOT! LOOK WHAT I GOT! A KNIFE!

WAIT! I'VE GOT! SEE WHAT I GOT!

IT'S GOT TWO BLADES AND A REAL BONE HANDLE!

YES—BUT WHAT'S THAT TO A NICE BOY LIKE THIS? THESE ARE EVEN PRIZED IN CHINA! AN' SOLD WAY OVER IN CHINA!

HONEST? SEE, YOU OUGHTA BE GLAD YOU MET ME! BORN IN CHINA.

HOW COME?

WHY, YOU COULDN'T UNDERSTAND THEIR LANGUAGE!

## By BLOSSER



AN THEN—YOU TAKE TH' LITTLE GOLD PENCIL THAT YET'S GAVE ME AN 'N' BEAUTIFUL VANITY CASE. PERDY SHAY—WHERE IS THAT, ANYHOW?

I SAW IT WERE SOMEWHERE JUST A MINUTE AGO—

WELL—CHRISTMAS IS ALL OVER NOW—

IT CERTAINLY IS—ALL OVER THE HOUSE— DID YOU EVER SEE SUCH A SIGHT?

## BOOTS AND HER BUDDIES

Awful! Awful!



DID YOU SEE THE DIAMOND PIN THAT BILLY GAVE ME FOR CHRISTMAS, CORA?

YES—MY, ISN'T IT LOVELY? I'M SO SORRY HE COULDN'T HAVE STAYED JUST A FEW DAYS LONGER.

I WAS JUST THINKING—HERE'S HIS PIN—SEE! IT MUST HAVE COST FIVE THOUSAND. ANYWAY, AN' THESE ARE LITTLE DOLL THAT ONE OF TH' CHILDREN, I MET OVER AT TH' HOSPITAL, SENT ME—IT ISN'T TH' AMOUNT SPENT FOR A PRESENT—IT'S CORA? IT'S TH' SPIRIT THAT COUNTS—

## By MARTIN



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## SALESMAN SAM

Incomplete



NOW SAMMY MY BOY—TH' WIFE WANTS YOU TO STAY AT OUR HOUSE TILL YOU GET BACK ON YOUR FEET—AND YOUR OLD JOB IS WAITING FOR YOU DOWN AT TH' STORE.

SAY—I WANT TO RETURN THIS BOOK I BOUGHT HERE—SANDWY STORES HERE ALL OCCASIONS!

WHY—

WHAT'S TH' MATTER WITH IT?

IT'S A FAKE—

THERE'S NOTHING THERE FOR A MAN TO TELL HIS WIFE WHEN HE GETS HOME AT 2 A.M.

## By SWAN



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