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THE NICKELS

MID BATTLE'S ROAR

The production of the Boer War at the Casino Theatre last night drew large and appreciative audiences; those who witnessed this splendid picture were amazed at the magnificent portrayal of such an epoch in English history. In fact, one has to see this famous picture in order to get an idea of its make-up. The battle scenes, cavalry charges, sword and pistol duels between the two great armies are all realistically told and shown. There one sees the mighty struggle for conquest between opposing forces. There is shown in all its splendour and vividness the onrush of soldiers going steadily and determinedly to the attack, some falling never to rise, others going gloriously on to victory.

The whole affair is one marvellous production, the equal of which was never seen here before. There are only two more nights and then this picture will give place to another equally as famous.

AT THE CRESCENT

"The Vanity Case" presented at the Crescent Picture Palace yesterday, and which will be again shown to-day, is a very clever piece of acting, and you are certain to enjoy. The Crescent grows more in the popular favor every day, and it is now considered equal to any of the Picture houses in the City. The Messrs Laracy fully understand the value of kind and able catering—a sort of making one feel at home—do everything possible to the comfort of patrons, and a visitor to the Crescent must enjoy the show from start to finish.

Then there "Delmonico, the singer with the double voice, and whole rendition of "That's an Irish Lullaby" has filled some of the biggest houses in New York City. To the Crescent to-night for an hour's real enjoyment.

BIG CROWDS ATTEND ROSSLEYS

Crowded out again last night. The pictures are splendid, while the performance given by Mr. Brown and Miss Madge Locke, is the very best yet.

For next Friday there are some names that will astonish the crowd; all seats reserved this week. It is impossible to reserve a few, and the hundreds who crowd to the contest, take those seats and refuse to move, so all will be reserved. Mr. Rossley was very sorry to know that four young ladies lost their seats through a little misunderstanding, and Mr. Rossley wishes to please all patrons, therefore by reserving all seats the crowd will be seated as they enter.

Look out for the most beautiful short pantomime ever given. Rossleys are always leaders in the amusement line and will do their best to please all.

"OURS" IN THE WEST END

Last night, there was as usual, a crowded house at this popular little theatre, where the patrons are always sure of a good show of the finest films to suit everyone. The two little singers received great applause for their charming song. This is the farewell week of these clever little girls at "Ours." Next week a new little singer for the house, Miss Kathaleen Barnes will sing England's most popular war song, "We don't want to lose you, but we think you ought to go."

The Portland Lobster Market

Boiled lobsters are selling in the Portland market at the present time for 24 cents per pound, the lowest price quoted for a long time, the drop from the higher range being caused by the perfect glut at Boston, over 300,000 lobsters having been landed there the past two days by steamers from Yarmouth, N.S., with further heavy consignments due the first of the coming week. With this immense lot on hand in addition to the myriads of "shorts" handled by the Boston dealers the Portland lobster men are having little call just now from customers in New York and the West, local trade being very quiet. As before remarked lobsters were never so plenty on the Nova Scotia coast as this spring, and the outlook is favorable for comparatively low prices to the local buyers for the next two months.—Portland Argus.

The B.I.S. billiard dinner set down for next Thursday evening, promises to be a very hearty affair. All the boys are going to bring good appetites to the board, and will not require any "cue" to starting line. The dinner commences at 8.30 p.m. and will finish—who can say?

The last couple of weeks several fish cargoes have been cleared, and it will look as if we will be very much represented in the markets abroad when those shipments arrive there.

Consecration Preparation Committee

Last night the sub-committee appointed at last Thursday's meeting of the Catholic Laity Committee, to arrange for carrying out their wishes, was convened by the Chairman, Hon. John Harris, those attending being: Messrs J. Barron, Vice-Chairman; P. J. Summers, Secretary; Hon. J. D. Ryan, Hon. M. Power, C. W. Ryan, C. J. Cahill, L. J. Griffin, Inspector-General Sullivan, J. L. Slattery, P. J. Hanley, J. C. Pippy, G. Shea, T. J. Foran and the Rees. J. McDermott, Adm., and T. Nangle.

At the suggestion of the Chairman, Rev. Fr. McDermott briefly outlined a programme which he thought would be in keeping with the occasion, which was heartily approved by the meeting.

The Rev. Administrator informed the meeting that His Excellency the Governor had written the Archbishop-elect, that he had arranged an official dinner in honor of His Excellency Monsignor Stagni, Papal Delegate, for the Thursday of his week's visit, and if desirable he would arrange a garden party for the afternoon in Government House grounds.

Discussing the details of the celebrations, the Committee decided to conduct them along the same lines as what have been done in the English Colonies, within the last few months, and co-operation of all will be invited.

In the matter of collecting the purse to be presented His Grace, a point was raised if amounts could be taken from members of other denominations, it being decided that while no request would be made in this respect, the Committee will accept any contributions that would be offered.

The following gentlemen, to act with the Committee, before-mentioned, were nominated to assist in taking donations, and are requested to meet to-morrow, Wednesday night, in the T.A. Armoury, when a definite plan will be arranged:—Thos. Armstrong, M. Murphy, N. J. Vinnicombe, J. P. Grace, T. Jackman, J. Kelly, J. Dwyer, W. Carroll, J. W. Hayes, J. Perez, W. Brophy, Stan. Shortall, J. O'Grady, Jas. M. F. Murphy, P. Mahar, H. Peddrew, J. Nelder, J. J. Mahoney, M. Gammbrick, Fred Callahan, J. McGrath, M. P. Hynes, M. W. Myrick, C. J. Ellis, A. S. Waddon, J. P. Scott, J. P. Crofts, G. J. Coughlan, M. Power, H. Barlett, A. Kent, W. A. Kelly, J. Brophy, Jas. Power, Robt. Jewer, H. J. Brownrigg, J. Coady (Goodridge's).

Owing to the increased work of the Secretary, Mr. J. C. Pippy was appointed Assistant Secretary, who will act in that capacity during the Committee's existence.

The meeting adjourned at 9.30, and will meet again to-morrow night at 8 o'clock.

VOLUNTEERS

Five young men enlisted last evening as follows: Wm. Fry, Charleston, D.B. Albert Taylor, Charleston, D.B. Eli James Hutchings, Botwood. Andrew Goble, St. John's. Walter Tobin, St. John's. The number on the Roll is now 1,731.

Elastic Cement Roofing Paint will save you dollars and trouble.

—ap14,cood

Pronounced Insane

Some three weeks ago the Mail and Advocate called the attention of the authorities to the sad case of a young woman who was wandering about the streets with an infant in arms, a sight pitiful in the extreme. A couple of days later the woman was taken in charge by the police and her case being investigated, she was sent to her mother's home in the city.

Showing unmistakable signs of insanity yesterday, she was examined by Dr. Cowperthwaite and pronounced of unsound mind. The unfortunate woman was then placed in the Insane Asylum, whilst the child has been taken in the S. A. Home.

Norwegian Sealers Poor Voyage

Says the North Sydney Herald of May 4th:—The Norwegian steamer Nord, which with a sister ship, the Sampson, sailed in February from Louisburg to join the Newfoundland sealing fleet, arrived yesterday. The trip was not a success and only 2400 pelts were taken. These were landed at Seven Islands. The Sampson is now lying up at the latter place, her crew of fifty having come here on the Nord. They were paid off at the shipping master's office yesterday.

Things were quite in the Police Court to-day, his Acting Honor being left to peaceful meditation.

LOCAL ITEMS

The Trepassy train arrived at 11.30 with only one or two persons, and the local via Brigus at 12.20 p.m.

Venus Drawing pencils are perfect.—ap12,tf

The police did not make any arrests last night, things being orderly around the city.

The Bruce's express which arrived yesterday afternoon brought only a few passengers, and a very small mail.

Wallace's Chocolates R most excellent.—ap12,tf

The weather along the railway to-day is light and fine. Wind N.W. and temperature ranging from 40 to 45 above.

The marriage of Miss Marie Woods of Halifax, N.S., and Mr. Joseph Ashley, brother of Rev. Fr. Ashley, takes place at St. Patrick's Church to-morrow morning.—Felicitations.

Velvet pencils for commercial use.—ap12,tf

Inoculation against typhoid, etc., is now being taken up at the C. L. B. Armoury, and all the volunteers have been treated by the doctors, some 25 being attended to last night.

Wonderful. Thrilling. Spectacular—THE BOER WAR—in five parts at the CASINO To-night.—may17,3i

The Prisoner Snowden who is held on a charge of burglary and arson, and against whom a true bill on both accounts was brought in by the Grand Jury, was arraigned in the Supreme Court to-day.

Don't forget to ask your grocer about LaFrance & Satina Tablets.—ap12,tf

The Gulf steamer Kyle is coming direct to St. John's, having left Port aux Basques this morning. The Sagoua, which arrived at Port aux Basques this morning will leave there to-night for N. Sydney, thus taking up the Kyle's route.

Venus and Velvet pencils will give you satisfaction.—ap12,tf

This morning a young man named Brien was slightly injured at the Dock premises by slipping and falling upon a piece of iron, his face being cut. First aid being applied, he was made O.K. again, and shortly after resumed work.

Ask your dealer for Wallace's Souvenir box chocolates. Three pictures of 1st Nfld. Contingent on cover—quality "Most excellent."—ap12,tf

Mr. Jack Higgins gave a very interesting lecture to the members of the B.I.S. last night, his subject being "Travels in Switzerland." He was accorded a very hearty vote of thanks at the close.

Next week Mr. Tom Halley will give a reading which no doubt will be interesting.

Bring the children to see this authentic historical struggle between Britain and Boer.—may17,3i

A general comment of praise is being paid by the citizens in general to the gentlemen of the Grand Jury for their wise and just suggestion to have the salaries of our police increased. This one thoughtful intimation shows in itself the good material with which the present body of jurymen is made up.

T.A. Card Tourney

The T. A. Members held a very enjoyable card tourney last night in their rooms, some 90 players participating. The prize—a handsome pipe donated by Mr. Richard Mahar, and of whom it may be truly said "that no man in the country understands the merits of a pipe better"—was won by Mr. Charles Myler of the Postal Telegraphs.

Chairman George Coughlan gracefully made the presentation, after which a pleasant half hour was passed in silent commune with the Lady Nicotine.

The BOER WAR, in FIVE PARTS, was produced at enormous expenditure. Thousands of men and horses. SEE the charge of the Highlanders—The Infantry—The Cavalry—The Jack Tars to the rescue—CASINO To-night.—may17,3i

The Upper House

After a third reading of the Customs amendment and Stamp Duties Bill, the House went into Committee on the Labrador Codfish Bill. Three motions were made. At the desire of Hon. Mr. Job, the words—"and the Board" were removed—the amendment introduced by Hon. F. T. McGrath gives to the Court the right of discretion to fix the payment of fees and travelling expenses of witnesses, and the motion of Hon. Mr. Walter asked that the limit for fixing the price of fish be extended to November 1st of each year.

With the exception of Sect. 7, which will have to be altered to agree with Sect. 2 of the Bill (those sections having affinity to each other) the Bill is its sectional capacity has passed.

Each and all of the Honorable Members have had their say in the amending of the act, and the Bill (being an opposition proposal) has now been some five days before the House. 'Tis significant that any measure introduced by the Government will hardly take as many hours to be pushed through, whilst but few of the Chamber Board will seek to air their eloquence by declaiming against any Bill sent up by the Government powers.

Everybody's doin' it now. What? Selling Elastic Cement Paint. Your dealer sells it in 1, 2, 5 and 10 gallon tins, also in barrels.—ap14,cood

Accident to Mr. Walsh

Last Friday evening, Mr. Thomas Walsh, a respected employee of Harvey & Co.'s tub factory, was badly injured by being run into by a bakery wagon. The driver took the injured man to his home, and the doctor being called, the victim of the accident was at once ordered to the Hospital, where it was found that three ribs had been broken and internal injuries sustained.

Strange to say that next day a son of Mr. John Walsh was taken to the Hospital to be operated on for acute appendicitis.

Mr. Walsh has two other sons, who are serving with the army abroad. J. Joe, joined the First Newfoundland Regiment, and is at present in Scotland; another son, Michael, is a member of the R. A. M. C. and is at Aldershot.

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SHIPPING

S.S. Beothic sails on Thursday for North Sydney, to load coals for here.

Meigie is due to leave Humbermouth to-morrow.

Glencoe was to leave Placentia early this a.m.

Bruce leaves North Sydney to-night for Port aux Basques.

Argyle left Placentia at 9.30 p.m. yesterday for Westward.

Kyle left Port aux Basques at 12.05 this a.m. and is coming direct to St. John's.

Barq. Gaspe is now loading codfish from Jas. Baird, Ltd., and will sail in a few days for Brazil.

S.S. Bellaventure, Capt. Cross, sailed to-day for Philadelphia, and is expected to return to St. John's with a cargo of coal.

"The Gloucester Times" of a recent date, says:—

"Vessel owners and skippers are complaining of the scarcity of fishermen just about now, when there is an urgent need for crews. At the present time, there are some 10 or 12 crafts, hung up at Gloucester, from sailing, because full complement of crews cannot be obtained. The crafts are the very finest in the local fleet, and all are ready for the best paying kind of trips, some for Cape North, and others halibuting.

"Conditions are due in a great measure it is believed to the fact that many of the fishermen intending to come from Nova Scotia earlier, feared there would not be "sights" for all, so have stayed at home. Just about now men are needed quite badly and there is no doubt that when they learn of the fine chances, a number will come over.

WEATHER REPORT

Toronto (noon)—N. W. wind, fair to-day and on Wednesday, with a little higher temperature.

WAR MESSAGES

All Quiet On The Eastern Front

London, May 17.—Vienna reports that Sunday passed without much activity. This is considered in military circles here as possibly indicating that the Russians have reached the point where they are able to re-establish their line. The Austrians, however, assert their army is still advancing.

Bombarding Their Own City

Madrid, May 17.—Fighting in Lisbon has begun again, according to the latest news reaching Badajoz, and warships are bombarding the city. Over one hundred persons have been killed, including several Spaniards. The Spanish warships Espana and Rio de la Plata, and a Spanish torpedo boat have arrived at Lisbon.

Wrecked When Homeward Bound

London, May 17.—A homeward bound Zeppelin, returning from a raid on England, was attacked to-day as it reached the Belgian coast. The big gas bag is reported to have been damaged, but the fate of the aircraft was not learned, as it drifted away in the fog out of sight of the attackers.

King Constantine Of Greece III

Paris, May 17.—The condition of King Constantine of Greece has become more serious, says a despatch from Athens to-day. Since noon to-day the fever has become higher, accompanied by restlessness.

Public Nuisance

Residents of the Higher Levels complain of the mighty blowing of a horn by some enthusiast, who makes the night hideous with the horrid noise. This blowing is often kept up till midnight and has become a positive annoyance, especially to the sick and those who are it difficult to sleep. The nuisance is particularly committed along Freshwater and Merrymeeting Roads.

The attention of the police is directed to this offense with the hope of having it abated. The youths who are guilty of ones had better by far be in their homes at a more reasonable hour, and we are surprised that parents permit their boys to be out at such unseemly hours, moreover as they are annoying more peaceful citizens.

Miss Elsie Tait Completes Her Course At Mt. Allison

We are pleased to learn from the Sackville "Tribune" that Miss Elsie Tait, daughter of Dr. J. S. and Mrs. Tait has completed her post graduate course from the Mount Allison Conservatory of Music. The "Tribune": "On Saturday, May 8th, Miss Elsie Tait, pianist, assisted by Miss Verste Taylor, soprano, gave her post-graduate recital in the Charles Fawcett Memorial Hall. She possesses exceptional ability, combined with an intelligent musical perception, which enabled her to give a fine reading of the Gavotte and Variation Rameau-Leschetitsky, and the Sonata Appassionata, Beethoven. After the Ballade by Chopin, she received a recall. The final group consisted of pieces by Liszt, Sibelius and Paderewski. The Romance by Sibelius was played with fine expression. Miss Tait is a highly talented young pianist."

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TO CELEBRATE EMPIRE DAY

An entertainment will be held in the Methodist College Hall on the evening of May 24th at 8.30 p.m. The programme under the management of Mrs. Colville will be a most attractive and varied one—Patriotic songs—in appropriate costumes—a short sketch, called "Petticoat Perfidy," by some of our best artists, to conclude with "a Russian fairy tale" without words, performed in national and picturesque costumes with brilliant spectacular effects. Proceeds in aid of the Newfoundland Beds in the St. John Ambulance Brigade Hospital at the Front.

Tickets and Plan of Hall at Messrs. Dicks & Co., and also at the Methodist College Hall on Empire Day. Prices: 50c., 30c., and 20c. —may18,turri

Wanted—Immediately, A First Class Cook, references required, apply to the Matron of the Girls' Department of King George the 5th Seamen's Institute.

Newfoundland Poultry Association

With a view to encouraging the breeding of pure bred poultry in Newfoundland, the following gentlemen—members of the above association—have consented to offer for sale stock, baby chicks, and eggs for hatching from thoroughbred stock at reasonable prices. Interested purchasers are requested to apply to any of the following for information as to housing, feeding, etc., will be supplied free of charge.

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P. J. O'Rielly, Long Pond Road, St. John's.

F. Perry, 258 Hamilton Ave., St. John's.

Buff Orpingtons. S. Emberley, 14 Wood St., St. John's.

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White Orpingtons. Jno. Duff, c/o Ster Bros., St. John's.

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C. J. O'Rielly, Long Pond Road, St. John's.

S. White, 6 Freshwater Road, St. John's.

White Wyandottes. M. McLeod, Alandale Rd., St. John's.

John Duff, c/o Ster Bros., St. John's.

H. McPherson, "Westerland," St. John's.

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H. W. LeMessurier, Winter Avenue, St. John's.

R. F. Goodridge, c/o Alan Goodridge & Sons, St. John's.

C. W. Gushue, 216 LeMarchant Road, St. John's.

Barred Plymouth Rock. R. F. Goodridge, c/o Alan Goodridge & Sons, St. John's.

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S. M. Walsh, P. O. Box 471.

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H. McPherson, "Westerland," St. John's.

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