

GOOD THINGS COMING TO THEATRES OF ST. JOHN

"THE STILL ALARM" AT THE IMPERIAL TONIGHT

Nothing grips the public's sense of adventure and predilection for excitement and wholesome melodrama like the terrors of fire and fire-fighting. In the wonderful play, "The Still Alarm," by Joseph Arthur, which is to be shown in six marvellous reels at the Imperial tonight, the very acme of this kind of story is provided. Fire apparatus belching fire and smoke madly dashing to a conflagration, clanging of bells, shrieks of stress and engine whistles, daring deeds of bravery at fires such as catching women and children in life nets, all this will be seen to great length and spellbinding picturesqueness. There is an intense love affair in the story in which a handsome big fireman is the hero, a maddeningly sweet villain, an abducted child and her sister the heroine, and a wronged father. The story is laid in Chicago and the whole of the fire apparatus of that great city is employed in making the remarkable film. Shows at 2-3, 4-7 and 8-10. No extra price, some little admission figures.

KELLERMAN AT THE GEM TONIGHT

Greatest Woman Swimmer in Notable Special Picture

Tonight at 7.15 and 8.45 and tomorrow with matinee at 2.30, the Gem offers one of the greatest motion picture ever made, "A Daughter of the Gods." It is a Win. Fox production and is said to have cost \$1,000,000 to make. Miss Kellerman is the famed woman of perfect form, the noted swimmer. There are wonderful water scenes with the mermaids and in all it is a stupendous picture with more than 21,000 people in it. See page 11 for more details.

THREE MORE RATIFY THE PROHIBITION AMENDMENT

Chicago, Jan. 8.—Three more states today ratified the proposed prohibition amendment—Ohio, Colorado and Oklahoma—making a total of nineteen states that have endorsed the proposal. The house of the Idaho legislature voted yesterday for the amendment, but the senate tabled the proposal, delaying action.

Notice of Births, Marriages and Deaths, 50c.

BIRTHS

LEGER—On Jan. 4, to Pte. and Mrs. A. Leger, 28 Brittain street—a son.

MARRIAGES

CURRIE-MACDONALD—At the Parker House, Boston, Jan. 4, 1919, Geo. W. Currie to Miss Muriel Macdonald of Fredericton, by Rev. Dr. Courland Myers, pastor of Tremont Temple.

DEATHS

SHORT—At his parents' residence, 606 Main street, on the 7th inst., Ronald E., beloved son of George and Eva Short, in his nineteenth year, leaving his parents, one brother and one sister to mourn.

Funeral Thursday from his parents' residence; service at 2.30 o'clock.

PIERS—At Hampton Village, January 1, Miss Bernice, aged four years and four months, youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Piers, of tubercular meningitis.

Mekillop—At 6 o'clock this morning, Edna Bernice, infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James McKillop, Prospect street, Fairville.

HUTSON—At the Master Misericordias Home, on the 7th inst., Robert Hutson, a native of London, England.

(Amberst and Halifax, N. S., papers please copy).

Funeral from the Home on Thursday morning at 8.30 a. m. to the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception for requiem mass at nine o'clock. Friends invited.

BOYCE—In this city at her residence, 80 Albert street, on January 7, 1919, Ellen, beloved wife of Thomas Boyce, leaving her husband, mother, three sons, one daughter, three brothers and three sisters to mourn.

Funeral Thursday from her late residence, 243 King street West.

McGaughey—At her parents' residence, 29 Harding street, on Jan. 8, Elva Viola, eldest child of Mr. and Mrs. Percy McGaughey, aged three years and two months, leaving, besides her parents, one brother.

Funeral Thursday afternoon.

COCHRANE—At Bloomfield, Kings county, Jan. 8, 1919, Amelia, widow of the late John Cochrane, aged eighty-two years, leaving three daughters and two sons.

Funeral Friday, Jan. 10, at 1.30 p. m.

CARD OF THANKS

The husband and relatives of the late Mrs. Robt. A. Blackall wish to express their thanks and appreciation in sympathy shown them during their recent sad bereavement.

TESTS SHOVED BLOOD STAINS

Evidence in Carleton Case—Dr. Abramson Says Hassan's Wounds Could Not Be Self-Inflicted

The preliminary hearing in the case of Sultan Hassan, Ahmed Abdurman and John Sterling held on the suspicion of the murder of Saïd Hassan in West St. John on the night of December 28, was commenced in the police court this morning.

Ivan Jackson, eleven years old, said that he and his brother and a Moore boy were crossing Courtenay Hill on the next morning, when he noticed the body of a man lying on the hill and partly covered with snow.

Dr. Harry Abramson, provincial pathologist, said that he examined what appeared to be blood stains on a flashlight, a package of cigarette papers, a tobacco box, piece of leather of a left boot, a shirt cuff, piece of leather of a right boot, piece of cloth of a left trouser leg and also a piece of cloth of a left trouser leg and off a razor. He is blood.

He identified the articles from which the stained pieces were taken for the blood tests. Dr. Abramson said that when he examined the body of Saïd Hassan at Brennan's undertaking rooms, in West St. John, he found the face and neck badly slashed, the jugular vein and the larynx being completely severed. He said that the cut in the neck on the right side was two and a half inches deep. He found both the right and left hands quite badly cut.

In answer to Policeman Hopkins he said he did not believe the wounds were self-inflicted. As to the blood stains, he said that he could not tell whether or not they were human blood stains but he thought that he would know in the course of a few days, as he was making the tests.

Sergeant Samuel Journey, told of going to Courtenay Hill in consequence of a telephone call, and there finding the body. About six feet from the body he picked up a razor and about two feet away he found a hat. He notified the coroner, who had the body removed to W. E. Brennan's undertaking rooms in West St. John. Sergeant Journey said that he could not tell whether the next bearing of the case will be taken on the 11th inst.

Daniel Maurice Doyne, a clerk with Waterbury & Rising, Ltd., told of selling three Indiana boots on Saturday night. He identified Abdurman and Hassan as two of the men, but could not identify Hassan. He said the three were in store were very friendly.

Frank Woodland, janitor of the Seaman's Institute, told of seeing John Sterling, colored, one of the accused, in the mission on Saturday night. He said that he was in company with white sailors. He said that he believed he left about ten o'clock.

Myles Carroll, who conducts a restaurant in Union street, identified a photo of Hassan as of a man who often was in his place for supper.

J. J. Barry is appearing for Sterling; William R. Scott for Abdurman; the case was set over until tomorrow afternoon at two o'clock.

MAY BE HOME FROM SIBERIA IN SPRING

Montreal, Jan. 8.—A despatch to the Gazette from Ottawa says: Canadian soldiers who have been detained to Siberia will be home again some time during the coming spring, so it is asserted at the militia department, and they may return sooner if the reported intention of the British government to withdraw its troops from Siberia is carried out.

COMPERS DOES NOT FEAR THE BOLSHEVNIK MOVEMENT IN STATES

New York, Jan. 8.—That the Bolshevik movement in the United States cannot disrupt organized labor was the assertion made here yesterday by Samuel Compers, president of the American Federation of Labor, on the eve of his departure for Europe where he will lead a labor delegation to the peace conference.

Women's Exchange Library

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This Week PICKLES

- 15c. bottles Heaton's, 11c.
- 20c. bottles Peerless Mixed, 17c.
- 20c. bottles Peerless Chow, 17c.
- 25c. bottles Peerless Mixed, 21c.
- 35c. bottles Peerless Chow, 27c.

Gilbert's Grocery

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WHEN A FAMILY NEEDS A FRIEND

In the Absence of Doctors Nobby Goes to War, After Influenza, the Grip—Those wonderfully useful medicines, Hood's Sarsaparilla and Hood's Pills, are warmly recommended.

Hood's Sarsaparilla, taken before meals three times a day, and Hood's Pills, taken at night as needed, are reasonably sure to keep a family in health and prove to be reliable and always ready friends. They purify the blood, relieve and prevent biliousness and constipation, build up strength and regulate the system.

Get both, or either one, as you think you need, from your druggist today and begin treatment at once.

HOW CANADIANS WON BATTLE OF THE SCARPE

London, Jan. 8.—(Canadian Press despatch from Reuters Limited)—Describing the battle of the Scarpe and the retaking of Monchy Le Preux in last August, Field Marshal Haig, in his despatch dealing with operations on the western front after the big German drive and the allied counter attacks says:

"At three o'clock on the morning of August 9 the Canadian corps, Lieutenant-Colonel Currie commanding, on the right of General Home's first army, attacked the German positions astride the Scarpe river with the second and third Canadian divisions commanded by Major-General Burstell and Lipsitt, and the 51st Division. This attack, on about a five and a half mile front, closely supported by the third army's left, was completely successful. By noon we had taken Wancourt and Guesneppe and had stormed the hill and village of Monchy Le Preux. The latter position was of great natural strength and well organized for defence, and commanded observation of much importance."

C. N. EXPRESS MANAGER IN QUEBEC SUICIDES

Quebec, Jan. 8.—Michael Donnelly, local manager for the Canadian National Express company, suicided early today in his office at the C. N. R. station by blowing out his brains with a revolver. He was married and the father of several young children. He had been ailing for quite a while.

AIRPLANE SPEEDS AT 172 MILES AN HOUR

Cleveland, Ohio, Jan. 7.—What is believed to be a new world's airplane speed record was set today in a flight from Dayton to Cleveland by Pilot Eric Springer and Mechanician Ernest Longchamp, in a Martin bombing plane driven by two Liberty motors. They covered 215 miles in one hour and fifteen minutes, an average of 172 miles an hour. The previous record between the two cities was two hours flat.

IS COUSIN OF BRIGADIER GENERAL MACDONELL

Major-General Archibald Macdonell, commanding officer of the 1st Canadian Division, now in Germany, who was recently made Knight Commander of the Bath, K. C. B., is a cousin of Brigadier-General A. H. Macdonell, O. C. of military headquarters in Ottawa.

General Macdonell, when asked this morning, said that his cousin was a graduate of the Royal Military College and prior to the outbreak of the war was attached to the Strathcona Horse. He went overseas with the first contingent as colonel of the unit. Soon he was promoted to be brigadier and recently made major-general.

EVENING SLIPPERS

The demands of the social season require appropriate footwear and, as usual, we are to the fore with a choice variety of Pumps and Slippers in the latest and most popular styles.

Ladies' Kid or Patent Pumps, \$3.85 to \$5.50  
Satin Slippers — Black, white, pale blue, silver and canary. Special, \$3.35  
Ladies' Oxfords—Splendid assortment, high or low heels \$3.85 to \$7.00

It's Always a Pleasure to Shop at

LEVINES

107 Charlotte Street  
Opposite "The Dufferin"

LOCAL NEWS

Wanted—Bell boys. Apply Royal Hotel, 91877-1-11

St. John District Lodge, I. O. G. T. meets Thursday, Jan. 9, in Temperance Hall, Fairville.

Hallelujah wedding, Wednesday, Jan. 8, 9 p. m., in the Salvation Army Citadel, Charlotte street.

Soldiers' Wives League meeting postponed until January 16 at usual time and place.

Tramsters and chauffeurs meet in Union Hall, Oddfellows Building, Thursday, 8 p. m. You are expected.

BUSINESS CHANGE  
The grocery business of J. L. McKenna, 85 Waterloo street, will be reopened in a few days by John H. Doyle as a first class cash grocery. 91888-1-10

SONG SERVICE REPEATED  
The repeated Christmas song service, rendered Sunday at St. Philip's Church by the choir, was very highly appreciated by all who heard it. The feast of anthems began at 8.30 after the regular service, at which time members of other congregations were present. Rev. H. A. Goodwin, pastor of Centenary Church, spoke very highly of the service.

Buy your smoking goods where you get the best value. Liquor, 89 Charlotte street, gives fresh stock, reasonable prices and free coupons with every purchase. They are valuable. Save them.

NOTICE  
Meeting of Recall Committee, ward chairmen, and officers of the different unions are requested to attend a meeting Wednesday evening, Oddfellows' Hall, P. A. Campbell, chairman. T. E.

MOOSE NOTICE  
The regular meeting of St. John Lodge, L. O. O. Moose, will be held at the Moose Hall, 85 Charlotte street, this Wednesday evening, Jan. 8, at 8.30 o'clock. A. W. Covey, secretary.

St. Joseph's University re-opens today for the winter term. Several local students left yesterday to resume their studies. They were Paul C. Quinn, Alphonse Harris, Oswald McDonald, Joseph Butler, Melville Nichol, William O'Donnell, Emeric Dolan, Herbert Peterson, Gerard Comeau, and W. McHugh.

COMPROMISE IN 'PHONE MATTER

Utilities Decision as to Rates for Long Distance Messages

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Commissioner Fisher, who was present in the interests of the city, said that the effect of this decision will be to increase the revenue of the company and as this had not been contemplated or urged in the application made by the company he felt that the company should be required to make some compensating concession to offset the additional tax on the astronomer. No action was taken on this suggestion.

J. B. M. Baxter, K. C., appeared for the company; J. King, K. C., for the municipality of St. John, and W. E. Golding for the Board of Trade.

No action was taken by the commission on the application of the N. B. Electric Light and Power Company to continue their Rodney wharf service to the ferry floats on account of the alleged continuation of the Moncton Tramways Company for permission to increase their rates for natural gas.

FERRY BUSINESS SHOWS A GAIN

First Increase in Several Years—Likely Smaller Appropriation

For the first time in several years the harbor ferry shows an increase in the volume of business for the year just closed. In spite of heavy expenditures for repairs to the ferries, the report in the estimates for 1918 with prospects of an even better showing for this year, shows an increase in the revenue of the ferries of \$10,000, an increase of \$2,988.71. The number of vehicles toled 118,802, an increase of 8,157, with an income of \$10,010.49, an increase of \$791.44. The total increase in revenue was \$8,860.15. Of this increase almost half, \$4,968.58, is credited to the month of December.

The recent change in the Sunday schedule not only has proved popular but is adding somewhat to the revenue, without any additional expense.

BATHURST CAPTURES THE McLELLAN CUP

Amherst, N. S., Jan. 8.—Bathurst won the McLeLLan Cup from Amherst last night in the first game of the season. The visiting curlers were up three on two rinks and down one in the remaining rink. It was one of the keenest games ever played for the big curling trophy. Amherst won the cup last year from Truro.

GENERAL MEETING AND HON. DR. BELMONT AT N. Y. CANADIAN CLUB

New York, Jan. 8.—Major-General Hon. S. C. Newburn, Canadian minister of militia and defence, will be the guest of honor at the monthly dinner of the Canadian Club of New York, at the Hotel Billmore on January 13. Among the other speakers will be Hon. Dr. Henri S. Belmont, former postmaster-general of Canada.

To Open Office Here.  
Hon. W. P. Jones, K. C., senior member of the firm of Jones & Jones, barristers, Woodstock, is to open a law office in this city. He still will be connected with the business carried on by Jones & Jones, but the office will be more immediately in charge of his son, the junior partner.

Marcus' Furniture

Presents quality and moderate prices; a rare combination indeed these troublesome times. A trial will more than convince you.

Special showing this week of Period Living-room Furniture in Black Walnut and Mahogany.

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MARINE NOTES

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Police and firemen, reinforced by a large number of patrolmen, formed a line of defence against strikers who were attempting to attack laborers who had replaced them in the foundry of the iron works. The strikers closed all but one street and cut telephone lines. Those killed or injured lay in the streets for many hours because of the inability of ambulances to get through.

CONDENSED NEWS

The Austro-Hungarian battleship Salsburg, requisitioned by France as a driven anchor in French waters. As chairman of the parliamentary party for the next session of the British Commons, William Adamson virtually becomes leader of the opposition.

BURIED TODAY

The funeral of Mrs. Joseph Prout took place this afternoon from her late residence in Fairville to St. Rose's church, where burial services were conducted by Rev. Charles Collins. Interment was made in Holy Cross cemetery.

GENERAL GOVERNMENT LIQUOR DISPENSARY

Chief Inspector Wilson Speaks of Complaint re Vendors' Charges and Quality of Liquor

Fredricton, Jan. 8.—Chief Inspector W. D. Wilson appeared before the municipal council of York today and made a plea for the support of the prohibition act. In response to complaints concerning excessive prices charged by vendors for liquor and also concerning the inferior quality of liquor, he announced that he would advocate the establishment of a central government dispensary which would be able to control the price of liquor and also insure it as to quality.

Dr. G. G. Melvin, chief health officer of the province, also appeared before the council.

The annual meeting of the New Brunswick Potato Growers' Association, announced to take place in Fredericton today and tomorrow, did not take place on account of a change in arrangements, and the influenza had imposed lockout. The meeting will be held in Woodstock March 19 and 20.

THRIFT STAMPS ON SALE IN FEW DAYS

Plans for the war savings and thrift stamps campaign were further discussed at a meeting of the executive of the provincial advisory committee this morning. It was announced that Mrs. Chinnell, official organizer for the women's division throughout Canada, will come from Ottawa during February to tour New Brunswick and aid in the work of organization. She will be accompanied by a New Brunswick woman who will assist in organization work and afterwards continue supervision of the work.

Reports showed that Rev. Alex. Grant is successfully organizing Westmorland and that Michael McDade is doing good work in Woodstock at present.

The local committee is making steady progress and hopes to have stamps for sale in practically all the wholesale and retail places of business in the city before the end of the week.

PLANS FOR A PULP MILL AT MARYSVILLE

Fredricton, N. B., Jan. 8.—N. M. Jones, general manager of the Nashwaak Pulp & Paper Co., conferred with the Marysville council last night and arranged for a further conference in Fredericton on Thursday next.

The conference was with reference to the establishment of a pulp mill at Marysville. Mr. Jones suggested a fixed valuation for purpose of assessment and an adequate water supply. He said that a mill which would cost \$400,000 would be erected according to his plans. If dwellings were erected they would come under the ordinary town assessment.

LADIES BONSPIEL

Lady members of St. Andrew's Curling Club held a bonspiel yesterday. Four rinks participated and the members of the teams kept changing so that all had an opportunity of being skip. The one making the highest score while skip was considered the winner. The first prize was won by Mrs. E. W. Lindsay, the second by Mrs. P. Barnes and the third prize by Mrs. E. March. The rinks were as follows:

Dr. Parks, Miss Austin, Mrs. R. P. Cowan, Mrs. G. Fleming, Mrs. J. F. McDonald, Miss Bullock, Mrs. E. March.

Mrs. P. Barnes, Mrs. A. P. Crockett, Miss Campbell, Mrs. Haycock, Mrs. L. W. Lindsay, Mrs. F. Gregory, Mrs. Cole, Miss Eason.

Senator Ashurst has suggested to the United States Senate that the United States purchase lower California and part of Sonora from Mexico.

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