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GAIETY

MONDAY and TUESDAY
AMERICA'S DAINTIEST
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ANITA STEWART in Robert W. Chambers'
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"The Girl Philippa"

Shown at 2.30, 3.45, 7.15 and 8.45.

Wed. **MARY PICKFORD** in **REBECCA OF**
& Thu. **SUNNYBROOK FARM**

INTEREST IN MURDER CASE

Gagetown, Dec. 30 — Interest here
in the Keirstead murder case is un-
abated, though no legal developments
are expected soon. It is said that the
preliminary hearing will not, in all
probability, be held until February,
and further proceedings will be delay-
ed until May.

In the meantime, Robert Keirstead,
whose wife was the victim, is in jail
here, charged with murder. A big,
brawny man, he seems out of place in
confinement. William Belyea is the
jailer, and he sees the prisoner only
at meal time. It is stated that Keir-
stead displays signs of insanity. He
paces his cell very much and he has
been found often mumbling something
and gesticulating wildly. He shows a
disposition to discuss the murder with
the jailer, but so far has not had an
opportunity to tell all he wanted.

The prisoner eats regularly and
heartily. He reads nothing and has
not asked for newspapers or reading
material. How he occupies his time
is not known, but he is a good sleeper.

The general opinion is that the
man is insane and it is believed possi-
ble that prolonged confinement will ag-
gravate his ailment. So far, however,
he has shown no sign of violence
since he came to the jail.

It is the belief here that when the
case comes up for trial the first ac-
tion will be to obtain the opinion of
an alienist as to his mental condition.
It is possible that he may be commit-
ted, without proceeding with the trial,
to an insane asylum.

SERIOUS FIRE AT GLACE BAY

Sydney, N. S., Dec. 30. — Fire yes-
terday morning destroyed St. Ann's
church, St. Ann's convent and the
Glebe House at Glace Bay. The
church, Glebe House and two small
buildings nearby were burned to the
foundation. Only a small portion of
the south wing of the convent is left
standing and that is completely gut-
ted. The origin of the fire is not ex-
actly known. The theory that is given
the most credence is that the fire
was caused by a defective flue in the
rear part of the church.

There were about twenty sisters in
the convent at the time the fire start-
ed but all were safely taken out.
There was a very heavy gale blowing
at the time and it is said that sparks
and burning embers were carried as
far as Caledonia.

It is estimated that the loss will be
between \$20,000 and \$25,000. The
church was insured for \$42,000, the
convent about one-third covered,
while on the Glebe House there was
only a small amount.

Rev. Dr. Thompson, pastor of St.
Ann's parish, who has been in ill
health for some time, remained on the
scene until the flames had completed
their work. On being taken to a pri-
vate house he collapsed and was re-
ported very ill last night.

Mr. Fred Bowlen of Devon left this
morning for Trenton, N. S. to take a
position in that town.

Mr. H. E. Parker of St. John is at
the Queen.

HOLIDAY ATTRACTION AT THE "GEM."



SCENE FROM "THE SECRET OF EVE"

NOTICE

A SPECIAL MEETING of the L. A.
and the A. O. H. will be held in their
rooms in St. Dunstan's Hall, THURS-
DAY, Jan. 3, 1918, at 8 o'clock, for the
purpose of installing the officers for
the coming year. A social evening will
be spent. All the members are re-
quested to attend.

HORSE RACING ARRANGED FOR NEW YEAR'S DAY

Four Classes with 15 Horses
Entered—Will Race To-
morrow Afternoon on
Queen Street.

Local horsemen are to have four
classes in New Year's Day racing to-
morrow afternoon. In all fifteen
horses are entered in the various
classes. Some of them have raced on
tracks in other parts of the country.
A good afternoon's sport is promised.
The racing will take place on Queen
street, the necessary permission hav-
ing been given by the civic authori-
ties.

The entries are as follows:

Class A.
Bingen Light, 2.21 3/4, H. C. Coates.
Roy Volo, 2.13 3/4, W. B. Lint.
Nelda Snell, 2.10 3/4, P. S. Watson.

Class B.
Argot Ladd, 2.17 3/4, J. T. G. Hatt.
Tryfast, 2.17 3/4, W. B. Lint.
Lady Wilkes, 2.15 3/4, A. M. Gibson.

Class C.
Eddie DeForest, H. C. Jewett.
John S., 2.21 3/4, Wallace Crockett.
Ohuta, 2.20 3/4, H. J. Morgan.
Billy J., 2.15 3/4, R. Kennedy.

Class D.
Stella S., R. Stewart.
Star Todd, Roy W. Smith.
Bunny S., Saunders.
Teddy Bear, J. Burden.
The Manor, H. C. Jewett.

SUFFERED FROM FUEL SHORTAGE

London, Ont., Dec. 31.—Reports from
various parts of this district indicate
that the fuel shortage continues acute,
and with the lowest dip this season in
the week end, thousands of people suf-
fered from the intense cold wave.

Died at Toronto.

A telegram received here Sunday
evening conveyed the news that Mrs.
Weaver, mother of Capt. W. J. Weaver,
R. A. M. C., died yesterday at her home
in that city. The deceased had been
ill for several months. Her son re-
turned recently from Saloniki, where
he had been on active service. He
reached Toronto a few days before
his mother's death.

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Best Canned Tomatoes	22c can
Choice Peas	17c "
Best Corn	20c "
Choice Peaches	17 and 25c "
Bakers Cocoa, (bulk)	35c lb.
Shredded Cocoanut	35c "
Tartarine	25c "
4 Comfort Soap	25c

GEM THEATRE

MONDAY AND TUESDAY

THE BRILLIANTLY GIFTED
MME. PETROVA IN

"The Secret of Eve"

This vital, absorbing METRO WONDERPLAY is full
of dramatic incident, and Mme. Petrova has never been
called upon to present a more difficult screen offering
than in this production, portraying four distinct charac-
terizations, any one of which would tax the ability of a
less versatile actress.

NINTH
INSTALMENT **"THE FIGHTING TRAIL"**

WEDNESDAY and THURSDAY

America's Great **JANE COWL** (who created the
Emotional Actress part of Mary
Turner in "Within the Law," in

"The Spreading Dawn"

A "GOLDWYN" SCREEN NOVELTY

Dramatized from the Saturday Evening Post story by
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Cowl in
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