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WHAT KINGSTON THEATRES OFFER NEXT WEEK

IAMEO KAJIYAMA IROUPE CHRISTMAS ALIKACTION

Celebrated Japanese Mentalist.

at the Grand Opera House will remember the mentalist who was here with Culture Vaudeville last season. is to be here again shortly the Classics of 1924, a company of international artists gathered all parts of the world. With company is La Terpisichore, the wonderful dancer from the Theatre the famous opera house of Milan, Italy. She is considered by those who ought to know as the Alice Calhoun and Percy Marthe great Pavlowa.

Liane d'Eve, who, in private life is the Countess D' Millon, who comes here direct from the Coliseum, London, brings with her a full stock wardrobe of Parisian gowns which were entered by the United States officials as worth thousand dollars. She is the French Eva Tanguay and has made herself a great favorite with English audi-

sensation from Broadway, have just | tire block of buildings, including a finished a long engagement with the six-story structure. This was one of Ziegfield Follies, and are quite the the most costly structures ever built best in their particular business.

Tameo Kajiyama needs no introduction to a Kingston audience. He is to be congratulated on bringing that nothing be shown unless it was to this city an even greater troupe | realistic and that fakes and the like of artists than that which delighted be barred. Director Smith also local theatre-goers during his last sought to make this production more

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manding merit in a free field.

be established as a fact; yet I fancy

Sir John had a premonition that Ca-

By J. L. PAYNE

talked insincerities. His final flight to of modern history. It is probable a

ed by accepting the post. It could not all events, he got them.

Customs from 1878 to 1892, and made as industrious as he had been in the

a name for himself in a department Customs Department. He had been a

calling for high judicial qualities and military man and held the rank of

knew him. He was what the world it before six at night. A man of out-

Cuba, brings a novelty and highly developed equilibristic act of great

Yet another attraction is Eunice Noel, a mime, halls from the lead. ing London, Eng., vaudeville thea-New Array of Talent With the tres, delineating in charming fashion Dutch and English character Sketches.

The Classics of 1924 will be in Kingston at the Grand Opera House for three nights, commencing Dec. 24th., with a special matinee or Christmas Day.

WHOLE BLOCK BURNS IN FILM SPECTACLE

mont Narrowly Escape Death in Flames.

One of the most stupendous fire pectacles ever offered will be seen the Capitol theatre Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday. It is one of the neational scenes in the highly dramatio Vitagraph super-production, "The Midnight Alarm."

In "The Midnight Alarm" is shown Palo and Palet, the latest musical the destruction by fire of an enfor the sole purpose of destruction, and was in keeping with the policy of David Smith, Vitagraph director, spectacular than even "Ninety and Batencourt, a native of Havana, Nine" or "Masters of Men," both of

A Hard Worker.



Scene from "The Midnight Alarm," at the Capitol Theatre Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday.

which tremendous

struction for this picture A large The set reached across the width portion of the twenty-three acre

S-T-R-A-N-D STARTS MONDAY "CHILDREN OF JAZZ" EILEEN PERCY

THEODORE KOSLOFF

studio owned by the Vitagraph Company was devoted to the erection of He personally supervised all con- a metropolitan business district. the studio grounds and consisted from three to six stories in height, on all sides as one of the At the farthest end, a practical six- gigantic feats ever accomplished for story building was erected.

The spectacle was so tremendous in scale it was necessary to obtain the permission of the Los Angeles authorities to carry it out, because of the danger of the flames spreading to the studio structures.

Five thousand persons witnessed played a part in the picture. had to be roped off, while a crew of finest.

picked guards and police kept throng within bounds. The chief danger was the menace of onrushing fire apparatus.

Nine cameramen protected by saffecy shields in vantage points cranked as the flames progressed and the film fire brigade battled it. With the flames licking their clothes. the firemen mounted ladders and rescued the persons actually imprisoned in the burning buildings.

Alice Calhoun and Percy Marmont, leads in the picture, were in grave peril when the ladder hoisted to take them to safety caught fire in spite of the streams of water playing on it. In desperation, they were forced to plunge to fire nets that were hurried to the scene by the Los Anbeles fire department. Their bravery was greeted with frenzied cheers the spectators.

Extra pumping engines were drafted to force water through pump fines from the studio

Through the night the worked to extinguish the blaze. They were menaced by the falling the screen.

"Children of Jazz" Coming. The Paramount picturization of the play, "Other Times," by Harold Brighouse, with Theodore Kosloff Ricaro Contez, Robert Cain and Eileen Percy in featured roles, comes the destruction of the buildings and to the Strand Theatre for a three The days' run commencing Monday. Beucrowd was so dense special precau- lah Marie Dix adapted the productions had to be taken to prevent on- tion which was directed by Jerome lookers from being injured. The fire Storm. The supporting cast is of the

needed. That man was felt to be Sir From December 21st, 1894, until Charles Tupper. But how to get him? That was the question.

Afraid of Tupper.

However it may be understood, let and Prime Minister of Canada for fif- not at all. In another sense, very answer lay within my own breast. Sir me say that at that very moment the teen months of that period. I should much. He remained the same affable, MacKenzie Bowell had not deceived say it was to be found in his rugged approachable, jaunty, sincere man he himself. Not one of his troubled colcommon sense, his unswerving integ- had always been. But his responsibili- leagues knew better than he his unfitrity, and his great capacity for details. ties weighed upon him. They were ness for the colossal task which lay He certainly was not a born leader of naturally and unavoidably heavy, and ahead. As the general election drew men, a great thinker, a powerful de- he lacked in some important respects near, he many times told me of his bater, nor a man of extraordinary the capacity to bear them. If, however, dread. With the utmost frankness and he was having any trouble with his col- sincerity he spoke of his desire to re-A few months after I joined him. leagues, he concealed the fact from me. sign; "but," he asked, "who in the Sir MacKenzie became the head of Communicative to a fault about other Cabinet would be acceptable as my the newly constructed Department of things, I never heard him utter a syll- successor? Sir Charles Tupper might Trade and Commerce. He built it up able about what went on within the be willing to take my place; but I canhad never been his ambition to be- a shrewd sense of policy. The press is material. In doing so, I know that opened his heart to me unreservedly. He always spoke that way of Sir Charles. He did not say "distrust;" but "afraid." The impression he made Early in January 1896, came the on my mind was that he did not like

> Sir Charles Tupper was then High Commissioner in London. I can now say something very definitely, which will show how easily the situation in 1896 could have been composed. Sir MacKenzie Bowell would have cheerfully exchanged places with Sir Charles Tupper, as a means of escaping from a position for which he felt himself unsuitable-not unsuitable in a general way, but in view of the approaching election. I can say that with the utmost positiveness, because he told me so a few months prior to the resignations, and also made it a part of the statement he entrusted to me. But he had not taken his colleagues into his confidence, and in panicky efforts to find a way out they simply struck. Swifty succeeding events showed that at the same time they also committed suicide; for in the election which followed in June the Conservative party was overwhelmed.

As I look back on those dark days, my heart aches. I was exceedingly fond of Sir MacKenzie Bowell, He was the most considerate man I ever knew. Brusque, and blunt as he often was under irritation, he had a heart of gold. If he ever wounded by his hasty words, he could not rest until he had poured balm on the hurt. He was more particular to do so if the injured one was a man in humble circumstanme very fully, and authorized me to ces. He was too proud to confess his publish the statement if, in my judg- weakness, and therefore stressed the ment, it ever became necessary to do fact of what he called "a cabal." His so. I interpreted that instruction to resentment was directed chiefly against mean if it ever became necessary for one or two of his colleagues, whom he his personal vindication. No such situ- regarded as ring-leaders in the matter. ation has arisen, and it is not, therefore He had an affectionate attachment for proposed to here give that statement. Sir Charles Hibbert Tupper, and, It would do no good. It would but strange to say-having regard to the outcome of the affair-he completely

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THEATRE CAPITOL Starting Monday

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A PRAIRIE YEAR.

he Turn of the Year," by Frederick Phillip Grove, Illustrated by C. M. Manly, A.R.C.A. 287 pages. McClelland & Stewart, Toronto. To confess that one usually ex- with a French ivory clock, tray and periences a slight misgiving on discovering that a new book is by a

Canadian author is to convict oneself of gross orejudice. But for such I must reserve for a later sketch sev- an attitude the hurrah methods of own bottom without needing to use the adjective Canadian first as a lure Gibson's.

> and then for an excuse. Such a volume is this collection of nature essays by Mr. Grove, illustrated with eight drawings from the pen of Mr. Manly which are not quite the equal of the text. The author happens to be the High School Principal at Rapid City, Manitoba, but in the book you find him a man | Sure Traveller-M. Cleland. experience of life." With him you Young Felix-F. Swinnerton. with him through the cusuing SIX-teen weeks of blazing and passion-ate life till the heralds of winter race
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> | Luminox—F. Hurst. |
> | Zarah the Cruel—J. Conquest. |
> | Nervous Wreck—E. J. Rath. |
> | Send for Dr. O'Grady—G. A. Birming-ham.

hall, Suffolk, England in 1828, and the spring rains and summer clouds, the heats, storms and frosts of his year are more clear to you than those of any year in your own life. And long after these have become blurred and forgotten the Icelandie settler he describes in "The Sower" will still stand forth as clear-out and heroic as a statue.

Presentation to Teacher. Miss Ruth Wanamaker, public school teacher, Marmora, is leaving at Christmas to take a position as teacher in a Toronto school, On Sunday the Sunday school and Young Peoples' League while meeting for Sunday school presented her clothes brush.

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down again out of the Arctic. That One of the Best—E. F. Penny. is all, but when you close the book Happy Isles—B. King.



inefficient as the head of a depart- terward; but at the time he was silent, RECOLLECTIONS OF A PRIVATE SECRETARY ment of Government, without suffer-Early Newspaper Days and Men-Sir James Edgar's Trained Political Choir-The Private Secretary, His Duties, Painful and Otherwise-Civil Service and Patronage. cular the warm friend of all the mem-Sir MacKenzie Bowell came to Can- bers of the Press Gallery, and of newsada a poor boy, nine years of age, and paper men in general. won his way to the highest post in the This may have been due in part to

gift of the Canadian people. He pro- the subtle free-masonry which draws vided his own equipment as he climbed journalists together, since he belonged the long ascent. In a large sense, to the fraternity of the fourth estate; greatness was thrust upon him; for it but I suspect it was also due in part to come Prime Minister of Canada. He a powerful force in politics. It can he deliberately selected men upon told me so-not once but many times, make or break men. That is not my whom he could depend rather than and he was not the kind of man who postulate. It is the indubitable teaching mea of exceptional ability. Was he not right in so doing? How hard it is crash. To myself it was a bolt without Sir Charles, and felt unable to cope high place grew out of a long series of genial and companionable man like to get men who can be counted on warning. Seven of Sir MacKenzie with him in a contest of with, promotions; yet the play of circum- Bowell would have come to be on stances had more to do with his reach. good terms with pressmen in the ordin first things he did was to plan for the They were: Hon. Messrs. Foster, Hagunder all circumstances! One of the Bowell's ministers resigned in a body. became the logical legatee of Sir John | centre like Ottawa; yet I know that he | markets. extension of Canadian trade to new gart, Ives, Montague, Dickey, Wood

Thompson's mantle by right of Cabi- would have done a good deal to make net authority, rather than by com- sure of his footing in that regard had it been in doubt. At bottom he realized I was very happy with my big- that he needed helpful influences. He hearted old chief Sir John Carling; but certainly did not adopt any meretric- work. He went himself. I had moved ent the debacle of the Conservative about a great deal with Sir John Car- party and an early ending to their own vate secretary, and Sir John took the yet he valued them and did all in his view that my interests would be serv- power to keep them in his favor. At ling; but I now realized, as never be- eighteen long years in the wilderness. fore, the compensation which a private To a friend in Parliament, Sir Macsecretary receives for rather slavish Kenzie said, "I have been living in a work in the privilege of travelling. All nest of traitors," and the phrase stuck. binet changes were impending which Sir MacKenzie's estimate of himself world came true during my service Kenzie made a statement to Parliamight affect himself. At all events, he was frankly given to me under pathe- with six Cabinet Ministers. But this ment, then in session, and asked time yielded to Sir MacKenzie Bowell's re- tic circumstances, to which I shall trip to the Antipodes, carrying us for reconstruction. In such crises it quest. That was in the autumn of 1892. come in a few moments. A few things through the South Seas, was the most transpires that meditators play import-Militia. He had been Minister of quence. As Minister of Militia he was abroad.

> The Pacific Cable. The Pacific cable grew directly out

administrative skill in its head. I had colonel. He was a hard worker. He known him well for years. Everybody | reached his office early, and rarely left | that mission to Australia. Sir Mac-Kenzie took with him Sir Sandford Fleming, who had conceived that great project, stuck to it through years of discouragement, received from the various Australian states rather chilling answers, and finally carried it to victorious achievement. He was a man of conspicuous ability and infinite patience, joined to sweetness of character. That combination is more or less rare.

The Colonial Conference, held Ottawa, in 1894, was another outgrowth of the mission to Australia. I had the honor of being official secretary of that important gathering, jointly with the late Douglas Stewart, who was the private secretary of Sir John Thompson, My colleague's part in the matter was, however, honorary. The work fell on me. In the following year the Newfoundland Conference / took place, and on that occasion I also was given the post of secretary. Both those international assemblages gave me the of at least three of the bolting ministprivilege of contact with many men of ers, and know their point of view.

Bowell As Premier.

ing loss of prestige; but mediocrity 27th April, 1896, Sir MacKenzie Bowmust toil or fall. If I were asked to ell was at the head of the Government sum up in a few words Sir MacKenzie of Canada. He made no changes in the Bowell's justification for having been | Cabinet on taking the helm. How did a Cabinet Minister for eighteen years, his elevation affect him? In one sense,

Crash of 1896.

and Sir Charles Hibbert Tupper. Such The mission to Australia grew out a thing had never happened before in of that purpose. It took place in the political history of the country. 1893. Sir MacKenzie did not select The people were thunderstruck. The My new chief was then Minister of must first be said, for the sake of se- wonderful of all my meanderings and this occasion was not an exception. The success of these gobetweens necessarily depends on diplomacy carried on out of sight. I may now say that this important duty fell on two exceedingly competent men-Lord Strathcona (then Sir Donald Smith) and Hon. Sir Frank Smith.

They brought about the understand-

ings which restored a functioning Ca-What lay at the bottom of this most distressing episode in our political evolution? For the first time since it occurred, I feel free to speak authoritatively. Sir MacKenzie took occasion to dictate his version of the matter to open old sores; for it was tinged with the bitterness of personal disappoint- exculpated him from blame. ment and angry suggestions of betrayal. I was also made the confident

Reason For Desertions. Five of the actors in that melan-The tragic death of Sir John choly drama are dead. I can, therefore Thompson at Windsor Castle, on 12th without violation of trust, make an December, 1894, opened the door for epitome of the reasons which impelled Sir MacKenzie Bowell to become the desertions of 1896, and thereby Prime Minister. He was the senior perhaps do something to shed light on member of the Cabinet. He was at an otherwise ugly situation. The Conthe moment acting Prime Minister. He servative party had held the reins of was the sole survivor in office of the government for nearly eighteen years. Macdonald Ministry of 1878. He was A general election had to take place therefore the logical choice. It was an soon. Signs of disintegration within mergency, and there was not time to the party were in evidence; for it is call a party caucus nor to weigh the the inevitable fate of all party adminclaims of others. He had a clean name istration to defeat themselves in time. and a good record. Whatever may Bowell was felt to be a weak man. He have been their esoteric feelings and had never been a campaigner, and was wishes, his colleagues agreed to accept | therefore not well-known throughout him as their leader. Not to do so would the country. He was utterly lacking in have made trouble, both within and organizing genius. He would not averthout. Expediency prevailed, and, peal to popular imagination. He had when Lord Aberdeen called upon been accepted more or less as a make-Bowell to take the Premiership, he ac- shift. An exceedingly strong man, cepted, That he had misgivings and whose very name and fame would be-

eral stories and observations which it our publishers are at least partly reis assumed will illustrate the character sponsible. So many "great Canaand peculiarities of the man as he was dian" books have turned out to be revealed to me. They will bring out the very labored productions indeed human side, as separated from the of- when judged by artistic rather than ficial; and that is what I believe my nationalistic standards. The pleasreaders will desire to see. It might be ure is therefore all the greater when explained at this time, however, that one finds a book by a fellow-country-Sir MacKenzie was born at Rickeng- man which stands sturdily on its Judgment. DODD'S KIDNEY

