

**THEATRE**

**CHANGE OF SHOW IS GREAT.**  
The second big bill of the week played to large crowds at the Victoria yesterday afternoon and last night, and everywhere there seemed to be only enjoyment at the new show put on by the Brinkley Girls company, a roaring farce comedy entitled "The King of Heidelberg", a tabloid edition of the celebrated stage musical comedy success of the same name which enjoyed unprecedented runs some years ago.

Hal Stack in the title role, carried off all honors, and Mae Ward in the leading feminine role was a rare picture of loveliness in a juvenile role. Her blonde beauty has seldom been matched at the Victoria, and she is daily winning many admirers.

The new act presented by the famous Venetian Trio, of course, made a distinct and instantaneous hit with everybody. They are absolutely the classiest musical team ever seen in Wilmington, and their work can be distinguished readily by even the lay mind as something entirely above the ordinary talent seen in this section.

The big show will be presented for the last times today, another new bill going on Friday.

**DOUGLAS FAIRBANKS AT GRAND TOMORROW.**

Pass-along the word that the irrepressible Douglas Fairbanks is coming to the Grand again tomorrow in a brand new Triangle feature. There never was a movie actor whose popularity equals that of the irrepressible triangle star. His smile is infectious; his good humor contagious. With all due respect to the well known and justly famous powers of certain kinds of musical entertainment to drive dull care from the brow of the tired man, four out of five of the tired ones will unhesitatingly choose a Fairbanks picture today in preference to any other kind of entertainment. And there's a reason.

"Flirting With Fate" is the name of this latest picture. The theme it may be stated as "the evils that lurk in whiskers." This does not refer to germs but to disguises. Fairbanks wears them; the detective in his trial swears them; and the villain wears them. While Fairbanks was walking about the studio with his private set of whiskers, one of the cowboys who played with him in "The Good Man" stopped opposite him and drawled "Come out from behind them whiskers, Doug. We all know you're thar 'cause we kin see yer ears a-waggin'!"

Doug, in this story thought there

**GRAND**

**TOMORROW**  
**RARE TREAT!**  
David W. Griffith Presents  
**DOUGLAS FAIRBANKS**  
—in—  
**"Flirting With Fate"**

He thought there was nothing to live for when the girl he wanted to marry became engaged to another man, so he hired a professional assassin to end him. But when the girl changed her mind—he had a time dodging the assassin!

**VICTORIA**

**Again Today**  
CHARLES SOLADAR'S BRINKLEY GIRLS' COMPANY.  
Present  
**"The King of Heidelberg"**  
A Roaring Farce Comedy.

**Venetian Trio**

In the Greatest Musical Act of the Entire Week.  
**IT'S A RARE TREAT**  
And Alone Worth the Price of Admission.

**ACADEMY Wed. Dec. 13**

**MATINEE and NIGHT**  
CHAS. O. BROWN, Presents  
THE NUMBER ONE and ONLY COMPANY PRESENTING  
**VICTOR HERBERT'S MASTERPIECE**  
**"SWEETHEARTS"**  
with  
**JULIA GIFFORD**  
and  
**AGUMENTED ORCHESTER**  
PRICES: MATINEE 50c to \$1.50  
NIGHT 75c to \$2.00  
Tickets Monday at Elvington's Pharmacy.

was nothing to love for when the girl he wanted to marry became engaged to another man. So he hired a professional assassin to end it all. But when the girl changed her mind Fairbanks dared not go near enough to the assassin to tell him of his desire of life. Don't miss it—this tip is a good one.

**THE DE RUE BROTHERS MINSTREL.**

The De Rue Bros. Ideal Minstrels come to you as a guaranteed attraction. The company this season is enlarged, both in numbers and paraphernalia, carrying special scenery for every act produced. It is said that a prettier stage picture has never been seen than the grand scenic first part—entitled—"A Fountain of Mirth."

The Ideal Minstrel will be seen at the Academy of Music on next Saturday, giving a matinee and night performance.

The matinee prices will be 25 cents for any seat in the balcony and 50 cents for any seat on the lower floor. Children will be admitted for 10 cents to any seat in the theatre. The night prices will be 50 cents, 75 cents and \$1. Tickets are now on sale at Elvington's Pharmacy.

**VICTOR HERBERT'S "SWEETHEARTS."**

Victor Herbert's "Sweethearts," the most fascinating and tuneful operetta ever written by this wizard composer, will be presented at the Academy matinee and night next Wednesday, December 13, and it is promised that the performance and production will be on a scale of merit equal to the best that has been attained in musical performances in recent years.

The score of "Sweethearts" is filled to the brim with Victor Herbert's brightest and most fascinating melodies and the story of the operetta, written by Harry B. Smith, Robert S. Smith and Fred De Gresac, provides a happy medium through which runs the haunting melody of the theme song, "For Every Lover Must Meet His Fate!"

The quaint city of Bruges in Belgium is the scene of the story and it creates an exceptional picturesque atmosphere and romance to the settings and surroundings, and this has been taken full advantage of in the scenic and costume embellishment of the production.

The role of the Princess Sylvia around whose personality the story of the operetta revolves will be sung and played by Julia Gifford, a prima donna whose splendid accomplishments in many prominent musical productions has been fully recognized throughout the country.

Miss Gifford's work in "The Balkan Princess" and "The Merry Countess" won the enthusiastic praise of music critics and the hearty favor of the public. Her charming personality is allied with a voice of remarkable range and sweetness which she uses with all the skill of the trained and cultivated artist.

The company presenting "Sweethearts" has a cast of high class principals and a chorus that for personal charm and fresh youthful voices, is exceptional.

The engagement will probably be considered the most notable musical event of the season. The matinee prices will be from 50 cents to \$1.50. Night prices will range from 75 cents to \$2. Tickets will go on sale next Monday morning at 9 o'clock at Elvington's Pharmacy.

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**JULIA GIFFORD,**



In "Sweethearts," Victor Herbert's Masterpiece, at the Academy, Wednesday, Dec. 13, Matinee and Night.

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**TWENTY-FIVE CENTS**  
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**THE TERRAPIN IS NOW VANISHING**

One of the Highly Prized Food Fish Said to Be Disappearing.

Washington, Dec. 7.—Propagation of the diamond-back terrapin by the Bureau of Fisheries at Beaufort, N. C., for four years, has demonstrated that if promoted by the States it would prevent extinction of one of the country's most highly prized food animals. Nearly 3,000 young have been taken from the Beaufort laying beds this year.

The terrapin has been a source of income to fishermen all along the eastern and southern coasts. It is rapidly vanishing. There are five widely known diamond backs, the Carolina, Chesapeake, Louisiana, Florida and Texas terrapin. The Fisheries bureau is experimenting with the Carolina species at Beaufort. Bureau experts believe that results with other species would be equally as successful.

At Beaufort the terrapin are bred in pens most of which are covered with salt water at low tide. A laying bed of sand is on higher ground. Fresh water is supplied also.

The terrapins are fed on fish and occasionally blue crabs and sand fiddlers. Corn meal made into a stiff mash is sometimes fed.

When cold weather begins the terrapin become more and more inactive burrow into the mud and hibernate. Often they come out of their sleeping quarters too early and become frozen. They soon thaw out again, however.

The female digs an eight-inch hole in the sand for her eight or nine eggs and then covers them with sand. She does not approach the eggs or hatch them out young. The first young terrapin appear about the middle of August. Under natural conditions it is not believed they feed until the next spring and their size does not increase. But fed during their first winter they increase perceptibly.

The terrapin grow very slowly and it is several years before they are ready for the market.



Douglas Fairbanks, Star of Triangle Feature, "Flirting With Fate." Tomorrow's Great Triangle Production at the Grand.

**Northwestern Road Congress.**  
Chicago, Ill., Dec. 7.—With delegates in attendance from more than a dozen States, the third annual meeting of the Northwestern Road Congress was opened here today. State road commissioners of nearly all the Northwestern States are included in the attendance. John A. Hazelwood, State highway commissioner of Wisconsin, is the president of the congress and occupied the chair at the initial session held at the Hotel Sherman today.

**Illinois Municipal League.**  
Urbana, Ill., Dec. 7.—The third annual convention of the Illinois Municipal League, which began at the University of Illinois today, is marked by a large and representative attendance. Mayor William C. Barber, of Joliet, called the gathering to order and an address by Mayor Fesler, of Cleveland, O., furnished the chief feature of the day's program. The convention will conclude its proceedings tomorrow.

**With the Fingers! Says Corns Lift Out Without Any Pain**

Sore corns, hard corns, soft corns or any kind of a corn can shortly be lifted right out with the fingers if you will apply directly upon the corn a few drops of freezone, says a Cincinnati authority.

It is claimed that at small cost one can get a quarter of an ounce of freezone at any drug store, which is sufficient to rid one's feet of every corn or callus without pain or soreness or the danger of infection.

This new drug is an ether compound, and while sticky, dries the moment it is applied and does not inflame or even irritate the surrounding tissue.

This announcement will interest many women here, for it is said that the present high-heeled footwear is putting corns on practically every woman's feet.—Adv.

**REPORTS FINANCES OF THE COUNTRY TO CONGRESS**

Will Take Over Billion Dollars to Run Government Ensuing Year.

**POSTAL SERVICE SELF SUSTAINING.**

Estimates For National Defense Sends The Amount Up—United States Strong Financially.

Washington, Dec. 7.—Secretary McAdoo's annual report of the government's finances, presented to Congress today, estimates that the fiscal year ending June 30th, 1917 will show a balance of \$115,000,000 in the general fund but that the figures a year later—June 30th, 1918 will show a deficit in the general fund of \$185,000,000.

Preliminary estimates place the cost of conducting the government for the coming fiscal year 1918, exclusive of the postal service which is expected to be self sustaining and other deductions, at \$1,278,021,000. The ordinary receipts for the fiscal year 1918 he estimates at \$995,550,000 which is \$282,471,000 less than the estimated expense.

Estimates of large expenditures for national defense carry the estimated outlay beyond the estimated income.

For the fiscal year 1916 now drawn to a close, the Secretary reports great prosperity and expresses greatest confidence for the future. "During the past year," the Secretary says, "the prosperity which set in so strongly during the fiscal year 1915 has grown in strength and volume and is now widely diffused throughout the United States. Fundamental economic conditions have never been more sound. In all lines of industry efficiency of organization and production have reached the highest point in the country's history. General confidence in the future, healthful enterprise and development have been marked characteristics by the year."

"The financial strength of the United States—the greatest in our history—gives us a commanding position in world finance. We have been transformed from a debtor into a creditor nation. On November 1, 1916, the stock of gold coin and bullion in the United States was estimated at \$2,700,136, an increase of \$714,597,804 in the past 16 months. This is the largest stock of gold ever held in the United States or in any other country of the world. Through the operations of the Federal Reserve System and with out abundant supply of gold as a basis, the credit resources of the United States have become more than sufficient for home demand and we have been able to finance our great domestic and foreign trade without strain and to extend vast amounts of credit to other nations throughout the world.

"The experience of the past two years has brought into strong relief the value of the Federal Reserve System. It is not too much to say that our great prosperity could not exist without it. The usefulness of the system has been broadened recently by the amendatory act of September 7, 1916, which renders it more attractive to member banks and increases the scope and services of the Federal reserve banks. Due to the transference of vault and other reserves to Federal reserve banks, authorized by the original act and amendatory act, the resources of said banks are now more than \$850,000,000, while the total reserves held are over \$400,000,000, and, in addition, more than \$230,000,000 is held by Federal reserve agents as special security against Federal reserve notes. About one-fourth of the country's stock of gold is thus mobilized in the hands of the Federal reserve banks and agents.

"The increasing strength and efficiency of the Federal reserve banks have enabled them to enlarge their direct service to the business community through the introduction of a definite and comprehensive system for the par clearance of checks throughout the country.

"Rates of discount at Federal reserve banks have continued low throughout the year, and most of their open-market paper, consisting largely of acceptances growing out of foreign trade, has been taken below a 2-1/2 per cent basis. Rates of interest throughout the country have been reduced and stabilized with great advantage to the business of the country.

"It would have been impossible to finance our vast domestic and foreign trade without the facilities provided by the Federal Reserve System. Not only has it most normal and extraordinary needs of business, but it has established confidence securely. Business has been able to go forward without apprehension and the several crises which the country has faced in its international relations during the past two years have been accompanied by no disturbances and have caused not even a tremor in the financial world. The crops of 1915 and 1916 were financed without difficulty and the great advantage of the farmers and the industrial troubles which at one time seemed imminent, because of the threatened railway strike last summer, were not accompanied by the slightest financial uneasiness.

Happily the country has been at peace and business and enterprise have had the largest opportunity for favorable development under the most auspicious conditions.

"If we make intelligent use of our great power and exceptional financial resources, we can cope successfully with any conditions the future may develop."

One of the features of the report is a discussion of present methods of constructing public buildings.

"I am convinced," says the Secretary, "that the methods pursued by the Congress for the past 16 years of providing federal buildings through so-called omnibus-public-building bills have resulted in the construction of many public buildings in small towns and localities where they are not needed, and at a cost which is clearly unjustified by any actual requirements of the communities in which they are erected. The conclusion is irresistible that authorizations for public buildings in these small communities are too frequently dictated by local reasons and without regard to the best interests of the government. The most serious aspect is this: The annual operation and maintenance of these buildings impose on the Treasury a permanent and constantly increasing burden.

"Common sense and business judgment would seem to demand that structures for the transaction of government business should be authorized only in localities where they are imperatively needed, and that buildings should not be erected where no public necessity can be shown. This result can be accomplished by divorcing the public-building question from all local or political considerations and authorizing no public buildings until a thorough and intelligent investigation of each proposed building or project has been made to this department and a full report thereon has been submitted to Congress. If such reports were followed by the introduction and passage of separate measures to cover each proposed building project the abuses and evils of the omnibus-bill method would be eradicated."

The Federal War Risk Insurance bureau, Mr. McAdoo, says should be extended a year to September 2, 1918, since Congress might not be in session next September and it would be impossible then to continue the work of the European War is still in progress and serious injury to American business might result. The report says up to November 17 nearly 1,700 policies were written by the Bureau with total risk of more than \$14,610,000 and losses amounting to \$833,924. Premiums received amounted to \$3,142,525.

In speaking of customs revenues, which increased about \$3,400,000 over the previous year, the Secretary says the European conflict is still interfering with such receipts. "Before the breaking out of the European war," says the report, "the amount of the collections indicated clearly that under normal conditions the present tariff will produce all the revenue it was estimated it would produce at the time it was drawn, and since the war the receipts under the tariff bill have been all that could be expected."

Mr. McAdoo points out that for the year the value of imports was about \$484,000,000 greater than the previous year and those of exports \$2,768,589,340 greater.

Congress is asked to amend the anti-narcotic law in view of the Supreme Court interpretation of the clause relating to drugs in possession and to provide funds to care for drug addicts through government treatment.

"To cut off suddenly the supply of drugs without curing the addict of his cravings or making any provision for the amelioration of his sufferings," says the report, "is not only inhumane but encourages evasions of the law.

Appropriations are asked to enable the Public Health Service to prosecute investigation of infantile paralysis and for the aviation section of the Coast Guard, authorized but given no funds by Congress.

The report concludes with a resume of operations of the various bureaus in the Treasury Department.

**New Hampshire Dairymen.**

Manchester, N. H., Dec. 7.—All preparations have been completed for the annual convention of the New Hampshire Dairymen's Association, which will meet in this city tomorrow for a two-day session.

**\$49.65 EXCURSION TO HAVANA THURSDAY, DECEMBER 21.**

For the Christmas and New Year Holiday excursion to Cuba, the Atlantic Coast Line will sell excursion tickets from Wilmington to Havana, including meals and berths on steamships, at the fare and on the date named above, limited returning until January 7, 1917.

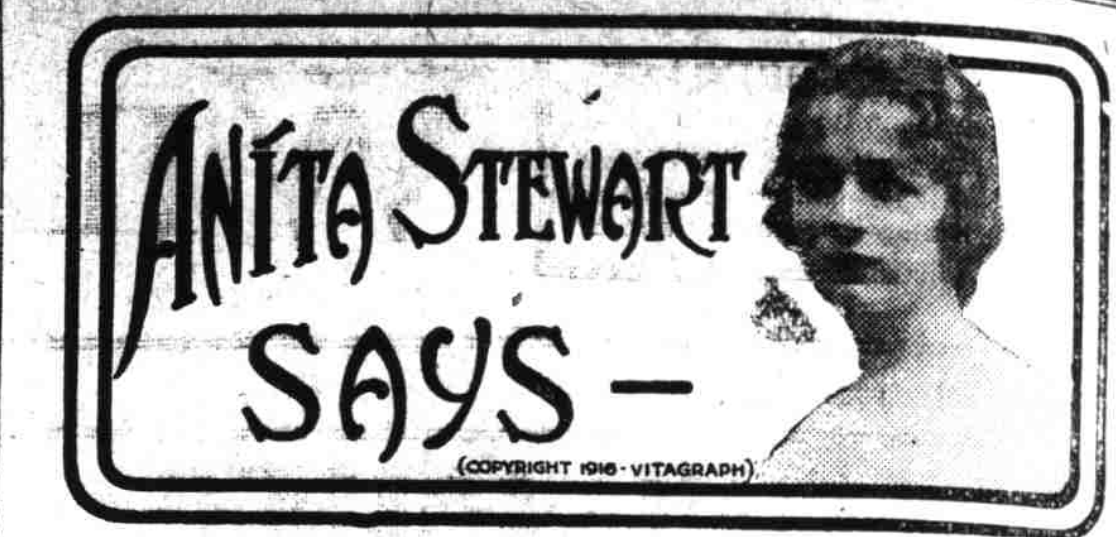
Fares will apply via Jacksonville, thence via the East Coast and the "Over-Sea Railroad," or via the West Coast of Florida, through Port Tampa, but not going via one route and returning via the other, and tickets will be good to stop over at all stations en route, either on the going or return trip, or both.

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MEMORIES A BLESSED HUMAN GIFT. We have so very, very many gifts that we are at times liable to forget one or two in our counting. Members comprise one.

Unfortunately we do not always appreciate a thing while we possess it. But to our aid come memories to send us the enjoyment which is our due after time has passed.

School-days are seldom appreciated while we are living them. But one of us falls to look back to them as the happiest time of one's life. By the former bug-bear, HOMEWORK, becomes attractive when we are no longer bothered with diagrams, sums, maps and the other studies which loomed before us in gloomy aspect not many years ago.

Our thought of the teacher we used to despise with all the energy of our little being now offers us amusement, since we have grown older and are wise enough to let our sense of humor carry us over the petty irritations of life.

And the memories of pleasant things, how they do improve with time. Often in the twilight hour, mother will forget all about the book she is reading as her thoughts go back to the happy days when we were all children in the old home together. Days that we spent playing jacks on the kitchen floor-steps on Saturday while we waited for the precious pan in which the chocolate icing had been cooked. And the Sundays when we sat side by side in our best bib and tucker in the family pew. Again, the little old lady with her silver hair and white cap lives over the period when she was the belle at the country dances and fairs.

Memories sustain us in our hours of darkness. In this horrible war time in the European countries, what a blessing memories of home and happiness must be to the dear boys struggling for their countries on the stricken battle field.

Memories should come near the front when we count over our lifetimes. They are the manifestation of the soul that keeps us from being inanimate forms of life, mechanical creatures that live but for the moment. Memories give us the divine imagination to raise us above the mere animal realm of life and make us what we are proud to be—human.

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BY VIRTUE OF AUTHORITY in a writ executed by C. E. Greenbaum for the undersigned, and dated November 25th, 1916, for \$2,500.00, default having been made in the payment of said note, the undersigned will sell by public sale to the highest bidder, for cash, at the Court House door in New Hanover County, on Wednesday, November 29th, 1916 at twelve o'clock noon, twenty-five shares of the capital stock of the Wilmington Beach Corporation of the par value of \$100.00 per share, represented by Certificate No. 8, of said corporation. Dated this eighth day of November, 1916.

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