

AROUND THE CITY  
FAIR AND, COLD

LEFT FOR HALIFAX.  
Detective Horace Kennedy, of Halifax, arrived in the city yesterday morning and returned last night, having in custody William E. Boulton, wanted in the city for deserting his wife.

PROTEST HEARD TODAY.  
The protest against the recent recall election will come up before the City Council this afternoon at three o'clock, and the city will be represented by Hon. J. B. M. Baxter, City Solicitor.

TAKEN TO INFIRMARY.  
Francis Doherty, injured in the train wreck on the C.G.R. last Friday morning, was brought to the city last Saturday evening on the Truro express, and taken to the St. John infirmary, where his injuries are receiving attention.

THE NATIONAL COUNCIL.  
George E. Barbour, president of the St. John Y.M.C.A., and Capt. Stokes, general secretary, left last night for Halifax where they will attend a meeting of the Maritime division of the National Council today and tomorrow.

THE UNION CLUB.  
The annual election of officers was held in the Union Club last night. H. C. Schofield was elected president; J. G. Harrison, vice president, and the new committee is composed of H. B. Robinson, E. A. Schofield, W. E. Golding, W. J. Mahoney, F. S. Crosby and L. W. Peters.

SALVATION ARMY DRIVE.  
The Rev. W. R. Robinson spoke to a crowded house at the Empress Theatre, West Side, last night, in the interests of the Salvation Army drive. Tonight, at the same theatre, Sergeant Dudley of the G.W.V.A. will address the audience for the same cause.

A CONFIRMATION.  
Confirmation of the appointment of James L. Sague and A. H. Wetmore as two members of the conciliation board in the police dispute, reached the city yesterday. The board, and these two gentlemen will hold a conference today, when it is hoped to agree on a chairman for the board.

DOMINION FAIR PRIZES.  
The prizes won at the Dominion L. O. L. No. 141 fair in their hall on Simonds street last evening were as follows:—Door prize, ticket No. 1274 held by Roy Tuffa; bowling alley, H. Cunningham; air gun, M. Laskey; ladies' bean bag, Miss Ramsey; gentleman's bean bag, C. L. Hamilton; excelsior table, H. Smith.

OFFICERS ELECTED.  
At a meeting of the Children of Mary held in the Cathedral Sunday evening officers were elected for the ensuing year as follows: Miss Mollie Cronin, president; Miss Nora Barry, vice-president; Miss Clara McGrath, secretary; Miss Marie McGuire, treasurer; Miss Besse Durant, financial secretary. Rev. W. L. Moore is chaplain.

SAND POINT GATES.  
The city and the C.P.R. have had some disputes about the placing of the fence and gates on the West Side wharves, and an agreement has been arrived at whereby the C.P.R. will not close these gates except at such times as boats are docking and passengers disembarking, and to remove them at any time the city may call on them to do so.

SOLDIER'S BURNING.  
The C.P.O.S. liner Empress of Britain is expected to dock at Halifax today with 71 officers, 60 cadets and 2,996 other ranks. There are two officers on board for this district, one cadet and one hundred men. The hospital ship, Essequibo, is also expected at the Garrison City this week with 9 officers, 16 nursing sisters and 156 hospital cases, of which there are twenty for New Brunswick, in charge of one nursing sister.

BACK FROM FRANCE.  
Eddie P. Kelly, formerly of Somerville, Mass., and later of the Canadian Expeditionary Force, France, was in the city for the weekend, to arrange his transportation, somewhat with the immigration authorities. He returned to Fredericton last evening en route to Bangor, Maine, where he has accepted a lucrative position. Mr. Kelly is quite reticent regarding his past three years' experience, but apparently has enjoyed the life over the "pond."

THE ROTARY CLUB.  
A joint luncheon by members of the Rotary Club, Canadian Club and Retail Merchants' Association was held at Bond's yesterday, and addressed by Sir Douglas Hazen on the thrift and war stamp campaign. He was given a hearty vote of thanks and T. H. Estabrook suggested that books of stamps be secured at the next Rotary Club luncheon and members show their interest by making a purchase. Sir Douglas suggested that the club form a war savings society, as these are being organized in the province. Senator Thorne was among those present at the luncheon, also Rotarian Climo of Halifax. Over thirty St. John Rotarians will go to Halifax next week.

THE NAVY LEAGUE OF CANADA  
NEW BRUNSWICK DIVISION

The annual meeting of the regular and associate members (ladies and gentlemen) will be held on Tuesday evening next, 21st inst., at the Seaman's Institute at eight o'clock, to receive reports and elect officers for the year. Members will please wear their badges. E. T. STURDEE, Secretary.

AFTER MANY MONTHS' ABSENCE  
THEY RETURN TO NATIVE LAND

Three Belgians, John Magals, Jules Catla and Felix Venoye Left This Morning on Steamer Vera B. Collins—Don't Know if Loved Ones Are Alive—Tell of Thrilling Experiences and Hardships During War.

"I left Belgium 42 months ago, seeking help for my wife and six children. Since I left Antwerp I have not heard from my family and I know not whether they live or are dead. I am going back now to find out."  
That is the simple statement of John Magals, formerly of Antwerp, in the peaceful days, now second engineer on the steamer Vera B. Collins, which has been bought from the former Yarmouth owners by the Belgian government and which left for France at two o'clock this morning.

Magals was working outside his home city of Antwerp when war was declared and by the time he got back hostilities had been on for three weeks. He was 43 years old, inflexible for service, but two of his sons had joined the colors and he was left to protect his wife and four small children. When he returned Liege had fallen and the Huns were marching on to Antwerp. With other inhabitants Magals and his family sought security in the cellars, with the roar of battle all around and the Boche advancing every day. Finally the city fell and with the entrance of the Germans began the massacre of the civilian population. Magals made repeated attempts to break through but was unsuccessful and with no money and no food was forced with his family to submit to the sympathy of the German invaders. His family of six, under German regime, was fed a ration of one plate of soup a day, three loaves of bread a week, 200 grams of bacon, 300 grams of lard and two pounds of rice every month—this was the total allowance for six people. After repeated attempts Magals and several other men escaped by climbing along a dynamo cable from the camp they were in, using rubber from bicycles to protect their hands. They reached the Holland frontier and were there placed in a detention camp, from which they finally escaped and landed in London, where Magals spent six months. Later he returned to Rotterdam where he learned that his older son had had his right arm cut off by the Germans and the other fighting son was a prisoner. He tried to meet his son and also attempted to get word to his family, but was unsuccessful.

With no work in sight in Holland and unable to return to his country, Magals joined the crew of one of the Belgian relief ships sailing from Rotterdam to New York. His second vessel was the Countess of Flanders which was sunk by a submarine in the English Channel early in 1916. Magals losing all his clothes and practically everything he possessed, escaping luckily with his life. He was picked up by a Norwegian liner and returning to Holland was taken on again by his former employers and up to the last ten days was continuously employed on relief ship duty. He has written, cabled, and sent money to his family in Belgium, but has never received a reply. He is going back on the Vera B. Collins to his country for the first time in 42 months, to the ruins of what was once his peaceful home, and to what may be left of his family.

Another member of the crew is Jules Catla, 1st officer, formerly of Brussels, Catla, on the invasion of Belgium hastened to Antwerp and joined the infantry corps, taking part in the open warfare at Dinant and the battle of the Yser. Later on the Belgian retreat, he fought alongside the British regulars in the trenches. The trench he was assigned to had the good bodies of his comrades for a foundation, with rough earth for a covering, and it was a common sight to see the trench rats' running along over the place with human bones in their mouths. The trench was only 10 metres (about 131 yards) from the German front line, and had suffered so many casualties that it was called the Trench of the Dead. Here they were often visited by Albert, King of the Belgians, and on one day the Queen accompanied him. Catla was never wounded, but, being a master mariner, he was transferred by his government to the mercantile marine, and in April of last year left for Rotterdam where he joined the Belgian relief ship service, running between the Dutch port and New York. This line, which is controlled by the Depepe interests, is the agents for the Vera B. Collins, which used to run as a freighter between Boston and Yarmouth points. Catla and his comrades will take the vessel over their own steam and she will be placed in coastal service.

Speaking of his experience in the Belgian army, Catla said it was not an uncommon thing to see the men fighting in bare feet, sore with hardly any clothing, even in the winter. "After the battle of the Yser," he said, "we had to rely upon the Allies for everything, boots, clothing, food and all supplies—we were cleaned out of everything."  
He said the Belgians are proud that they have suffered for their country; that in his country today a person who has not suffered is looked upon as a friend of the enemy. He himself, his mother, brother and sister in his native land, and like Magals does not know if they are living or not, but he is going home to see.

Felix Venoye, of Antwerp, is chief engineer on board the vessel. He joined up in December 11th, 1914, in a Belgian field artillery unit and fought at Louvain, Liège and Aerschot, reaching the latter town shortly after the burgomaster was murdered. He tells a horrifying story of the debting at Louvain and of the retreat from Antwerp, when he was badly wounded by shrapnel in the right foot and waist. The wounded had no conveyance but had to shift as best they could, those who were able hobbling along the road and the seriously wounded being helped along by those who were casualties themselves. The wounded soldiers and refugees were only one quarter of a mile ahead of the advancing hordes of Huns, and all of them unable to fight, were mowed down steadily by the pursuing

Boches. Among the retreating Belgians were three men who had served in the army; they were badly wounded, unarmed and dressed in civilian clothes. They were recognized by some former German residents who were in the advancing army, and without inquiry or court martial were shot down in the road in which they stood. Venoye and a companion buried them.

Eventually he arrived at Stokene, about 20 minutes walk from the Dutch frontier, where he spent three weeks before crossing the line. Reaching Holland he was interned at Rozendaal and given medical attention. He was in the camp when the Allied prisoners rebelled against the food and treatment received, eleven being shot before the riot was quelled, but afterwards better treatment was given the prisoner.

A favorable opportunity presenting itself Venoye and several comrades fled to England where they gave themselves up to the military authorities. He was discharged and later joined the Belgian relief service in the capacity of engineer, first class. He, too, is going home to find what remains of a home and a family from which he has not heard for several years.

REV. R. J. COUGHLAN  
DIED LAST NIGHT  
Was Beloved Pastor of Church in Johnville—Was Victim of Lengthy Illness—Funeral Thursday Morning.

Hosts of staunch friends learned with the deepest regret of the death of the Rev. R. J. Coughlan, which occurred in the St. John infirmary about ten o'clock last night after a lengthy illness. The deceased was forty-two years of age, a son of the late Richard Coughlan, and besides a sorrowing mother, who resides at No. 3 Exmouth street, he leaves to mourn two sisters, Misses Gertrude and Hannah, at home, also two brothers, Rev. H. L. Coughlan of St. Martin's, and Thomas P. Coughlan, city marshal, 118 Waterloo street.

Taken away in the prime of life the loss of Father Coughlan will remove a clergyman who was beloved by all who knew him and the pleasure of his acquaintance. He was first educated in the St. John public schools, and then went to St. Joseph's University, and later graduated from the Grand Seminary in Quebec. He was ordained a priest in the priesthood seventeen years ago by Archbishop Casey, after which he was attached to the Cathedral staff in this city for four years, and was then appointed parish priest at Johnville, Carleton County, where he has endeared himself to his parishioners during the past thirteen years. As a result of his labors a fine new church and rectory have been finished in the parish.

Unfortunately some months ago Rev. Father Coughlan was taken ill, and he went to the Carney Hospital in Boston for treatment, later he entered the Royal Victoria Hospital in Montreal, and nine weeks ago came to St. John and entered the St. John infirmary, and although the very best of attention was given him he succumbed.

The funeral will take place from the Cathedral on Thursday morning at 8:30 o'clock after solemn pontifical mass.

Wm. R. Catherwood.  
His many friends will hear with regret of the death of William R. Catherwood, which occurred at his home, Manawagonish Road, late last night, his 72nd year. The deceased had been ill but short time, and his death was sudden and unexpected. He leaves besides a sorrowing wife, two daughters, Ethel and Marguerite, his parents, Robert and Mrs. Catherwood, and one sister, Mrs. Hunter Lahey. For the past six years Mr. Catherwood was attached to the customer service, and was a zealous and popular official. He was a member of Sioam Lodge, I.O.O.F., and the Loyal Orange Lodge. The funeral will be held tomorrow, Wednesday, at 2 p.m. from his late residence.

The seat sale for E. A. Racey, the famous cartoonist, begins this morning at the Imperial Theatre at 10 a.m. Members of the Women's Canadian Club wishing to secure their 1919 tickets may do so at the theatre from the treasurer of the club.

Who won the war? See Racey's cartoons and you will no longer be in doubt.

THE JANUARY WHITEWEAR SALE FEATURES  
For Tuesday's Selling New Undergarments at Average Maker's Cost—Dykeman's.

A collection numbering several hundred pieces are daintily fresh and new, great proportion, qualities that would ordinarily cost at least double. They belong to shipments that should have been here many months ago, and they're here today, a most opportune time.

Gowns, fashioned of soft white Nainsook, pink lingerie cotton, with dainty streamers of ribbon running through Hamburg and Lace, short sleeves, slip-over styles, many have clusters of dainty pin tucks, dozens of different dainty finishes. It will be difficult to say enough when you come to choose. \$9c. to \$1.95.

Corset Covers, tight fitting, or Blouse Fronted styles of strong white cotton, hambug, lace and insertion fronts and back. Sizes 36 to 44, at 43c. and 55c. each.

Corsets, our special quality Corsets are playing a big part in this January Whitewear Sale. Prices in most cases are manufacturer's prices to us today. Whitewear sale, third floor—Dykeman's.  
Aid the Salvation Army Home-coming Campaign for our boys by giving generously on Thursday.

ENGAGED IN  
MINE SWEEPING

Lieut.-Commander J. Martin Smith in the City—Has Been Honored for Excellent Work Performed During the War.

When the S. S. Metagama sails for Liverpool she will carry an interesting passenger in the person of Lieut.-Commander J. Martin Smith, R.N., D.S.C., D.S.O., and Croix de Guerre.

Commander Smith, who in pre-war days used to visit this port as an officer of the Montezuma, has been for four years and a half engaged in mine sweeping work in connection with the Royal Navy operations in the North Sea, the Channel and the French coast.

He entered upon this work immediately upon the outbreak of war, was placed in command of a fleet of sweepers and trawls, his first action being along the Channel points and along the North Sea. Courage and fortitude is taken for granted with every navy man, and though deficient on the subject the distinguished Service Cross, which the Imperial Government has bestowed upon Lieut. Smith, is sufficient proof of the service he has rendered the Empire, with the assistance of his fleet of mine sweepers, without which many a transport, arriving at port safely, would otherwise have gone to the bottom and many a British sea officer to the deep.

Later when the menace lightened around the British coast, Commander Smith was sent to patrol the French sea board, and to place mine nets along the danger zones. For his remarkable success in this work, and the bravery and skill displayed, the French republic decorated him with the Croix de Guerre.

During the month of August last year, when the submarine scare was rife along the Atlantic sea board, Commander Smith was ordered to Newfoundland, where he established a mine base and a submarine fighting patrol, to which is probably due the comparative immunity from the submarine peril which the coast enjoyed last summer.

The purpose for the present visit is partially to see his family and friends in England again, and also to visit London, where he will be again rewarded for his war time services by the decoration of the Distinguished Service Order, which the King himself will confer.

SIR JOHN EATON  
PROUD TO WORK  
FOR THE ARMY

Five Thousand Enthusiastic Volunteers Are Engaged in Putting Over the Salvation Army Drive in Toronto This Week—They Include Sir John and Lady Eaton, and Other Very Prominent Citizens—Expect to Raise Half Million—St. John Needs Three Hundred Workers Who Will Devote Their Entire Time to the Work Thursday and Saturday—Never Was a Better Cause.

The most useful men and women are always the busiest, and St. John is no exception. But none should be too busy to listen to the call of the RETURNEES' ROTATION workers, men and women, are enthusiastic and working hard to put the drive over with success, but their numbers must be augmented, and President Patterson and Rev. E. P. Loose at Salvation Army headquarters, 64 Prince William Street, will be glad to receive names of any who can devote their entire time Thursday and Saturday to the assistance of the Army.

Sir John Eaton and the most prominent and busiest men and women in Toronto are devoting every moment of this week in an attempt to give the Army one half million dollars. No man is too prominent to devote his time to the Army work and no woman too aristocratic. The Army has local expeditions planned during the coming months which will represent more than the amount subscribed here, and this only represents another phase of a good investment.

Another Toronto item of interest is the fact that the Labor Unions have agreed to devote one per cent. of their earnings this week to the Army as an appreciation of their work. The Rotarians are determined to succeed in this drive Thursday, but they are doomed to disappointment unless their friends gather to their assistance in such numbers that every intending giver may be canvassed. Those real true friends of the Army, however, write the ones who, fearing that they may be overlooked will send their subscriptions to the campaign manager, Rev. E. P. Loose, 64 Prince William Street. The Rotarian slogan is "Help Us To Help The Boys."

GRAND CARNIVAL TONIGHT—VICTORIA RINK  
Sisters and lightweights should not miss this spectacular event. Admission 25 cents.

Regular change of vaudeville program opening at the Opera House this afternoon offers Leonard and Wright, in The Dancing Album; Garland Tylo, in comedy with songs; dances and music; Frank King, English entertainer; Swift and Dalby in comedy musical novelty; Will Kramer, blackface comedian; and a good Vitagraph picture. This afternoon at 2:30, evening at 7:30 and 9.

THRIFT STAMP CAMPAIGN.  
Last evening a session of the local Thrift Stamp executive was held. Reports received from the ward captains, black and white, were most encouraging. The ward captains were asked to have complete returns ready for the next meeting when the matter of forming War Saving Stamp Societies will be considered.

Protect Your Household Treasures from Theft and Fire  
In your home, as in many others, are jewelry, heirlooms, valuable papers such as deeds, leases, wills, and other documents which would be difficult, perhaps impossible, to replace, and which would be absolutely protected in one of the stout little STEEL HOUSEHOLD SAFES which we show in various sizes. These are made of strong, toughened steel, with burglar-proof locks—the larger ones with several inside compartments. They are also proof against fire and water. The finish is neat and attractive.  
SEE OUR KING ST. WINDOW  
W. H. THORNE & CO., LIMITED

The Novel  
Satin Hats  
Are in great demand in New York  
So the foremost designers have sent us our usual allotment of their newest models—only one of each. So we will have on display this morning a choice collection of individual styles in All Satin, Satin and Fur, Satin and Crepe, Satin and straw, in fact all the colors and materials that will be worn for the first of the 1919 spring season are now on display in our showrooms.  
Marr Millinery Co., Limited  
Distributors of Correct Millinery.

Sleds, Framers and Toboggans  
20 p.c. Discount  
20 p.c. Discount  
At regular prices our values are good. At this Special Discount they are exceptional bargains. As the season is advancing we prefer to sell at a sacrifice rather than carry them over.  
Emerson & Fisher Ltd.

STORES OPEN AT 9 A.M. CLOSE AT 6 P.M.  
Have you bought your Thrift Stamps? We sell them in Art, Glove and Men's Furnishings Departments.  
January Reduction Sale of HIGH CLASS AFTERNOON DRESSES  
Values really extraordinary are the order in our Women's Apparel Section. Almost every Afternoon Dress in our stocks is—Sale Priced—Cut deep enough to insure quick selling. These Special Groupings, for Tuesday—(in Costume Section, 2nd Floor).  
AT \$25.00—  
Smart styles in Taffeta, Crepe-de-Chine and Satin, made in many cases with fashionable tunic, and pretty sash effects. The colors are Open, Black, Pearl, Sand and Plaids. Really lovely models at greatly reduced prices.  
AT \$29.75—  
Crepe-de-Chine, Taffeta, Charmeuse and Georgette Crepe Dresses in shades of Pearl, Black, African Brown, and Plum. Trimmings on these gowns are decidedly attractive, strongly featuring beaded designs and touches of harmonizing embroidery.  
AT \$32.00—  
The New Charmeuse Dress is featured in this group, also many other equally attractive styles. The materials used are Georgette Crepe, Crepe-de-Chine, Charmeuse and different combinations. Stole fronts, Collaring styles and Sailor Collars are all in evidence. The colors are Pearl, African Brown, Sand, Burgundy, Apple Green, Rose, Orchid, Dark Green, etc.  
AT \$35.00—  
Attractive Models in Dark Green, Midnight Blue and African Brown, Charmeuse Satin, Soutache Braid and Fringe arranged in charming ways are forcibly shown on this line of dresses. A few prettily embroidered models can also be found among them.  
AT \$37.75, \$45.00 and \$47.75—  
Handsome models developed in Satin, Tricolette and Georgette Crepe. The colors are mostly Navy, Taupe and Black. All latest style points are prominent, including novel sleeves and neck styles and trimmings of dull rich color. Many of these gowns are decidedly simple in design.  
Dresses on display in Costume Section Tuesday.  
Manchester Robertson Allison Limited  
KING STREET • GERMAIN STREET • MARKET SQUARE

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59th ANNUAL SALE OF "RELIABLE FURS"  
is still in progress and continues to offer some remarkable buying opportunities. To see the furs is to appreciate the bargains.  
CAPES, SCARFS AND COATS FOR NEW PRICES  
RED FOX SETS... for \$34.00  
Originally \$45.00  
FLYING FOX CAPES for \$36.00  
Originally \$50.00  
Originally \$40.00... \$30.00  
Originally \$35.00... \$28.00  
WOLF  
SABLE WOLF SETS for \$52.00  
Originally \$70.00  
You save \$18.00.  
1 MUSKRAT COAT, 44 inches long with wide shawl collar, for \$65.00. Originally \$98.00  
1 IMITATION MOLESKIN CAPE for \$18.50  
Originally \$28.00  
D. MAGEE'S SONS, LTD.  
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