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LOCAL NEWS

WALTER McCLUSKEY MAY BE A PRISONER

LOCAL SHIPPING

The schooner Thelma, which is loading lumber for a port in South America, shifted from Warner's wharf, off Chesley street, to Long wharf this afternoon.

OF ENGLISH BIRTH; HE BECOMES A GERMAN

Augsburg, Bavaria, Aug. 17.—Houston Stewart Chamberlain, an author of English birth, and son-in-law of Fran Gosima Wagner, has now legally become a German citizen, following his application for naturalization in last April. Mr. Chamberlain has been a resident of Bayreuth for many years.

Chamberlain, whose father was a British rear-admiral, married Eva, reputed to be the eldest daughter of Richard Wagner, composer, until Fran Gosima Wagner declared, several years ago, that Mrs. Chamberlain was the child of her first husband, Hans Von Blower. In several of his articles Mr. Chamberlain has supported the cause of Germany, and held that Great Britain was responsible for the war. The Iron Cross was conferred on him by Emperor William last year.

John McCLUSKEY of 45 Erin street has received the following letter from Major C. H. McLean, dated Flanders, July 29, relative to his son, Walter J. McCLUSKEY, who has been missing since June 2:

Dear Sir—

I am in receipt of your letter of July 4. I presume that ere this my letter of June 8 to Mrs. McCLUSKEY has been received. We are now holding the same trenches that the Germans took on June 2.

I am writing this in a dug-out by poor candle light, consequently the poor character of the writing. I have made every search for Walter's body, but there is no sign of it, which gives me strong hopes that he is a prisoner of war, probably badly wounded, and unable to write. It is known that the Saxon regiment took good care of our wounded.

You can be assured that I will communicate with his relatives as soon as I get information of any kind. His comrades believe that he is a prisoner, there is nothing to show that he is killed. It must be a great anxiety to his relatives and friends during this anxious waiting and they certainly have my deepest sympathy.

Yours sincerely,
C. H. McLEAN, Major.

DOLLAR DAY
AUGUST 23

GALLANT MEN HOME FROM WAR

St. John Soldiers Are Among Number

LEUT. KNOWLTON ONE

Has Three Months Furlough—Signaller Lou Lelacheur Back After Two Years Abroad

Lieutenant Charles D. Knowlton of the Fighting 26th Battalion, son of F. J. G. Knowlton of this city, is home from the front on a three months' furlough. He arrived this morning and has been warmly greeted.

Lieutenant Knowlton has been through the heaviest fighting on the western front. He received his first baptism of



Lieut. Knowlton, fire in the crater fight in last October. From that time on the 26th was one of the foremost battalions on that section of the front. He was wounded on November 17 in six places by shrapnel and as a result was in a hospital in France for about one month and a half. Lieutenant Knowlton was assistant adjutant of the battalion for a time after returning to the front. He left his battalion on April 2. When asked as to how many of the original 26th were left he said "I will leave that to the casualty list, but there are not 800 men."

Lieutenant J. A. Mowatt of the 26th Battalion, passed through the province this morning en route to his home in Campbellton. He is reported to have been wounded very severely and that his injuries are far from being slight.

Signaller Lou Lelacheur, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Lelacheur of Mecklenburg street, arrived home this morning after spending two years at the front. Leaving here under Major Powers on August 20, 1914, he crossed to France in Feb-



ruary, 1915, and took part in the first battle of Ypres and also at Festubert in which battle he was wounded on April 22, 1915, being struck by shrapnel in the thigh. As a result of his injuries he is lame. After spending fourteen months in the hospitals in France and England he was able to get around and was given a position in the Canadian pay and record office in London.

In speaking of the treatment given Canadian soldiers in the hospitals both in France and England, he says, "too much cannot be said in their favor, and Signaller Lelacheur can speak from experience, having spent more than a year in them. He crossed on a steamer which made the trip in five days, arriving in Halifax yesterday. He does not expect to return to the front as his injury renders him unfit for further overseas duties.

L. Corp. Pincombe
Lance Corporal Pincombe of the fighting 26th, son of Major Pincombe of the 104th Battalion, is in the city today, the guest of Signaller Lelacheur. Corporal Pincombe's home is in Fredericton and he will leave tomorrow morning. The young soldier was wounded in the face, arm and body on May 1 and is home on furlough. He also speaks of the excellent way in which the Canadian boys are used in the hospitals in France and England and says that everything that is in the power of those in charge is done for the wounded soldiers.

Corp. Hagan
Corporal Robert Hagan, of the First Canadian Field Ambulance, arrived in the city this morning, en route to his home in Fredericton. He is the son of the late Sergeant William Hagan of the R. C. R. at Fredericton. He has been two years at the front and was wounded some time ago. He is returning to take

IS IN FAVOR OF EXTENSION TO SPRUCE LAKE

Clarence Goldsmith, hydraulic engineer, who is in the city going over plans and specifications with Commissioner Wigmore is strongly in favor of the extension of a twenty-four inch water main to Spruce Lake. Falling in this he recommends that a permanent stretch be laid from the reservoir to Moore's hill on the Manawagonish road.

It is known that a considerably larger quantity of water will be wanted this winter than last as the pulp mill is going full blast, and it is understood that more will be required for winter port service. The C. R. are anticipating greater need of water and are installing a tank with a capacity of 20,000 gallons to replace the present tank of 4,000 gallons capacity.

Speaking of the cost of a renewal of the pipe to Spruce Lake, Commissioner Wigmore said the estimate cost would be \$195,000 and if this was decided on a bond issue would be necessary. To place a twenty-four inch main from the reservoir in Lancaster to Moore's hill would cost \$14,000 and from the reservoir to Ludlow street approximately \$18,000. The installation of an electric pump and special piping at the reservoir would cost \$1,500 making a grand total of \$80,800. Out of that amount \$18,000 would be practically lost as it would be expended for temporary work, whereas this amount, which represents over five per cent of the total expenditure would be saved if the extension to the lake was made.

Today at the A.M.E. Conference

A session of the Nova Scotia and New Brunswick conference of the A. M. E. church was held in St. Philip's church this morning. Bishop C. F. Smith gave the usual conference address. He traced christianity from its inception to the present day and pointed out what it was to the average man of the present time. He traced the christianity of today, as it is with some people, churchianity, saying that there were churches in America today wherein the poor man was not welcome and there were churches in many parts of the States where the colored man was not welcome and if admitted the reception would be so uncomfortable for him that he would be compelled to withdraw. This, he said, was not christianity in its real sense, but merely churchianity.

In the southern States where the feeling was most evident against the colored people, the bishop said, there were two institutions and the south was not undergoing any reconstruction in man's make up.

The appointment of a chief secretary for the conference resulted in the choice of Rev. Mr. Pinkey with Rev. S. King as his assistant.

Rev. C. W. Duckkill of the New Hampshire Methodist Episcopal church, paid a visit to the conference and addressed a few words to the members. He said the union of the Episcopal churches between the North and South would never be consummated unless the 850,000 colored people were included. Rev. Mr. Duckkill visiting his brother, R. H. Duckkill of this city.

The conference went into a private executive session at 11:30 o'clock.

The opening session of the conference, which was held last evening, took the form of a reception for the bishop and the visiting ministers. Mayor Hayes tendered a welcome on behalf of the city of St. John. Bishop Smith returned thanks to the mayor for his welcome. The greetings of the Methodist conference of N. B. and P. E. I. were conveyed by Rev. T. Thomas Hicks. Other addresses of welcome were given.

CHIEF GETS WORD FROM FORMER POLICEMAN WHO WENT TO WAR

Chief of Police Simpson has received a letter from Corp. F. W. Storm, written in Flanders. Corporal Storm was given leave of absence so that he might serve his king and country. Writing under date of July 30, he says that his battery had been in a warm position, but had escaped with only one man being killed and three others wounded. All the men of this battery were in fine health. They had stood up against some terrific heavy shelling from the enemy with great courage, which, writes Corp. Storm, speaks well for St. John and the province. "We are attached to the imperial forces," he says, "and consequently are separated from our own Canadian divisions. There is hardly six feet of smooth ground visible here, as it is all torn up with shells."

Corporal Storm went across in August, 1915, and has since then seen considerable service. He is a member of the 97th Canadian Siege Battery, R. G. A.

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