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LOCAL NEWS

POLICE COURT.
A soldier was brought before Magistrate Ritchie this morning on a charge of drunkenness. He was remanded.

DIED OF WOUNDS.
Word has been received by James Taylor, of Hillsboro, informing him that his son, Private Walter Taylor, has died as the result of wounds. Private Taylor went overseas with the 140th Battalion.

SAFE, BUT INJURED.
Mrs. A. Tilley, of 19 Delhi street, has received word from her brother, J. S. Edwards, of Halifax, saying he and his wife and family are safe, but they are all more or less hurt. He has lost his business place, also his home.

SIX BELOW.
This morning was by all odds the coldest for the season of 1917-18, and the temperature fell as low as six below zero. The very coldest during the whole month of December last year was one below. Indications are for continued cold. The day was fine and bright, with not much wind.

THE CALENDAR SEASON.
The 1918 calendar being distributed by the Mutual Life Assurance Company of Canada portrays a piece of modern Canadian art at its best. The picture, "Beavers Driving Logs," was painted especially for the Mutual Company by A. H. Hider and shows a pond at sunset. The colors are pleasing and the drawing of an excellent nature. This is the first calendar of the season received by the Times.

TWO FIRE CALLS.
Box No. 25 was run in this morning when a small fire broke out in a closet of the Miller home in Harding street. It was easily put out. The cause of the fire is unknown.

No. 241 was rung in this morning at 6.40 when a fire was quickly put out in the Robinson bakery in Celebration street. The fat in which doughnuts were being boiled caught fire and caused more excitement than damage.

SHOT A WILDCAT IN CARLETON.
One of the largest wildcats ever seen in St. John was shot in Germain street, west, in the car yards by Frank Cobham. The animal is supposed to have arrived in the yards on a pile of lumber and as Mr. Cobham was coming out of the house after dinner he saw the brute crossing the yard. He watched it go towards the mud flats and then ran for his rifle. Coming out he had a clear shot at 200 yards and made a perfect hit, the bullet striking the cat in the nose as it came out of the back of the head, killing it instantly. Everyone who has seen the animal says it is the largest cat they have ever seen.

The Man In The Street

Even this weather does not seem so cold when one thinks of Halifax.

Every shiver should be worth another dollar for the relief fund.

Next to the doctor, the glazier is the most important man in the sister city these days.

In the midst of their sorrow and suffering some Halifax folk may pause to reflect with mournful pride that the disaster is bigger than any St. John ever had.

The chap who says that he is ready to volunteer when the war reaches Canada can take a look at Halifax and decide whether it is not worth while to keep the war away from Canada.

Laurier candidates who say voluntary enlistment will supply reinforcements if they are elected have not yet explained why.

Their arguments might be more convincing if they could produce a few of their volunteers before election day.

The chief argument of the opposition boils down to the argument that, since the old government made mistakes, the new government should not send forward the needed reinforcements.

On the level, now, if you were at the front which side would you vote for?

The official statement that this is a critical week in the war neglects to add that the patient is resting as comfortably as could be expected.

The critical question in Canada today is the size of the union majority.

Underwriters say that "shock" insurance is required to cover a disaster like that in Halifax. In view of what will happen on Monday the same kind of insurance would be a wise provision for the Laurier candidates.

Those who believe in that quaint theory that the British are the lost ten tribes of Israel probably will suggest that the capture of Jerusalem should be observed by the celebration of an Old Home Week.

After reading some more of the Power Company's statements about the decreasing purchasing power of our money, we are almost convinced that we cannot afford to pay 4 1/2 cents per ride on the street cars.

If some public spirited citizens are willing to pay \$140 for each \$100 share of a public utility stock, who pays the interest and profits on the extra \$40? Such a foolish question! What else is the public for but to pay the bills?

You could not expect the investors to admit they had paid too much, could you?

And you could not imagine them standing the loss without at least a loud holler?

FIRE IN ATTLEBORO; LOSS OF \$500,000

Attleboro, Mass., Dec. 12.—Fire swept through the business centre of this city early today causing damage estimated by the police at approximately \$500,000. Four buildings were destroyed and several others damaged. The fire was finally checked by the combined efforts of the local department and apparatus from several other cities.

ST. JOHN BOY HAD NARROW ESCAPE

Edward McBriarty Lives To Tell of Experience in Halifax Catastrophe

SAW STEAMERS COLLIDE

Was Entering Street Car When Explosion Occurred and Was Hurling Through Air for Some Distance - Is in Hospital With Severe Lacerations About Eyes and Head

One of the most remarkable tales emanating from Halifax is recounted by a St. John boy, Edward McBriarty, son of Mr. and Mrs. Edward S. McBriarty, of 847 Main street, who is lying seriously injured in a hospital in the sister city.

When two days passed and no word was received from him, his parents feared that he had been killed and vainly sought information as to his whereabouts. His brother Joseph was sent to the scene in a vain hope that he would be able to locate his brother. After his departure a message was received in the city that Edward McBriarty had been picked up in one of the streets unscathed and had been taken to an hospital. When Joseph arrived in Halifax he was fortunate enough to find his brother, and to see him. He returned to the city last evening and reported that his brother had sustained severe lacerations to his eyelids and head in addition to being bruised about the neck and back, but was getting along well and hoped to be able to come home in a week or ten days.

That his escape from death was marvellous is evinced from the story he narrated. He was employed in one of the C. B. R. sheds in Halifax in charge of the fittings department and on the morning of the catastrophe was standing on the wharf with two friends. They saw the Mont Blanc coming into the Basin and also saw the Belgian steamer going to sea. They witnessed the collision and saw flames burst from the Mont Blanc. An argument arose as to which was to blame for the collision and during the course of it, McBriarty left as he had to go up town on some business. He had just boarded a car in Barrington street and was putting the fare into the box when the explosion occurred.

He said he remembered feeling the sensation of being hurled through the air and the next thing he knew he felt something heavy on his chest and head. He could not realize what had happened, but tried to move the weight off his chest. While he was endeavoring to do so some one came to his assistance and lifted a large piece of deal and other debris off his body and helped him to his feet. Blood was pouring from cuts around his eyes and head and he was partially blinded. He was briefly informed by the man that an explosion had occurred, and that the city was wrecked. He also told him that the car in which he was had been blown to pieces and many occupants killed. He was advised to hurry to an hospital and when his wounds attended to. While en route there he fell unconscious in the street and he came to in the hospital. His companions who were arguing about the collision have never been heard of and it is feared both were instantly killed.

APPEAL FOR SHELTERS FOR SUFFERING ANIMALS

An appeal has been issued from Halifax for funds to build shelters for the horses, cattle and small animals without homes by the disaster at that city.

The following telegram was received last night by S. M. Wetmore, secretary of the C.S. F. C. A.:

Halifax, Dec. 11. Secretary St. John S. P. C. A.,

Horses, cattle and small animals without proper shelter in zero weather. Barns destroyed and many owners killed. I now make appeal for \$10,000 to help us out in reconstructing barns, establishing shelters and procuring food. Can St. John help out? Make contributions payable to yourself and forward to me as chairman of the relief committee. Please insert this appeal in the press.

R. H. MURRAY.

Mr. Wetmore will be glad to receive any contributions for this purpose and will forward them to Halifax.

TURKS WITHHOLD ANNOUNCEMENT OF FALL OF JERUSALEM

London, Dec. 12.—The following official statement issued by the Turkish war office on Monday has been received here:

"During the recent fighting west of Jerusalem, the enemy succeeded in pushing his attack as far as the outskirts of the city and our troops west and south of Jerusalem were transferred to the east of the city."

Andrew Bonar Law, chancellor of the exchequer, announced in the British house of commons on Monday that on that day Jerusalem had surrendered to the forces under General Allenby.

WILL FREE BELGIAN WOMEN AND CHILDREN

Havre, France, Dec. 12.—Through the intervention of King Alfonso of Spain, an agreement has been reached under which Belgium will repatriate all German civilians removed from German East Africa who are now interned in France. Germany, in turn, is to set free all Belgian women and children interned in German camps who are undergoing sentences for misdemeanors. They are to be allowed to return to occupied Belgium, Switzerland or France.

Germany also is to set free prominent Belgian colonials arrested under reprisals measures. Further mutual liberations of prisoners are to be discussed later under the agreement.

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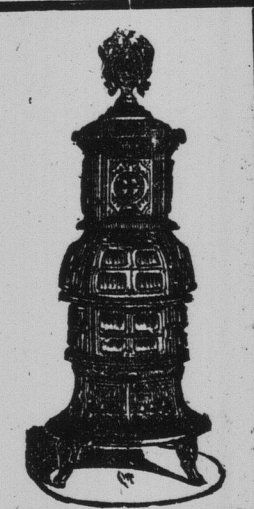


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