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FEAR MAKER AND GRIEVE
LST SOON AFTER THEY HAD
STARTED FROM NEWFOUNDLAND

All Reports of Being
Seen Unconfirmed
OCEAN SWEEP BY WIRELESS
All is to No Avail and the Worst
is Feared—American Sea Plane
Ready to Start From Azores on
Third Leg of Trans-Atlantic
Journey

London, May 20—(By the Associated
Press)—All reports that Aviator Harry
G. Hawker and Lieut. Commander Mac-
Kenzie Griever have been sighted off the
coast of Ireland or that their airplane
has fallen into the sea off the estuary of
the River Shannon are unconfirmed this
morning. The only exact news received
here from the two daring flyers is that
they left St. John's on Sunday.

In view of the admiral's statement
that reports current yesterday afternoon
and last night were unreliable and be-
cause of the obscurity surrounding the
source of these reports they are now re-
garded as negligible. The opinion held
in admiralty circles is that Hawker came
to grief soon after he started.

It is pointed out that the aviator al-
most certainly would have sent a radio
message before getting out of a fare-
well message, had an accident not befallen
the message.

In the House of Commons last night
Josiah C. Wedgwood, and other mem-
bers severely criticized the government
for omitting to provide means for assist-
ing. Captain Elliott declared the at-
tack. He would hold the government had
been lamentably remiss and desperately care-
less of the honor of the country and the
life of a gallant gentleman.

St. John, Nfld., May 20—Ships at sea
from the American coast to the British
Isles regarding the air in all directions
throughout the night with wireless ques-
ries regarding the fate of Hawker and
Griever, but all radiograms which had
reached Cape Race up to this morning
from more than twenty vessels were
negative. The Sopwith plane had not
been sighted, and repetition of its call
letters D. K. A. went unanswered.

Praised by N. Y. Press.
New York, May 20—Newspapers this
morning editorially express the highest
praise for the intrepidity of Harry Haw-
ker, British aviator, and his navigator,
Lieut. Commander Griever, who knew
when they started on the Atlantic voy-
age that they must win the race or
perish in the attempt.

The Tribune says: "Our hats are off
to the sporting courage behind such dar-
ing. Our sympathy goes out to their
failure by such a slight distance and
our heartiest congratulations follow on
the whole splendid deed. By such feats
we know what the human race is ca-
pable of."

The World declares: "They went
down just as their arms were outstret-
ched to grasp the prize of an unexampled
triumph. It is a great pity, but they
have given an example of dash and dar-
ing of which their country, their fami-
lies and their friends may well be proud.
In this year of the closing of the war
no proof was necessary that the British
race still breeds men."

The Sun says: "If they are lost they
must be written down as a pair of the
bravest men who went out on a daring
scheme which would have cost the lives
of many more men. The risk was de-
perate, but the spirit was the spirit that
is stronger than fears of the flesh and
triumphs over it. It is a great pity, but
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American Off Again
Horta, Azores, May 20—(By the Associated
Press)—The seaplane N. C. 4
started for Ponta Del Gada at 12:40 p. m.
today, Greenwich time. The weather was
clear and the wind favorable.

Washington, May 20—The naval seaplane
N. C. 4 arrived at Ponta Del Gada
from Horta at 10:24 a. m., Washington
time.
Washington, May 20—Rear Admiral
Jackson at Ponta Del Gada cabled the
navy department today that the N. C. 4
had left Horta for Ponta Del Gada,
but in the light of messages from the ad-
miral received in the day officials
did not expect the big seaplane to start
for Lisbon, Portugal, before tomorrow
or Thursday. After arrival at Ponta
Del Gada it would be necessary to over-
haul the plane and replenish her fuel
supplies.

London, May 20—(By the Associated
Press)—The weather is so bad off the
Irish coast that airplanes ordered by the
air ministry to search for Aviator Harry
G. Hawker's machine are unable to fly.
(Continued on page 2, sixth column)

ICE CREAM HORSE IN TROUBLE

A horse attached to an ice cream
vending cart at King square last even-
ing refused duty and all sorts of ex-
pedients were resorted to in order that
the figure be started again. The animal
seemed "frozen" to the spot. A small
boy finally solved the difficulty by throw-
ing a lighted fire-cracker under the horse.
Considerable amusement was afforded by
the incident.

More of Our Gallant
Boys Home From War

Wounded Men Arrive
Via Portland

Welcome for Gunner E. Comeau
of Elliot Row — Three Burke
Boys Now All Home After
Years of Service Overseas

New Brunswick boys who fought and
almost died through wounds and illness
and who are arriving in hospital ships at
Portland, Me., these days constantly
command the deepest feelings of respect
and welcome from the community, al-
though no popular demonstration of the
public thanks seems possible in the cir-
cumstances under which they arrive.
Other than the kindly ministrations of
the V. A. D's and the serving of deli-
cacies, etc., by the welcoming committees
of ladies and gentlemen.

Last evening when the Boston express
arrived another group of St. John lads
were assisted off by friends. Some had
leg and arm injuries, others were recov-
ering from body wounds while hidden
shrapnel gave some other chap trouble.
All were bright and cheerful, honest and
they enjoyed the warmth of the wel-
come they received.

The Times was privileged to have a
little chat with Gunner Edmond L. Co-
meau of 58 Elliott Row, son of Mr. and
Mrs. Louis Comeau. He went away
with Major Evans' 65th battery of Wood-
stock, and wears stripes denoting three
years' service. Gr. Comeau's injuries
were in the face and arm, sufficient to
invalidate him for nine months in English
hospitals, one of which was Col. J. Mur-
ray Macleod's.

The Elliott Row boy got his wounds
while helping with the horses of his bat-
tery early one morning. A sharp shell
bursting close by killed the horses and
caused great havoc generally. Gunner
Comeau felt a burning sensation
and then woke up in a clearing station.
While in France the St. John boy was
treated with every courtesy, as was also
the case in England. Upon leaving
France an eminent citizen who had cordial
relations with the lad's family here,
presented to the gunner a miniature of a
75-centimetre gun on marble pedestal.
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RECOMMENDATIONS
FOR PLAYGROUNDS

Commissioner Fisher Proposes Ex-
penditures at Rockwood Park
and West End; Also Asks
Grant for Bandstand Changes

Recommendations dealing with im-
provements to the Rockwood Park at-
letic field, the west side playgrounds and
the King square bandstand will be pre-
sented to the common council at the
weekly meeting of co-operation by the
commissioner this afternoon by Commissioner Fisher.
They are as follows:

Regarding Rockwood Park play-
grounds that the expected or hoped for
supply of cinders will be late in coming
and that additional means should be
taken for obtaining filling to prepare
the ground for an athletic field. It is
therefore recommended that a public
dump be immediately opened for the
purpose of supplying the first of the fill-
ing required, which is in the abandoned
water course which parallels Gilbert's
Lane, and that \$1,000 be set aside from
general revenue to be applied for labor,
etc., preparing the ground and for the
teaming of cinders to same.

Regarding west side playgrounds, your
commissioner recommends that \$500 be
set aside from general revenue to be ap-
plied for filling and leveling in im-
provement and extension of the ball
square and in improvement
on Queen square and in improvement
of the ball ground on King square, sub-
ject with respect to the Queen square
and King square to the approval of the
members of the Improvement League.

Regarding the letter from the City
Comptroller recommending certain im-
provements in the King square band-
stand, your commissioner recommends
that the stand be lowered two and a
half feet as proposed by the floor cover-
ing contractor and that the stand be re-
newed a new balustrade provided (de-
signed as recommended) and the whole
stand painted, excepting the copper roof.
A rough estimate has been submitted
that the work named would cost about
\$400 and your commissioner recom-
mend the setting aside of that amount from
general revenue and the engaging of
..... for all of the work excepting
the painting, this to be arranged for
later.

Pershing Visit Postponed
London, May 20—The proposed visit
of General Pershing to the English, had
been indefinitely postponed. It is in-
ferred here that this possibility is because
it would be inadvisable for him to leave
the Rhine until the Germans had signed
the peace treaty.

MORE AMENDMENTS
TO THE PROPOSED
ELECTRICAL CODE

Journeymen Electricians Win
Several Concessions From
Council

DRAFTS ARE RECOMMENDED

Men Who Have Worked for Five
Years or More May Secure
Licence Without Examination;
Fee of \$500 for Outside Firms
is Struck Out

A vigorous fight against what ap-
peared to them to be a tendency in the
new electrical by-law to place too much
power in the hands of the contractors
and to limit the journeymen to too great
an extent was made before the common
council, meeting in committee this morn-
ing, by representatives of the electrical
trades union and the trades and labor
council. As a result of their representa-
tions, several amendments were made to
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At the May circuit, Chancery Divi-
sion, this morning with His Honor
Judge White presiding. His Honor
delivered two interesting judgments. In
the case of the North British Mercantile
Assurance Company et al vs Holders-
grubbers which was tried before His Hon-
orable Judge White, the plaintiff's
alleged that the defendant failed to
exhibit all the goods salvaged and that
he fraudulently concealed a large
amount of the goods, and also that the
defendant had based his claim
on a false and untrue affidavit under
a clause in their policy any false affidavit
in making out a proof of claim would
be null and void.

When the case was tried thirty-two
witnesses were examined and considerable
evidence was presented. His Honor
reviewed the evidence at
length, stating that the evidence was
given by the firm and residents who
were in a position to know, convinced
him there was no fraud, concealment
or misrepresentation on the part of
the defendant, and that the evidence
went to show that the amount of loss
represented by the insurance companies
by the defendant was correct, and he
gave judgment for the defendant and
ordered that the plaintiff pay the cost
of suit. Mr. G. Teed, K. C., for the
defendant, and Mr. H. A. Powell, K. C.,
for the plaintiff, appeared for the
defendant, and Mr. W. B. White, K. C.,
for the plaintiff.

In the matter of an application for the
interpretation of the terms of the will
of the late Philip Breen of St. Stephen
his Honor held that Philip A. Breen, his
son, would take the property in trust,
and first pay the just debts and testamen-
tary expenses, and secondly pay legacies
referred to at the time of drawing the
will, and thirdly, after the legacies had
been paid, that Philip A. Breen would
take half of the residue of the personal
estate and that the remaining half
would be divided among the next of kin
as though the testator had died intestate.
M. G. Teed, K. C., appeared for Philip
Breen and others, and H. A. Powell, K. C.,
and E. S. Ritchie for the legatees.

The case of Cohen vs the Hazen Ave-
nue Synagogue will be tried at this court.
The plaintiff is appearing in person and
H. A. Powell, K. C., for the defendant.
At this morning's meeting of the court
on motion of C. A. Sanford, Sherwood
Skinner, consenting, an order for fore-
closure and sale of certain property be-
longing to Ready's Brewery Ltd., and
held under a trust mortgage by the
Eastern Trust Company was made.
Application was made by Sherwood
Skinner in behalf of the executors and
trustees under the last will and testa-
ment of David O'Connell for foreclosure
and sale of property belonging to the
trust. The case is to be continued on
Wednesday.

On motion of C. F. Sanford the Royal
Trust Company was appointed a trustee
in the matter of a provision under the
will of the late Lieut. Governor Ganong.

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As Hiram Sees It

"The gals out to the
settlement," said Mr.
Hiram Hornbeam to the
Times reporter, "want
you to come out and see
them. They're goin' to hev a
pic social."
"Steve Matthews and
I," said the reporter,
"have all our dates fill-
ed. I would like to ob-
lige the girls, but the
thrill stamp has got me.
Perhaps the police re-
porter would oblige them."
"What the feller that
goes up to the police
court to hear all the cri-
dence in them cases I
read about every day?"
"The same," said the reporter.
"You'll excuse me," said Hiram.
"He'd hev to be fumigated or vaccinated afore
the gals 'ud even look at him. He'd
never do at all—no sir."
"That young man," said the reporter,
"neither drinks nor smokes, and his
most violent language I ever heard him use
was to call a man who sneezed at him a
burst of spit when the flu was with us an
'undertaker's assistant.' He is an excep-
tionally fine character. I will love him.
And he's to be married to a girl who
says 'eight dollars' for the price of a
woman who won't be there to take care
of the pie social—did you say? We must
overlook that present sure."
"It ain't a-goin' to be no banquet," said
Hiram. "When any feller gets enough
pie to start his tongue going, we'll start
the pie social. Don't you worry about us.
If a bootlegger come out our way with his
otomobile the same as I've seen 'em
right here in town, we'd make him show
a burst of spit that 'ud make a flyin'
machine look like a small gals' back-
wards—Yes, sir."

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gladly and unhesitatingly join in the
programme of international disarmament, it
will, nevertheless, be a policy of obvious
prudence to make certain of the success-
ful maintenance of many strong and
well equipped chemical plants."

Washington, May 20—Among special
war taxes which the president in his
message to Congress today suggested be
eliminated are those on soda water and
so-called luxuries, such as expensive arti-
cles of clothing and personal equip-
ment, such as proprietary, medicinal and
toilet preparations; and on such manu-
factured products as automobile trucks
and accessories, pianos, sporting goods,
chewing gum, candy, cameras and cam-
era supplies, fire arms, electric fans,
thermos bottles and motor boots.

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NOVELTY SHOWER
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British Syndicate May Get Olym-
pic, Baltic and Others

MEANS MANY MILLIONS

Renewed Offer to Purchase From
International Mercantile Marine
Company in New York Not
Yet Definitely Accepted

New York, May 20—Negotiations for
the purchase, by a British syndicate, of
the British-owned ships and assets of the
International Mercantile Marine Com-
pany have been renewed and the com-
pany has received virtually the same
offer for the vessels as was pending at
the time the negotiations were suspended
last November, when the United States
Shipping Board proposed the purchase
of the vessels.

The offer has not been definitely ac-
cepted but Mr. Franklin, president of
the marine company said that if it were
the International Mercantile Marine
would continue in business as an enter-
ly American concern.

The shipping involves approximately
960,000 tons gross, including the Olym-
pic, Baltic and other well known British
liners, and the amount of the original
offer for the ships and assets was
about \$125,000,000. The United States
government's offer, after hanging fire
from November until April, was with-
drawn.

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to England and returned with the renewed
British offer. The British syndicate is
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PEACE MATTERS

Versailles, May 20—(By the Associated
Press)—Count von Brockdorff-Rantau,
head of the German peace delegation,
called the presidents of the various coun-
tries of the League of Nations yesterday
before them the instructions he had
received at Spa. He also gave instruc-
tions for the drafting of a bulletin which
he will submit to Berlin for approval. He
complained in a note to his colleagues
that all sorts of people have been charged
with spying on the delegates in an en-
deavor to overhear the conversations be-
tween them. Accordingly, he recom-
mended the greatest precautions adding that
he hoped that the Paris press did not
imagine it could by such methods in any
way influence the determination of the
German delegation.

Note From Vatican
Rome, May 10—(By the Associated
Press)—Cardinal Gasparri, papal secre-
tary of state, has written in the name
of the Pope an official note to Colonel E.
M. House of the American peace dele-
gation, transmitting the arguments set
forth in the German declaration and to
demonstrate the absolute impossibility
of their country fulfilling the peace con-
ditions imposed by the Allies.

In his note Cardinal Gasparri explain-
ed that the Pope takes this step in favor
of Germany as he would do for any
country requesting his assistance, as he
is only animated by humanitarian feel-
ings.
The cardinal adds that the Pope has
done this the more willingly since he
was also urged to undertake this initia-
tive by a country belonging to the Ben-
to, He begs Colonel House to submit
the situation to President Wilson
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programme of international disarmament, it
will, nevertheless, be a policy of obvious
prudence to make certain of the success-
ful maintenance of many strong and
well equipped chemical plants."

Washington, May 20—Among special
war taxes which the president in his
message to Congress today suggested be
eliminated are those on soda water and
so-called luxuries, such as expensive arti-
cles of clothing and personal equip-
ment, such as proprietary, medicinal and
toilet preparations; and on such manu-
factured products as automobile trucks
and accessories, pianos, sporting goods,
chewing gum, candy, cameras and cam-
era supplies, fire arms, electric fans,
thermos bottles and motor boots.

Stretching the Time
Paris, May 20—(By the Associated
Press)—The German reply to the
signature of the peace treaty. The Ger-
man counter proposition to this week
expected in French circles to be so elab-
orate and voluminous that if submitted
by May 22—the time limit for the Ger-
man reply—the inter-Allied delegates
can scarcely finish their consideration be-
fore June 1.

WILLIAM T. POWERS
The death of William T. Powers oc-
curred this morning at his residence, 61
St. James street. He was the eldest son
of the late Calvin and Julia Powers and
was seventy years of age. Mr. Powers
was an active member of the Methodist
church and will be missed much by the
congregation. He was veteran of the
Fenian raid of 1866. Besides his wife,
he leaves one son, Lieut-Colonel T. E.
Powers of Ottawa; five daughters—Mrs.
Harry E. Fosbery, also of Ottawa; Mrs.
Miles D. Emack, Mrs. Harry C. Sim-
mons and Miss Annie E. Powers, all of
this city; and five sisters, of whom Mrs.
E. S. Hennigar, Mrs. William A. McGinley
and Miss Gertrude J. Powers are resi-
dents of this city. A large circle of friends
extend their deepest sympathy to the bereaved ones.

NOVELTY SHOWER
The Room-For-One-More Class of the
Central Baptist Church, with their teach-
ers, Herbert Downie, met in their class
room on Friday evening and tendered
one of their members, Miss May Hoyt,
a novelty shower. Many very useful
presents were received. Refreshments
were then served and after a very pleas-
ant evening the class broke up with the
singing of Auld Lang Syne. Miss Hoyt
is to be married in the near future, and
her many friends congratulate her.

PHILIX AND
PHERDINAND
WEATHER
REPORT

Issued by authority
of the Department
of Marine and
Fisheries, by R. F. Stu-
part, director of
meteorological service

Synopsis—The disturbance which was
in Missouri yesterday has moved north-
eastward to Ohio and is now causing
rain in southern Ontario. The weather
is quite warm in the western provinces
and cool from Ontario eastward.

Forecast—Light winds, fine and moder-