

AROUND THE CITY

WARM—FOGGY

GOVERNOR DIMBLEY. The steamer Governor Dimbley, with 250 passengers and a good freight arrived from Boston at noon yesterday.

THE TRIP POSTPONED. The proposed river trip planned for officers of the Dominion Customs Association yesterday was postponed on account of the inclement weather.

SUNDAY BLASTING. Residents of Riverside complain of Sunday blasting carried on in that district by employees of the Provincial Government. It is stated that heavy blasts have been set off on Sunday evening as people were coming from church.

HAD HEAD INJURED. A man named Thomas Hurley, who had been ill for a long time, died yesterday morning and was cut out of the head. He was sent by Sergeant Joseph Scott to the hospital in the ambulance. In a short time he was able to go to his home.

ARRIVED HOME. Three members of the V. D.'s arrived home from overseas yesterday morning—Misses Edith M. Schofield, Doris DeVeber and Dorothy Thomson. Quite a number of friends assembled at the depot and gave them a hearty welcome. They have been serving in English hospitals for about two years.

TENDERS CLOSED. Tenders for the resetting of curbing on German street closed yesterday. Commissioner Fisher advised that paving operations on German street will start as soon as a supply of asphalt is available. The supply contracted for by the city to be delivered not later than June 1st is reported to be on route here and nine carloads are due soon.

FROM WEST INDIES. The Royal Mail Steamer Packet liner Chitonia arrived in port yesterday morning from Bermuda and the British West Indies. She had in addition to mails, ninety-four first class, twenty one second and forty-eight third class passengers, also 1,500 tons of raw sugar for the Atlantic Sugar Refineries and 1,200 puncheons of molasses.

A ROYAL SALUTE. According to orders received at local Military Headquarters from Ottawa, H. R. H., the Prince of Wales will land at St. John at 10 a.m. on August 14th. A Captain's Guard of Honor will be drawn up at the place of landing and immediately on the arrival of the Prince a 21-gun salute will be fired from Queen Square by two gun crews composed of War Veterans furnished by the G. W. V. A. of St. John.

STARTED SOMETHING. It is stated that the approaching visit of the Prince of Wales is one reason for the commissioner of public works to commence paving German street. A citizen remarked last evening if it takes a proposed visit of one of the royal family to start the city fathers making much needed repairs it would be an excellent idea to arrange for a daily visit of some distinguished person and remarkably short time the old Loyalist city would be worth looking at.

RETURNING SOLDIERS. Charles Robinson, secretary of the Returned Soldiers' Commission, received information yesterday that the U. S. Essequibo would probably arrive at Portland on Thursday evening with twenty-four invalided soldiers on board for this district. Mr. Robinson stated that the men would proceed at once directly to the hospitals and not to Fredericton. The S. S. Regina is expected to arrive in Halifax today with four officers and seventy-one other ranks for Military District No. 1. It is expected that this is the last large number of men to come to this district, although there may be small numbers come from time to time for two or three weeks yet.

THE POLICE COURT. Sergeant Stevens and George Dickson were charged with running into and damaging an automobile. They acknowledged their guilt and paid \$10 each. Two drunks were remanded, Florence Albert charged by her husband with abusive and insulting language. The matter was adjourned in the police court yesterday morning and the case dismissed. C. A. McLenahan, charged with not obeying the signal of a traffic policeman, was remanded until witnesses could be secured. The case against Eliza Bentley, charged with allowing a horse to stand in the street without a strap, was not over till Wednesday.

HOSPITAL COMMITTEE. The Hospital Committee of the Provincial Red Cross held a meeting yesterday morning at the Red Cross rooms, at which considerable business of importance was transacted. Plans were made to continue the work of placing the sick soldiers at the St. John and the Lancaster Hospitals. Bills were presented amounting to more than \$100 for automobile hire to furnish oxygen for sick soldiers during the month of June. Considerable discussion followed, and as several members thought patriotic citizens should relieve the organization of paying for this out of its own funds, attention was also called to the fact that contributions of flowers to those hospitals had greatly fallen off. At present it was announced that two or three kept up the practice of sending flowers to the soldiers, who indeed are very appreciative of them. The committee hopes that these hints of difficulties in their work will prove all that is necessary to get both automobiles and flowers.

PERSONALS. Miss Mary McDevitt of Shediac, N. B., is spending a few days with her aunt, Mrs. William O'Keefe, Union street. Chautauque begins today, 3 p. m., High School Grounds. No season tickets sold after opening—buy yours now, \$2.50.

LOCAL CUBAN CONSUL PRO TEM GIVES INTERESTING INTERVIEW

Senor Guillermo de las Cuevas Was for Several Years Cuban Chancellor at the Consulate in Rotterdam, Holland—Was Head of Cuban Consulate at The Hague, Netherlands, from 1916 Until Last April—May be Appointed to Consulate at Brussels.

In the temporary successor to Senor Machado, who is now recuperating at Stamford, Connecticut, the Cuban charge de affairs has placed at St. John a most genial and gifted gentleman in the person of Senor Guillermo de las Cuevas, for several years Cuban chancellor at the consulate in Rotterdam, Holland. Though possessed of a fluent command of Italian, Portuguese, Flemish, French, German and Spanish, the new consul has but a halting knowledge of English, but in this respect is fortunate in securing the able assistance of Senor Andre Bonada, whose keen eyes, quick action, prompt decisions and mastery of the English tongue would make him a natural leader of men.

Senor de las Cuevas was appointed to the head of the Cuban consulate at The Hague, Netherlands, in June 23, 1916, and remained in office until April 2, 1919, when he undertook a trip over the battle area and returned to America for a much needed rest. At The Hague, where he was stationed for a considerable time, there were interned all the British who were prisoners of war, and he is of the opinion that the Flemish and Dutch society folks could not do enough for the brave men kept captive. The English soldiers were the guests at practically every important function, the natives opening their homes and hearts to the defenders of righteousness. At Rotterdam, however, where many of the Germans were interned, there was not much revelry, and the Hun officers there interned were treated with but the scanty consideration that was required by the diplomatic relations.

All through the war period, and even now, the cost of food was high in Holland, the rich merchants borrowing a leaf from the book of their brothers on the American continent and charging as high as they could for everything. After the armistice was signed, he saw the vast crowds of Belgians who were daily returned to their torn and wrecked country, and he saw the grand reception that was given at the frontier by his own folks and the Dutch as well, when King Albert and Queen Elizabeth walked from the exile of Holland to their own, freed country. During the war period all the consulates of Latin America and Spain were represented by the official from Chile, who was the only official of that nature left in the country. The Dutch government treated the

BAN AGAINST NEW BRUNSWICK MAY BE LIFTED IN 24 HOURS

Telegram from Surgeon General of States to Minister of Health Intimates He is Willing to Lift Ban Against Province Providing No Travellers from Nova Scotia Shall Pass Through N. B. Without Being Vaccinated.

Dr. W. F. Roberts, Minister of Health for the Province, received a wire from the Surgeon-General of the United States, yesterday, in response to his telegram of protest against the placing of a quarantine against New Brunswick to the extent of requiring all passengers entering the States to be vaccinated against smallpox. The Surgeon-General intimates that if conditions in New Brunswick are as represented in the telegram of protest he will be willing to lift the ban against New Brunswick, provided the Minister of Health will undertake that no travellers coming from Nova Scotia or shipboard crews from there shall pass through New Brunswick on their way to the States without being vaccinated.

Last evening the Minister had a conference with Dr. W. L. Ellis, medical officer of the American Immigration Department here, and worked out a scheme which he expects will be satisfactory to the Surgeon-General at Washington. Dr. Roberts wired the details of the scheme embodying the guarantee asked for last night, and hopes that the Surgeon-General will see his way to lift the ban within twenty-four hours. The regulation adopted by the

SERIOUS SITUATION FOR THE FISHERMEN

A rather serious situation is confronting the fishermen of this province. Prices of herring have dropped to a point where it does not pay the fishermen to catch them. The two largest sardine packing plants in the province are not yet in operation, though machines are fairly plentiful. In several sections the fishermen are idle, as there is no market for their fish. With the cost of boats, nets and everything connected with fishing operations advanced over 100 per cent, some dealers are offering pre-war prices or less for herring. The gasperone catch at St. John this year was only about 9,000 barrels. This is less than half the usual catch. The great bulk of it has been sold, and will be sold at New York houses who usually dispose of it in Hayti. The price of gasperone in the West India market is fair, but the price of herring and other fish there is off. Meantime the people of New Brunswick who do not appreciate the value of fish as food are complaining of the high prices of meat.

Friends of Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Cullinan of Fairville will be sorry to learn of the death of their little daughter, Inez Rita, aged eleven months.

Ship Named For Salvation Army

Capt. John H. Pratt Commands New Ship "Salvation Lass," Given Name for Good Work Army Performed at the Front—Tells of Hog Island Shipyard.

Some idea of the activity in American shipyards and the class of freight carriers that are being turned out in great lots is contained in a letter recently received by the editorial department of The Standard from Capt. John H. Pratt, well known amongst the St. John master mariners. Captain Pratt is commanding officer of the new oil burning steamship "Salvation Lass," a new 7,500-ton freighter which is attached to the U. S. emergency fleet. After speaking of his trip to Rotterdam in charge of a repatriated Dutch tanker, the captain says: "After the lapse of a week I was sent down here to the wonderful big yard at Hog Island, Philadelphia, to take command of the new freight steamer 'Salvation Lass,' named for the Salvation Army on account of the good work they did at the front. There was a big public celebration at the launching and the Philadelphia Salvation Army members came down and christened her. She is a 7,500-ton dead weight carrier, oil burner, with twin turbine engines and a 12-knot speed. She has all the latest nautical appliances and the accommodations are large and tasteful but I already want a ship one and a half or double the size of her, and will get one at the end of my first voyage in the 'Lass,' which is to Buenos Ayres with general cargo."

ST. JOHN NEEDS COAT OF PAINT

Visitors to the City Say St. John Should Cover Its Shabbiness—Painters Say There is Scarcity of Paint Oil.

Some people have been arguing that now the war is over and the Prince of Wales coming, St. John should get busy and give itself a coat of paint, which on the whole it needs rather badly. At St. John manufacturer who was in Toronto recently met a former resident of this city, and about the first thing the visitor did was to comment upon St. John's need of a coat of paint to cover up its shabbiness. He was here last night and there were a few prospects of getting any immediately. It was almost impossible to order supplies, and the price was prohibitive.

A local dealer is said to be responsible for the story that the shortage is due to the fact that the Germans have hoarded up all the available supplies of paint oil. As it is only a few days since Great Britain has lifted the blockade it is difficult to see how the Germans could make sufficient purchases to affect the market, unless somebody has been trading with the enemy while it was still a serious effort to do so. It is probable that this story does not hold water. However the situation remains that householders desirous of painting their premises will find it difficult to do so this summer.

ST. JOHN'S GREATEST MERCANTILE EVENT

Only Three Days More, Closing Saturday at One O'clock.

Saturday will be the last day of St. John's greatest mercantile event, which is Oak Hall's Annual Midsummer Sale but there are quite a few shopping hours between now and Saturday noon, so that there is ample time to get up all the available advantage of this great opportunity. And no doubt thousands of shoppers will weed their way to this event when they realize that everything in Oak Hall is offered at a substantial reduction, that new merchandise is brought forward every day, and that the Oak Hall guarantee stands back of every piece of merchandise sold. This guarantee is not an empty phrase but is taken seriously by Oak Hall and is interpreted to mean absolute satisfaction to every customer in every transaction. Furthermore, the Oak Hall motto of Large Volume at Minimum Profit, assures everyone of the very lowest possible price in keeping with the quality offered. So that those who take advantage of this sale are certain to obtain merchandise of a guaranteed quality at the very rock bottom price, and no doubt, there is not a person in St. John who will willingly let such an opportunity slip by, but Saturday is drawing near, so it behooves everyone to act quickly.

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A MESSAGE OF THANKS

Miss Alice K. Walker, secretary of the Red Cross, has received from Noel Marshall, chairman of the Canadian executive, the following expression of appreciation of the congratulations sent him when decorated with the Legion of Honor: Dear Miss Walker: I am just in receipt of your kind telegram of congratulations. I highly appreciate the honor conferred on me by the French Government, not so much from a personal standpoint, but as a recognition of the wonderful work done by the people of Canada through the Canadian Red Cross Society. I shall be glad if you will accept for yourself and convey to the members of your branch my sincere thanks. Faithfully yours, NOEL MARSHALL, Chairman Executive Committee.

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