

THE WEATHER

Maritime—Fine and mild. Washington, April 14.—Forecast: Northern New England—Fair Thursday and Friday; slowly rising temperature; moderate, variable, mostly east winds.

Around the City

Shipping Item.

Allen Liner Corinthian arrived at Gravesend at 10 a. m. yesterday.

Assault Charged.

Yesterday afternoon Marcus Padellakis, a Greek was arrested by Serjt. Rankine and Patrolman Gibbs on a warrant charging him with assaulting another Greek and chasing him with a knife.

Police Reports

The police report having been called to Princess street yesterday afternoon to disperse a number of boys who were playing ball. The officers also report finding a pair of eye glasses on Union street, a whip on Carmerthen street and another on Union street.

Appreciated His Work

At a recent meeting of Union Jack Lodge, P. A. B. No. 35, Ernest Morrill, past master, was presented with a handsome past master's jewel in appreciation of the excellent work done by him for the lodge during his term of membership. In the address accompanying the jewel the members of the lodge referred to his years of service in advancing the interests of the order.

Home Guard Officers.

The Home Guard met last evening in the Customs House and Captain A. G. H. Waterbury was promoted to the position of Major. Other officers selected were W. E. Raymond, captain; Joseph W. Cameron, ensign; R. W. W. Frink, first lieutenant; William Murdoch, second lieutenant; and H. L. McGowan, third lieutenant. The members of the Home Guard have been steadily drilling and are now well up in the routine of infantry work.

It Was McBrine.

Special Police Officer McMahon who was the person who purchased Pilsener beer in a Brunswick street beer shop, which beer was found to contain over three per cent. alcohol, called at The Standard office yesterday afternoon and asked that a correction be made, stating that the person mentioned him as the person who purchased the beer, when that credit should have gone to Special Officer McBrine.

Charged With Theft.

A man aged 45 years, giving his name as John Shaw, was arrested yesterday afternoon by Special Officer McBrine on the charge of stealing a pair of ladies shoes from No. 7 King Square. Shaw is mentioned as being an Englishman and before coming to this country it is said practiced law. It was only a couple of years ago that the same man was arrested on suspicion of stealing a pocketbook from Clayton's store on Brussels street.

Disorderly House Case

Armed with a warrant, shortly after ten o'clock last night, Deputy Chief of Police Jenkins and Special Officer Barrett arrested James Peck of North street and charged him with keeping a disorderly house. While the police were not saying much about the case last night it is said that when Peck is tried in the Police Court there will be developments to show that his house, for some time past, has been a rather lively place. It has been hinted that Peck and his wife are employed and that their home has been the resort for soldiers and young girls.

DOMINION SOCK DAY.

Owing to a misleading statement having gone abroad that the socks sent to the Red Cross Society of St. John do not reach the soldiers in the trenches, we would like to inform the workers who have helped so faithfully that from the outbreak of hostilities every means have been taken to see that these articles for our soldiers' comfort do go direct to them. Efforts made by any other society can only eventually go through the same channel as ours: i. e., through Sir Geo. Ferley, who works for the Canadians, and then to the Red Cross Society of England for distribution.

Hundreds of Chic Designs

are in the quarterly Standard Fashion Book which is now on sale at F. A. Dykeman & Co.'s store. The most exciting woman will find just what she wants amongst its hundreds of styles. Any Standard pattern free with each copy. Don't forget the big sale of real feather pillows now going on at their store and priced only 69 cents each.

Richibucto Red Cross.

Since its organization the Richibucto Red Cross Society have made and shipped the following articles: 156 pairs socks, 111 pairs mittens, 47 pairs wristlets, 36 helmets, 11 dressing gowns, 61 day shirts, 18 wash cloths, 75 night shirts, 11 pairs bed socks, 8 pairs pyjamas, 34 nightgales, 46 scarfs, 8 1/2 dozen handkerchiefs. The society has also donated \$50 for a bed in the Canadian hospital at Clivedon.

WEST END MEN WANT COMMISSION TO DRAFT ASSESSMENT ACT MET GERMAN ON HIGH SEAS

President of Retail Merchants' Association Says Provisions of Charter Must be Carried Out—E. M. Trowern Addressed Public Meeting—Retailers Will Appoint Committee to Investigate Assessment Matters.

Merritt Williams Was on Kyle Liner Delmira when German Submarine Attacked Her.

Among the arrivals in the city Tuesday from England was Merritt Williams, son of Mrs. Elijah Ross, No. 2 Fort Dufferin, West St. John. Mr. Williams has recently had an experience he will never forget for he was the second engineer of the steamship Delmira which was torpedoed by a German submarine in the English Channel. It was on February 29th that the steamship Delmira, owned by the Kyle Transport Company sailed from St. John with a cargo of hay and oats for the Admiralty and arrived some days later safely at Havre, France. The cargo was quickly discharged and then the Delmira sailed in ballast on a return voyage to St. John for another cargo. On Friday, March 26th, while the Delmira was steaming down the channel her commander, Captain Lancelfield, was surprised to see a German submarine heading for him. Captain Lancelfield up his ship to destruction without trying to escape. The Germans fired three revolver shots across the bows of the Delmira as a signal for the merchant ship to heave to, but Captain Lancelfield was satisfied that he could escape if his ship was sent ahead at full speed, and by so doing he would run away from the underwater craft which was slower.

The Delmira's commander sent word to the engine room for full speed ahead. The engineers stuck to their post and opened the throttle and the good old ship was making good time of it, but the firemen were mostly Chinese and the yellow fellows became frightened, refused to remain in the stoke hold and fire the furnaces, and all came up on deck. They were afraid the Germans would blow up the ship and they would be lost if they remained below. With no firemen to keep up the steam Captain Lancelfield saw that his chance of escape was small and in a short time the Germans caught up to the Delmira. There was nothing for Captain Lancelfield to do but heave to, which he did, and then came the command from the German for the captain and crew of the Delmira to leave the ship within ten minutes as they were going to sink her.

Captain Lancelfield and his men lost time in swinging the life boats from the davits and were forced to leave without having time to take much of their personal belongings. At this time the Delmira was off Boulogne. The crew had hardly cleared the ship when the German launched a torpedo which struck her and there was a loud explosion. The German felt quite satisfied that he had destroyed the merchantman and, taking the life boats in tow, started away from the deserted tramp. It was not long until the submarine with her tow of life boats was well away from the Delmira and, after towing the boats for an hour and a half, they sighted another steamer. The submarine cast off the lines of the lifeboats leaving the Delmira's crew to be picked up by the ship sighted. The submarine then disappeared from view and went in search of other prey. Captain Capt. Lancelfield and his crew were landed on the Isle of Wight and some days later shipped to Liverpool.

The crew of the Delmira, like the Germans, thought their ship had sunk and they were greatly surprised to learn that some days later she was reported to have drifted ashore at an endeavor would be made to float her.

And coal yards. By and by they would want to take over the retail shops. Evidences of Thought. After blaming the socialists for ruining Toronto, the speaker said he was glad to see that in St. John they thought out things carefully. The St. John assessment showed evidences of careful preparation at any rate.

2—Want central government. Continuing the speaker said the retailers secured an amendment to the Ontario act, providing for abolition of taxes on personality, and the imposition of a business tax on an assessment of twenty-five per cent. of the value of the property of retailers; thirty-five per cent. on coal dealers, and fifty per cent. on liquor stores. Now they thought the twenty-five per cent. valuation was too high. It might be said why not abolish the whole business tax? But there was no profit in it. The weak point of single tax was that it tried to do something which did not belong to taxation. Henry George wanted the state to own all the land. If you did not want people to hold uncultivated land, you would have to go about it another way.

Best in Canada. Ontario's assessment act was regarded as the best in Canada. The business tax on an assessment of twenty-five per cent. of value of premises was at the rate of two per cent. In all the municipalities of British Columbia the city assessors put the tax on land; but the provincial government taxed everything else. "They call it single tax, but not a single thing escapes."

The speaker was not in favor of exemption. If you exempted one class, the other classes would want exemptions too. The question of politics should be kept free of politics. As regards a poll tax—well, men coming into the city to work should pay something towards its upkeep. Speaking of forms of government Mr. Trowern said that because a man was elected to a position was no evidence that he was qualified to fill it. Heads of civic departments should form an executive board and sit with the aldermen in the council.

Land Values Too Low. The speaker thought land in St. John was assessed at a very low valuation, compared with other cities of about the same size. The St. John system had good features, but there was something wrong with the valuation. Either personality was valued too high or real estate too low. A. O. Skinner—Most of the merchants in St. John rent their premises. If we exempt personality the tax will have to go on real estate and the landlords will make the merchants pay.

T. J. McPherson moved that a committee be appointed by the association to investigate assessment matters, so as to be in a position to give advice to the commission which might be appointed. A. H. Wetmore said the Board of Trade was working along such lines. He thought it might be glad of the cooperation of the retailers.

Mr. Wetmore, Mr. Trowern said exemptions in Toronto amounted to \$74,700,000. J. H. Vughl spoke in favor of a committee on assessment. Mr. McPherson's motion carried. The committee will be appointed at a meeting of the association later.

Dustin Farnum in Another Laskey Production. Dustin Farnum, whose successes as a photo-dramatic star in "The Virginian" and "The Squaw Man," both under the management of Jesse L. Laskey, are fresh in the minds of all photography fans, is now being seen at the Imperial in "Cameo Kirby," also produced by Mr. Laskey, as the result of special arrangements entered into with the Liebler Co. Mr. Farnum has long been the leading romantic actor of Broadway. His rare combination of personal magnetism and physical charm, has the happy quality of being transferable to the screen. Dustin Farnum in "Cameo Kirby" (by Booth Tarkington), will be concluded this afternoon and tonight.

Burned Rubbish on Barn Roof. Residents at the foot of Leinster street were startled about eight o'clock last evening to see flames leaping from the roof of a barn in the rear of the house occupied by William Alwood. A still alarm was immediately sent in to No. 2 fire station. The chemical and hose wagon responded promptly. When the firemen arrived on the scene they were given a surprise for instead of a building on fire, they found the occupant burning rubbish on the roof of the barn. He had a large iron pot placed on the roof and was burning the rubbish inside it. When asked why he did not burn the rubbish in his stove or furnace he said that if he placed rubbish in the stove there was not enough draught to make it burn well, and that burning it in the pot was much better. He was instructed to try the back yard or some other place than the roof of a building for such work in the future.

ST. JOHN AND QUEBEC RY APPEAL TO BE HEARD BY SUPREME COURT, APR. 22. Special to The Standard. Fredericton, April 14.—The Supreme court met this afternoon. The King vs. Abram W. Belyea, Crown case reserved. P. J. Hughes moved to quash conviction. W. B. Chandler contra; court considers. Phillos Losier vs. Luke Malloy, P. J. Hughes for defendant, support appeal from the Gloucester County Court. The case was unfinished when court rose.

Stopped Impromptu Musicals. Last night, about 10.30 o'clock, two Austrians who were apparently feeling much better than their unfortunate brothers at war were making matters lively on Mill street. The men were singing and shouting to such an extent that they caused a large crowd of people to gather. Police Officer Briggs appeared on the scene and immediately placed the two foreigners under arrest for disorderly conduct.

The Quick, Smooth Shave for the Clean Cut Man. A few minutes each morning with a GILLETTE SAFETY RAZOR gives the clean cut finish so essential to the up-and-doing man of today. The keen, thin, ten-stion-held blade of the Gillette Safety Razor glides over the face with velvety smoothness, removing the hardest beard easily and quickly, and leaving, even the tenderest skin smooth and comfortable. Here are the Prices: ARISTOCRAT, the latest Gillette production, in French Ivory Case, with silver mounted, French Ivory Handle, \$5.00. In Nickel Case, with plated, solid metal handle, \$3.00. Vest Pocket Edition, Nickel, \$5.00. Combination Set—Gillette Razor, Soap and Brush, in Leather Case \$6.50. W. H. THORNE & CO. LTD. Market Square and King St.

Macaulay Bros. & Co., King Street, St. John, N. B. Stores Open at 8 a. m., Closes at 6 p. m. Saturday night at 10 o'clock. Butterick's Paper Patterns for May ARE NOW IN STOCK. MAY DELINEATOR 15c, by mail, 23c. FOR SUMMER NUMBER BUTTERICK STYLE BOOK 25c, by mail, 35c. NEW BLOUSES just opened in Nylon, Chiffon, Voile, Soft Silks and Sheer Lawns. The assortment is the largest ever shown at one time by us. LADIES' CLOTH COATS for SPRING AND SUMMER—The New College shape and Sport Coats in many new weaves of cloth. NEW CLOTH COATS—in plain Cloths, Cords and Tweed Mixtures. NEW COVERT CLOTHS—Now so much in demand; ten colorings to select from. If you desire a Covert Cloth, buy now, as this make of cloth will be short of the demand later on.

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Stores Open at 8.30 — Close at 6 o'clock, Saturdays 10 p. m. Boys' Spring Suits. This is a display of spring styles, varied and attractive enough to interest every mother who desires extra value in clothes, the top notch of fashion, and built to give the greatest possible wear. Two-Piece Norfolk Suits — Plain yoke and fancy styles. Tweeds and Worsteds in greys and browns; pin checks, stripes, club checks and mixtures. Some of the suits with two pair of bloomer pants. Ages 7 to 18 years. Prices from \$3.15 to \$15.00. Fancy Suits — An almost endless array of styles in Russian, Oliver Twist and Buster Brown suits; a great variety of becoming trimming effects, Ages 2 1/2 to 6 years. Prices from \$3.25 to \$9.50. Plain Sailor and Middy Sailor Suits \$3.25 to \$8.25. B.OYS' CLOTHING DEPARTMENT.

New Middy Blouses. The useful Middy Blouses will be more popular than ever this summer. They are easily laundered, dressy in appearance, and very serviceable. We are showing an exceptionally large range for the new season. ALL WHITE MIDDY BLOUSES—Made of heavy twilled cotton, sailor collar, three-quarter sleeves. Sizes 32 to 40. Each \$1.10. ALL WHITE MIDDY BLOUSES—Made of finer twilled cotton, sailor collar, shield front, three-quarter sleeves. Sizes 32 to 40. Each \$1.50. MIDDY BLOUSES—Made of heavy twilled white cotton; collars of white and red, or navy trimmed with white braid; breast pocket with tab to match collar, three-quarter sleeves. Sizes 32 to 40. Each \$1.10. MIDDY BLOUSES—Of white twilled cotton, sailor collar of white, edged with navy drill, shield front, three-quarter sleeves. Sizes 32 to 40. Each \$1.50. MIDDY BLOUSES—Of sand cotton, sailor collar and cuffs of white cotton; pocket edged with white, three-quarter sleeves. Sizes 32 to 40. Each \$1.10. MIDDY BLOUSES—Of white twilled cotton, sailor collar and cuffs of navy blue flannel, trimmed with white braid; pocket edged with navy flannel. Sizes 32 to 40. Each \$1.50. ST. JOHN HIGH SCHOOL MIDDY BLOUSES—Of white twilled cotton, sailor collar of navy, Copenhagen and red cotton; pocket edged with color to match collar, three-quarter sleeves; Blouse worked at sides and the monogram of the High School worked in red in the left sleeve. Sizes 32 to 40. Each \$1.50. MIDDY BLOUSES—in white pique, collars in red, navy and Copenhagen, drawn in with elastic at waist, three-quarter sleeves; pocket edged with color to match collar. Sizes 32 to 40. Each \$1.40. CHILDREN'S MIDDY BLOUSES—in all white pique; also pique with navy and red collars. Ages 4, 6, 8. Each 90c. CHILDREN'S MIDDY BLOUSES—With navy flannel collar, made of good quality twilled white cotton. Sizes 8, 10, 12 years. Each \$1.50. COUNTRY CLUB BLOUSES—These Blouses are made especially for golfing, tennis and other sports, and are made roomy and large in arm size; made on the Norfolk style in white and natural color. Sizes 34 to 38. Each \$1.80. BLOUSE SECTION—SECOND FLOOR. Manchester Robertson Allison, Limited