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LOCAL NEWS

**DEATH OF SEAMAN.**  
Richard Perry, a member of the crew of a C. P. R. steamer in port, died on Saturday night and was buried this afternoon from the undertaking parlors of W. N. Brennan & Son, Main street. Services were conducted by Rev. Mr. Green and interment was made in Fernhill.

**MEETING IN ALMA.**  
The last shot in the union government campaign in Albert county was fired at Alma on Saturday night. The hall was crowded, about 300 being present, and there was much enthusiasm. Judson Cleveland presided and the speakers were David Hipwell of St. John and Com. Rommel, both of whom were greeted with frequent applause.

**ST. JOHN NURSE RETURNS.**  
Among the Red Cross doctors and nurses who arrived in the city from Halifax recently was Miss Edith B. Patterson, a graduate nurse of the General Public Hospital, daughter of James Patterson of this city. Miss Patterson, who has done fine work in Halifax, was on the American naval hospital ship S. S. Colony in charge of the operating room.

**LECTURE COURSE OPENED.**  
Rev. Dr. O'Reilly, chaplain of the Mater Misericordiae Home, delivered an interesting lecture on Newfoundland before the members of St. Peter's Y. M. A. yesterday afternoon. The subject matter was ably handled and the large audience showed appreciation by repeated and prolonged applause. A hearty vote of thanks was tendered the speaker by the president, E. Raymond Hansen, in motion of Frank Casey, a past president of St. Peter's Y. M. A., who is visiting here from Charlottetown. Yesterday's lecture inaugurated the course for the season of 1917 and 1918.

**HOW A WILD CAT BEAT C. P. R.**  
By Chasing Agent To Cover and Riding To Town Without Fare

A correspondent writes: "Local papers reported a man shooting a wildcat in West St. John, N.B., while this fact is worthy of note it was by no means the first or the most exciting adventure of the said Mr. Wildcat. And thereby hangs a tale.

"At a C. P. R. station some distance from the city—twenty-four miles to be exact—during the long lonesome hours of the early morning, the night operator sat listening to the clackety click of the telegraph instruments as they ticked off their tales of business, pleasure, or woe for though the lot of the night operator at a country station may appear lonely the pulse of the very world throbs through his office in dots and dashes, thereby making him the guardian of many secrets as well as of the thousands of precious lives which each night come under his protection. Little, we who sit in our Pullman, enjoying the luxury of modern travel, think of the lonely operator whose slightest error might dash into eternity a man's life.

"But to get back to the wildcat. While the operator at the station referred to sat listening to the telegraph instruments clackety click of the night, a confusion of sounds from without caused him to start; and on the sounds being repeated, he set forth in the darkness of the night to learn the cause. The sounds led him to a neighbor's pig, and there he was faced by a very large and savage wildcat, furious at being robbed of its fat sides of the pig, charged the operator in no uncertain way. The operator, having no means of defence, was left a hasty retreat and the wisdom of his action was proven by the fact that the wildcat followed him to the station door.

"Just at this stage of the negotiations a heavy freight train came lumbering by. Becoming excited, and no doubt frightened at being caught between the station and a moving train, the wildcat made a grand leap for safety and landed on a flat car loaded with lumber. There it became terror-stricken and crawled in among the lumber, where it remained until the car reached West St. John.

"There it made the 'goose flesh' start on a car checker by jumping over his head in what proved to be his last adventure. It is not recorded that the conductor disputed the wildcat's right to free transportation.

"We frequently hear of a railroad 'wildcatting' but we seldom hear of a wildcat railroading. This above is nevertheless true. Truly we are living in an age of strange things."

**WAS A POLICEMAN HERE YEARS AGO**  
Archibald Scott, a well known resident of Glassville and one of the oldest settlers of the parish of Aberdeen, died recently, aged eighty-three years. He was a native of Scotland. Arriving in St. John he was on the police force of this city for a short time and then removed to Glassville where he has since resided. He was twice married. His first wife was Miss Robinson of St. John, who left two children, Mrs. Robert Hamilton of St. John and James Scott of Saskatchewan. His second wife was Mrs. Duffield, who survives him, but leaves no children. A brother, John Scott, lives in Glassville. He was well known in agricultural circles, having been a judge of live stock at many exhibitions in the province.

**LAST NIGHT'S FIRE.**  
George A. Fairweather has been appointed adjuster of the insurance on the building on the corner of Mill and Union streets burned to the ground last night. The building itself, owned by S. H. White of Sussex and Thomas Nagle of St. John, is insured for \$25,000. Some of this is carried as follows: London Underwriters, \$3,500; London & Lancashire, \$2,400; Jarvis & Whitaker, \$11,000. On the stock of F. A. Johnson valued at \$20,000, there is \$8,000, carried by J. M. Queen. The National Clothing Company's stock, valued at \$60,000, is insured for about half this sum. It is carried as follows: Aetna, \$4,000; Hartford, \$3,000; Union, \$3,000; Royal, \$4,000; C. E. L. Jarvis & Son, \$4,000; New York Underwriters, \$2,500; London Guarantee, \$2,500; London & Lancashire, \$2,500; R. P. Church, \$4,500.

**Still Another Fire.**  
No. 3 company was called out by an alarm from box 64 this morning. Ashes caused a fire in a shed on the McSherr property in Erin street. Little damage was done.

**HALF MILLION LOSS IN INCENDIARY FIRE**  
Norfolk, Va., Dec. 16—Fire tonight destroyed, with a loss of about \$500,000, the plant of the British American Tobacco Company, devoted exclusively to the manufacture of cigarettes for exportation to England and France. Officials think it was the work of an incendiary.

TRAVELING MEN DID GREAT WORK IN HALIFAX

Several instances of Heroic Work by St. John Commercial Men in Stricken City

Some of the committee of thirty traveling men, mostly residents of St. John, who left the day after the Halifax disaster for the scene of the tragedy, returned to this city yesterday, while the balance arrived here this morning. In speaking of the work there, a member of the committee, speaking to a Times reporter this morning, said:

"In one case we stopped in the middle of our work which was then out in the country and saw two children being drawn along the road without shoes and stockings and wrapped up in sacks. We got them clothing and sent them comfortably on their way. After one hour's day's work while we were walking back to the city we met an aged couple with three children driving in a sleigh. The horse was nearly dead with fatigue and would have dropped any minute. We cut the poor beast loose and then, tired as we were, some of us got into the shafts and dragged the sleigh a mile to the destination of the party.

"A pool room in Halifax was being kept open in spite of the disaster and some young men were shirking their duty outside and loafing in this place. The St. John committee told the chief of police that unless this place were closed they would leave for their homes. It was closed immediately and the frequenters were given relief work to do.

"On one occasion we found a wounded person who had been injured after by distant relatives, wired his family and friends and, after refreshing him with fruit and tobacco, wrote a personal letter at his dictation, for he was too weak to do it himself. We had inquiries from all parts of America to attend to and things were strenuous at all times. We turned out one morning at 4 o'clock after working until 2:30 the night before, and went out in driving sleet and rain. No men went over the top, however, with more willingness than we did."

**IMPERIAL WEEK GIVES \$2,272.47 TO THE HALIFAX SUFFERERS**

Manager W. H. Golding of Imperial Theatre made a statement from the stage on Saturday evening outlining the result of the theatre's Halifax benefit week. By this donation the funds for the relief of the sufferers will be handsomely augmented. The gross receipts of the six days were \$2,272.47, every cent of which is to be handed over.

At the outset A. Paul Keith and E. F. Albee of the Imperial's headquarters, New York, signified their willingness to pay all the expenses of the theatre for the week—labels, help, film programmes, overhead charges and all the numerous items included in the weekly statement. None of the admission money was to be used for the expenses whatever. That was all to be devoted to Halifax.

So accordingly checks were written for the week's disbursements as usual but the following creditors refused to accept them under the circumstances and asked that they be allowed to share the expenses of the week. Consequently \$145.50 worth of the endorsed checks were very generously returned to the Imperial's treasurer. These co-operating donors were as follows: Famous Players Film Service Ltd., \$390; the Greater Vitagraph, \$58.15; Regal Film Co., \$10; Times Publishing Co., \$49.23; Telegraph Publishing Co., \$89.72; Globe Publishing Co., \$55.36; the Educational Review, \$9; William Whitebone (posting), \$3.

The expenses for the week were slightly more than the receipts, namely \$2,313.94. Of this amount the co-operating donors mentioned contributed \$614.55 and the Imperial Theatre within a few days of \$1,700. While it was expected the gross income for the week would be larger yet it is a handsome return when the drastic weather conditions are taken into consideration—three days of zero snaps, a blizzard and a rainstorm. Furthermore pre-holiday and evening work for the Halifax people interfered with attendance.

Just what disposition will be made of the \$2,272.47 now in the bank is not known at this writing. It may be sent to Halifax direct or become part of the St. John city relief fund. This matter will be settled later today or Tuesday.

ANOTHER CANADIAN NURSE WHO HAS WON DISTINCTION

The war has brought many Canadian women into prominence in various lines of activity. There is in St. John today an Ottawa girl who has made an enviable record in service to king and empire. She is Nursing Sister Georgie McCullough, R. R. C. Miss McCullough arrived here on Sunday after a visit to her father, who is ill at home. She had come to Canada on transport duty and is to return to resume her hospital work. Miss McCullough went overseas with the first contingent and has seen service in England, France, on Lemnos and at Saloniki. From the eastern zone she was twice mentioned in dispatches and she has won the Royal Red Cross. She has made sixteen ocean voyages in her war work. Withal, Miss McCullough does not speak of these things or lay claim to anything except that she has done her best in her military station, but friends speak very highly of herself and of great work accomplished by her. Her brother, an aviator, gave his life in the world struggle and another brother has been invalided home on short furlough.

BRIGADIER-GENERAL B. J. IRWIN IS DEAD

Cobourg, Ont., Dec. 16—Brigadier-General Bernard J. Irwin of Chicago, who for many years has had his summer home here, died on Saturday after a week's illness. His death removes another link between the present and United States history, as he was a veteran of Indian campaigns and the Civil War. General Irwin was born in Ireland in 1830.

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