

Around the City

FAIR AND COOL

THE POLICE COURT. Two drunks pleaded guilty in the police court yesterday and were remanded.

AN ACKNOWLEDGMENT.

Mayor Hayes yesterday received from W. R. Mithers \$25 for the Belgian relief fund.

THE POST OFFICE.

Postmaster Sears announced last evening that in view of the public holiday today the general delivery would remain closed until 5 p. m., also that the carriers would make but one round today, this being in the morning.

THE SUPREME COURT.

Chief Justice Sir Douglas Haysen yesterday received advice that the federal government would proclaim Tuesday a public holiday and he announced that in view of this the opening of the Supreme Court, scheduled to take place at Fredericton today, would be postponed until tomorrow.

SAMPLE OF WHEAT.

The secretary of the Board of Trade yesterday received from A. E. S. Hatfield, St. Martins, a sample of wheat grown from seed supplied by the Board of Trade. Mr. Hatfield had a portion of his field spoiled by the wet weather and his yield was not large. A neighbor, however, got six bushels from one bushel of seed sown.

NOW A CAPTAIN.

Word has been received by Mrs. Elizabeth Heffer, widow of Richard Heffer, Pitt street, that her grandson, Odbur I. Heffer, has been promoted to a captain in the Royal Berkshire, in England. He is only 23 years old, and that so young a man should win this honor in a crack British regiment is a source of great pleasure to his friends. The news came in a letter from his father, Odbur Heffer, who lives in Santiago, Chile.

THE CORONER'S INQUEST CLOSED

Last Night Jury Find That George Rogers' Death Was Caused by Wound from Bullet.

The inquiry into the death of George Rogers who died as the result of a wound received from the bullet from a gun was concluded in the police court room last night before Coroner F. L. Kenney. The jury brought in the following verdict:

"We, the jurors empaneled to hear the evidence as to the death of George Rogers, find that the same George Rogers came to his death by a bullet from a rifle fired on the 15th day of October between the hours of five and six o'clock in the afternoon while employed in a barn threshing oats at Barnesville, Kings County, N. B., and that the same George Rogers died in the General Public Hospital, St. John, N. B., Nov. 5, 1918.

The first witness heard last evening was Richard Hoesford, a farmer of St. Martins Parish, who testified that he was in the barn with George Rogers when the latter was shot and heard him when he shouted "O Tommy, I am shot." He added that he had heard four shots fired and that the boy was shot after the first shot was fired.

The witness then stated that he ran along the road towards Barnesville and when he had got to the top of the rise in the road about ten rods away he saw two men walking with rifles over their shoulders. He called to them and they stopped. In conversation the two men denied shooting young Rogers, and one of the two named McDermott, stated that when they fired their backs were towards the barn.

Witness said that McDermott and Varner went to the house where the injured boy had been taken and while there Weston Barnes told them that they should not have fired the shots. They answered that they would stand up to it.

Witness stated he saw the place in the barn where the bullet went through. In answer to a question by the foreman of the jury the witness stated Varner was about 18 years of age and McDermott about 23 years old.

Detective Biddiscombe testified next. He stated that he had some knowledge of firearms. He stated that the bullet in court which was removed from the body of Rogers was not a .303. As far as he knew he thought it was a .430 bullet.

Thomas Barnes, of Barnesville, a farmer, testified that he was along side Rogers when he was shot. He thought there were five shots fired, but could swear to four shots. He stated that there was a very short time between the first and second shots and a little longer period between the other two shots. In closing he stated that he did not know if any shots went through the barn other than the one that struck Rogers.

Thomas Barnes' testimony completed the evidence, and the jury then went out, bringing back the above verdict.

KEEP MOVING.

It is particularly requested by the Minister of Public Health that citizens, today, shall not stand on the streets while awaiting the arrival of the parades.

Dr. Roberts expressed the fear last evening that the effect of crowds standing, possibly for an hour or more, might be additional cases of Spanish influenza or even pneumonia. As a precautionary measure citizens are advised to keep moving.

SERVICE TODAY.

St. John's (Stone) Church, Division of praise and thanksgiving this morning at 10 o'clock.

LAST NIGHT'S CELEBRATION WAS NOISY AND WITHOUT DAMAGE

Thousands of Citizens Paraded Streets Showing Joy Over Ending of Great War—Tin Horns, Bells and Giant Fire Crackers Assist in Racket—Polymorphian Parade a Success—No Serious Trouble Reported.

When the news was received that the armistice had been signed and that the great war was over, the citizens were overjoyed yesterday morning. The first tidings were read when the morning papers were read. There was no hasty celebration as occurred on Thursday last but all day long merchants were busily engaged in having their buildings and store windows decorated, while men, women and children swarmed the different stores purchasing flags and other articles to decorate their homes. There was a hustle about the streets during the afternoon and nothing of a demonstrative nature occurred as all were apparently awaiting the public holiday to then show their feelings of patriotism.

At five o'clock in the afternoon when the workers were leaving their work shops after the day's toil had finished the different factory whistles sounded loud and long. First one, then another, until practically all whistles in the city were screaming forth in the celebration of the greatest victory the world has known.

The Evening's Celebration.

From all appearances the citizens did not feel like waiting for the public demonstration today but there was a general feeling that something should happen last night, and happen it did. While those who participated in the evening's celebration were numbered in the thousands there were many thousands more who appeared on the street to watch their fellow citizens having one glorious time. The principal places for the great noise were on King, Charlotte and Union streets. The sidewalks were almost impassable with the merry throng. Police Sergeants Scott, Sullivan, Rankine and Journey were on duty on Charlotte street and they must be complimented on the efficient manner in which they conducted the traffic. It was no easy job for the crossings were swarmed with people and the automobiles were out in the hundreds and the machines kept a continual tour of these principal streets and the officers were kept constantly busy in looking after the welfare of the pedestrians as car after car would cross from one street to the other.

There was no trouble; every person on the streets were in a very happy mood and there did not appear during the entire evening one person who was looking for trouble. From all appearances the rest of the city was quiet and peaceful and those looking for the real excitement assembled in the vicinity of the King Square for at this section of the city it was one real round of hilarity from early evening until late last night. Tin horns, old tin pans, whistles, cow bells, gong fire crackers and in fact anything that a girl, boy, young woman, or young man could lay their hands on was used as an instrument for making a noise and the more horrible the noise the more those who were using them appeared to be pleased. At times it was something awful, but still the people laughed, they cheered and the noise could not doubt be heard for miles outside the city.

In front of the Imperial Theatre the Depot Battalion Band was rendering some excellent music and at one time as it played Rule Britannia and the audience joined in the chorus it could only be heard but a short distance away, so loud was the noise made by bells, horns and tinns not fifty yards away.

Every one of the hundreds of automobiles that were sliding along the streets carried a full capacity of joy makers, and each passenger had a horn, a cow bell or some other very noisy instrument and they certainly knew how to use it. Then other cars had numerous bells attached to the front axles, and by the use of a cord assisted in making a terrible racket. Then hustling along the street with its passengers blowing horns was a large touring car which had trailing behind two or three old tin wash boilers, and as these clanked and bounded from one side of the street to the other it had one horrible noise all to itself and was the cause of much laughter from the spectators who lined the curbsides.

A couple of military pickets were kept patrolling the streets in case of any trouble, but there was none as those soldiers who were out on leave were orderly and enjoying the fun along with the other citizens.

It might be said that there was a great absence of intoxication about the streets, and this accounts for the lack of any trouble. Of course there were very few men seemingly under the influence, but they were harmless. One young man who was apparently drunk threw himself down on Charlotte street about ten o'clock but when he saw the crowd hasten towards him along with a military picket and the civic police he quickly regained his feet and forgot his drunkenness and made a quick getaway.

A young woman named Trearath slipped off the sidewalk on the corner of King and Charlotte streets and sprained one of her ankles; she was placed in an automobile and driven to her home to receive a doctor's attention.

A youth named Doyle while in the jam of people near the corner of King and Charlotte streets fainted. He was picked up by a soldier and carried to the King square and shortly after the local police placed him in an automobile and had him conveyed to his home.

A young woman named Laura Robichaud dropped in a faint on the corner of Waterloo and Union streets and was carried in to Brown's drug store. The ambulance was called and she was conveyed to a local hotel where she is employed.

A few persons were slightly injured by the explosion of giant fire crackers, but the injuries were nothing serious and did not stop them but for a few minutes from continuing the celebration.

Shortly after ten o'clock a slight fire was discovered among some rubbish in the rear of a barber shop on the North Side of the King Square

HOW THE CASES ARE REPORTED TO THE BOARD OF HEALTH

Onus of Reporting is on Physician in Charge—Health Inspector Placards House and Takes Names of Those ill.

In the minds of the citizens of this city there has been a good deal of question as to the reliability of the official returns furnished by the Board of Health in the matter of influenza cases, and it has been felt by many that not nearly all the cases were listed by that organization.

In order to find out whether there was any foundation for this belief, The Standard yesterday interviewed T. M. Burns, secretary of the board, as to the procedure in the listing of influenza cases. Mr. Burns said the onus of reporting the cases was on the physician in charge, and the placarding of the house was done by the inspector of the board.

As a rule the physician in reporting to the board simply stated that a certain house there was influenza and the inspector when he made his call to place the placard, took the name or names of those ill and these were listed as influenza patients. Sometimes there would only be one sick in the house, sometimes more, and all who were ill were listed as having the influenza, irrespective of whether they had that malady, a common cold, or pneumonia.

Mr. Burns said he was satisfied that most of the physicians were reporting all their influenza cases, and the statistics of the board were very nearly correct. There might be some few not listed as a result of others in a family where the inspector had already made a visit taking the disease and the physician not reporting the additional cases to the board, as the inspector did not make a second trip to find out whether more were stricken, once he had placed the placard as the feeling of the board was that the important thing, after all was to mark the house in which the disease was located, and by the card to give warning to casual visitors to keep out.

In this connection it might be pointed out that the inspector, while a conscientious official, is not a medical man, before his appointment to the present position having been a greener, in which the placing his placards on inspections some who may only be suffering from common colds are listed as having influenza.

SHORTAGE OF CHRISTMAS GOODS

Shoppers Must Purchase Early if They Wish Christmas Toys and Other Articles—Merchants Will Have Limited Stock.

As forecasted in The Standard several days ago the Christmas toy shortage is an actual fact and dealers are already advising their customers to buy early so as not to be disappointed.

In speaking of the toy shortage yesterday the manager of Woolworth's five and ten cent store, stated that he could only place orders with the wholesalers for immediate shipment, but that no firm would accept orders for future delivery.

This means that there will probably be a serious shortage in Christmas gifts and goods.

In this connection the retail firms placed their Christmas orders for delivery at an early date and were sure of getting the goods, but this year they count themselves lucky if they can get their immediate needs attended to.

The market is almost bare of another essential for Christmas, namely, ribbon. Formerly the stores would get Christmas ribbons in any quantities, but this year they are, as one retailer, stated it, "going from week to week." A shortage will undoubtedly be experienced in this line of goods this winter.

As for the reason for the shortage difficulties were partly accountable. He added that he ordered a shipment of goods which should have reached him months ago but it has not put in an appearance yet.

MERCHANTS MEET C. P. R. OFFICIAL

Last evening a number of the merchants of the city met L. Mathers, divisional freight agent of the C. P. R., and talked over with him the warpage rates charged by the D. A. R. The chief objection was to the minimum charge of fifteen cents in addition to the charge per hundred pounds, but it was claimed the rates and rounds were too high. After some discussion it was decided to let the matter stand until February 1, the merchants in the meantime to keep tabs on the money lost through these charges.

LABOR MEN TO MEET.

All members of organized labor unions are requested to assemble at 12.30 today at Union Hall for the purpose of participating in the parade in connection with the victory demonstration. By order of the President of the Trades and Labor Council.

FIRST GENERAL COURT MARTIAL HELD HERE FOR MANY YEARS.

The first general court martial held in this district for many years convened yesterday afternoon and heard the case of an officer who was charged with desertion. By order of the President of the Trades and Labor Council.

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