

THE WEATHER.

Forecasts.

Maritime—Strong winds and gales, northeast and north, with snow.

Toronto, March 15.—Pressure remains decidedly high over the northern portion of the continent, while the depression which was in North Carolina last night is approaching the Maritime Provinces. Snow is falling in Nova Scotia and New Brunswick and locally in Saskatchewan.

Temperatures.

	Min.	Max.
Dawson	20	40
Prince Rupert	34	44
Victoria	38	50
Vancouver	38	44
Prince Albert	9	2
Calgary	12	20
Winnipeg	12	12
Port Arthur	12	30
Parry Sound	0	14
London	9	19
Toronto	9	17
Ottawa	2	16
Montreal	0	12
Quebec	2	12
St. John	20	24
Halifax	22	30

Below zero.

CIVIC AUTHORITIES LAUGH AT GRIT SENATOR'S STORY OF "GERMAN SPY SYSTEM" HERE

Mayor Frink, Commissioner McLellan and Chief of Police Simpson Say All Aliens are Closely Watched and Under Official Control—Senator Cloran's Sensational Tale Seems to be Without Foundation.

If a spy system in the interest of the Teutonic allies exists in St. John the authorities here are not aware of it, and thus far there has been no tangible evidence to support allegations that German and Austrian sympathizers are engaged in underground work in this city. Senator Cloran, of Montreal, is quoted as stating, in an address in the Senate Tuesday night, that a prominent resident of this province had watched for several months the shipment of war material to the militia department at Ottawa and had been communicating the information to "the head of the Hun" spy system at St. John and Halifax.

Senator Cloran made his remarks while moving for a return showing the names of all employees of the enemy races, by birth of extraction, in the federal service, and also for the names of Canadian subjects in the public service of the enemy nations.

Mayor Frink when shown Senator Cloran's reported statement yesterday, said that he was not aware that an enemy spy system existed in St. John, and so far as he knew there was no proof to confirm the remarks of the Montreal Senator. Sometimes ago there had been reports of the activity of persons of enemy races, but these were reports merely. The aliens, Teutons and Bulgarians, here were obliged to report regularly to the police. The Mayor referred to the fact that the Canadian government maintains a secret service under which an investigation of the alleged activities of enemy aliens would properly come.

Nothing To It Says Commissioner.

H. R. McLellan, commissioner of public safety, when asked about Senator Cloran's remarks last night, said no spy system existed here, as far as he knew. Chief of Police Simpson, sometime ago, he said, investigated certain reports and found they were baseless. He said there were a number of German sympathizers here who expressed themselves strongly at the beginning of the war, but of late they had been silent.

There are a number of Bulgarians and Austrians in the city, but they are listed by the police and are required to report. There are also a number of people of German extraction who were born in Canada and the United States. So far as could be learned last night these have given no cause for suspicion.

According to the Canadian census of 1911, there were in Canada at that time 283,320 persons of German origin, forming 5.46 per cent of the total population. In the United States in 1910 there were 2,091,181 persons born in Germany (men, women and children), constituting 2.71 per cent of the population, and including these a total of 8,817,371 of German origin, making 9.56 per cent.

Chief of Police Also Denies It.

Chief of Police Simpson last night said, that as far as he knew there was no such system in this city. Every German, Turk, Bulgarian and Austrian in the city has been rounded up and is registered at headquarters, and these are obliged to report on the 15th and 30th of each month. If any of these persons wish to leave the city for any other section of Canada they are obliged to get permission, and to report to the authorities on arrival at their destination within twenty-four hours. Should they fail to do this they are rounded up for investigation, and, in nearly every case, interned.

Since the war broke out there have been a number of cases at headquarters for investigation, and the men from the enemy country have been interned in Amherst internment camp. The Chief said he did not believe there was any spy system here, and further remarked that if any person had knowledge that such a system existed, the right thing to do would be to report the matter. The police force has been very active in rounding up aliens, and it is only a few weeks ago that seven of these persons, who had been registered, were found to be acting improperly and the department had them taken into custody, an investigation was held with the result that they were sent to Amherst camp under military escort.

It might be stated that Gustave Hartwig, one of the Germans who successfully escaped from Amherst, and is now in the United States, had been gathered in on two previous occasions by the police and interned. The last time they had him was when he took good care to keep clear of the city.

WANT MORE TRAFFIC HERE IN SUMMER

Commissioners Wigmore and Russell Leave to Confer with Hon. Mr. Hazen.

In the interest of making St. John an important summer port as well as a great winter port, for trans-Atlantic traffic, Rupert W. Wigmore, commissioner of water and sewerage, and James V. Russell, commissioner of harbors, ferries and public lands, left last night for Ottawa to confer with Hon. J. Douglas Hazen, Minister of Marine and Fisheries. In past years most of the steamers coming here in the winter months have been transferred to the Montreal route at the opening of navigation in the St. Lawrence. There has been reason of late to look for a greater summer traffic here this year than ever and it is said that one steamship line may continue to do business here after the opening of the St. Lawrence instead of diverting all its traffic to Montreal.

The commissioners feel that as St. John has made important concessions to the Canadian Pacific Railroad and to the Dominion government since the outbreak of the war the government and the railroad should accord a still greater recognition to the interests of this port in summer.

With the strong backing of Hon. Mr. Hazen, who has already done much to assist St. John, it is felt that the visit of the commissioners to Ottawa will have important results.

Commissioner Wigmore said last evening, before the train left, that the prospects for increased summer traffic here were very bright. On their return from Ottawa the commissioners will stop in Montreal and confer with representatives of the steamship companies. They expect to have an encouraging report to make on their return.

Free Portraits of Petrova Today.

At today's matinee in Imperial Theatre exquisite portrait calendars of Madame Olga Petrova, the noted Russian actress, will be given to patrons. These are 9x7 inches, exactly colored as in the original oil painting from which they were copied and bear the twelve months of the year. No advertisement matter mars the souvenir which will be most acceptable for library, den or boarder. Madame Petrova, will this afternoon and evening be seen for the last times in the superb allegorical society drama "The Heart of a Painted Woman."

N. B. Pastor Receives Call.

Rev. A. L. Tedford of Norwalk, Conn., has accepted a call to the United Baptist church of Liverpool, N. S. He is a native of Oldstream, N. S.

WILL ATTEMPT TODAY TO GET MATATUA FREE

Effort to Raise Big Steamer from Bottom Expected This Afternoon—Pumps Placed Yesterday.

All day yesterday a large gang of men were employed on board the sunken steamship Matatua lying on bottom off Number three berth, Sand Point. Large pumps were installed in numbers one, two and four hatches, while a fourth one was being placed in number five hatch. A couple of the pumps were given a test at three o'clock yesterday afternoon, when it was low tide, and were found to work satisfactorily. Other pumps will be put in during low tide today, and it is possible that an attempt to clear the ship of water will be made this afternoon. It will be dead low water at 3.52 o'clock.

The ship's life boats were swung over the side yesterday morning and were loaded with the ventilators and other moveable things from the deck. The officers and members of the crew were at work about the deck, getting everything in readiness so, should the ship be floated, that steam can be raised to run the winches for the purpose of discharging the damaged cargo.

Those in charge of the work yesterday would not say anything regarding the prospects of floating the ship, but there is no doubt that if everything is ready at low tide this afternoon, and the half dozen pumps will be enabled to clear the ship of sufficient water, it is believed she will float. Some persons on the dock, however, were heard to remark yesterday that they did not believe a half dozen pumps would clear enough water from the holds during the short space between low water and flood tide to lift the ship off the muddy bottom where she is steadily embedding herself owing to the great weight. It was suggested by some that if one of the powerful suction dredges were employed it would be a great help. At low water yesterday afternoon the broken port holes, through which the tide ebbes and flows, were repaired, so that there will be no leakage from these points.

A number of tugs have been engaged to stand by and furnish steam for the working of the engines which drive the pumps.

Henry Black, representing the underwriters in New York, arrived in the city yesterday forenoon, and with Ernest M. Froude of Montreal, general manager of the Canadian branch of the New Zealand Shipping Company, visited the wreck, but they had nothing to say for publication.

When the steamship is floated she will be towed over to the McLeod wharf on the eastern side of the harbor where the cargo will be discharged. It is not believed that the hull is damaged, but the fire is thought to have sprung the deck plates and beams.

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HIGH PRAISE GIVEN TO CAPT. FAIRWEATHER

What the Halifax Mail Says of the Way the Men of the 64th Fought Waterfront Fire.

In an article on the one hundred thousand dollar fire which destroyed Pier 2 in Halifax early Tuesday morning the following taken from the Halifax Mail speaks in the highest terms of the manner in which the officers and men of the 64th Battalion acted when the alarm was given and also that the work of Captain Frank Fairweather of St. John in training his men in practical fire drill, worked to excellent advantage. The article regarding the 64th, who were quartered near the burning pier, follows:

Major G. L. Mott, of the 64th Battalion, was the captain of the day, and Lieutenant H. Montgomery Campbell, subaltern in charge of the day at the pier.

The bugle sounded the alarm at 3.30, and at 3.35 all the men were under arms and ready to march out of the building. At 3.45 all were paraded in marching order with even their bedding ready to be moved. The company orderly sergeants had the stores and papers ready to move inside of twelve minutes from the time the alarm had sounded.

D Company comprised the fire picket and every man was at his appointed place in a few minutes.

Lieutenant-Colonel H. Montgomery Campbell was on the scene in a short space of time and took over command. He had volunteers from the battalion shift a quantity of hay, which was downstairs in the pier, to a place of safety, and to help move cars which were in the danger zone.

Major Mott was loud in his praise of the men. "When the lights went out," he said, "everything was as quiet as on church parade. This, I believe, is due in a large measure to the work of Captain Fairweather, who has on several occasions trained the men in practical fire drill methods."

Major Mott was emphatic in his statement that a fire boat was needed. He gave the firemen every credit for the fine work they had done, but said the need of a fireboat was never more clearly demonstrated than when the land engines were unable to reach the water level with their suction nozzles.

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Around the City

Will Speak in Fairville.

Captain Rev. Dr. G. M. Campbell will be the chief speaker at the recruiting meeting to be held tonight in the Temperance Hall on Main street, Fairville.

Lecture on Western Canada.

Last night in the East St. John Mission Rev. W. W. Malcolm delivered the "Bibleman's" lecture on British Columbia and Alberta. About seventy slides were used and the large audience present thoroughly enjoyed themselves.

Supplying Liquor to Soldier.

Three drunks were gathered in by the police last night. Two of the number are George Cusick, a soldier, and a civilian by the name of Graham. In addition to the charge of drunkenness Graham is charged with supplying liquor to Cusick, a soldier in uniform.

The King's Horse.

The valuable horse Amner, shipped to Canada for breeding purposes, by His Majesty King George, will arrive in Toronto today. The shipment of the horse from St. John to Toronto was not handled by the Dominion Express Company, as stated yesterday, but the animal was looked after by the Canadian Express Company.

Evangelist Greenwood Coming.

Evangelist Lawrence Greenwood who has been addressing meetings in Massachusetts, will come to the Maritime Provinces in about ten days. He will be in Halifax March 26 to address 5,000 soldiers in the barracks, and later may come to St. John, Moncton, Fredericton, Amherst and elsewhere, where the khaki-clad boys are in quarters.

The River Steamers.

The owners of the river steamers are grooming them up, although it is not definitely settled as yet just what boats will run this summer. Subsidies are being asked for the Fredericton-St. John route, and for the Hampton-St. John route. One report says that the Hampton will not be on the Fredericton-Gagetown route this year. Capt. Flowers will take the place of Capt. Whison on the steamer Champlain which runs to Belleisle.

More Smuggling.

Despite the active efforts of the United States officials on the New Brunswick-Maine boundary they have not been able to suppress the smuggling of various commodities from this province into their own country. Several arrests were made in February and early this month. This week United States Customs Inspector J. A. Tetro, stationed at Van Suren on the St. John River, caused the arrest of Felix Cormier, a Canadian, residing in that town. Cormier is accused of taking nearly half a ton of beef and a quantity of ale into Maine without going through the formality of paying duty.

BOUND TO GET INTO THE KING'S KHAKI

Frank Dwyer, Rejected as Unfit, Underwent Operation and Now Wears Uniform.

Unable to don the suit of freedom on account of some internal trouble, yet filled with that determination, which is a characteristic of the Anglo-Saxon race, Frank Dwyer's undaunted courage and tenacity of purpose directed him to the operating room of the General Hospital to undergo an operation in order that he might help to uphold the traditions of the British Empire upon the blood-drenched fields of Flanders.

Yesterday afternoon, Frank Dwyer, the only son of Mr. and Mrs. J. Dwyer, 74 Wall street, after spending one month in the hospital, presented himself before the recruiting sergeant of the 115th Battalion, when he passed the medical examination and today he is a member of Canada's army.