

AROUND THE CITY

MILD WITH SHOWERS

OUT OF COMMISSION. The big motor fire engine is out of commission for a few days, waiting for parts to make some necessary repairs.

AT THE ARMORIES.

The garrison artillery depot is now comfortably quartered at the Armories, having moved over from Partridge island yesterday.

RED SHIELD DRIVE.

In connection with the Red Shield drive, all employers lists not called for yesterday, will be solicited today. Two streets not canvassed yesterday, Sewall and Carleton, will be solicited today.

ARE AT THE ROYAL.

His Honor, the Lieutenant Governor, and Mrs. Pugsley, have taken apartments at the Royal Hotel, St. John, where they will remain until the opening of the Legislature, and will be in Fredericton during the session.

PAULTON ARRAIGNED.

Wm. Paulton, who was arrested here and taken to Halifax by Detective Kennedy was arraigned before Stipendiary Magistrate Wednesday charged with neglecting to provide necessaries for his wife, and was remanded for a week, giving bail. He is 30 years of age and belongs to P. E. Island. Bruce T. Graham is acting as counsel for the defendant.

THE FLEMING CASE.

The suit of the provincial government against J. K. Fleming for the recovery of \$100,000, goes to the supreme court on questions of law. The case came up again before Chief Justice McKewen yesterday morning with this result. Hon. W. P. Jones, K.C., and P. J. Hughes appear for the government, and J. B. M. Baxter, K.C., and B. Connell, K.C., for Mr. Fleming.

THE POLICE COURT.

William Webster, proprietor of a local dry goods establishment, was reported to the police recently by Chief Blake of the Fire Department for having refused to pay for his cellar. The case was to have been heard in the police court yesterday afternoon, but was set aside, until such time as the defendant is present. Two drunks appeared, paid the usual \$5 fine and proceeded onward.

THE PRIZE WINNERS.

The winners of the different prizes in the Dominion L.O.L. Fair last evening follow: Door prize, Bert Johnston; Shooting Gallery, John Boyle; Bowling Alley, R. McQuarrie; Excelsior Table, Gordon Smith; Gent's Bean Board, Commissioner John Thornton; Ladies' Bean Board, Miss Landry. The final prize draw will be held on Saturday evening at 10 o'clock.

A PAVING VENTURE.

Ernest Thompson, lumber inspector arrived from New York yesterday to superintend the loading of the barkentine T. H. Macdonald. The Macdonald will take aboard about 120 thousand feet of deals and cut lumber for Montevideo and River Plate points, and at the current rate of \$65 a thousand, should make quite a paying venture out of the trip. On the return if she is not sold to South African parties, she will bring a return cargo, which with her outward trip will fully pay for the initial cost of the vessel.

THURSDAY NIGHT SOCIAL.

There was a large attendance at the regular Thursday evening social at St. David's Church last evening, when among those present were about 125 soldiers. Sergt. Major Ellins presided, and a number of the original 25th heroes were in the party and they were given a grand reception. The programme included a solo by Miss Johnston, and readings by Miss Toed, Miss Beveridge, Miss Verta Roberts and Mrs. Hunter. Refreshments were served and a happy sing song followed. The gathering closed with the singing of the National Anthem.

NOW MAJOR FLEWELLING.

Ward has been received from Scotland and that Captain G. H. Flewelling of Perry's Point, N. B., has received a promotion to Major. He enlisted and went overseas with Major Jones as Lieut. No. 2 Forestry Coy. in May, 1917, was in England three weeks at the base, was sent from there in command of a company to Scotland, and in March, 1918, was promoted to Captain, has been O.C. of a Forestry Coy. in Airemore, Scotland, since that time. His many friends will be pleased to hear of his recent promotion, which he received in November, 1918.

ENGAGEMENT ANNOUNCED.

Mr. and Mrs. George H. Maxwell, 183 Paradise Row, announce the engagement of their daughter, Marion C. Maxwell, nursing sister, No. 9 Canadian General Hospital, Shornice, to Captain Thomas Bruce Mc Brae, C.R.I.F., Perthshire, Scotland. Miss Maxwell is at present on the staff of No. 9 Canadian General Hospital, at Kimmel Park, Rhye, North Wales, and has been overseas for the past three years.

GIVEN A RECEPTION.

A party was held on Wednesday evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. James Gunn, 14 Meadow street, in honor of their son, Private Harry Gunn, who recently reached home after three years' service at the front. During the evening songs were given by the visiting young ladies and gentlemen, and a musical programme, with dancing was held. Near the close of the entertainment James Sloan, on behalf of the young visitors presented Pte. Gunn with a nice present as a mark of the esteem of his friends. Private Gunn, in short metre, thanked his friends for their kindness and their remembrance of him. The party broke up near the midnight hour, each wishing Private Gunn the best of success in his return to civil life again.

Borden's Heintzer Condensed Coffee is perfect coffee for the adult. Borden's Condensed Cocoa is rich and ready for the children, as well as for the afternoon tea.

SOLDIERS GRANTED HARVEST LEAVE LIABLE TO ARREST

About Three Hundred in District 7 Who Have Not Reported for Release—Now Classed as Deserters.

Mention is made in local military headquarters of the negligence of many of those coming under the Military Service Act, who were given harvest leave, with the proviso that they hold themselves in readiness for any call, by phone, telegram, or post, for immediate return to duty.

The men so granted harvest leave, later had their leave extended through the action of the government, and at the time of the signing of the armistice, notice came shortly afterwards from Ottawa, to the effect that men on harvest leave having grounds for exemption, would be released from the service by simply signing articles with the military authorities of their respective military districts, stating their grounds for exemption, and allowing permission to the military authorities to arrange their "affaires militaires" previous to their being allowed release from further service. Two ways were left open for such men on leave to be granted release, namely by filling out the proper forms, which could be dealt with through the proper channels, and secondly by appearing before the O. C. of their respective districts applying for immediate release, stipulating at the same time their grounds for such release.

It is now reported that many of those out on such leave at the time of the signing of the armistice, did not even take the precautions in either channel for release, and in so acting have left themselves liable for punishment by the militia. In military district 7, it is reported that fully three hundred men have not reported for release, and Ottawa is to take immediate steps within twenty-one days, in an effort to round up such military violators. These men are classed in the same category as deserters or defaulters, and are in consequence liable to arrest within twenty-two days. Such men, who are in this category, it is strongly hinted, should at once make the arrangements for release, through the mediums of writing to the officers, commanding their respective districts, or at once presenting themselves at headquarters.

STEAMSHIP WITH A GREAT RECORD

Empress of Britain During War Covered 180,000 Miles—Transported 120,000 Troops—Chief Engineer Decorated by King.

After an absence of six years, the Empress of Britain, one of the finest ships afloat, now attached to the British Admiralty, entered this port yesterday from Halifax to take on passengers and cargo for a British port. The Empress of Britain is a sister ship to the ill-fated Empress of Ireland, which went down in the St. Lawrence river several years ago, with a large loss of life.

For the first seven months of the present war the Empress of Britain was an armored cruiser with a battery of six 4.7 guns under the command of Chief Officer F. H. Moore, and cruised the South Atlantic with Admiral Sturdee's squadron. Sturdee was the man who chased the German ships at the famous Falkland Island fight, and who had command of the H.M.S. Drake, when it brought Prince Louis of Battenberg here in 1906.

The Empress of Britain has covered since 1914, over 180,000 miles of sea and has transported over 120,000 troops overseas. As a troopship she took thousands of Australians and Imperial soldiers to Gallipoli, and upon the evacuation of that point transported many to Egypt. The Suez Canal being closed, she made a 15 months' trip around the Cape of Good Hope, with troops for German East Africa and Mesopotamia, stopping at Cape Town, Durban, and Bombay. It was during one of the trips from Canada, with 5,000 troops aboard, that a German submarine launched two torpedoes, one of which, due to a lucky zig-zag, missed the bow by three feet, and the other passed twelve feet astern. The Empress has encountered at least a dozen attacks from U-boats, but is none the worse for the experience.

Capt. George S. Webster, R.N.R., has made nearly 40 trips across the Atlantic since the outbreak of the war. Arthur Edward Philip, or "Pop," as he is more affectionately known, is chief engineer of the ship, and also senior chief engineer of the C.P.O.S. He has been on the vessel throughout the war, never missed a trip, being decorated by King George personally for his services. Besides being decorated with the Order of the British Empire, he wears the South African war medal, the Ashanti medal, and the Benin medal. His record covers transport service in four Imperial wars.

1,000 YARDS OF NEW DRESS WEAVES, REGULAR UP TO \$150 VALUES, FRIDAY AND SATURDAY SPECIAL 95c. PER YARD.

This collection is a good criterion of the sweeping reductions now in Dykeman's Dress Goods section. Dozens of the fine weaves wanted for Spring employments as well as those that can be used right now, replicated to show really amazing savings. This complete range includes such smart Dress Fabrics as Crepe Poplin, Corded Poplin and Ottoman Cord, 36 inches wide, and come in a host of fashionable new weaves, such as Pongee, Navy, Reindeer, Tan, Burgundy, Grey and Black. This line is completely new and fresh, and offers a substantial saving on Friday and Saturday. DYKEMAN'S.

EIGHT THOUSAND IS STILL NEEDED

Two More Days for Public to Bring in Donations to Make Salvation Army Drive up to its Quota of \$25,000.

Will the St. John public, for the sake of \$8,000, see the Salvation Army fall down in its attempt to help the returning fighting men? This is the first appeal the Salvation Army has made to the public. It is the first patriotic appeal since the signing of the armistice, and the appeal is entirely, wholly and solely in the interests of the returning war veterans, not one cent of the present fund will be spent for any other purpose but to help the boys help themselves.

St. John has answered the appeal, many have responded generously but there are also many who were not "home" when the collectors called yesterday; many who could give largely failed to respond, with the result that the Rotarians and other workers face the second last day of the drive this morning with a deficit of \$8,000 staring them in the face. And that \$8,000 must be secured today and tomorrow to reach the quota of \$25,000.

St. John is the only district so far, according to the reports given out last night, that has not reached, let alone passed, its objective. Several districts have gone magnificently over the top and will almost increase their objectives fifty per cent. It is a noticeable fact that only two other sister organizations have come to the help of the Red Shield workers; the Royal Standard Chapter, I. O. D. E., which has contributed \$100 towards the fund, and the Y. W. P. A., which has donated a similar amount.

The Salvation Army has been indefatigable since the outbreak of the war in its work for the boys in khaki. It has donated a similar amount, without charge, without reward, and now it is up to the friends of soldiers and the relatives of veterans to say whether that good work shall go on or not. Today and tomorrow are the last days for the verdict. And \$8,000 is not a small amount for the City of St. John to raise.

WEST SIDE HOSTEL IS NOW COMPLETED

Salvation Army Have Comfortable Place Ready for Women and Children Arriving from Overseas and Needing Assistance.

To meet a need which has been very apparent since soldiers' dependents have begun to arrive, the Salvation Army is completing in the West Side today a hostel for women and children, to be used as a temporary home while awaiting the departure of their train.

Many of the women experience sea sickness on the voyage and also have the charge of children, who also in their turn are sick and need rest after the long voyage, practically none are well provided with money or the wherewithal to meet heavy hotel bills, and as quite a number are from Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island points, which are not touched by trains departing after the usual arrival of the transports, the need of such a hostel is apparent. The barracks are fitted up with 20 comfortable beds, rest room, parlor and up-to-date sanitary arrangements, and will be in operation on the arrival of the next transport, which is the Minnedosa, expected next Wednesday.

THE AQUITANA HAS BIG LIST

Cunard Liner is on the Way to Halifax With Over 5,000 Canadian Soldiers—Over 200 for St. John.

With over five thousand Canadian returning soldiers on board the Cunard liner Aquitana sailed from Liverpool on Sunday for Halifax, dancing the following are the men for each military district:

Kingston	Officers.	Cadets.	Other.
Kingston	16	16	320
Toronto	40	28	1280
Kingston	12	6	353
Montreal	10	31	565
Quebec	2	2	35
Halifax	9	21	490
St. John	3	1	204
Winnipeg	9	22	403
Brit. Columbia	15	14	531
Alberta	5	13	444
Saskatchewan	6	23	329

There are also 53 civilians on board, the families of returning officers.

"WITHIN THE LAW"

Just to remind you that SATURDAY January 26th, is your last opportunity to secure advanced tickets for the drama, "WITHIN THE LAW." This production will be presented at the OPERA HOUSE under the auspices of the Irish Literary and Benevolent Society on January thirtieth, MATINEE and EVENING. Seat sale starts Monday, January 27th inst. at Box Office, Opera House. This drama is undoubtedly one of the best and heaviest undertakings ever attempted by amateurs in the city, but the history of our past performances is our best guarantee for the success of this play.

The new change of vaudeville programme opening at the Opera House tonight offers Allen and Moore in a lively comedy skit with songs, dances and music; Nixon and Morris, the musical marionettes; Floretta, physical culturist; Thompson and Barry in "Patent Applied For"; Willie Fields, comedy singer and story teller; and the tenth chapter of the serial, "The Woman in the Web." This evening at 7.30 and 9. Two shows tomorrow afternoon, at 2 and 3.30. Popular prices.

MELITA DOCKED LAST EVENING

Dominion Immigration Will Clear the Ship This Morning—Returned Heroes Not Allowed to Disembark.

If any enterprising author ever desires to compile a booklet on misinformation, he could very well start with the present arrangement of announcing the arrival of transports at St. John. Yesterday the C. P. O. S. Melita was due, with naval ratings and civilians out of Boston from Liverpool. The ship was announced to arrive at three o'clock, four o'clock and then five o'clock. At five-thirty it was stated officially that she would wait for the next tide and not come in until morning. Later this statement was contradicted and it was said she would come in some time in the early morning. The immigration and migration officials stated that the ship would not put in until eight o'clock this morning, and Mr. Lantlaim, the agent for the returned heroes, came in last night, docked at seven-thirty last night.

The Melita, under command of Captain A. R. Perry, left Brest, France, on Monday, January 15th, with nearly a thousand American troops, nurses and others. She entered Boston harbor Wednesday afternoon, where she was given a riotous welcome, being the third transport to enter that harbor with returning war veterans on board. Following debarcation of the "dough-boys" the vessel proceeded to this port with 104 naval ratings and over 80 civilians. Owing to the fog yesterday she laid in the bay for quite a while. The Empress of Britain, which came up later, passed her in the bay and came right in, docking at 4.45 p.m.

The gang plank was run up to the Melita at 7.30 last night, but as the immigration agent did not appear, no one was allowed on board. Mr. Lantlaim sent a phone message to the C. P. O. S. officials to the effect that he would not visit the boat until this morning, probably at 8.30. Various representatives of the welcoming committees were on hand, including the Salvation Army, Y. M. C. A. and the Y. W. C. A. These, with the other pass-holders, were not allowed on board, and when the men came half-way down the gang-plank to receive the fruit, cigarettes and other comforts, brought to them, they were sent back by a ship's officer.

Of the 101 naval men on board, many of whom have been on ships which have encountered the German pirate, fully 50 are for Newfoundland. If the ship had been passed by the immigration authorities on arrival, these men could have proceeded to their homes last night, but as it is they will have been delayed at this port for over thirteen hours.

K. OF C. OFFICERS WERE INSTALLED

The officers of the local branch of the Knights of Columbus who were elected last October, but who were not installed into their respective offices, have since acting were installed last evening by District Deputy B. A. Bourgeois, of Moncton, N.B. The postponement of the installation of the officers for this year was caused by the outbreak of the influenza, and to other quite unavoidable circumstances. After the official duties of installing the new officers, the officers and their wives, and other guests, were entertained at a social evening in honor of the guests of the evening, District Deputy Bourgeois.

TO THE PEOPLE OF NEW BRUNSWICK

Attention of Public Called to Matter of National Wedding—Gift to Her Royal Highness Princess Patricia.

"Lady Borden, wife of the Prime Minister of Canada, has asked me, the Lieutenant-Governor throughout the Dominion, to bring to the attention of the public the matter of a national wedding gift to Her Royal Highness, the Princess Patricia of Connaught, upon the occasion of her marriage to Commander Ramsey, R.N., which is to take place on the 27th of February.

"During the period of the residence in Canada of His Royal Highness, the Duke of Connaught, as Governor-General, and his family greatly endeared themselves to our people, and it would seem fitting that the people of New Brunswick should join with those of the other provinces in the offering of a wedding gift to Her Royal Highness, Princess Patricia, as a testimonial of their appreciation and regard.

"It is desired that the fund should be made up of contributions from all who may wish to take part, in sums from the smallest up, so that the participation may be as widespread as possible.

"I shall be glad if the presidents of the various societies throughout the province will kindly take an active interest in the movement, and secure contributions from their respective localities, and I shall be pleased also to receive from them suggestions as to the form which the national wedding gift shall take, as this is only to be decided after the women from the various provinces have expressed their views.

"R. S. Barker, Frederickton, Secretary to the Lieutenant-Governor, who act as Provincial Treasurer of the fund, and the amount collected will be sent to the General Treasurer, with the names of the contributors (but not the amounts given by individual subscribers), to be forwarded to the Princess with the wedding gift. "The fund will close on February the fifteenth. "Yours very truly, "GENTRUDE PUGSLEY." St. John, N.B. January Twenty-third.

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