

THE WEATHER.
Shifting — Moderate winds,
mostly fair and moderately warm
with local showers.

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NEW BRUNSWICK, CANADA.

OPERA HOUSE
TODAY—AFTERNOON 2 and 4
EVENING 7.30 and 9
MARY PICKFORD IN THE
FOUNDLING.

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TURKS IN RETREAT BEFORE THE CZAR'S ARMY IN THE DIRECTION OF BAGDAD

SOME PERTINENT QUESTIONS FOR THE CONSIDERATION OF MORRISSY, CARTER AND CO.

The Ex-Minister of Public Works' Communications and a Few Points in Reply—The Moncton Bridge Contract—Much that Mr. Morrissey Should Explain—That Alleged Advice from Premier Clarke to Secretary Blair—The Teed Report and Matters Connected Therewith.

The various communications to the press by John Morrissey as his explanation to the people of this province of the causes leading up to the severance of his connection with the Provincial Government, are documents which, under ordinary circumstances, would call for little notice; but inasmuch as they emanate from one who has for some years occupied the position of one of the confidential advisers of the Crown, and deal with matters which came under his ken while acting as such adviser, some little importance may be attached to them, which under any other conditions would be altogether lacking.

The "explanation" comes in the nature of a reply to the letter requesting his resignation addressed to Mr. Morrissey by Premier Clarke, which letter Mr. Morrissey handed to the representatives of the provincial opposition and their press organs within a few moments of its receipt by him. It is well known that Mr. Morrissey's peculiar temperament does not lend itself to an observance of those rules of propriety which are ordinarily followed by public men in the conduct of public business or of the code of ethics which gentlemen are wont to observe in their dealings with one another; but in publishing the Premier's letter, he did something that any honorable man would have hesitated to do. The letter may not have been specially marked "private," but there are many things that a proper sense of decency and propriety prompts a man to regard as private even though they may not be publicly labelled as such.

MORRISSY'S FIRST COMPLAINT.
Mr. Morrissey avers that at the time he accepted office in Premier Clarke's cabinet he intimated that, as a condition to continuing as a member of the government under the new Premier, a Royal Commission would be appointed to examine into the affairs of the Department of Public Works, so as to give opportunity for proof to those who had been circulating accusations of graft and dishonesty against him, a Minister of the government which they supported. Almost the first act of Premier Clarke after coming into office was to appoint W. B. Chandler, K. C., as a Royal Commissioner to make an investigation into the working of the Public Works and other departments of the government, at which investigation "any charges that might be preferred against any of the officials, great or small, could be inquired into."

Mr. Morrissey's communications seem to indicate that he was piqued because the inquiry was to extend to the working of all the departments instead of being as he apparently desired it should be, confined to his own, for he complains that, "instead of the appointment of a Royal Commissioner being credited to my demand, you and the Attorney General on the floor of the House at the first session of 1915, announced it as the intention of the government to hold an investigation into all departments and to find out any wrongdoing and who was responsible for it."

Mr. Morrissey has no ground for complaint, for the inquiry developed into little else than an investigation into his own department, with a result which showed such a lack of supervision on the part of the Minister and his deputy, as to entirely negative the Minister's contention that everything in his department would successfully stand enquiry. If Mr. Morrissey knew, as he should have known, of the irregularities which the Chandler report revealed in connection with his department, he took great care to conceal the facts from the other members of the government.

THE MONCTON BRIDGE.
Mr. Morrissey is unfortunate again in his reference to the contract for the construction of the bridge over the Petitcodiac at Moncton, which he on his own responsibility, awarded to The Foundations Company, Limited, of Montreal, whose tender was the highest of the three tenders submitted for it. When this act came to the knowledge of the members of the government, Mr. Morrissey was not unreasonably asked for an explanation, and his inability, or unwillingness, to give one that was satisfactory led to the whole matter being re-opened.

THE PLAIN FACTS.
The facts are as follows: Tenders for the bridge were received on or about the 31st of March, 1915. They provided for the construction of the piers by the open dredge and the pneumatic process, and offers under each system were received. Pneumatic Process. Open dredge Process.

The Foundations Company Limited	\$219,500.00
(Modified)	
Galbraith & Co., Limited	212,292.50
Engineers & Contractors, Limited, Granville	\$199,825.00
Perry	(1) \$180,000.00
	(2) 197,000.00
John W. McManus & Co., Ltd.	161,000.00

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MEMORIAL SERVICE FOR CHARLOTTE CO. MEN WHO DIED IN BATTLE
Special to The Standard.
St. Stephen, May 7.—An impressive memorial service was held by the local court of independent Foresters for the late Private Walter Bateman, a member of the court, in the Methodist church this afternoon. It was also made the occasion of a general memorial service for the other thirteen men from Charlotte County who have given their lives for king and country, members of the families of several of them attending. The Foresters, headed by the Calais City Band, marched to the church where addresses were made by the pastor and Judge Cockburn, one of the high court officers.

I.C.R. TRAIN LEAVES RAILS, ONE CAR BURNS

Five Coaches on Saturday Night's Maritime Express Jump Tracks Near Gloucester Junction—St. John Men Aboard—Passengers Unhurt.

Special to The Standard.
Moncton, May 7.—Saturday night's maritime express, northbound, left the rails about 2:30 Sunday morning between Red Pine and Gloucester Junction. The express car was burned, but so far as known nobody was injured. Two St. John men were on the wrecked train but word has been received that they are all right.

Matthew Tennant Dies at Fredericton; Was the City's Auditor
Special to The Standard.
Fredericton, May 7.—Matthew Tennant, city auditor, died at his home in this city shortly after four o'clock Saturday afternoon. The deceased was aged sixty-nine years, and is survived by a widow and four children—two sons and two daughters. The funeral will take place Monday afternoon under Masonic auspices. Service will be held at the home beginning at 2:45.

FOUR RECRUITS AT GRAND FALLS
Successful Rally Held There Saturday Night—115th Band and Officers Given a Splendid Welcome.
Special to The Standard.
Grand Falls, May 7.—The 115th Battalion Band was given a rousing reception on its arrival here on Saturday afternoon. Crowds were at the station and several prominent citizens with automobiles joined in the procession through town to the Courtes Hotel and the public buildings and many private houses were decorated with flags and a motto "King and Country" was hung across Broadway for the band to pass under. The men in khaki are being entertained by the people of the town.

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ZEPPELIN GIVEN DEATH BLOW BY BRITISH "SUB"

The L-7 Badly Crippled by Cruisers, but Destruction Completed by a Submarine Which Rescued 7 of Crew.

London, May 6.—It was the Zeppelin "L-7" which was destroyed by the British off the German coast. The destruction of the Zeppelin was completed by a British warship. The submarine rescued seven men of the Zeppelin crew all the members of which were reported in an earlier statement to have been lost.

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ITALIAN AIRMEN BOMBARD ALBANIAN SEAPORT OF DURRAZO
Enemy Driven from Serinalkerind at Bayonet's Point With Heavy Losses, Retire in Disorder—Belgian Forces in Action on Border of German East Africa Capture German Positions—British Lose Two Naval Aeroplanes.
Petrograd, May 6, via London, 10.15.—In the direction of Bagdad, our troops attacked the Turks with the bayonet and dislodged them from their position in the neighborhood of the village of Serinalkerind. We occupied the camp of tents and other material. It has now been established that by the occupation of Trebizond we captured eight mounted coast guns, fourteen six-inch guns, one field gun, a thousand rifles, fifty-three caissons and other important booty.

HUNS GAIN FOOTING AGAINST FRENCH ON BOTH SIDES OF MEUSE

ENTER COMMUNICATING TRENCHES EAST OF HILL 304, WIN 1-3 MILE OF GROUND BETWEEN HOUDREMONT WOOD AND FT. DOUAUMONT—GEN. PATAIN BECOMES COMMANDER IN CHIEF OF CENTRAL FORCES ON SOISSONS-VERDUN FRONT.

Paris, May 7.—General Robert George Nivelle has been appointed to direct the local operations at Verdun. He will succeed General Henry Philippe Pétain, who has been promoted to commandant in chief of the group of central armies in the sector between Soissons and Verdun.

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