

The Man In The Street

With the estimates cut, will he be able to have sand on the icy streets?

There are residents of certain parts of the city who point with pride to their streets because a sand-man once visited them.

Latest Definition.

An Optimist is a fellow who can stand at the foot of King street on a night like Monday last, waiting for a car, without using "cuss" words, after three have passed him bound northward, not stopping because they are already loaded; smile happily in the knowledge that his rubber boots don't leak, and cheerfully try to convince himself that some wet, stormy day the company will have enough cars on the service at the rush hours.

This definition may not be found in Webster's, but you get the point, do you not?

In the parlance of shoe clerks, Germany's fleet in Sunday's battle got a "Blucher cut!"

Perhaps She Had.

The devotee of curling, directed a letter to his stenographer, addressing to a personal friend, said: "I was eliminated Kaiser to 'beat the Dutch'."

last week in a contest we had." When the curler got the letter back he read "illuminate," instead, and then he wondered whether she had seen him or not.

Rockefeller's gifts to the world total \$200,000,000, his son said yesterday in New York. "Save the coppers," he said, when he put an extra cent on a gallon of oil.

The German soldiers today can't think of the future—it's the Kaiser's birthday, and they must think of the present.

We're glad the birthday happened to be today, otherwise we might not have been able to get that one off.

The new police chief seems inclined to take the punch out of punch-boards.

Latest street car sign reads: "No standing in the vestibules," so that when the crowd fills the inside, the roof still remains to those who really have to ride.

Why should Sir Edward Grey trouble to tell that the German Chancellor was lying? Every one takes it for granted.

Hollenders are ready to fight if necessary. And it will take more than the Kaiser to "beat the Dutch."

PREMIER EXPECTS TO BE ABLE TO TAKE UP DUTIES NEXT WEEK

Illness of Hon. Mr. Clarke Not Serious—Banquets Postponed

Although it has been reported that his physician had ordered Hon. George J. Clarke to take a complete rest, it was said this morning, in reply to a long distance telephone inquiry, that his indisposition is not serious, and that he expects to be able to leave the house next week.

The premier's illness at this particular time attracted more attention than it might otherwise, owing to the fact that it made it necessary to cancel the arrangements for banquets which were to have been given in his honor by the members of his party in St. Andrews and St. John. Mrs. Clarke said this morning that her husband's condition was greatly improved and that he expected to be able to take up his duties again next week.

DIED TODAY

After a very brief illness, the death of Miss Mary A. Alexander occurred at her home, 100 Mecklenburg street, today. She leaves two sisters, Mrs. Albert MacKinnon and Mrs. John Cummings, of this city to mourn. The funeral will be held from her late residence on Friday afternoon at half-past two o'clock; service at a quarter past two.

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MRS. J. WILLARD SMITH IS NEW PRESIDENT

Annual Meeting of Ladies' Auxiliary of Y.M.C.A. Hears Reports of Successful Year

The annual meeting of the Ladies' Auxiliary of the Y. M. C. A. was held yesterday afternoon in the parlors of the association building, with Mrs. T. H. Somerville, the president, in the chair.

In giving a review of the work for the year, Mrs. Somerville said that this was the 25th anniversary of the organization and it was suggested that in the near future a reception would be held for all the past presidents, all of whom are still alive. Five live in the city; one is in the west and one in Hampton. Mrs. Somerville said that the auxiliary had great reason for encouragement in the year of excellent service rendered to the Y. M. C. A. and she enthusiastically spoke words of appreciation of the faithful work of all the members. The membership records, she said, showed an active working membership of forty, and an associate membership of thirty-five bringing the total membership of the organization to seventy-five.

The secretary, Mrs. Harold Cilmo, in her report referred to the definite things that the auxiliary had accomplished during the year. The most important were the improved lighting system in the gymnasium, paying the cost of improving the heating system, repairing and furnishing in the kitchen equipment; a substantial donation to the Red Cross Society; taking care of Bible Class teas, special receptions and membership banquets.

FAIRVILLE NEWS

An excellent lecture was delivered before the Fairville Brotherhood last evening by W. F. Burditt of St. John on "Town Planning." Illustrations were shown by an electric lantern under the manipulation of Rev. W. H. Barracough of Centenary church.

Mr. Burditt explained the proper way to lay out streets and recreation and education in the Baptist gymnasium last night's game was between Teams Nos. 2 and 3. Victory perched on the banner of No. 3, ten points. The following played: No. 2—Roy Knorr, captain; Harold Linton, Jordan Arbo, Ernest Arbo, G. Chamberlain.

No. 3—Percy Kerrigan, captain; Geo. Keirstead, Gen. Boyd, Fred Cheesman, Guy Fox, I. Carr. The schedule of the season's games: Jan. 19—One vs. Three. Jan. 26—Two vs. Three. Feb. 2—Three vs. One. Feb. 9—Two vs. Three. Feb. 16—Three vs. One. Feb. 21—One vs. Two. March 2—Three vs. One. March 9—Two vs. Three. In the Boy's League in the Monday afternoon game the Eagles (Captain John Linton), won over the Ems (Captain Alie Reid), 6 to 4. The second game was taken by the Bears (Captain Leonard Reid), from the Beavers (Captain Eddie Cameron), 2 to 0.

SUGGESTS CENSUS TO LOCATE VOLUNTEERS

N. W. Rowell Wants List of Canadians Willing to Fight—Says We Should Send 300,000 Men

Hamilton, Ont., Jan. 27.—That a census might be taken of those men who for various reasons are not free to go with any of the contingents being mobilized in Canada at present, but who, at some time during the war, if conditions require their service, are ready to enlist, was a suggestion made by N. W. Rowell, at a meeting of the South Wentworth Liberal Association here. Mr. Rowell said that this course was being followed in England, and that a similar plan here if successful, as he felt it would be, would prove a source of great encouragement, not only to this country, but to Great Britain and the allies.

Mr. Rowell emphasized the seriousness of the situation facing the British Empire and although he was confident that ultimate success would crown the efforts of the allies, yet the task would tax all our resources. Great Britain was raising an army of 2,000,000 men. He thought Canada should be prepared to do as much in proportion to population. That would mean Canadian contingents totalling 800,000 men. PLE SOCIAL AND CONCERT. Success attended a pie social and concert held in the Sons of Temperance hall, St. James street, by Excelsior Division, No. 466, last evening. The programme included readings by L. DeWolfe and Miss Nellie Muller; vocal solos by Mrs. E. B. Sprague and Miss Bertha Campbell, vocal duet by Mrs. and Miss Sprague; piano solo by Miss Kierstead, recitation by L. DeWolfe and Mrs. E. B. Sprague. Commissioner C. R. Wiemore gave an address which was heartily received. After this the commissioner acted as auctioneer.

STORY OF STERN'S FINANCING TOLD

Evidence in Police Court By Citizens Whom He Called Upon

The preliminary hearing in the case against Irvine Stern, charged with passing forged notes, was continued in the police court this morning. Alexander Taylor, of Taylor Bros., King Square, said that on Jan. 15 Stern called him up on the telephone and introduced himself as a friend of his brother, and later called at his place of business. Taylor called a version in which Stern said that he was an intimate friend of his brother and told Mr. Taylor that he was a representative of a Boston firm and had been doing considerable business in the city. He said he was unknown and wanted a check cashed and would like to know if Mr. Taylor would identify him. This, he said, he refused to do, whereupon Stern asked where his brother's wife resided.

Later Stern accompanied him to East St. John and there visited Mrs. Stern Taylor. The witness said that while he was going down Waterloo street on Sunday morning, N. J. Sliney asked him if he had given Stern a check for \$50. In consequence of the conversation he said he called up the manager of the Union street branch of the Bank of British North America and told him not to cash such a check. The check was produced in court and the witness said that, although it was signed Alexander Taylor, it was not his signature.

A local clergyman testified that on Sunday, January 17, Stern called him up on the telephone and told him that a friend of his wished to be remembered to him. The witness invited Stern to church and after the service had a lengthy conversation with him. Stern took a check from his pocket and asked him to cash it, saying that his check from the firm in Boston had not arrived. He said that the reason he did not cash the check on Saturday was that he received it too late for the banks. After making some inquiries the clergyman gave him \$5 on it as he considered the young man financially embarrassed. He was to ring up the next morning and get the check cashed and he was to get the check cashed and there was information that it was a forgery. He reported to the chief of police.

Mrs. Rupert Taylor testified that Stern called at her home in East St. John and told her that he was a great friend of her husband, and regretted that he was not in the city. He asked her to cash a check for \$50, but upon her refusal asked her to endorse it, which she did.

Mr. Taylor, who is a member of the Halifax militia, told the court that the prisoner was a stranger to him. Stern said that he considered he was not being treated fairly. He was an American citizen and should have the same treatment accorded the other prisoners in jail. He was still locked up in a dark room, which was a murderer's cell, and that his eyesight was being affected, also he was not receiving proper food. The magistrate again referred him to the sheriff.

THE FUNDS

C. B. Allan, treasurer of the Canadian Patriotic Fund, acknowledged contributions as follows: St. John Lodge, No. 2 F. & A. M., \$14.45; collected by Daniel Fisher at Grand Bay follows: David McPherson, Jr., \$5; A. Clark, \$5; F. L. Clark, \$2. Belgian Fund \$35.50.

The receipts for the Belgian relief fund for the past week are as follows: total of \$85,250.29. This is an excellent tribute to the generosity of the people of the province, as the money has been received without solicitation. Of the amount received, \$81,621.18 has been disbursed for the purchase of supplies, expenses in connection with goods forwarded, and in cash sent to the Belgian minister in London. The balance on hand, to be used either as a cash gift or for the purchase of additional supplies, is now \$3,629.11. Mayor Frink received \$9 additional this morning from a St. John lady for the fund.

ARMORED CARS MADE IN CANADA

Montreal, Jan. 26.—With the far-reaching effects of the present war a new industry is being started in Montreal, the manufacturing of armored motor cars, which will be used both for machine guns and sharpshooters. This work was started here as the result of enquiries for such cars from the Russian government, and negotiations are now under way with the authorities at Petrograd which are expected to lead to the making of from fifty to 100 of these motor Dreadnoughts for the Czar's army.

WAR NOTES

A despatch to Reuter's from Amsterdam says that the prohibition of the exportation of raw cotton has been temporarily abrogated. The French military police have arrested Francis Desclaux, an army paymaster, formerly chief secretary of M. Caillaux, minister of finance, on a charge of stealing military stores. A woman friend of Desclaux also was taken into custody.

PUBLIC UTILITIES

The monthly meeting of the New Brunswick Public Utilities Commission was held here this afternoon. Chairman G. O. D. Otty, president, and Commissioners A. B. Connell and Felix Michaud were the speakers. J. P. Robinson, were present. The meeting was very brief, as only routine business was dealt with. On February 3 there will be a public hearing in this city in connection with the application of the Woodstock Electric Light Company for permission to establish a minimum charge of seventy-five cents a month.

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