

Around the City

SHOWERY.

CONGRATULATIONS. Mr. and Mrs. William Hawker were being congratulated yesterday on the 5th anniversary of their wedding.

AN APPOINTMENT. Mr. Courtwright Ewing, pianist at the Imperial Theatre, has been appointed organist of Germain street Baptist church.

INSPECTOR INJURED. On Monday night while defending a bonded warehouse Sub-Inspector Garnett was struck on the side with a brick and is confined to his home on account of the injury received.

THE "KAISER". During the parade on Tuesday afternoon numerous pictures were taken of "Kaiser Bill" as he was led through the streets by the Veterans. Charlie Bangar at the Lyric Theatre would like to receive one of these pictures.

THE PROVINCIAL HOSPITAL. It will be necessary to keep the Provincial Hospital (Lancaster) closed to visitors until further notice. Inmates will be notified if any serious change occurs in the condition of patients.

TAKEN TO HOSPITAL. Yesterday morning while passing the McAvity plant Joseph Thompson and Alexander Sabhard were struck by an automobile and severely injured. They were taken to the General Public Hospital for attention.

Y. M. C. A. NOTES. The Y. M. C. A. will re-open today, and it is expected that the week-end all departments will be in full swing. The gymnasium classes start Saturday and the house bowling league will open its series next Tuesday.

THE COAL HANDLERS. The coal handlers will suspend work this afternoon and there will be a meeting of the union at 2:30 o'clock to discuss the wage schedule for the coming season. The men are asking for seventy-five cents an hour by day and eighty-five cents by night.

SOME NEEDED REPAIRS. The Y. M. C. A. has been making use of the time while the epidemic has been closed on account of the epidemic by getting needed repairs done to the building and apparatus. The interior of the building is also being painted. All the various departments of the Y. M. C. A. will be re-opened today and the building will come back again to its normal life of activity.

FINISHED CONFERENCES. Hon. John A. Sullivan, solicitor for the city in the N. B. Power Co. matter, leaves tonight for Boston, having finished his conferences with the engineers and accountants who have been engaged by the city in estimating the physical value of the company's property. The expert investigation was completed yesterday and it will be some time before the reports are ready.

STUDENTS' RETURN TICKETS. The C. P. R. district passenger agent has notified C. P. R. ticket agents throughout the province that teachers and students who bought return tickets on the closing of schools and colleges on account of the influenza epidemic, may on presentation of certificates certifying to their being such, exchange their return tickets for free return tickets.

ATTEMPT WAS FOILED. An attempt was made to force an entrance into the premises of the National Drug and Chemical Company on Monday night by a band of young men and boys. Precautions had been taken by the firm, who had guards placed on the premises. Cold steel, pushed in the faces of the law-breakers, somewhat dampened their ardor, and after a short discussion, in which some of the commandments were broken, the party went along to any other.

CAN. FAIRBANKS MORSE TANK. The British tank which appeared in Tuesday afternoon's parade and which was highly commended on, was the exhibit of the Canadian Fairbanks Morse Company on Prince William street and was designed by two of the company's employees, J. E. Cowan, Jr., manager of the auto accessory department, and Herman Thorne, one of the travellers. After taking part in the parade the tank was placed on the south side of the King Square in front of the Imperial Theatre where salesmen took advantage and from its top sold Victory Bonds.

TWO DIED SAME DAY. Mrs. Albert T. Stewart of 15 Hanover street, died at her home Tuesday from influenza. Mrs. Stewart was only ill four days. Besides her husband she leaves three small children, which are all down with the epidemic, and four sisters residing in Winnipeg. In the afternoon her sister-in-law, Miss Maria Stewart, passed away. She was a daughter of Mrs. Levica and the late W. H. Stewart. Besides her mother she leaves two brothers, Albert and William, and one sister, Mrs. T. W. Handman.

WERE BENT ON TROUBLE. Two men, bent on raising trouble, entered a local tobacconist's establishment about 7 o'clock last evening, and started an argument with the proprietor regarding prices of tobaccos, wholesale and retail. The argument led on to remarks which the proprietor resented, and a scrawl of but short duration ensued. In the end one of the trouble-makers found himself lying on the street, having been kicked out by the proprietor. The companion then started things, but fortunately help arrived on the scene and the other combatant was promptly kicked into the street.

THANKS FOR TRUCKS. To Fraser Gregory who so kindly loaned the camouflaged motor truck and to Messrs. W. H. Thorne and Co., and C. A. Estey for the use of trucks the Y. W. P. A. wish to express their thanks.

RETURNED SOLDIER AND THE SLACKER

Invalided Hero from France Stands With Store Proprietor Against Mob—What He Said to Slacker Leader.

An incident which happened on Tuesday night between a returned invalided soldier and a "slacker" is well worthy of note. A crowd of rough necks, which included a number of boys, and which had for a leader a "slacker" of about twenty-five years of age, made a raid on a prominent business house. The mob crowded into the store and immediately demanded articles free of charge. A returned soldier who has been discharged from the army as being physically unfit for any further service as the result of terrible wounds received in France, happened along, and the old spirit of war was within him, although he could not stand the hardships that he experienced in France. He entered the store and took a stand behind the counter with the proprietor of the establishment.

The returned man pleaded with the mob to leave, and told them they were not acting right, but such pleadings were all in vain. Finally the "slacker" mob leader, who is strong enough to shoulder a dozen rifles, approached the proprietor of the store and threatened to give him a beating. The returned soldier interfered, with the result that the leader called out the hero's name, saying: "Say — I can and will also beat you." The returned man replied: "You might be able to beat me now, for Fritz fixed me in such a way in France that I am left in such a condition that I can't fight any person, but there is one thing when I was in good physical condition I volunteered for service and went over to fight for my country and you, while you remained at home and did not want to fight some person while you have a crowd to help you." These remarks were taken to heart by the majority of the mob, and about the same time a couple of other returned soldiers appeared on the scene and took their stand alongside their brother hero. The mob were served with some articles and then took leave of the place to proceed further along the street. The proprietor of the store estimated the damage to the property of a foreigner. The leader of the riotous mob is said to be known, and it is certainly just this class of person who so disgraces the city that should be dealt with in such a severe manner that it would prove an object lesson to the other hoodlums who acted so disgracefully with him.

THE FIRE BUGS WERE AT WORK LAST NIGHT

Small Boys Suspected of Being Responsible for Setting Fire to Vassie Building About Eleven O'clock.

Firebugs were at work last night and as a result considerable damage by smoke and fire was done in the wholesale dry goods establishment of Vassie and Company, Ltd., 20 King street. It was about 11:15 o'clock when a brisk fire was discovered in the rear of the basement in the yard off Church street. A still alarm was sent to the King Street East fire station and the chemical and No. 2 hose responded. The fire was burning brightly in a pile of wooden crates that had been piled up against one of the windows. The fire had burned through the wooden window shutters, broken the glass and then spread along the walls and ceiling as well as catching to a number of cases that were piled to the top with table cloth.

On the arrival of the apparatus on the spot an alarm was sent in from box six and the firemen quickly arrived on the scene. They were just in time to prevent a very serious conflagration as the fire was getting its way through the ceiling to the floor above, but a stream from the chemical and one from a hydrant soon had the blaze under control. The entire building was filled with dense smoke and it took some time to clear after the Salvage Corps men opened all windows and doors. While the damage amounts to considerable it could not be very well estimated last night. The incendiary work is supposed to be the work of small boys as five of them were seen looting around the corner of Church and Prince William streets not more than a half hour before the fire was discovered. When asked by a citizen what they were doing out so late they quickly moved away.

POST OFFICE STAFF RECEIVE SURPRISE

Ross D. Woodrow, Who Was Superannuated Some Time Ago After Forty Years Service, Returns to Work.

The Post Office staff received quite a surprise yesterday when Ross D. Woodrow, who was superannuated some time ago, appeared and took up his old duties in the registration department. Some six and a half months ago Mr. Woodrow, who has been for over forty years in the Post Office service, was granted six months leave of absence with full pay, and given his superannuation, the superannuation to date from November 1st. Yesterday word was received from Ottawa that this superannuation had been cancelled, and Mr. Woodrow was to return to work, and he is now back at his old desk, as chief clerk in the registered letter office.

CITIZENS ASKED TO PAY FOR DAMAGE DONE BY HOODLUM GANG

Mill Street Shoe Shine Proprietor Wants \$1,300—Mayor Regrets Actions of Mob—What Citizen Says Regarding Protection.

The law-abiding citizens of St. John feel that the fair name of the Loyalist city has been disgraced by the actions of a crowd of young men and boys, who instead of celebrating the event of signing of the armistice the proper manner, went forth in gangs and destroyed property and injured peaceful citizens.

Mayor Hayes yesterday expressed his disgust for such hoodlums, who took advantage of conditions and travelled about in mobs striking terror to other citizens and his Worship greatly regretted that such actions occurred. The majority of citizens, he said, had enjoyed themselves thoroughly during the two days of celebration, but did not abandon the dictates of common sense, and it seems at too best that the riotous acts of the city should be marred by the lawlessness of a certain element. A citizen, speaking on the matter yesterday, said that it was all right for some people to talk about the lack of police protection, but there was no difference on Monday or Tuesday night as far as the gang of lawless persons were concerned that there was a few years ago during the time of the street car strike. Union men, he said, were not responsible for the acts of the mob on that or this occasion, but the police force a few years ago was just as helpless as was the squad of mounted soldiers who attempted to break up the mob, and when the Mayor of the city read the Riot Act he was jeered and insulting remarks were called out. Thousands of dollars' worth of damage was done at the time, and from all appearances the only way to break up such a gang as participated in these riots a few years ago, and this week, is to send a squad of armed soldiers at them.

The citizen is proper in his contention, for it was only recently that a mob stormed the headquarters and court house in Halifax and greatly damaged the premises, and the police force in that city were utterly powerless to prevent the actions. On Monday night a mob stormed the Pooles warehouse on Nelson St. and were not content with damaging the property, but fired revolver shots at the men who were kept in the property. On Tuesday night the mob visited the warehouse again, but there was no violence from them, for instead of meeting a few civilians on guard they met a military picket with fixed bayonets and loaded rifles. It was then that they moved from Nelson street to another section of the city to do damage in two establishments which were not guarded. The proprietor of the shoe shine establishment on Mill street, through his solicitor, Judge H. O. McInerney, presented the city yesterday with a bill for \$1,300 for damage to his property and fixtures, and for the loss of goods taken from the store, the result of breaking and entering by a mob early yesterday morning. The matter has been referred to the city solicitor.

Many other establishments have suffered severe loss at the hands of the mob during Monday and Tuesday, and it is possible that these citizens will ask damage from the city because they claim that their premises have not been protected.

McDONALD'S SPECIAL UNDERWEAR SHOWING is of high quality, but not high priced. There is economy, too, in its long service. Such well known makes as "Modjes", "Peerless", "Amfy Cut", "Collier's Cut", "Union Suits", and "Corona Mills."

Each display of these lines is exceptionally complete. It includes Combinations, Vests, Drawers and Bloomers. Choice of styles also allows the purchaser a wide latitude. They may be had without sleeves, or long or short sleeves, ankle or knee length drawers. Practically our entire stock was ordered twelve or eighteen months ago, and are therefore fully 25 per cent. to 50 per cent. below the ordinary selling price of today.

Special line of Knit Vests for THURSDAY, FRIDAY and SATURDAY, 4 for \$1.00, regular 50c. each. —DYKEMAN'S.

EXTENSION OF TICKETS. Teachers, student teachers and students at collegiate institutions are notified that arrangements have been made by Honorable Premier Foster, representing the Board of Education, with the Canadian Pacific and Canadian Government Railways, to grant extension on return portions of round trip thirty day tickets held by bona fide teachers and scholars who have been detained beyond the limit on account of the prevailing influenza epidemic.

It will be necessary for teachers and students when returning to re-opened schools to present the return portion of ticket to the station agent with credentials that they are bona fide teachers or students, when a free ticket will be issued to each, good only for prompt passage.

RETURNED SOLDIERS, PATRIOTIC WOMEN AND OTHERS. We will pay you handsomely to distribute religious and patriotic literature in your community. Spare time may be used. Samples free. International Press, Toronto.

THE LIGHT THAT FAILED. About six o'clock last evening while the residents in a section of the South End were enjoying their evening repast all the electric lights went out and the homes were in darkness. There was considerable groping around for oil lamps or candles and by the use of these old-timers supper was finished. A number of grocery and meat stores were also kept in darkness and it was some time before the power came on again.

SOME RECEIVED MILITARY NEWS

General MacDougall and Major Heron on Inspection Tour—The Siberian Contingent—Sgt. Maj. Leon Dead.

General MacDougall reached the city yesterday from Halifax, where he made an inspection of Military District No. 7. He left on the Montreal train last evening en route to Fredericton accompanied by Major Heron, G. O. C. of Military District No. 7, where they will make an inspection of the military hospitals and headquarters at the capital. From there they will proceed to Newcastle on a like mission.

The detail detachment of the Siberian Contingent, the 26th Rifles, will leave on the morning of the fifteenth inst. en route to Victoria to join their unit there. This number comprises those who were ill at the time of the departure of their unit for the west, and were left at the Depot Battalion, later reaching the city and now leave as mentioned above.

Word reached the city yesterday from the Depot Battalion, that Regimental Sergeant Major Leon, formerly of the Depot Battalion, and who later was transferred to the 26th Siberian contingent, succumbed recently in Victoria, where his unit is now stationed after a severe attack of influenza which later developed into pneumonia.

Friends both in civil and military life will regret to hear of the sad news, as the late officer was held in high esteem by all. He was a competent official whilst in the Depot Battalion, and his early demise is regretted deeply.

Major H. Donnelly, D. C. O., was admitted to the Military Hospital yesterday a sufferer of influenza. Lieut. V. C. Kerrison, officer in charge of cooking arrangements for soldiers in Canada, completed his inspection yesterday of Military District No. 7. He reports mess and cooking equipment in this district in first class shape.

General Macdonnell, G. O. C., local headquarters, and Military District No. 7, paid a visit yesterday morning to the scene of the military building operations on Barrack Square. The work is well advanced and completion at this site is nearing completion, as the work is being rushed along before cold weather sets in.

AUTO WAS ROBBED ON KING SQUARE. Number of Valuable Articles Stolen from F. A. Dykeman's Car While at Victory Bond Meeting.

During one of the Victory Bond meetings in front of the Imperial Theatre a number of valuable articles were stolen from an automobile belonging to F. A. Dykeman. Mr. Dykeman who has worked so energetically as chairman of the war lecture is now wearing a pair of field glasses which he valued especially as they were given as a prize for a motorboat race across the bay from St. John to Digby, a couple of baseball gloves and several other articles which were kept in the car. Last evening the plate glass on the front of the car was broken and other damage done to the car.

McDONALD LENDING LIBRARY RE-OPENS THIS MORNING

Two Cents a Day Rental Rate Prevails—Book List Afloat of the Moment—Fine Service Still Further Improved. With book-lists abreast of the moment with popular fiction stories, and their excellent service still further improved, the McDonald Lending Library at Market Square, once more throws open its doors to the public, the "flu" ban having been raised last midnight. The two-cent-a-day rental rate continues, and in the big up-to-date list of timely stories are featured:—"The Blood Beast" (Robert Ames Bennett); "Joseph's Wife" (Kathleen Norris); "Cow" (Mary Johnston); "The Years for Rachel" (Bertha Ruck); "The Hills of Refuge" (Will N. Harbin); "The Cow Puncher" (Robt. J. C. Stead).

As a brisk demand promises to mark the opening day, those in quest of the widest and best story-range should be early on hand at the McDonald Lending Library, 7 Market Square.

OPERA HOUSE NOTICE. The Opera House, on account of the vaudeville features coming from a long distance, will not open until Friday evening, when the regular vaudeville policy of five high class features will be resumed. In addition to the vaudeville, the programme will include the first chapter of the Lion's Claws serial. Usual two performances Friday evening.

IMPERIAL'S GRAND OPENING TODAY. The Imperial Theatre will re-open this afternoon at 2 o'clock with a remarkably fine programme of comedy and patriotic pictures. The show will commence with King George and the victorious Allied leaders, then our heroes in their last grand and overwhelming offensive, to be followed by Geo. M. Coburn in the five-act Art-craft comedy "His Trail Holiday" after which Douglas Fairbanks will be seen in a 1,000 ft. stunt, then lad-croos Larry Lemon and his Vitagraph riot squad. Same prices, 5c. for kids, 10c. and meat matinee; 15c. for adults, and 15c. and 25c. downstairs at night; upstairs 15c.

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