

Around the City

FAIR AND MILD

JOINED 9TH SIEGE BATTERY. Haden Boyd McMann, of Newcastle Creek, N. B., who has been bookkeeper for Linton, Sinclair, Ltd., St. John, has joined No. 9 Siege Battery for overseas service.

THE POLICE COURT.

In the police court yesterday four drunks were each fined \$8. William F. Reynolds was again brought before the court on charge of being a defaulter under the Military Service Act and the case postponed until Friday. No evidence was heard.

PRESENTATION TO SOLDIER.

A gathering of the friends of Sergt. Charles Quilly, who is leaving with the depot battalion draft, was held at his residence, 24 Dufferin Row, West End, on Saturday evening, and he was made the recipient of a beautiful gold watch. The evening was pleasantly spent in games and amusements, and refreshments were served.

THE DOMINION POLICE.

The two Dominion detectives working in St. John, rounding up those who failed to comply with the Military Service Act, made two arrests yesterday. One man had failed to comply with the act and the other had failed to do so from an overseas unit which had left Canada about a year ago.

THE ROTARY CLUB.

Governor-elect R. W. Wigmore of the Maritime district, presided at the local Rotary luncheon, noon yesterday and delivered a short address in reply to hearty congratulations which were expressed by the members on the occasion of his first gubernatorial action. During the luncheon, an informal talk was held on the recent district conference.

WEST SIDE FIRE.

The West Side firemen were given a run shortly before midnight last night when an alarm from box 116 called them to the Union Foundry and Machine Works. On their arrival they found the fire which was a small blaze between the blacksmith and machine shops had been put out by the watchman of the plant. Very little damage was done.

WILL ATTEND CONFERENCE.

The local staff of the Y.M.C.A. will leave on Wednesday morning to attend the Maritime Employed Officers' Conference to be held in Moncton Wednesday and Thursday. Many matters of importance connected with the work of the various departments of the association will be discussed. These will include an address on "The Problem of the Returned Soldier," which will be given by Capt. J. A. Kneale, general supervisor of the work among the returned men at the Halifax Depot. Other speakers will be A. M. Gregg, L. A. Buckley, Rev. P. R. Hayward and A.S. McAllister.

Y. M. C. A. DIRECTORS MEET.

The board of directors of the Y. M. C. A. held their monthly meeting last evening. The president, G. E. Barbour, occupied the chair. Other members of the board present were J. A. Henderson, F. A. Dykeman, W. E. Anderson, H. W. Rising, W. H. White, Jas. Henderson, W. C. Cross, J. H. White, W. K. Ganong, G. L. Warwick and F. N. Brodie. Favorable reports were received from the various departments showing the work to be in a flourishing condition. Many matters of a routine nature were taken up and future plans discussed.

THE UNITED MISSION.

The third week of the United Mission services in the Old Brussels street church opened most successfully last night. The service was well filled and a deep interest was manifested. Rev. G. F. Dawson, of the Exmouth street church, occupied the chair. Mrs. Stanley Harrison sang beautifully "Reach Me To Pray." Owing to the illness of Rev. S. B. Culp the message of the evening was delivered by Rev. H. G. Wright, of Kingsport, N. B., who based his remarks on the words of Jeremiah, "What is it to that pass by." The meetings will be continued for the balance of the week.

A NEW ONE.

Ever since the prohibitory law went into effect on the first of May, 1917, certain persons in the city have been using some substitute for whiskey, gin, etc., in fact they were satisfied with anything that would tend to make them intoxicated. Men arrested for drunkenness have testified in court to the use of Invald Wine, Extract of Lemon, Jamaica Ginger, etc., but a new one was sprung yesterday when it was announced that a certain man in the city had taken to drinking a certain brand of liquid shoe polish, and the informant loved up with the statement that it did not taste bad, and besides it had a "kick" in it.

WITH THE SCOUTS.

Arrangements have been made for monthly meetings of the scoutmasters to receive instructions from qualified men on first aid, efficiency work, etc. It was announced last night at a meeting of the Local Boy Scouts' Association, held at the residence of A. C. Skelton, that the meetings would be held on the first Monday of each month. Mr. McIntosh of the Natural History Society offered the loan of the lecture hall for the first meeting, which was accepted. The attendance last evening was good and very encouraging reports were received from the troops. The troops are working very hard to qualify for the annual trophy.

Knights of Pythias concert.

"New York Luck" a winner, William Russell as Nick Fowler, certainly made a hit last night at the Nickel. Don't miss it. Last time this afternoon and evening.

VICTORIA RINK CARNIVAL TONIGHT.

This is expected to be one of the biggest and best Carnivals ever held at the Victoria Rink. Several new and start-up costumes will be seen among the crowd. Admission 25c.

BRUTAL TREATMENT ACCORDED SOLDIERS BY THE GERMANS

Corporal Dow, a Returned Soldier, Tells of Horrors Beyond Description—United States Soldiers Have Their Throats Cut—Young Lad is Crucified.

To have their throats cut from ear to ear and the bodies hung upon the barbed wire entanglements in full view of the United States soldiers, was the brutal treatment accorded the first nine Americans to fall into the hands of the Germans. Returned men who arrived in the city yesterday and who but recently left the firing line tell some terrible outrages committed by the worst people the world has known. Speaking to a Standard representative last night at the discharge depot, Corp. M. F. Dow of Woodstock stated that the Germans hoped by such methods to break down the morale of the American troops. The incident referred to above was where an American patrol, numbering twelve men were on duty. Three of the men were killed in "No Man's Land," while the other nine were taken prisoners. The following morning the Americans were confronted with the appalling sight. The men were suspended to the wire by the gasping of the incident, thus making the ghastly sight still more gruesome. Determined to revenge the death and suffering of their comrades, the Americans have expressed themselves in no uncertain tones as to the compensation required from the German soldiers to satisfy this revenge," remarked one of the men to arrive.

"At a place called St. Thomas, I myself saw a sight that I will never forget," said Corp. Dow. "There are a number of places in France and Belgium, I suppose they might be called praying stations, where there is erected a large crucifix on a pedestal surrounded by stone stairs. The Germans removed the Saviour from the cross and nailed a small boy of sixteen years thereon. They then took and opened the lad's side with a bayonet. I saw this myself," stated the returned man. Corp. Dow enlisted in the 8th Battery and was one of the first New Brunswick soldiers in France. He participated in many important engagements and rendered a good account of himself in all his encounters with the enemy. Discussing the treatment accorded Canadian soldiers who were captured by the enemy, Corp. Dow stated that he learned from a Canadian who came over with him from the front, that in some cases the soldiers are guarded by the Siberian wolf hounds. He also said that where a Canadian soldier refused to obey the command of the German officers in their charge of the instrument camp, they

had been taken out and stood in water up to their necks. Another process of punishment used by the Germans was where the men were sent into a room and hot steam turned on. This lasted until the men, prostrated with the heat fell to the floor. Then they were taken out and cooled off by means of an electric fan. "I tell you a fellow just wants to undergo one of these treatments and no more," was the remark to Corp. Dow of the Canadian prisoner who escaped from the Germans. "On the Somme it was nothing to see steel helmets with nothing but human heads in them, completely severed from the body," stated Pte. Harold Cochrane of Moncton who arrived in St. John on the evening train last night from Halifax to go before the board at the discharge depot this morning. Pte. Cochrane received a wound in the leg caused by a shell explosion, a piece of the casing entering the back of the leg. "The Germans will be better this summer," stated the Moncton soldier. Concerning the part played by himself in the gigantic conflict, the returned man had little to say. He enlisted in the 8th Battery, which was commanded by Lieut. Col. Anderson and went overseas with the first contingent of the New Brunswick Trencher's Brigade. Pte. Cochrane said that he was one of the best on the firing line. He has won the D.S.O. and raised from the rank of major to a lieutenant colonel and placed in command of the 2nd Artillery Brigade.

The other provincial men to arrive were as follows: Pte. G. W. Adams, St. John; Sgt. D. Arsenault, 80 Queen St., Moncton; Pte. G. J. Buralay, 25 Queen St., Moncton; Pte. W. Baxter, Pte. R. M. Boyce, Sussex; Pte. E. Burrell, Fredericton; Pte. C. M. Crevell, Pte. E. B. Doucette, Sussex; Pte. A. Donnelly, Moncton; Pte. R. J. Essinger, Jacques River; Pte. E. B. Foster, Fredericton; Pte. R. W. Gavno, Pte. M. Hamm, St. John; Pte. C. Harvey, Sackville; Pte. J. C. Hull, Sussex; Pte. H. J. Irving, Moncton; Pte. A. W. Johnston, Chatham; Pte. H. L. Merrithew, Sussex; Pte. R. M. Morris, St. John; Pte. T. McCallum, Pte. C. H. Hillop, Moncton; Pte. H. R. McLean, Pte. F. W. Shaw, Pte. R. J. Hatford, St. John; Pte. T. D. Stevenson, Moncton, and Pte. S. W. Purver, St. John. They will go before the medical board this morning and leave for their respective homes today.

PRESENTATION TO J. V. RUSSELL

Commissioner of Ferries and Lands is Given Gold Watch by the Men in His Department.

Commissioner Russell was a much surprised man yesterday morning when he was called into the mayor's office and presented with a handsome gold watch by that official on behalf of the men of the harbor, ferries and lands department, as a token of the esteem in which the general commissioner is held by the men under him. The commissioner, although taken by surprise, thanked the men for the expression of good will and said he was glad to find that his efforts to make things go smoothly in the four years of his regime had not been in vain. Short congratulatory addresses were made by Commissioners Wigmore and Fisher and city solicitor Hon. J. B. M. Baxter, who expressed the opinion that if Commissioner Russell had conducted himself so as to earn the approbation of the men under him in the department he must certainly have done his duty toward the taxpayers. The watch has on the back of the case the initials J.V.R., and on the inside this inscription: "Commissioner James V. Russell, staff harbors, ferries and public lands, St. John, N.B. 1918."

HOW TEAMSTERS STOLE CLOTHING

Six Men Called for Express Parcels and Sold Same to Four Others—St. John Man Received Some, Not Knowing the Same to Be Stolen.

A local merchant who purchased goods which are supposed to have been stolen from a party in Montreal will be called upon to give evidence in that city when the matter comes up before the higher court. The Standard learned last night that the goods purchased consisted of clothing and wearing apparel, and it is not thought the amount will total more than a hundred dollars, if that much. The name of the St. John merchant was disposed at the preliminary hearing of six bogus teamsters, and four men who are charged with receiving the stolen goods from the teamsters. The scheme was worked in the following manner. The teamster would call upon certain places for express parcels, presumably for the C. F. R., and after getting the parcels would take them to the four men involved. It is alleged, purchased these

COMMITTEE TO HOLD A PUBLIC INVESTIGATION

Alms House Commissioners Held Meeting Yesterday—All Persons Given Opportunity to Present Criticism or Charges.

The Alms House Commissioners met yesterday afternoon to consider some complaints which have been made in connection with that institution. After some discussion a committee composed of A. M. Rowan, Fredrick Green and W. E. Scully was appointed to hold a public investigation into the matter and all persons will be given an opportunity to present any criticisms or charges they may wish to lay before the committee. It is expected the meeting will be held on Monday evening next at the office of the county secretary, but official notice of the time and place will be given later. The chairman of the committee of the commission, stated to the Standard yesterday afternoon that in his opinion there was absolutely nothing in the conduct of affairs at the Municipal Home to warrant the charges which had been made, but he thought it better to have this committee appointed and give all persons a chance to appear and present whatever proof of anything wrong which they might have.

DOMINION POLICE ARE WORKING HARD

Many a young man was called upon yesterday to "dig" into his inside coat pocket and produce his military service card upon the request of the Dominion police, who are energetically carrying out the law in this district. "By jove, I guess I will carry my grocery bill in my pocket to show the military police," I am pleased," jocularly remarked one of the younger "beneficiaries" as he passed an eligible displaying his essentials to the Dominion police officials. Yesterday it was stated, that six men fell within the class of men, who must give an account of themselves to the military authorities. Three of the men were arrested for having deserted from the ranks of units which are now in England or on the firing line; two others failed to comply with the provisions of the Military Service Act, while the third was unable to give a satisfactory account of himself, knowing them to have been stolen. A St. John man purchased some of the goods in good faith from a party in Montreal. The result is that in the preliminary hearing his name was brought out. A C. F. R. investigator arrived in the city and located the goods on the premises of the party.

INTERESTING DEBATE HELD LAST NIGHT

Centenary Epworth League Had Commission Form of Government While Exmouth League the Aldermanic Form—Upholders of Commission Form Won.

The debate held in the Centenary school room, last evening between teams representing Centenary Epworth League and Exmouth street League was thoroughly enjoyed by the large number present. The subject under discussion was the respective merits of the old aldermanic form of government for the city, and the commission form. The Exmouth street league had the aldermanic form, and the Centenary league the commission form. The opinion of the judges of Centenary put up the better argument and were adjudged the winners. The meeting was opened with devotional exercises, after which Miss Freda Jenkins was heard in a solo. The chairman then announced the subject of the debate: "Resolved, That the Aldermanic form of government is more beneficial to the city of St. John than the Commission form of government." The affirmative was taken by Gordon Stevens, and Miss Fisher representing Exmouth street, and the negative by Mr. Blake and Miss Holder, representing Centenary. The first speaker was Gordon Stevens, who defined good government as that which expressed the will of the people and carried out that will. The aldermanic form of government was more likely to carry out the will of the people because the individual members had less power. It was better because it cost the people less money for the same service; it was better because the form of office was shorter, and it was better because the civic assessment had not been so high. Mr. Blake who opened for the negative, said the commission form of government was the best because it tended for more efficient and quicker service on the part of the civic rulers, it did away with the cliques which cause a snarl in the ordinary movement of a large council, and it provided for open meetings of the council instead of secret meetings as under the old system. Miss Fisher, the second speaker for the affirmative, contended that the city had better men under the old system, and men who kept faith with the city. Under commission the men elected were supposed to give all their time to the work but did not do so. Miss Holder, the second speaker for the negative, contended that commission government was better because a small body always moves quicker than a large one, and under the commission form every citizen knew where to place the responsibility for mistakes, if any were made. As an evidence that commission had been good for St. John, she pointed out that the bonds of the city had steadily increased in value, and the bond issues had been less in the last few years. After summing up by the leaders the judges, Mrs. E. Atherton Smith, Rev. F. S. Dowling and K. A. Wilson retired to talk over their verdict. While the judges were out the following numbers were rendered: Piano solo, Miss Gilchrist; violin solo, Mrs. Gann. The decision of the judges were announced by Rev. F. S. Dowling. The aldermanic form of government was better in argument while the affirmative were the better in style and awarded the debate to the negative as argument counted seventy-five per cent. The last number of the programme was a solo by Miss Brennan. Before the close of the meeting a hearty vote of thanks was tendered the judges for the impartial manner in which they had carried out their duties.

MR. CHAS. A. OWENS AGENT. Mr. Charles A. Owens, 71 Dock St., has been appointed New Brunswick representative for Safe on Sea Limited. As the name implies, the company is putting on the market the only one piece life saving device, at sea, which has been proven practicable in all and every test the machine in all kinds of weather and all over Canada in the presence of millions of people. The device is guaranteed to protect against both cold and drowning. A few weeks ago, a demonstration was given in the harbor in the presence of the mayor, the city commissioners, many sea faring men and citizens and Mr. LePage, the inventor, attired in the suit, sprang overboard and spent some time in the icy water emerging free from shell and without a drop of water on the clothing under the O.S. suit. Mr. Owens is selling the stock of the company in New Brunswick. Safe on Sea Limited, the company that is manufacturing the suits, is capitalized at \$1,000,000 divided into 100,000 shares at \$10 each, the shares being free from any call or liability. It is estimated that Mr. Owens will have no difficulty in placing his New Brunswick allotment of the worth of the device being proven to all who saw the demonstration here and they did not wait long to tell their friends all about its wonders. Mount Royal Securities Limited, the fiscal agents of the company and Mr. R. W. Wigmore, M.P., is a member of the directorate. Full particulars as to the company appear on page 7 of this issue.

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