

THE WEATHER.

Forecast.

Maritime—North to west winds, gradually decreasing, clearing and cold.

Toronto, March 23.—The important disturbance which was over Connecticut last night has now reached Newfoundland, with still increasing energy. Another marked disturbance covers Colorado. Snow has almost been general in Saskatchewan, and heavy rains have prevailed in the Maritime Provinces.

Temperatures.		
	Min.	Max.
Dawson	0	16
Prince Rupert	32	44
Victoria	36	48
Vancouver	36	48
Kamloops	34	46
Edmonton	18	26
Calgary	28	46
Medicine Hat	32	38
Battleford	14	20
Prince Albert	10	14
Moose Jaw	16	20
Regina	4	18
Winnipeg	6	32
Port Arthur	0	28
Perry Sound	6	24
Toronto	7	36
Ottawa	0	24
Montreal	12	22
Quebec	0	22
St. John	14	32
Halifax	28	30

—Below zero.

Around the City

Will Lecture Tonight.

H. P. Clarkson, of Wolfville, professor of Acadia, who will lecture at the Board of Trade rooms tonight on the possibilities of developing power at the Reversing Falls, St. John, arrived in the city yesterday. Prof. Clarkson is at the Royal.

Bar Tenders Alliance.

There was a largely attended meeting of the Bar Tenders Alliance held in the labor hall on Union street, last night. Those present were addressed by C. H. Stevens, James Sugrue, E. J. Tighe and J. O'Brien. It was unanimously decided that the Alliance would support Mr. Sugrue in the coming election for commissioner.

Promoted to Manager.

Friends of William G. Simpson, who was employed with the Maritime Navigation Company of this city, will be pleased to hear of his promotion as manager of the Montreal branch of the company. Mr. Simpson left yesterday to take up his new duties and best wishes for success accompany him.

PERSONAL.

Henry Mitchell, of Fredericton, registered at the Royal yesterday.

Prof. Roy Leitch, of Charlottetown, staff lieutenant in the Serbian army, is at the Royal.

B. E. Smith and John R. Wright, of Moncton, were at the Royal yesterday.

J. A. Gaudet, of Fredericton, was at the Dufferin yesterday.

W. S. Carter, of Fredericton, superintendent of education, arrived in the city last night and registered at the Dufferin.

H. S. Alexander, of Campbellton, was at the Dufferin yesterday.

H. R. Sawyer and Mrs. Sawyer, of St. George, were at the Dufferin yesterday.

E. W. Seeley, of Moncton, was at the Victoria yesterday.

Dr. W. J. Adlington, of Truro, was at the Victoria yesterday.

Alexander McLennan, of Campbellton, was at the Victoria yesterday.

D. R. Smith, of St. Martins, was at the Victoria yesterday.

A. M. Dann, of Hampton, was at the Victoria yesterday.

S. M. Brookfield, who has been in the city on business, left last night for Halifax.

MRS. KELLEY'S \$5.00 STILL AMONG THE MISSING

Another Case of Unsatisfactory Service on the Part of Postal Employees.

Mrs. R. S. Kelly of Hoyt Station was in the city yesterday and called at Hawker's drug store at the corner of Mill street and Paradise Row to have a prescription filled. Mrs. Kelly has occasionally ordered drugs by mail from Mr. Hawker, and some time ago mailed him a five dollar bill along with an order. Two or three days afterwards when the medicine failed to arrive she called Mr. Hawker up on the telephone but he had not received the letter and has not received it yet.

Have you looked at the small diamond solitaire rings offered at Gundry's, 79 King street. Even those at \$10.00 make a wonderfully effective show. Genuine finely cut brilliants in heavy 14 kt. mounts. Others at \$16.00, \$20.00, \$25.00 and up.

Remember the King's Daughters' pantry sale, Saturday, March 25th, Fisher building, corner Germain and Church streets.

Band and excellent ice at the Victoria.

TELLS OF DREADFUL RETREAT OF GALLANT SERBIAN ARMY

THOUSANDS PERISH FROM STARVATION AND SWORD OF AUSTRILIANS.

Lieut. Leitch of Charlottetown, Only Canadian in Serbian Army, Arrives Here on Corinthian — Ten Thousand Women and Children Slain—Little Remains of Army of 300,000—A Sad Story.

The three hundred mile thrilling retreat of the valiant army of Serbia, ever harassed by cold, hostile forces, starvation and death, and the flight of the panic-stricken women and children before the Austrian and Hungarian forces from Zadar on the Bulgarian frontier to Scutari and Elbasan in Albania were graphically described last evening by Staff Lieutenant Roy Leitch, the only Canadian to serve in the fighting forces of that heroic nation. Lieut. Leitch arrived here yesterday on the steamship Corinthian from London. He belongs in Charlottetown, where at the time the war started he was professor of English literature and history in Prince of Wales College.

Lieut. Leitch estimates that of the 300,000 soldiers in the Serbian army 40 per cent died of starvation or exhaustion during the terrible retreat. At least 10,000 women and children were massacred in Serbia by the Austrians who bear a bitter hatred towards them because of the assassination of the crown prince by a Serbian in Scutari, the capital of Bosnia, an occurrence that was made an excuse for a declaration of war in July, 1914, by the dual monarchy.

War Likely to Last.

When the lieutenant left England two weeks ago he said the prospects were that the war would not terminate at an early day, and that much more fighting would have to be done.

Lieut. Leitch left Charlottetown September 15, 1914, and going to Europe enlisted in the 13th division of artillery in the second Serbian army, through the influence of a friend, Under Secretary of War, Auckland, now under secretary of agriculture of Great Britain. He enlisted at Nish, where King Peter and his staff had located the capital after the abandonment of Belgrade. Heavy fighting was in progress six weeks before the battle of Rudnik, along a fifty mile front from December 2 to December 15. In the furious fighting the Serbians drove the Austrians back into their own country and for months the forces of Emperor Franz Joseph could make no progress against the mighty blows and murderous gunfire of the valiant defenders of King Peter Karageoravitch's kingdom.

Makes Second Trip.

The lieutenant returned to Canada last August and returned to the Balkans early in November. At that time he was able only to reach Scutari in Albania, then held by the forces of King Nicholas of Montenegro, an ally of Serbia. Then the advance of the Teutonic and Bulgarian forces began, an advance which had been carefully and well designed to overwhelm Serbia and Montenegro. But still the brave Serbians and Montenegrins, although short of food and ammunition, fought on, hoping that British, French and Italian aid would reach them in time. Detachments from the British and French forces reached the war belt, but they could do little to assist the two small kingdoms. It was finally decided to escape annihilation by beginning a general retreat.

Villages after villages were warned of the approach of the armies of the enemy in overwhelming numbers, and thousands packed their goods on ox-carts and deserted their homes. Many occupants of other villages were caught by the Austrians, however, and little mercy was shown. Towns and villages were pillaged and burned and thousands of the helpless women, old men and children were brutally massacred.

Faced Starvation.

When the general retreat began, Lieut. Leitch went with the long train of artillery which protected the rear. The enemy at that time was twenty miles behind. The British and French forces were supplied with sufficient food for themselves, but the Serbian army was woefully short, for it not only had to provide for itself but for 30,000 Austrian prisoners and the thousands of civilians, old men, women and children as well as for the horses and oxen.

The retreat began from the Zadar on the Bulgarian frontier and extended three hundred miles to Scutari and Elbasan in Albania. From Scutari to Elbasan is the great valley of the Drin. The fugitives found the road covered with mud and cobblestones. Lieut. Leitch said he was ten hours on horseback at a time and found it impossible to gallop. At one time, after a great rain and hailstorm, thousands of horses and cattle died.

During the first part of the retreat British convoys of four began to arrive, previous supplies having been lost in the Adriatic through the activity of the enemy's submarines. Many British colonels and others barely escaped with their lives.

Encounter Savers Floods.

The second stage of the terrible march was over plains intersected by five rivers, which had to be crossed. Primitive ferry boats, resembling Indian dug-outs and others, Malay prows, were requisitioned. The forces carried thirty men when two were lashed together or from six to eight horses. The plains had been flooded from the swollen rivers which had been cut of their banks and was a

CREW OF LOST CANADIAN BOAT REACH ST. JOHN

Had Thrilling Experience When Craft Hit Mine.

Empress of Fort William Lost off Dover—Captain of Torpedoed Schooner also Here

Five officers and half a dozen of the crew of the lost Canadian steamship Empress of Fort William arrived in the city yesterday on the steamer Corinthian. They are on their way to their homes in Quebec and Ontario.

The Empress of Fort William, which was owned by the Canada Steamship Co., was sunk a month ago off Dover, England, while endeavoring to rescue some of those who were in the water after the transport Maloja struck a mine and foundered. All those on board the Empress of Fort William were subsequently rescued after a thrilling experience and when they were in the very face of death itself, by a British cruiser, which providentially reached the scene. The cruiser was too late, however, to save the entire complement of about 1,000 persons who were on the Maloja, for hundreds perished.

The Empress of Fort William, a vessel of 1,383 tons, had been engaged in the grain carrying trade on the Great Lakes. She entered the trans-Atlantic trade last year because of the shortage of tonnage. She sailed from Three Rivers, Que., early last December and arrived in Manchester, England, three days before Christmas. Since then she has been at the service of the British government.

Both Strike Mine.

The Empress of Fort William was on a trip from Manchester to Dunkirk, France, when she sighted the sinking Maloja and her struggling survivors. She put on a full head of steam and was soon in the vicinity of the disaster. She had just made preparations to rescue the boats when she, too, hit a submerged mine and was so badly damaged she began to sink. Heavily loaded as she was with cargo to be shipped by the British army in France, she soon disappeared beneath the waves of the stormy channel.

The crew were successful in getting out some of the boats, but the sea was rough and the men were in imminent danger of being swamped among the floating wreckage, when happily a British cruiser hove in sight. The captain and entire crew of the Empress of Fort William were rescued but they lost all of their effects. The captain and several of the crew afterwards were given positions on other steamers. Those who arrived here yesterday will probably join others of the company's vessels in Canada.

The cruiser saved many of those on the Maloja, but many perished soon after the transport blew up.

The Empress of Fort William has been in Sydney, Halifax, St. John and other Atlantic ports.

Captain of St. Olaf Here.

Captain Burnham Tower, formerly of the tern schooner St. Olaf, which was torpedoed off Bristol, England, passed through the city yesterday en route to his home at Wood Point, Sackville.

Captain Tower's vessel was shelled and sunk by a German submarine on August 19 last, after the commander and crew had been allowed ten minutes to leave the schooner. The vessel was bound from Bristol and Parrsboro, N. S., in last.

Captain Tower was recently in charge of the tern schooner Bluenose, which was sold to Grand Manan parties by J. Newton Pugsley.

Captain Tower will take command of the tern schooner Percy B., 289 tons, a new vessel, owned by himself and Mr. J. Newton Pugsley.

Captain Bedford Tower, now in charge of the Percy B., bound from San Domingo for New York, will take charge of a large three-master which is being built by Captain Tom Bentley for Mr. Pugsley. She will be ready for sea during the latter part of the summer.

TABLE LINENS AND NAPKINS.

In the early days of the war when it was realized that the devastation of the flax fields of Belgium would result in the great scarcity of flax which would make the price of all linen fabrics much higher, F. A. Dykeman & Co. were fortunate in securing a good supply of table linens and napkins. Extra good values in table linens of pure linen at 42 cts., 50 cts., 75 cts., up to \$1.25 per yard and hemmed napkins at \$1.00, \$1.50 and \$2.40 per dozen. Extra special roller toweling, all linen, selling for 10 cts. per yard.

SALE OF CURTAINS CONTINUED.

AT M. R. A.'S THIS MORNING.

People who on account of the stormy weather were unable to be present at the opening of this great sale should make an effort to attend this morning. This is an offering of Scotch Net, Irish Voile, Scrim, Voile and Marquisette Curtains, oddments which have accumulated, some a bit soiled, others in good condition, and all to be sold at savings ranging from twenty to fifty per cent. in the Curtain Department, second floor.

Band and excellent ice at the Victoria.

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SPECIAL WEEK-END SHOWING OF Millinery

Trimmed Ready-to-Wear Spring Hats at Three Moderate Prices

This is a showing of the latest offerings in styles and trimmings for early spring. Exceptionally becoming hats in all new colors of silks, flowers, ribbons and ornaments, and smart, attractive shapes.

These Trimmed Ready-to-wear Hats will be offered for this week-end at, each, only \$3.50, \$5.00, \$7.50

MILLINERY SALON—SECOND FLOOR
SEE KING STREET WINDOW DISPLAY.



Sale of Boys' Russian Suits

For Today and Saturday

These are suits with military collars, also round turn down and sailor collars; all with belts of leather and cloth. Many of the coats are plain, the others have fancy pleats. The cloths are Tweeds, Corduroys and Serges; navy, grey, fawn, tan and brown, plain and fancy checks and mixtures. Ages from 3 to 6 years.

\$3.75 Suits. Sale price \$2.80 \$5.25 Suits. Sale price \$4.10
\$4.25 Suits. Sale price \$3.40 \$6.25 Suits. Sale price \$4.90

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