

THE WEATHER.

Forecast.

Maritime—Winds shifting to easterly and increasing in force. Fair today, then snow, turning in some localities, to sleet or rain.

Toronto, Dec. 12—Snow is falling over the Great Lakes; otherwise the weather is everywhere fine and cold.

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Temperatures.

Min.	Max.
Prince Rupert	36 42
Vancouver	40 45
Kamloops	24 30
Calgary	6 16
Medicine Hat	16 16
Prince Albert	4 10
Regina	4 8
Winnipeg	4 8
Parry Sound	8 26
London	18 30
Toronto	20 32
Kingston	18 24
Ottawa	5 15
Montreal	12 18
Quebec	10 20
Chatham	16 26
Halifax	18 28

—Below zero.

Around the City

Sold Liquor to Soldier.

George Kelley, aged 23 years, was arrested on Saturday by Detectives Barrett and Briggs charged with selling liquor to a soldier in uniform.

Pocket Book Found.

A pocket book containing a sum of money was found on Waterloo street yesterday by Detective Barrett, and the owner can receive the same on application at police headquarters.

Longshoreman Injured.

Edward Goguen, a longshoreman residing in Church avenue, Fairville, was taken to the emergency hospital on Saturday morning where he was treated for an injury to his left foot received whilst working on a steamer.

Apples for Wounded.

Seventy barrels of apples were shipped on Saturday to Lady Oeler for wounded soldiers at the base hospital at Oxford, England. These were given by various individuals and organizations in response to an appeal by Rev. Mr. Sharman.

Seamen's Institute.

The Sunday evening service was well attended by the sailors in port. Rev. R. J. Haughton gave an excellent address and President R. M. Smith welcomed the men. Songs were given by Miss Alchorn and Mr. Walker and were much enjoyed.

Help for Kindergarten.

The Ladies' Aid Society of Renfrew held a successful pantry and fancy sale on Saturday afternoon at the corner of Germain and Church streets in aid of the Free Kindergarten. They were assisted by teachers of the kindergarten.

Longshoreman Injured.

About eleven o'clock Saturday night James Sharpe, a longshoreman, fell into the hold of a steamship loading at No. 1 berth Sand Point, and received severe injury to his shoulder and back. After receiving first aid from Dr. F. L. Kenney the injured man was removed to his home on Moore street.

Water Break in Murray Street.

The residents of Murray street were without water yesterday on account of a break in the pipe. The department were working all day, found one piece of pipe broken clean through and had to put in a new section. They finished the work and got the water turned on again about 5 o'clock.

Charged With Opium Smuggling.

Wong Foo, aged 45 years, a Chinese, is being detained at police headquarters at the request of the Customs department. It is charged that the Chinese was captured by the Customs officers while he was smuggling five or six cans of opium ashore from one of the steamships loading at a Sand Point berth.

Last Charged With Vagrancy.

Yesterday afternoon Detectives Barrett and Briggs, while on the war path, arrested John Rumley, aged ten years, and had him locked up at police headquarters on the charge of vagrancy. It is not the first time that the boy has been in the hands of the police, having been taken care of on previous occasions for truancy and for stealing milk cans.

Had a Quick Recovery.

A few days ago a soldier who had been under guard was taken ill and was conveyed to the General Public Hospital for treatment. While in the hospital a guard was kept over him. On Saturday evening the soldier managed to take a chance when the guard was not looking and escaped through one of the windows. Some hours later he was located near the I. C. R. depot and once more taken into custody.

Coats Found in Water.

On Saturday Isaac Kieckhafer found an overcoat and an undercoat floating in the water in a slip off Water street, West St. John, and handed the garments over to Acting Police Sergeant Fred O'Neill. On the label of the undercoat was a society button of the International Longshoremen's Society, while in the pocket of the overcoat was found a lunch box with the initials H. H. on it; also a tea bottle.

RETURNING OFFICER OF FIGHTING TWENTY-SIXTH TELLS OF CRATER FIGHT

Lieutenant Carter, of Point De Butte, in city on his way home on sick leave—Was in command of Machine Gun Section in historic action of October 13th—Col. McAvity and his men made great record for themselves.

Lieut. A. D. Carter, of the 26th Battalion, one of the officers who was wounded in the crater fight on October 13th, who returned home on sick leave was seen last night at the Victoria Hotel.

Lieut. Carter said the crater was about half way between the German and English trenches, about 50 yards from either. The Germans were using it to run a mine under the English first line trenches and the only way to stop them was to destroy the crater. There were about 125 men of A Co. in the attack. They first sent out a party of bombers under charge of Lieut. Fairweather and Sgt. Colter. This party was practically wiped out, then a second party of bombers were sent out and the bayonet men.

After the bayonet men Lieut. Carter, who was in charge of the machine gun section, ordered out three machine guns on either flank enfilading the retreating Germans. As soon as the Germans saw the bayonets they blew up their mine and ran. They would not face the cold steel.

Lieut. Carter estimated that there would be at least 100 Germans in the crater. Three men who had particularly distinguished themselves were Major Brown, Lieut. Fairweather and Sgt. Ryer. Lieut. Carter was wounded in the side by a piece of shell and paralyzed from the hips down. He was in hospital about seven weeks and expects to go back in about five weeks.

The 26th Battalion, he said, were the first troops in the 2nd Division to take the aggressive against the enemy.

Lieut. Carter has in his possession a gruesome souvenir of the fight in the shape of the piece of shell which wounded him. He intends to have this mounted as a reminder of his experience.

The men, he says, are in splendid spirits and enjoying the best of health. At present the trenches are very wet, which makes things disagreeable but, ordinarily, they are very comfortable and have everything they want. The 26th are holding about 700 yards of front trench and have six days in and six out. They talk back and forth with the Germans; the Germans call over for food as they claim they are not getting enough to eat.

Col. McAvity is in the trenches every day and the men think a lot of him. Two or three times a day they send iron rations over to "Frits" which is their way of saying the artillery is at work. At the present time the Allies are firing shells in the proportion of ten to one on the Western front. The general impression on the other side is that there will not be another winter campaign.

Lieut. Carter says Col. H. F. McLeod is regarded as one of the best officers who has gone from Canada, and he is filling a very important post at Shorncliffe.

A MYSTERIOUS DISAPPEARANCE

A. B. Smalley has not been seen since Friday evening—Family and friends anxious.

A. B. Smalley, the well-known watchmaker, jeweller and optician, of 91 Prince William street, has been missing since Friday evening and his family and friends are greatly worried. Mr. Smalley, who is a man of seventy-five years of age, has been in failing health for some time but has been able to be at his place of business. He was at his store Friday afternoon and at 6:45 o'clock informed his son, A. C. Smalley, that he was going home. Nothing was thought of the matter until an hour later when Mr. Smalley learned that his father had not arrived at home. Relatives becoming anxious got in touch with the police who conducted a systematic search for him, headed by the Commissioner of Public Safety. Up to a late hour last night Mr. Smalley had not been seen and it is now feared that he has met with a fatal accident. As he is a well-known figure around the city and known to thousands of fellow citizens who might have seen him after 6:45 o'clock Friday evening are requested to communicate with the police.

The missing man when he left his place of business wore a dark melton cloth overcoat and a square top hard hat.

ANOTHER SAD CASE IN COURT

Three arrests Saturday and yesterday in connection with serious charges.

With six cases only finished in the Circuit Court last week where men were charged with crimes committed upon girls under the age of fourteen years, and in which three of the defendants were sentenced to terms of two years in prison, while three others were acquitted, the police have rounded up a new case.

On Friday last it came to the ears of the police that a thirteen year old girl residing in the North End had been the victim of two men. Immediately the police with Detectives Barrett and Briggs started to make arrests and were successful. On Saturday afternoon the detectives rounded up Harry Crossman, aged 18 years, who was locked up charged with charges. This prisoner is Fred Murray, aged 20 years, and the wife of the crime was committed was on the 6th of December and the place a house at 158 Charlotte street kept by Mrs. Agnes Graham.

Inspector Wickham with Officer Lucas arrested the Graham woman yesterday. She is booked as a native of Newfoundland, aged 29 years, and she is charged with allowing her premises at 158 Charlotte street to be used for the assault of a girl under the age of fourteen.

In the case of this prisoner it is a sad one. When the officers visited the place they learned that she is the wife of a soldier who at the present time is on the firing line fighting for the Empire. In the house were three small children the oldest being but seven years of age. The children could not be left alone in the house and it was a pitiful sight when the mother was taken into custody and had to leave the little ones behind her.

C. D. Howard, superintendent of the Children's Playgrounds, took the three children in charge and they have been conveyed to the Municipal Home to be cared for.

If found guilty of the offences charged the two men are liable to life imprisonment, while in the case of the woman if she is found guilty she is liable to ten years' imprisonment.

3000 MEN IN KHAKI WILL WINTER HERE

Detachment of 140th here today—Will quarter on West Side—115th in South End.

It is probable that at least 3,000 soldiers will spend the winter in St. John. This forenoon 338 men of the 140th Battalion, Sussex, will arrive at the Union Station on a special train and will march to their quarters in the immigration sheds and former Martello hotel on the West Side. These places will accommodate 500 troops when the work of fitting up the buildings is completed. By the end of the week it is expected that that number of the 140th will be on the West Side.

Lieut. Col. Gunnings of Halifax, formerly of the 66th Regiment there, will, under Col. Fowler, be in command of the 140th. Capt. P. M. Rising of St. John, quartermaster of the 140th, is acting quartermaster of the 140th and Capt. H. P. Davies, adjutant of the 140th, will be acting adjutant of the 140th.

It is expected that the citizens will accord the boys from Sussex a hearty reception as they march through the streets today. Several of the city officials and militia officers of other battalions will meet the detachment at the station.

Arrangements have been made to have the agricultural hall, near the exhibition buildings fitted up for the accommodation of the 115th Battalion. Eleven hundred men will be quartered there.

Col. Morsereau's 132nd North Shore Battalion has a company quartered in an old mill at Chatham, another in the Newcastle armory and a third at the International railway shops, Campbellton.

RETURNING OFFICERS HERE.

Twelve returned military officers from the battle front were in the city yesterday enroute to their homes. Some of them have only left the trenches a few weeks ago. The officers are as follows:

Lieut. Carter, Capt. R. de LaB. Girouard, Capt. W. Gerrard, Lieut. Howard, Capt. M. McCausland, Lieut. Mitchell, Lieut. Nocheil, Major Thompson, Capt. Payne, Lieut. Rhodes, Lieut. Smith and Major H. Taylor.

When asked how matters were going at the front the returning soldiers did not have much to say, but stated that the Allies were sure to win. Asked as to the fighting 26th the officers had nothing but praise for the boys from New Brunswick and said that Lieut. Col. McAvity and his men were making names for themselves which other battalions would have a hard time to beat.

PERSONAL.


C. E. Vail, of Truro, spent yesterday in the city.

Premier Clarke was at the Royal Saturday.

Coming Home.

F. W. Stimmer, agent-general for Canada, in London, expects to sail for home next Saturday to spend the Christmas season.

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NEW CHIEF OF STAFF OF FRENCH ARMY

Paris, Dec. 11—General Joffre, who retains direct command of the armies of the east and northeast, has designated General Edouard D. Courtyes de Castelmas as chief of the general staff. General Joffre continues in general command of all the French fronts.