

AT TAMPICO IN MIDST OF FIGHTING

Wife of Captain Young Formerly of Donaldson Writes to St. John Friend

Mrs. R. D. Christie of this city has received another letter from Mrs. Young, formerly of the Donaldson line, and now captain of a steamer plying between New Orleans, Port Arthur, Texas and Mexican ports. The Times, it will be remembered, printed portions of a former interesting letter from Mrs. Young, describing conditions at Mexican ports, where the trouble between the conflicting elements in that country had become very serious prior to the intervention of the United States. In her latest letter, dated at Port Arthur, Texas, May 5, Mrs. Young writes:

"We have just got in after touching New Orleans and landing our refugees there. We had some ladies among them and they kept me up night and day, they were seasick and frightened. They thought the ship was going down, and nothing I could say would convince them. It was hard work for me running after them, as we have no stewardess on board. I helped them out of kindness, but they took advantage of it, and called me at all hours. They tried my patience, and I have declared the next we have may look after themselves. Two passengers marched ashore without paying their passage money, saying that they were refugees and had nothing. It meant \$80 loss to Captain Young. "We were in Tampico in the midst of the fighting. I enclose a picture of the American battleship Chester cleared for action, and one of the prison which I had the nerve to attempt to take. I fully expected to be run in, but the captain of the guard kindly brought the guard out for me to photograph. "We were loading in Tampico, and got an hour's notice to get away, as they were about to commence firing. All foreigners had to leave the town, the doctor and everybody. In a drug store I was in the day before, the bullets had been whizzing in and killed a dear old gentleman, eighty years of age. The day after we left things were so serious that the Americans put the British sailors on one ship and the German sailors on another, and hoisted the Union Jack and the German flag to enable them to get the refugees away. Meantime they are laid up in Port Arthur, eaten alive with mosquitos, to await a safe time to go back. They are talking of sending us right away to Tampico, as the oil wells are running over, and it would be serious if the rebels and federals set fire to them. Our officials from there have just risked going back on one of the company's boats, on the chance of things settling to allow them to land. "The Lakonia, of the Donaldson Line, was in port here a few days before we arrived, and Captain Young was very sorry to miss seeing her."

MORE SUBSCRIPTIONS J. K. Percy acknowledges the receipt of the following additional subscriptions in aid of the Newfoundland sealing disaster fund: Amount previously acknowledged, \$1,828.75 John R. Armstrong, 5.00 "Symphony," 5.00 First Church of Christ Scientist, per R. H. Watts, church collection, 22.80 "Lectures," 22.80 Total, \$1,856.25

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Shielded By Mother and Kept For Some Time Concealed in Wood House

The Story of the Escape of Reformatory Boys Comes Out in The Police Court

Two of the four boys who escaped from the Boys' Industrial Home more than a week ago have been accounted for, but the others are still absent. Joseph Wallace returned to the home on last Friday and told Superintendent McDonald how he made his escape with Victor Cobham. The arrest of the latter followed yesterday and he was brought before Magistrate Ritchie this morning. According to the story told by Wallace, the two boys, after they got away from the home hid in a yard near Cobham's home and after dark the Cobham boy went up to his home and told his mother he had escaped. They had cake and milk and afterwards went to the house and a bed was made for them in the woodshed which is below the main part of the house and the entrance is through two trap doors. Here the two boys were given a bed consisting of a piece of oilcloth and a couple of blankets behind a pile of wood and unknown to Mr. Cobham, the two were kept there for a week or more. They even ventured outside of the house at times during the day. The boys first went to the house on Friday morning, May 2 and on Sunday Mrs. Cobham said she was going out to the home and would ask for Victor, pretending that she did not know that he had escaped. She did so and came back saying that Mr. McDonald met her and told her that her son had escaped and in speaking about him said that he had not been such a bad fellow after all. Mrs. Cobham was in court this morning and said that she had seen her son on Sunday and he had only been there that day. She afterwards said that he

NUMBER THE HOUSES

Campaigns have been started before in St. John with a view to having the street numbers placed on all houses, but there still seems to be a hesitancy on the part of house owners to carry out this small duty to the public, and therein lies the secret of a thousand and one inconveniences, especially to drivers of delivery teams. The matter was brought to the attention of a Times reporter this morning by one of the men engaged in gathering material for the local directory. He said that the difficulty was far more pronounced in the West End and that it was very rare to get three doors in succession bearing numbers; a door with both the tenant's name and the number of the street was a veritable find, and he felt like jumping with joy and pulling in the fire alarm. Now that the names of the streets have been placed on the street corners, it is considered only right that householders should help out by having the number of the house placed in such a position that a man will not be compelled to arouse the whole neighborhood to deliver a grocery order.

HAS GONE TO AMHERST Rev. E. B. Hooper left this morning for Amherst where he will sing the service to be held by the choral union of the Rural Deanery of Shediac who are to hold their annual festival service in Christ Church, Amherst, this evening. Mr. Hooper will be the guest of the rector, Rev. H. E. Dibley. He is expected home about the end of the week.

CITY IMPROVED IF POLES REMOVED

A Suggestion That Start Now Would Avoid Extra Expense in Years to Come

One of the discouraging features of the physical appearance of St. John and one which does much to prevent making this an attractive looking city is the great number of unsightly poles which line the streets. Poles for telegraph wires, telephones, electric light and power and street railway purposes make some of the streets look more as if they were lined with giant picket fences and the wire laden poles, in many cases, detract considerably from the appearance of handsome buildings. An illustration of this is found at the corner of Market Square and Dock street, where a new bank building has been erected. Two large poles already stand there and, instead of removing them, workmen were busy today placing another pole. Other poles have been found it not only possible but necessary to place the wires underground, and as St. John increases in population the problem will become more acute here. It must be faced some time and many citizens contend that a start now would avoid extra expense in later years. The telephone company has made a commendable beginning and it is suggested that the city authorities might help by planning for underground conduits when permanent pavements are being laid, and requiring their use by the companies whose wires are now carried overhead.

LOCAL NEWS

A COMPLAINT Complaints have been made by residents of Exmouth street regarding the conduct of groups of boys and young men who resort to that street during this small duty to the public, and therein lies the secret of a thousand and one inconveniences, especially to drivers of delivery teams. The matter was brought to the attention of a Times reporter this morning by one of the men engaged in gathering material for the local directory. He said that the difficulty was far more pronounced in the West End and that it was very rare to get three doors in succession bearing numbers; a door with both the tenant's name and the number of the street was a veritable find, and he felt like jumping with joy and pulling in the fire alarm. Now that the names of the streets have been placed on the street corners, it is considered only right that householders should help out by having the number of the house placed in such a position that a man will not be compelled to arouse the whole neighborhood to deliver a grocery order.

BURIED TODAY The funeral of Edmund B. Reid took place this afternoon from his late residence, 206 Douglas avenue, and was attended by a large number of friends. There were many floral tributes including a broken wheel from the members of the E. W. Allingham Lodge, No. 854, Brethren of Railroad Trainmen, wreath from Mr. and Mrs. S. W. Mackin; a crescent from Mr. and Mrs. Henry Niles; a bouquet from Misses Mary and Ada Douglas, and a basket from Mr. and Mrs. Angus McLean. Interment took place in Cedar Hill. Rev. B. H. Nobles conducted the services.

ANNIVERSARY CONCERT In Carleton Presbyterian church last night under the auspices of the Young Men's Association, the fifty-seventh birthday of its founding was celebrated with an entertainment which proved most enjoyable. There was a large attendance and a nicely varied program was given. Rev. Dr. J. A. Morrison presided. Vocal solos were given by Miss Alcorn, Mrs. Murray, Long, Clarence Givran and Howard Walker, assisted by Miss Ross, Miss Wilcox, and Miss Wayne; violin solo, Miss Olivia Murray; piano, Miss Olive Murray. The quartette of St. David's church, Fire-side Club. All the numbers were much enjoyed, particularly those of Miss Murray who has established a large and fine reputation for herself as a violinist of ability.

ONE OF FIRST LADIES ON THE SCHOOL BOARD

Retirement of Mrs. R. C. Skinner Learned of With Regret After an able and efficient service of eighteen years as a member of the board of school trustees, Mrs. R. C. Skinner has resigned. Her retirement announced last evening at the monthly meeting of the board, expressions of regret amongst her associate members by whom her advice was appreciated on many matters and who realized the excellent work she had done during her period of office. Mrs. Skinner was the first lady to be appointed a member in the province by the government, and she served in office in 1896, the same year that Mrs. James Dever became a member upon the appointment of the latter. She is still active in the work of the board, though at present confined to her home with a severe cold. Mrs. Skinner is retiring from the board after an enviable record of excellent service performed and the news of her resignation has been received with general regret.

ALFRED F. BAXTER DEAD Father of Doctor G. O. and A. E. Baxter of St. John Dies in Lynn, Mass.

News which reached the city today caused regret amongst a large circle of friends as it told of the death of a former resident, Alfred F. Baxter, after an illness of about two weeks in Lynn, Mass., where he had gone only a short time ago. He was seventy-nine years of age, and a native of Norton. For thirty-eight years he was a member of the public school teaching staff of the province and had taught in many places through this county and elsewhere in years ago after an honorable career as a schoolteacher and amongst those who will learn of his passing away, with sorrow, and feelings of old ties severed, will be his former pupils. His body will be brought to Norton for burial. He had resided there for many years. Mr. Baxter is survived by four sons and one daughter, Mrs. G. F. Poland of Lynn, Mass. The sons are Henry of Lynn, Herbert, M. of Sharon, Mass. Dr. G. O. and Dr. A. E. Baxter of St. John.

FOUND STREETS NICE AND CLEAN THIS MORNING

Commissioner Potts Had New Policy Inaugurated Last Night

For the first time in the history of the city clean streets greeted the citizens as they came to town this morning. Commissioner Potts' new policy of carrying on as much as possible of the street cleaning work at night went into effect last night and the results were apparent today. The street gangs in the central part of the city and in the North End started work at midnight and continued until seven o'clock this morning. During these hours they gave a thorough cleaning to all the streets which have permanent pavements which can be attended to at night and the work was eminently successful. Many comments of a favorable nature were made regarding the new departure this morning.

GRAIN FROM BREWERIES AS FEED FOR DAIRY CATTLE

What Health Officer Has to Say of Reported Practice in Some Local Cases The attention of this paper has been directed to the fact that the refuse grain from local breweries is being used as cattle feed by some of the dairy men in the vicinity of the city and complaint has been made regarding the practice. When asked about the matter yesterday, Dr. G. G. Melvin, public health officer, said that as far as he knew it had never been brought before the authorities in an official way and that the question had never been raised. Regarding the objections to this class of feed, Doctor Melvin said that it would depend largely upon the age and condition of the matter; that while fresh it might not be so objectionable but that the danger would lie in decomposition. Generally speaking, he said, the practice was not commendable.

ST. MONICA'S SOCIETY CLOSE SEASON WITH DELIGHTFUL BRIDGE

With a delightful bridge held in the C. M. B. A. rooms in Union street last evening, the work of St. Monica's Society for the winter season was brought to a close. Between sixty and seventy of the ladies were present and all spent the evening in a most enjoyable manner, followed by dainty refreshments. In the absence of the president, Mrs. James Dever, who is ill, Mrs. D. P. Chisholm ably presided. Elegant prizes were won as follows:—Mrs. W. E. Scully, Mrs. M. Armstrong, Mrs. A. C. Wilson, Mrs. Wm. Nagle and Mrs. James McCarthy. A list of names of refreshments, Mrs. R. O'Brien and Mrs. James H. Dooey presided and were assisted by an active corps of the younger members of the society.

FAIRVILLE NEWS

It is reported that, commencing this evening, practically all the lumber mills will run quarter time extra, as it is feared the high freshet may ultimately prevent the mills from operating, and full advantage will be taken of such time as there is now. The wharves at the old Woodman and shingle mills are now covered, and the water is still rising. If tourists could pay a visit to the falls at this season of the year, the sight would amply repay them and some idea of our wonderful river obtained. The mighty rush of water at low tide augmented by the heavy freshet pours in nothing short of frenzy through the gap, whirling, twisting and foaming pools, eddies and spectacular effects beyond the ordinary time. Logs and planks occasionally come through, and it is interesting to watch the water play with them, tossing and shoving them in every direction, now on end, now on side, and again sucking them down. The roar of the falls has increased as well, and the whole is awesome and inspiring. The first community council is to meet at once, and it is said the playground matter will be given immediate attention. A suggestion that town cleaning receive support would not be out of order just now, and with three councillors in attendance, vigorous work could be outlined.

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