

### Around the City

#### SHOWERY.

**BOYS' WORK SECRETARY.**  
L. A. Buckley, Maritime Boys' Work Secretary, arrives in the city this afternoon to go over the boys' work programme with the local officials.

**PLUMBERS' UNION.**  
A meeting of the Plumbers' Union was held last night in the Oddfellows' building on Union Street. Only routine business came before the meeting.

**SAFE IN ENGLAND.**  
Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Lodge, 99 Middle Street, West, have received a cable from their son, Pte. Frank B. Lodge, announcing his safe arrival in England.

**MEETING TODAY.**  
Col. Richard O'Leary, Richibucto, arrived in the city last evening to attend a meeting of the executive of the New Brunswick Telephone Company today.

**TO MUNICIPAL HOME.**  
The child found on the steps of the Children's Aid Society Home, Elliot Row, has been sent to the Municipal Home. Rev. George Scott, agent of the Society, reports that the baby is in much better health than when it was found.

**WILLOW GROVE CONCERT.**  
An impromptu concert will be given this evening at Willow Grove. The concert is being put on by the members of St. Philip's church, the proceeds being devoted to repair the church at Willow Grove. After the concert refreshments will be served.

**FOR SOLDIERS' COMFORT.**  
Mayor Hayes yesterday acknowledged receipt of \$35.50 for soldiers' comforts from Misses Reble Stack, Glendolyn Chambers, Margaret Brophy, Ruth Reubens, Audrey Buckle, Bessie Ramsey, who held a bazaar at Glen Falls.

**SPECIAL BOYS' COURSE.**  
A special boys' course in signalling was started yesterday afternoon at the Y.M.C.A. under the instruction of B. D. Robertson, assistant boys' secretary. The Morse code is used in the course and eighteen boys were present at the first session.

**LEAVES FOR MONTREAL.**  
Mother de la Salette, who for the past nine years has been Superior of the Monastery of the Good Shepherd in this city, will leave on Friday for Montreal, where she will enjoy a rest before undertaking any new work. Her successor here has not yet been named.

**MILITARY NOTES.**  
Capt. G. Earle Logan, N. B. R. 1st Depot Battalion, is detached for duty as Associate Judge Advocate-General in Military District No. 7, the appointment dating from August 15, 1918.

**ROUTINE ORDERS.**  
Routine Orders No. 5 recently issued that Lieut. G. F. Harding, of No. 1 Depot Unit has been cancelled from the list.

**STARTED FIRST FIRE.**  
The installation of the new boilers in the power house at the general public hospital is just about completed, and yesterday afternoon county secretary J. King Kelley, applied the match to the first fire under the new boilers. The official inspection will be made in a few days, and the plant will then be ready for operation.

**MADE INSPECTION.**  
City Engineer Hare and C.P.R. Engineer Kirby yesterday morning inspected the gallery constructed at No. 1 berth by Messrs. Grant & Horne for the C.P.R. and also examined the trestle at No. 1 berth with a view to determining the extent of repairs required here to put the facilities in shape for the coming winter season.

**THE FISH MARKET.**  
Fish is a scarce article on the market this week, and in consequence prices on most varieties are rather high. Retail prices are as follows:—Haddock, cod and smelt, 15c.; kip pers, 7c.; flnan haddock, 18c.; mack, 20c.; 20c. each; salmon, 30c.; 10 45c. per cut; salt cod, 17c.; boneless cod, 25c.; salt shad, 40c. and 50c.; salt herring, 50c. and 60c. per dozen; clams, 30c. a quart; oysters, \$1.00 a quart; eels, 75c.

**HUNDRED MEN NEEDED.**  
One hundred men are needed for the 60th battery in Woodstock. Any not liable under the M. S. A. and desiring to join this unit should communicate at once with Major Wetmore, O. C. unit.

**Eleven men during the past week were signed up by Lieut. Currie, for the Siberian contingent. Lieut. Currie is at present in Sussex on military business, and is expected home today.**

**DECK LOAD LAW.**  
H. C. Schofield, of the Robert Reed Company, was notified yesterday by the Shipping Federation, that a mistake had been made in the circular sent out with regard to the extension of time in which the deck load could be carried. This circular stated that Nova Scotia was given a month longer than New Brunswick, but the advice to Mr. Schofield was that the time for both provinces was the same.

**THE POLICE COURT.**  
Steve Populok and wife were each fined \$20 in the police court yesterday for assaulting Nick Ecker, an Austrian, in their home on Main Street. The woman's fine was allowed to stand as she is the mother of two children. According to the evidence Ecker went into the house to pay a sum of money in the rent of a room. He was upbraided by the wife for his delinquency in paying the bill, and when he made stirring remarks to Mrs. Populok was attacked by her and later thrown out of the house by the husband.

**H. Donahue, charged with stealing a fur from H. Mont Jones' store was given a further hearing. The case is to be continued.**

**One lone drunk appeared, pleaded guilty, and was remanded.**

## ROBERT KERSTED WILL NOT HANG TUESDAY MORNING NEXT

### Minister of Justice Reported To Have Granted New Trial—Prisoner Was Condemned For Killing His Wife At Salmon Creek in December Last — Arrangements For Execution Were Completed.

Robert Kerstead will not be hanged at Gageton on Tuesday morning next for the murder of his wife. This will be a great surprise not only to the prisoner but to many persons in the province. Word reached the city last evening that the Minister of Justice had granted a new trial, but just when this trial will be commenced, for what reasons it has been granted, was not made known last night. It is rumored, however, that the evidence is to be produced, and in all likelihood this may be the reason for the decision of the Minister of Justice.

It will be remembered that after the trial at Gageton in May last the case was taken on appeal to the Supreme Court of New Brunswick who decided that a new trial should not be granted. Then in July last Judge Barry sentenced Kerstead to be hanged on the morning of September 24th, which is Tuesday next.

It is said that everything was being got in readiness for the execution at Gageton, and that the condemned man is given another fight for his life at the eleventh hour will be learned with great surprise. Ordering a new trial under Section 1,002 of the Criminal Code is only done in cases where important questions of law are involved, and the action of the Minister of Justice in this case is ample confirmation of the importance of the question raised by counsel for the prisoner in the Supreme Court.

Hon. A. R. Ship, K. C., of Fredericton, N. B., with William R. Scott of this city acted for the defence throughout the proceedings.

Tried to Escape.  
It was just before sentence was pronounced on Kerstead and while he was confined in the Gageton jail that he tried hard to make his escape. He tore away a section of the cell wall and was only prevented from getting

through the bricks by a stout section of sheet iron.

The Awful Crime.  
It was on Saturday, December 22nd, 1917, that the wife of the prisoner was foully murdered at Salmon Creek, Queens county. With the head cruelly mutilated the lifeless body of Mrs. Robert Kerstead was found lying in a pool of blood on the kitchen floor of her home, and standing around the gruesome sight were her five children, the eldest fourteen years of age and the youngest not quite one year old. It was an awful sight that met the view of Dr. Kennedy of Codys, and Mr. Thompson, when they entered the room, and the children appeared paralyzed with fright and unable to cry as they stood there looking at the lifeless body of their mother.

It was alleged that the husband, and father, Robert Kerstead, who was about 45 years of age, had been a heavy drinker, and on the Saturday morning in question he entered a bedroom and struck his wife over the head several times with the butt of a gun or a heavy stick of wood. It was then shown that the man left the house, and when his wife was able to get on her feet she walked out of the bedroom to the kitchen for the purpose of washing the blood from her face, and when she returned she found the room were spots of blood, and some human hair is said to have been discovered on a large blood beam in the kitchen.

After leaving the house Robert Kerstead walked in the direction of Annapolis and informed a Mr. Smith that his wife was ill and asked him to telephone Dr. Kennedy at Codys. Kerstead was arrested on the following morning and conveyed to Gageton jail. The prisoner is a native of Queens County.

### WOOD COMMITTEE OF INTL. PAPER COMPANY ON INVESTIGATION

J. P. Riley and Col. W. E. Haskell Conclude Extensive Tour Looking Into Trees and Pulp Wood Supply.

The wood committee of the International Paper Company, Messrs. George F. Underwood, a wood expert known all over the continent; J. P. Riley and Col. W. E. Haskell, who are well known in the paper industry of this country, arrived in the city last night. They have just concluded a trip through New York, the northern New England States and the provinces of Ontario, Quebec and New Brunswick, in which they investigated the situation in regard to trees and the pulp wood supply.

When seen last night at the Royal Col. Haskell said the embargo on all wood shipments, with the exception of shooks and barrel staves, ordered by the regional director of the national railroad administration, had threatened to interfere with the operations of the paper mills and to aggravate what was already a serious problem. This embargo had been ordered because the cars were needed for the transportation of grain and fuel, and the advice sent out that it would be strictly enforced.

The matter was taken up by the paper manufacturers, and as paper was on the preferred list, it had been arranged that shipments of wood were to be allowed to go through if accompanied by a written explanation of the destination and the purpose for which it was to be used.

Another big and perhaps the biggest problem which they had to face at the present time was the shortage of labor, and there did not seem to be any prospect of any relief until the end of the war. This problem was, he thought, more acute in the United States than in Canada, and the recent draft law, which took all men from 18 to 45 had added to the difficulties. Another feature of the law which made it hard was that forbidding the moving from one part of the country to another, and this prevented employers of labor from sending men away from Massachusetts to Maine.

Col. Haskell said the members of the committee had been deeply impressed with the patriotic feeling displayed by the people of the Dominion in all the provinces visited during their trip.

**CHARLIE CHAPLIN**  
AT THE UNIQUE, comedian Charlie Chaplin, the Unique today in "The Jazz Waiter."

**CHINESE WEDDING.**  
Thursday evening, 8 o'clock, Stone Church School Room.

**CHINESE DOLLS.**  
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### ENGINEERS' UNION PASSES RESOLUTIONS

Will Assist Dismissed Police Officers—Condemnation of Commissioners—New Wage Schedule Set.

A strong resolution, condemning the action of Commissioner McLellan, in not sanctioning the affiliation of the Policemen's Union with the Trades & Labor Congress, and Commissioner Hillyard's remarks to the effect that German money was at the back of the union trouble, was passed at the meeting of the Steam and Operative Engineers' Union, which was held in the Painters' Hall, Charlotte Street, last night.

The meeting was largely attended, and several visitors, including President J. Goelie, Vice-President J. Sheehan and Officer Coughlan, of the Policemen's Protective Association, also President Watson and D. Campbell, of the Teamsters and Chauffeurs' Union, were present, and spoke. A resolution was passed to the effect that the Engineers' Union would stand back of the Policemen's Union in every possible way in their present difficulty.

A wage schedule was set, and will go into effect in the near future. The schedule allows for a minimum rate of \$28 per week, with time and a half for overtime, and double time on Sundays, with a ten per cent. increase for all others who are getting over this amount. This schedule is an increase over the old rate of pay, and is necessary because of the high cost of living.

**WERE SUPPLYING DURING THE SUMMER**  
Revs. M. J. Kern and M. Webber, Returning to Bible Institute in Philadelphia.

Rev. M. J. Kern, Selma, Kings County, accompanied by the Rev. M. Webber, of Golden Grove, were visitors in the city yesterday.

Both ministers are supplying during the summer months, and return to the Bible Institute in Philadelphia on Sept. 24.

They were pleased with the progress being manifested in their churches, and felt that their duties were quite accomplished.

Rev. Mr. Kern stated the Sunday School children of his parish were holding their annual picnic today, at Selma. The proceeds will be devoted to foreign missions and Sunday School.

On graduating from the Institute this year, Rev. Mr. Kern is entering Princeton University for a post graduate course in theology.

**LITTLE GIRL WAS INJURED BY AUTO**  
Daughter of M. O'Brien Run in Front of Car on Brussels Street — Cut on Face and Arm.

A little girl, aged about seven years, was hit by a car yesterday afternoon about 5 o'clock, on Brussels Street. The car was proceeding up the street and the little girl ran in front, and was bleeding quite freely from a cut on her arm, and one on her cheek. The little one is a daughter of M. O'Brien, an employee of the Canada Branch Factory.

It is said no blame could be attached to the driver of the car, as the little girl ran in front of the car before he had time to come to a stop.

**NARROWLY ESCAPED SERIOUS INJURY**  
Boy Struck By Automobile on Marsh Road—Car Proceeded When Lad Was Rescued From Wheels.

A Ford runabout, while proceeding on Marsh Road yesterday afternoon, at a fair rate of speed, hit a little boy near the residence of F. Hazen. The little chap was knocked down, and fortunately the wheels of the car did not hit him. The driver brought up the car quickly, just as a hind wheel was nearly passing over the lad. Willing hands picked him up, and beyond a few bad scratches it is believed that he escaped any serious injury. Pedestrians on the scene were somewhat surprised at the driver, who, they stated, jumped into his car at once, and rode off at a sharp pace.

**QUESTION WHO WILL SUCCEED COL. POWELL**  
Names of Major Wetmore and Lt. Col. Armstrong Mentioned For Position.

Interest is being aroused, as to who will succeed Lieut. Col. A. H. H. Powell, who has recently merited appointment as Base Commandant with the Siberian Contingent. Who the next adjutant-general for this district, in succession to Col. Powell will be, is the daily question.

The names are mentioned of Major S. S. Wetmore, and Lieut.-Col. B. R. Armstrong, deputy adjutant-general, and Q.M.G. of Military District No. 6, now in Halifax, where his headquarters are located.

It is intimated that Major Wetmore, although a desirable and popular officer, does not wish the new post, as he feels his duties are now enough to keep him busy.

### GRANT & HORNE EMPLOYEES STRIKE

About Thirty Men Working on McAvity Building Quit — They Want Higher Wages.

Yesterday at noon about thirty of the men employed by Grant and Horne on the construction of the new building for T. McAvity and Sons on the Marsh Road, made request for higher wages and their request had not been granted at one o'clock they did not resume work.

Mr. Horn when asked about the matter last night said the men had been getting thirty-five cents per hour since their request was for an additional five cents per hour. Yesterday morning he went to Fredericton and at noon the men returned to the job, on the condition that they would be paid the rate asked for.

It was impossible to get in touch with him before one o'clock and the men went out. On receiving word of the strike, Mr. Grant for the city and last night six of the men had signified their intention of going back to work. He expected to have a full crew by tonight.

### PTE. CHARLES QUILTY KILLED IN ACTION

Sad News Received By His Father, William Quilty, Yesterday—Went Overseas With Depot Draft.

Official word reached William Quilty of West St. John, yesterday, that his son, Private Charles Bernard Quilty, infantry, had been killed in action, while fighting France, on September 2nd. Besides a sorrowing father and mother, the young hero leaves two brothers, Frank and John, at home, and a married sister residing in Boston.

Private Quilty would be 21 years of age next month had he lived, and went overseas on the 20th of last February, with a draft from the Depot Battalion, and after his arrival in England he was transferred to a reserve battalion. He was a fine type of manhood, and was a general favorite with a very wide circle of friends.


Conductor Bernard J. Quilty, of the C.P.R., is an uncle, and the father of the young soldier was a police officer at Seaside Park for a number of years past.

### PEOPLE TURNED AWAY FROM THE HOSPITAL

Not Enough Accommodation in C. P. H. To Care For All Applicants — Five Persons Refused Tuesday.

"The need of more accommodation in the general public hospital was plainly shown on Tuesday, when no less than five persons had to be turned away from that institution," said County Secretary J. King Kelley yesterday. Mr. Kelley said it seemed hard to turn people away when they came to the door, but when every bed was occupied, nothing else could be done. The total beds available were one hundred and twenty-three, and this was not enough to meet the calls for accommodation.

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