

YESTERDAY'S FIRE AT PARKER & MONROE'S

Big Blaze Yesterday Morning at Boot and Shoe Store

DAMAGE \$15,000.00

Explosion of Kerosene Oil Adds to Trouble of the Firemen

Shortly before 12 o'clock yesterday as Const. Paul Kelly was doing his beat on Water Street West, he noticed smoke issuing from the rear of the Parker and Monroe shoe store; down at the water front, just west of C. F. Bennett & Co's Cove. He rang in an alarm from box 32 on Waldegrave Street, and the Western firemen responded in a manner which does credit to them, as the alarm bell had not stopped ringing when they were on the scene unrolling their hose lengths. They were closely followed by the Central men and two streams of water were quickly taken from the plugs opposite the burning premises and the Osborne Hotel on Water St. Ladders were also used, and though the place is a congested one, the firemen, under Supt. Dunn and Chief Kane, worked well and had the fire under control in 20 minutes.

A force of policemen under Supt. Grimes and Sgt. Furlong also did good work.

Just before the firemen arrived there were two explosions at the rear of the building and word went round that there was gasoline in the place. This was not so, but there were three barrels of kerosene just inside the gate which was locked and which leads from the cove. It was two of these which exploded and scattered burning oil all about, while the contents of the third leaked out and the surface of the waters of Bowring's Cove, almost out to the heads of the piers was alight with the burning fluid.

The schooners "Eleanor" and "Flower of Home" which were landing coopers' lumber there, Saturday, were quickly hoisted from the piers out in the stream to prevent their catching fire.

When the firemen arrived they beat in the locked gate with their axes, dumped the oil packages overhead and directed the copious streams of water into the building from the ladders; ran up to the windows. Using a short ladder as a battering ram they forced the rear door of the building on the ground floor and flooded the fire out with the hose. Had a high wind been blowing a destructive fire must have occurred. The lower part of the building, a two storey one, was pretty badly gutted and a lot of damage was done by fire, water and smoke. The smoke permeated the whole building right up to the shop and greatly damaged the thousands of dollars worth of boots and shoes it contained.

On the second flat of the building in the section where the fire raged, 600 pairs of men's boots and a large number of cases of boots and shoes were destroyed, and we hear the damage to the building and stock will total about \$15,000.

How the fire occurred is a mystery. The gate leading to the little breastwork at the rear on the waterfront had been locked. Out there, as already stated, there were three cases of kerosene, one of which leaked. It is thought that boys got up on the shores to the breastwork from a boat and lighting matches caused the blaze. On two occasions this part of the building has already been entered by thieves who gained access to it from the water front, and considerable goods stolen and possibly some of the same ilk might have been prowling there yesterday and caused the fire.

Messrs. Baird, Power, Collins and Walsh of the firm were quickly on the scene, and after the fire was quenched, opened the store and surveyed the damage wrought.

Large stock on hand—Gasoline and Kerosene Oil. P. H. COWAN, 276 Water St., St. John's.

At 7 a.m. yesterday a fire was discovered at the dry dock premises, which had it been well advanced when first noticed might have done much damage. A quantity of lumber which had been placed on top of a furnace used for the purpose of heating iron plates, ignited and blazed up freely. It was discovered by the police who notified the watchmen, and men from the substation and other places with police got water from the power house and pump house, and after a stiff fight quenched the blast, but not before most of the lumber was destroyed and the surroundings somewhat damaged.

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Running Great Risks

A couple of moments after the fire started at Parker & Monroe's building yesterday the cry went up that gasoline was stored in the place, but, despite the warning many boys and girls ran down the narrow way leading to Bennett's Cove and stood a few feet from the blazing building. Had such a fault been there and an explosion occurred, some of these would have been seriously hurt if not killed.

This, of course, occurred before the police were there in force sufficient to chase away these curious youngsters. When the horses drawing out the hose length from the West and Central reels rushed down the narrow thoroughfare, many who thronged there had to look lively to get out of the way and some narrow escapes occurred. Sergeant Furlong and the officers under him compelled all who were down to go in on Bennett's wharf and kept the gate closed while the others were forced on the run-up on Water Street and out of danger. Had the fire occurred at night and been an extensive one the firefighters would have been greatly hampered in working in such a circumscribed area.

Portia's Fishery Report

The Portia reports good fishing at Cape Race the past few days, as some squid bait was to be had, and substantial fares were taken by the fishermen. Not much is being done along the S. W. Coast and all the Bankers are away on their last trips for the season, except Capt. Fudge, who recently abandoned the attempt to get down the Straits. He has given up the voyage and is now loading green fish at Belleoram for the U. S. market.

Body Not Removed

By the Portia we learn that the body of the man Strickland, whose dory was found on the beach at Gavia after last Monday's big storm, has not been recovered. The poor fellow leaves a wife and five children. The men of the place carefully dragged the waters along the shore and in the harbor, but their efforts were unavailing. It is believed the man was swept out of the boat in the high sea running and was drowned quickly. His axe, some apparel and some meat he had cut were found in the boat.

Before you buy Gasoline and Kerosene get our prices. P. H. COWAN, 276 Water St.

Our Regiment Left One Year Ago

Just a year ago last night, by the day of the week, the 1st Contingent of the First Newfoundland Regiment, left here on the S. S. Florizel for England. They embarked Saturday evening, the stores being closed from four to seven p.m., and the march of the boys from Pleasantville to the pier through the streets, headed by the pipers of the Nfld. Highlanders and the C.C.C. band, partook of the nature of a triumphal procession. Cheering thousands of all ages and both sexes thronged the thoroughfares and sad scenes were enacted at the coastal pier where the regiment embarked.

Progressive Business Men

If you want to be absolutely sure of dry feet this winter, be certain that you get BEAR BRAND Rubbers.

In St. John's they will be on sale in the stores of:
Anderson, John.
Devine, J. M.
Goobie, W. R.
Monroe & Co. (St. John's and Petty Harbor.)
Nicholle, Inkpen & Chafe, Ltd.
Rodger, A. S.
Scott, Alex.
F. Smallwood.
Smyth's (both stores.)
Steer Bros.
Whiteway, Jesse.

Look for the Bear. 'Tis on every pair.
CLEVELAND TRADING CO., New Martin Bldg., St. John's, N.F.

Has Three Brothers And Several Cousins Fighting—One Killed

Mr. Patk. A. McCafferty who for the past four years has been chief cutter with Mr. Chas. Ellis, tailor, had a letter and a newspaper—the "Observer"—from his native city, Glasgow, Scotland, which intimated that Nell McCafferty had been killed in action; in one of the recent battles on the Western Front. Mr. McCafferty has three brothers in Scottish Regiments, Collin and Neil in the Seaforth Highlanders, and John in the Gordon Highlanders. He has five cousins also in Scottish Regiments, sons of his uncle.

The letter stated that his brother Neil had fallen, and the paper published his picture but neither gave his regimental number. As one cousin is also named Neil, Mr. McCafferty could not be sure if it were his brother or cousin who have been killed, but since receiving the letter he has been advised by telegraph that it was the latter. One of his cousins, a piper with the brave boys in kilts, performed a very brave action in playing his regiment into action while suffering from a severe wound, for which he has been recommended by the officer in charge and which will bring to him well deserved and adequate reward.

Mr. McCafferty says that the Irish in Glasgow are enthusiastically espousing the cause of the Allies and have volunteered in large numbers.

The Portia From Westward

The S. S. Portia, Capt. Jos. Kean, arrived from the Westward at 1.30 a.m. yesterday bringing 3000 drums of fish from Burin and a lot of other freight. She had pretty blustery weather on the run West and was on her way to Bonne Bay in the big storm of Monday last when a tremendous sea. She had it fine on the return trip. Her passengers were: Messrs. W. Moulton, C. Way, R. B. Crocker, J. J. Dobbin; Mesdames Street, Nolan; Misses O'Dishop, E. English, L. Cross, M. Street and 15 second class.

The Fogota Here

The S.S. Fogota, Capt. Dalton, arrived here from the Northward at 9 a.m. yesterday and brought a full cargo of fish in drums, casks, part-birds, oil &c. She had fine weather on the run up and down to Change Islands and brought 10 saloon and 19 steerage passengers.

Geo. Cowan O.K.

Mr. Hy. E. Cowan had a telegram from a relative in Liverpool yesterday, informing him that his brother, up to the 28th ult was quite well. George is a Lance-Corporal in the 5th Royal Highlanders, and has been in the trenches since March last. In a letter received from him by yesterday's mail and dated the 20th ult, he said they were then very busy preparing for the Winter campaign. He says that a friend of his who had been reported missing after the battle of Ypres recently wrote him from a German prison camp. He had been captured during the big battle.

Kyle's Passengers

S.S. Kyle arrived at Port aux Basques 7.40 a.m. yesterday with the following passengers:—David Lynch, F. Hennessey, W. W. Eleven, Mrs. J. J. Welsha, Stella Welsha, Mrs. E. Ebsary, Rev. Canon Bolt, W. H. Smith, Mrs. R. B. Shears, Mrs. J. Shears, Miss A. Shears, Mrs. A. Fraser, C. Fraser, Miss Sophie Rose, M. Vodovzky, Miss B. Davis, Miss J. Currie, Miss B. Carter, Mrs. J. McFarlane, H. A. R. McCoubrey, F. E. Pittman, Mrs. J. Clarke.

Seventeen Irish V. C. Men

No fewer than seventeen Victoria Crosses have been awarded to Irishmen of soldiers of Irish descent during the present war. The following is a complete list to-date:—Major Massy Wheeler (killed). Captain R. O'Sullivan. Lieutenant Geo. R. Dallas Moore. Lieutenant Boyd Rochfort. Lieutenant S. R. P. Roupell. Lieutenant M. J. Dease (killed). Sergeant Michael O'Leary. Sergeant Hogan. Sergeant J. Somers. Sergeant David Neelan. Lance-Corporal Dwyer. Lance-Corporal Holmes. Corporal William Cosgrove. Corporal Robert Morrow (killed). Private William Kenally. Private John Lynn. Drummer William Kenny. Glasgow "Observer."

LOCAL ITEMS

The C.C.C. will hold the first of a series of dances tomorrow night in their new hall. The proceeds will go to liquidate the debt on it.

At the regular meeting of the T. A. Juvenile Society held yesterday afternoon, two new members were placed on the roll.

The excursion train for Tor's Cove and intervening points on the Southern Shore yesterday which left here at 2 p.m. took out 125 persons. The train to Kelligrews and between, at 2.30, took out 95 passengers.

Private Jas. Reid, of Rossiter's Lane this city, who enlisted in the Nfld. Regiment, returned here by the Durango. He has been invalided home and for some time past has suffered from inflammation of the lungs and has been in hospital at Stobbs', Aldershot and Ayr.

Five cases of diphtheria and two of typhoid fever were reported during last week. One death occurred from typhoid. At present in hospital are fifteen diphtheria and eight typhoid patients while one with the latter disease is being treated at home. Six residences were disinfected and released from quarantine.

The men who were under Chief Instructor O'Grady on special service recently have shown appreciation of his ability and interest in them by presenting him with a handsome silver cigarette case and fountain pen. The presentation was made by Sergt. R. B. Murrell on behalf of the men and Instr. O'Grady replied, thanking all for the gifts which were totally unexpected, and he felt undeserved.

Will Have Another Poultry Show

This year the Nfld. Poultry Association will hold their 4th annual Poultry Show in the ballroom of the new C.C.C. rooms, Mechanics' Hall, between 24th, 25th, and 26th, and the committee are putting forth every effort to make it a complete success. It is the intention, if possible, to have Professor Landry of the Canadian Government College of Truro, N.S., come here to judge the birds, which will be exhibited. Excellent prizes have been offered including some beautiful cups, and the committee will arrange special railway fares for the benefit of the outport people to enable them to visit the Exhibition and to increase their interest in the raising of poultry.

Our Volunteers

Saturday forenoon the volunteers had indoor drills and in the afternoon they stormed the White Hills with Lieut. K. Keegan in charge on the firing line. Lieut. Ayre had charge of the support and Lieut. Norris, the reserves. The attack was well performed and was witnessed by Capt. Montgomerie and Instructor O'Grady.

The men, preceded by the pipers of the Nfld. Highlanders yesterday attended service in St. Thomas' Church, R. C. Cathedral and at Wesley Church.

The following enlisted and the number on the roll to date is 2353. Lawrence Hickey, St. John's. Alfred Walsh, St. John's. M. Kane, St. John's. Jno. Jos. Rogers, St. John's. Saml. Bishop, Kelligrews. Wm. Saunders, Long Pond, C.B.

Held Their Annual Meeting

Yesterday forenoon the Christian Doctrine Society of St. Patrick's held their annual meeting. The reports of the Secretary and Treasurer showed the society to be in excellent standing. The election of officers was then conducted by Mr. A. W. O'Reilly and resulted as follows: President—J. P. Flynn. Vice-Pres.—J. Scurry. Asst. V. P.—P. Murphy. Treasurer—F. J. Callahan. Secretary—D. Scurry.

If your dealer does not sell Elastic Cement Roofing Paint, we can tell you where to get it: P. H. COWAN, 276 Water Street.

Developing New Mine

The Iron Mountain Mining Coy. of Dalthuth, Mich., U.S.A., who not long since had an export there are sending shortly to Western Bay several expert miners with diamond drill to thoroughly go over P. Fahey's iron deposit there. The iron is of a high grade and the samples sent already to Dalthuth assayed at 58.6 per cent. Mr. Fahey is confident that a big mining boom is in store for this place.

Will Be Buried At Harbor Grace

The body of the late Miss Carberry enclosed in a handsome casket, arrived here from England by the S.S. "Durango." It will be remembered that Miss Carberry was a passenger by the "Hesperian" and died as the result of chock when the ship was torpedoed. The remains of the deceased lady will go by to-morrow's train to Hr. Grace, her native town, where interment will take place.

Capt. Patk. Kean, of the Western Fire Station, had an interesting letter Saturday from his son, Pte. Geo. Kean, of the Newfoundland Regiment. It was written at Cairo, contained nice descriptions of the city and scenes in and about it. Accompanying it were a number of very fine photos of centres in the city and of historic places and localities near it. George said all the boys were in fine spirits, were feeling good and fit, and were eager to have a brush with Hun or Turk.

SHIPPING

The S.S. "Meigle" arrived at Port aux Basques at 12.15 a.m. yesterday with a large mail which will arrive by express to-day.

The S.S. "Fontier" arrived here Saturday afternoon to load codfish for the Mediterranean for Job Bros. & Co.

The Danish sch. "Hans" arrived here yesterday morning, after a run of 19 days, from Iceland, where she had come with supplies.

The S.S. Beatrice arrived here yesterday afternoon to Crosbie & Co. with a load of coal after a run of two days from Sydney.

Going Out of Business

We learn from good authority that three other saloon keepers of the East End of the city will go out of business within the next few months. Report has it also that others will later follow their example, so that licensed dealers will be much reduced if this occurs.

Carried \$23,500 Insurance

The stores and stock of Messrs. Parker & Monroe involved in the fire of yesterday covered—\$6,500 with the Queen; \$5,000, Sun, Phenix of Hartford, \$3,000 Hartford, \$3,000 Union, \$2,000 National of Ireland \$4,000, in all \$23,500. The estimated loss is \$15,000.

A Beautiful Egyptian Souvenir

Mr. W. Wills of Bowring Bros. retail store by to-day's mail received a beautiful souvenir of Egyptian decorative needlework from Private W. Piccott of the Nfld. Regiment. He worked under Mr. Wills at Bowring's for some time and has a kindly remembrance of him.

The souvenir is in the shape of a satin cushion top in which is wrought in old gold thread the head of a caribou and a beautifully lettered motto of a very appropriate kind. Mr. Wills treasures the gift.

The Durango In Port

The S.S. Durango arrived here from Liverpool at 8.30 p.m. Saturday after a run of 9 days, during which she had variable weather. She brought 250 bags and 6 baskets of mail matter and a freight of 1500 tons. Her passengers were Jos. Flett, R. Grant, A. Smallwood and Pte. Jas. Reid of the Nfld. Regiment.

Report From Erik

The Reid Nfld. Co. yesterday evening had a wireless message from Capt. Burgess of the S.S. Erik. The ship arrived at Emily Harbor Saturday and was delayed there owing to a gale of N.N.E. wind prevailing. The Erik has been 3 weeks on the trip and has been hampered by the prevailing stormy weather.

Fully three quarters of an hour after the firemen had left the scene of yesterday's blaze in the Parker and Monroe building, and while Supt. Dunn and Capt. Kean were looking about the place, the S. E. corner of the roof blazed up, but both officers chopped way the woodwork and quenched it. Evidently fire had smouldered there when all thought it had been extinguished, and blazed up with a slight draught.

OUR THEATRES

THE NICKEL

That very beautiful and most interesting problem play "The Trey O' Hearts" will be seen by patrons of the Nickel to-night. There are other very beautiful dramatic subjects to be shown with the "Chemise Eottery," a fine melo-drama, and a roaring comedy which is a great Keystone picture. Huskins and Cains will sing one of their finest solos, and a treat is in store for all patrons of the Nickel to-night.

ROSSLEY'S EAST END

In order to meet with the spirit of the times and to give the people of St. John's an opportunity of hearing Mr. Ian MacKenzie and his company, Mr. Jack Rossley has decided to make the admission to his popular theatre ten cents to any part of the house. The dividing barrier will be removed and patrons will be left to themselves to take any seat they deem most suitable. This is Mr. McKenzie's last week and many who have not yet visited the Star since his coming here will doubtless make a point of hearing this distinguished Scottish singer. Many who have already heard him will be glad to hear him again. His many appearances at the Queen's Hall, Royal Albert Hall and Crystal Palace, London, stamp him as an artist of the first water. Miss Rix Guerin, the gifted soprano, will also be welcomed during the week, and Mr. Wm. Wallace, the wonderful boy violinist, has prepared a splendid programme for his last performances. A three-reel photo play, perhaps the greatest triumph in feature films "Sans Gene," the leading character being taken by Madam Rejane, the great French actress, will be shown. This picture is the last word in photo-plays, and Madam Rejane has in it a character which exactly suits her. There will be other reels of equally absorbing interest, so altogether the entertainment at Rossley's this week will be of the highest excellence. Each night Mr. Rossley will give away as a present three money prizes to those having the ticket with the title, which will be announced from the stage, and patrons can either sit or stand over to any branch of the Patriotic Funds. On Friday night the weekly competition will be held and seats can now be booked at the East End Theatre, and the best is kept to the last, for Jack and Marie Rossley will take part in a laughable sketch. A programme this evening that surely will attract all.

ROSSLEY'S WEST END

Many patrons of this theatre having expressed a desire to see the great Sarah Bernhardt in the splendid drama "Camille," it will be shown here for a limited number of nights. All who have not seen this photoplay will thus have the opportunity of doing so. There will be a splendid bill of other features, and the four dainty belles who have been charming audiences here, will again appear and sing the latest and best songs hits, including "The Honeymoon Glide." Its like being at home in this theatre, as everything is done for the comfort of patrons, and there should be great houses this week to witness such a splendid programme.

THE CRESCENT

The Crescent Picture Palace to-day presents a splendid programme to its many patrons. It is replete with excellent dramas, the principal of which is "Her Bitter Lesson," while "The Apple" is a very emotional dramatic feature also. "Love, Oil and Grease" is a side splitting comedy, and an ost pathetic drama is "Out of the Storm." Shortly there will be shown two beautiful pictures adaptations from Browning's poem, "The Ring and the Book," and Chas. Read's fascinating story "Peg Woffington."

THE BRITISH

To-night has every promise of being a "Red Letter" one at the British, as in addition to the regular first-class entertainment provided—the wonderful masterpiece "The Trey O' Hearts" will also be shown once again. This is being done by the management in deference to the many requests which have been made from many who were unavoidably absent on its first presentations. This great picture will be shown at nine o'clock. The usual programme will consist of five superb photo-plays, including one in which the popular favorite Mary Fuller plays the leading role. Her work is too well known to dilate upon. The remaining reels are of the very highest standard, and prospective visitors to the British Theatre may confidently look forward to seeing one of (if not the) finest photo-play programmes they have ever seen. It is worthy of note that the entertainments commence promptly at 2.30 and 7.30.

In Days Gone By

October 4
GOWER STREET Methodist Church opened by Dr. Potts 1896.

Sir William V. Whiteway issued Manifesto to Electors 1897.

Big meeting in the T. A. Hall to protest against the Reid Deal 1898.

"Cove Sunday" Celebrated Yesterday

The annual festival at Portugal Cove for the Catholic people of the settlement was celebrated yesterday with much elat. His Grace Arch. bishop Roche, accompanied by Rev. J. McDermott, Admin., and a number of other priests repaired there in autos and were given a cordial reception by the Parish Priest, Rev. Fr. Gough and the people. Flags flew everywhere and the road leading to the Cove was spanned by three fine triumphal arches of evergreen. Many prominent residents of the city, including Messrs. Kent, Dwyer and Higgins were present and a delightful day was spent. His Grace, we hear, laid the corner stone of a new church to be erected and a large sum was subscribed towards it. His Grace, the priests and visitors were royally entertained by Rev. Fr. Gough.

A Meritorious Act

Calman Wm. Crane, of the Post Office stand, possibly saved the lives of some citizens at noon to-day. A horse attached to a butcher's van took fright and dashed up Water St. at great speed. At the foot of Queen St. Crane leaped from the side-walk, caught the bridle, turned the maddened animal into Queen's Street and after great exertion and much risk to himself stopped it. The street was filled with traffic and an accident of a serious nature must have occurred if Crane had not come to the rescue.

Man Missing Since Saturday Morning

Edmund Coleman, of Field Street, ate his breakfast at his home Saturday morning and left his house to go to work. Since that time he has not returned to his wife and family, who are very anxious about him. He had never before absented himself from his home so long.

He is a laboring man, and the hope is expressed that he secured a job on the "Florizel" and left in her, otherwise, it is feared, some mishap has befallen him.

The police arrested two drunks and a disorderly Saturday evening. This is a small number, as usually the week end finds the lock-up cells pretty well filled.

Hon. W. C. Job, who is at present in New York, sent a message yesterday to Hon. R. Watson asking that his name be added to the Prohibition Committee. Mr. Job expects to arrive back in St. John's about the end of the week.

Saturday night the police gave shelter in the station to a young woman, a domestic who had only left a position she occupied with a family. She had sought servitude elsewhere but had not time to make an extensive canvass, and as she had no home to go was glad to get the shelter of the station.

OPENING ANNOUNCEMENT

A. S. WADDEN wishes to announce to his Patrons and the General Public that his New Store 368 Water Street West (2 doors West of old stand) will open TO-DAY (Saturday) with a full line of Tobaccos, Cigars, Cigarettes, Fruits, Confectionery, etc. All orders personally attended to. Satisfaction guaranteed.

A. S. WADDEN
368 Water Street West

NOTICE.

APPLICATIONS for Licenses to sell-Intoxicating Liquors shall be made before the Fifteenth instant.
M. A. DEVINE,
Sec. Licensing Board.