

THE WEATHER. Forecast: Maritime—Light to moderate winds, generally fair and warm. Washington, July 24—Northern New England—Showers Wednesday near coast, fair interior; Thursday fair; gentle to moderate shifting winds.

Around the City. Public Works Motor Trucks. Two city public works motor trucks are out of commission for the present, having broken down.

French Red Cross Appeal. Mrs. Heber Vroom, secretary of the ticket committee of the Red Cross, announces a total of \$558.95 as the result of the St. John appeal in behalf of the French Red Cross.

The Potato Question. A merchant stated yesterday that it was practically impossible to secure any potatoes, and what there is on the market is selling from \$8 to \$8.50 a barrel retail.

Seventeen Dollars Collected. Seventeen dollars was collected by the clerk of the police court yesterday afternoon from two offenders against the prohibitory act. Both prisoners were charged with being drunk.

Canadians Drafted. Justin Cormier of Amherst, Alire Albert of St. Paul, Kent Co. and Harley Johnson of Andover, have been drafted by the United States army officials in Maine in addition to those announced yesterday.

Lynn Y. M. C. A. Man Here. Herbert S. Smith, secretary of the Lynn, Mass. Y.M.C.A., accompanied by his wife and two sons, was in the city yesterday visiting his brother, F. L. Smith, secretary of the local Y.M.C.A.

Great Value of the Military Y.M.C.A. Extract from a letter from the Palestine Front. "After a three hours march across the desert we arrived at the Station. There is a Y.M.C.A. now at every big station and they are a great boon to have their clothes fumigated in the sanitary cars and while this was being done they were sheltering in the Y. M. C. A. It is a useful place.

Bringing Up. IF YOU GO OUT OF THE HOUSE TONIGHT—ILL ANOTHER OVER. LOTTERY WINNERS AT PICCADILLY CIRCUS. The following are the winners of the various lotteries at Piccadilly Circus last Saturday:

"WIN THE WAR" PARTY HODS AN ENTHUSIASTIC MEETING

Informal Gathering of Supporters of Hon. J. D. Hazen Passes Resolutions Approving of any Action Sir Robert Borden May Take in Formation of Union Government to Prosecute and Win the War—Hon. J. A. Murray Endorsed as the Leader of Provincial Opposition.

There was a notable gathering in the Seamen's Institute building yesterday. It was not a political gathering but an informal assembly of a number of New Brunswick Conservatives who came to this city to meet Hon. J. D. Hazen, and it developed into a "win the war" meeting at which matters pertaining to Canada's war effort were discussed and a resolution passed endorsing any arrangement Sir Robert Borden might make looking to the formation of a government not based on existing political divisions, but uniting men of imperial sentiment from both parties and consecrating its efforts to the winning of the war.

Ex-Mayor Gross, of Moncton was chairman of the meeting, and among those present were Hon. J. D. Hazen, and Hon. Messrs. James A. Murray, B. Frank Smith, J. B. M. Baxter, H. Taylor and Arthur Culligan, of the former provincial government; Col. H. P. McLeod, M. P.; P. J. Robidoux, M. P., many members of the local legislature and other representative Conservatives from all parts of the province.

The disposition of the meeting was to subordinate questions of party politics to the more important issue of winning the war, and the following resolution, prepared by a committee appointed for the purpose, was unanimously passed amid great applause: "Resolved that this assembly supports any arrangement which may be made by Sir Robert Borden for the formation of a government not based on existing political divisions so that the best interests of the Empire may be served in Canada by the union of all men possessing imperial sentiments and determined to exert all possible effort for the winning of the war and the solution of the problems which will succeed its termination."

Officials did not act partially in summoning petit jurors, say triers. Interesting and Rare Point Raised by Daniel Mullin, K. C., at Second Trial of Arson Case—Challenges for Cause of Individual Jurors Likely to Follow—Much Public Interest.

The case of the King vs. Joseph O'Brien and John Hughes, charged with arson, took a new turn yesterday. When the circuit court, Chief Justice McKeown presiding, assembled at 10 o'clock a. m. for the second trial of the accused plumbers, the large numbers of spectators in the court room were surprised to hear a challenge to the whole panel of thirty additional petit jurors by Daniel Mullin, K. C., who with J. A. Sinclair and E. J. Hammeberry appeared for the accused. Such a challenge was rather extraordinary in the history of the circuit court for St. John, but Mr. Mullin was perfectly within his province and the whole day was occupied with the hearing of his objection.

Charges Partiality. The main points raised by Mr. Mullin in the course of an able argument before the chief justice, was that the Sheriff, Amos A. Wilson, and his deputy, Armstrong B. Chiffoleau, had been guilty of misconduct and partiality in the selection of the panel, and that most of the men on the panel were not indifferent between the Crown and the accused. Mr. Mullin at the morning session quoted several authorities in support of his contention that the course the Sheriff and his deputy had pursued would operate for the rejection of the whole panel. Authorities as far back as 1853 and 1854 were referred to by Mr. Mullin, while some interesting decisions from the Nova Scotia Supreme Court, relevant to the point raised, were also quoted to the court. Counsel also took objection to the course followed in returning the jury, claiming that the sheriff had neglected to file a list of the voters eligible to sit as members of the jury with the county secretary, as required by law, while he further contended that the clerk of the court, John Villet, had neglected to issue instructions in the regular way to the sheriff for the summoning of the jurors. A question of constitutional law was also brought up by Mr. Mullin, who claimed that the statute of New Brunswick relative to summoning of an additional panel was ultra vires of the legislature of this province, inasmuch as by the provisions of Section 91 of the British North America Act, the exclusive power to legislate on matters pertaining to the criminal law of the country was vested in the Federal Parliament at Ottawa.

Attorney-General Demurs. Attorney-General Byrne, who with J. MacM. Trueman, appeared for the Crown, demurred to the point raised by Mr. Mullin, and the latter immediately contended that the legal effect of a plea of demurrer on the part of the Attorney-General was to admit the facts outlined in the challenge of impartiality, misconduct and neglect, but to contend that they were not a sufficient objection in point of law.

Pleadings Are Ordered. The Attorney-General said that he did not intend that the facts should be admitted, and asked the court for time to prepare his demurrer and pleadings in answer to the argument of the counsel for the defence. At 11:30 o'clock the court was adjourned at 11:30 o'clock in order to afford the Attorney-General an opportunity to draft his demurrer and to present his written pleadings.

Unique Procedure. On resumption at 2:30, after further argument, the Chief Justice ruled that the objection should be heard in the manner provided by the Canadian Criminal Code. The procedure followed was unique in local court circles. County Secretary Kelley was present with the list, the Sheriff and his deputy were both examined to some length as to the course they had pursued. In fact the whole of the afternoon session was occupied with the hearing of Mr. Mullin's objections. Both counsel examined the Sheriff and his deputy, and William Baxter and Arthur Melick were sworn in as triers. The triers took the evidence and reported to the court that they considered the jury to be selected impartially in performing their duties.

Individual Challenge Likely. As this was the substantial ground of Mr. Mullin's objection, it is likely that the case will be proceeded with this morning when the court resumes at 10 o'clock. Other challenges are likely to be made by Mr. Mullin inasmuch as the code affords him the privilege of challenging jurors for cause as well as peremptorily. Should some of the members of the panel be challenged for cause, the objection must be heard by triers, appointed from the members of the jury who will have been selected. This procedure is somewhat lengthy, and it is doubtful if the actual evidence in the case will be opened before this afternoon.

The greatest public interest centres in the present hearing, and the court room was crowded throughout the day. The arguments of counsel on the important issues raised were particularly able. The arson case developed out of the burning of the cottage of W. J. Crawford, secretary of the Master Plumbers' Association. The jury at the former trial last week could not reach a unanimous verdict.

ST. JOHN NEWSPAPER MAN WINS PROMOTION; NOW LT.-COMMANDER

Arthur Partridge, Formerly of St. John, Promoted in Aerial Service—Has Many Friends in City.

Advice from England are to the effect that Arthur Partridge, R.N.V., has been promoted to Lieutenant Commander. This young officer was some years ago engaged in newspaper work in St. John, but early in the war, while city editor of the Rochester, N. Y. Post Express, answered to the call of the motherland and enlisted in the service in England. He has for some time been engaged as an instructor and his present promotion will be learned with pleasure by his many friends in this city.

Enjoying Vacation at Wexford. Among the recent arrivals in the city, who came across on the last Atlantic steamer to dock at Halifax, was Corp. Edward McKinney, who reached the city on Sunday. He is now enjoying a vacation with his relatives at Wexford, Corp. McKinney while engaged with the enemy in France received a bad wound, which necessitated his return to Canada.

In City on Visit. Lieut. F. P. Flett of Chatham arrived in the city last night. Lieut. Flett is retired officer and has been back from the front but a short time. He will remain in the city for a few days.

GARLAND AND O'BRIEN ARE CHARGED WITH THE MURDER OF R. HARRIS

Father of Murdered Man Lays Information Before Magistrate Ritchie—Preliminary Hearing Commences Today.

Information was laid yesterday before Magistrate Ritchie against John O'Brien and Everett Garland charged with the murder of Robert Harris, who died on June 22nd from the effects of a brutal attack upon him while on his way home on the night of June 14th. This case has been the subject of intense interest not only in the city but throughout the province. It may be recalled here that when the plumbers went out on strike some time during the first week of May, young Harris continued at his work. The preliminary hearing will be commenced this afternoon in the police court. J. B. M. Baxter will prosecute and E. J. Hammeberry will appear in the interest of the prisoners.

The information as sworn out by the father of the deceased young man was as follows: "Robert Harris, father of the deceased, makes oath and saith that he suspects and believes that John O'Brien and Everett Garland both named together did at the city of St. John on the 14th day of June, 1917, murder this defendant's son, Robert Harris, Jr., contrary to the statute made and provided.

And deponent's reasons for his suspicion and belief are that his said son, the said Robert Harris, Jr., was in the night time of the day last mentioned waylaid in Rockland road in the said city of St. John and struck and beaten about the head and died as a result of such violence. "That the said Robert Harris, Jr., made certain statements to deponent before his death as to the conduct of the said O'Brien and Garland towards him. "That deponent was present at the inquest held in reference to said death and heard the witnesses give evidence as to what they knew, which, in deponent's opinion, indicated that said O'Brien and Garland are the persons who inflicted the injury and caused the death of deponent's son. "For these reasons and also because of what was said by said O'Brien and Garland at the inquest, deponent, the said Robert Harris, Jr., persistent from his work to his home on previous occasions, deponent believes and suspects that the first paragraph of this information: "That said John O'Brien and Everett Garland did on the day last mentioned at the city of St. John, both acting together, murder the said Robert Harris, Jr." "Signed Robert Harris and sworn to before Robert J. Ritchie, magistrate."

FRENCH MARINES IN CITY LAST EVENING ENJOYING FURLOUGH

A Party of Five Created Interest at Depot—Fought Off the Greek Coast—Italians Assisted in the Battle.

Five mariners from a French cruiser passing through the city last night on their way to a point of embarkation. The men created a good deal of interest at the depot as they stood near the baggage room door discussing the examination of their baggage. Although the Standard representative was unable to converse with them to any extent in their own tongue, yet he managed to learn that the party had been at St. Pierre Miquelon enjoying a furlough since the first day of May. "The only battle in which

these men have taken an active part," said a French Canadian who happened along and saw that the reporter and the men in uniform were finding it difficult to understand each other was one in which the French and Italians were engaged. "This," continued the interpreter, "took place near the coast of Greece. "Who was victorious on this occasion," asked the reporter. "The interrogator was passed on to the Frenchman, and to the amusement of those who overheard the conversation the party smiled a broad smile, and the spokesman through the interpreter replied, "They want to know, who do you think won." The party left last evening enroute to their point of embarkation. The names of those in the party were: Georges Dismare, Alfred Oiano, Darius Fovot, Lile Rio, and Anodile Pica.

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