

AROUND THE CITY

GALES WITH RAIN

NO STANDARD TOMORROW

Tomorrow, Christmas Day, The Standard will not be issued.

BELGIAN RELIEF FUND.

The women's knitting and sewing circle of the Charlotte street Baptist church has donated, through the mayor, \$15 to Belgian relief.

ARRIVES TODAY.

Friends of W. Rupert Turnbull, of Rothesay, who has been overseas for the past three and a half years, will be glad to learn that he is returning on the Gramplan this afternoon.

FOR THE SAILORS.

On account of the large number of sailors in port it has been found necessary to hold two Christmas entertainments at the Seamen's Mission, and Thursday and Friday nights will be devoted to that object.

WORTHY SUBSCRIPTIONS.

The Children's Aid Society received a welcome addition to its funds yesterday, when a citizen who has been collecting subscriptions for some time called and handed over a cheque for \$100 towards the work of the society.

MONTREAL MARKET.

Montreal, Dec. 23.—Oats, extra No. 1 feed, 58. Flour, Manitoba spring wheat, new standard grade, \$11.25 to \$11.33. Bran, 37.25. Shorts, \$42.25. Middling, \$48.00 to \$70.00. Hay, No. 2, per ton, car lots, \$20 to \$21. Potatoes per bag, car lots, \$1.70.

WAS TAKEN PRISONER.

William J. Hamilton, 60 Harrison street has received a cable from his son, Fred J., who was reported missing a few months ago, but who had been taken a prisoner of war by the Germans. The young soldier reported that he was well and expects to be home in the near future.

LITTLE OLD FORD.

A little old Ford was rambling along Rothesay avenue Sunday afternoon when suddenly it left the road and came to a full stop in the ditch badly damaged. The passengers walked to the city and a garage for repairs.

THE POLICE COURT.

Three drunks pleaded guilty in court yesterday morning and were remanded. A lady, who is charged with shoplifting, was allowed to proceed to her home on the strength of a doctor's certificate. She is accused of taking three pairs of stockings and a purse from the store of F. A. Dykeman.

RECEPTION MONDAY.

The Women's Canadian Club have arranged for their holiday reception on Monday to the members of the club and the executive committees of other patriotic societies. Sir Douglas Hazen will be present and will give an address on war savings and thrift stamps.

JUST LIKE LONDON.

The down-town stores experienced a comparative lull last evening when one of the heaviest frosts of the season diminished the usual heavy tide of after-noon shoppers. Traffic was impeded to a considerable extent, as the fog was unusually thick but it gradually cleared about 9.15 and everything was normal again.

ANOTHER BREAK REPORTED.

Following the recent breaks into summer cottages at Grand Bay, Millidge, and several other suburban places, another break was perpetrated on Saturday at Sandy Cove. The summer home of a citizen was entered and some damage done to the premises. Entrance was made through the doors on which were placed large railroad locks. These were all cut by means of a steel saw.

IMMIGRATION BUILDING.

Although the immigration building on West Side has been handed over to the immigration authorities by the militia, a number of the members of the Engineers' Depot are busily engaged in removing the premises, making them again quite presentable. Painters, carpenters, plumbers, are daily on the job, and in the near future the work will have been completed and the building made ready for the reception of men returning from overseas.

REPORT ON ORPHANAGES.

At the nine o'clock mass on Sunday morning His Lordship Bishop LeBlond read the report on the orphanages for the year. At the present time there is in the two institutions 36 girls, 99 boys and 39 infants, a total of 274. The receipts for the year were \$74,712.35. In this was included a bequest of \$5,352.48 from the estate of Mrs. Margaret Ryan, Fredericton. His Lordship thanked the people for their support of the institutions and asked for a generous offering on Christmas Day.

SAD NEWS RECEIVED.

Sunday evening Rev. S. E. Poole, pastor of the German street Baptist church received the sad news that his father, Stephen Poole, of Sand Beach, N. B., near Yarmouth, had passed away. The late Mr. Poole was eighty years of age and his death was not unexpected. Mr. Poole left yesterday morning for Sand Beach to attend the funeral. Besides Rev. Mr. Poole there is surviving four sons and three daughters and his wife. One of the daughters lives in Boston and one of the sons overseas.

ARMY XMAS DINNERS.

Today is the day for delivering the Salvation Army Christmas dinners and one hundred homes will be made happier by the arrival of well-packed baskets bearing generous supplies of food, vegetables, fruit, bread, butter, tea, sugar and candies. Many of these baskets have been made possible by the most generous response of the public to the special Christmas dinner appeal. Any money remaining will be used to further the regular relief work of the Salvation Army in this city.

BIBLE SOCIETY MET LAST NIGHT

Officers Elected and Delegates Chosen to Attend the Annual Meeting on January 14

A meeting of the St. John Branch of the New Brunswick Bible Society was held last night for the purpose of election of officers for the ensuing year and the appointment of delegates to the annual meeting of the society which will be held in St. Andrew's church on Monday, January 14th.

The following officers were elected: President—J. N. Rogers. Secretary—Sheriff Wilson. Treasurer—Mayor Hayes.

The following were appointed delegates to the annual meeting: Rev. F. S. Dowling, Rev. G. H. Fort, S. H. Davis, Thomas Graham.

The executive is composed of the officers and the delegates with the addition of Judge J. G. Forbes and the Rev. Mr. Boyer, travelling secretary of the society.

The annual meeting this year has more than usual significance as it is the centennial year of the New Brunswick Branch of the Bible Society. The presiding officer will be Sir Douglas Hazen and among the speakers are the Bishop of Fredericton, the Rev. Dr. DeWolfe, of Acadia College, and the Rev. Mr. Cooper, of Toronto, the general secretary of the Canadian Bible Society.

HEADQUARTERS HAS NOT HEARD

Of Any Changes in Staff—Report That Clerks Are to Receive Bonus.

Relative to the report of the proposed changes by Ottawa military officials of the personnel of the staff at local military headquarters an official of the staff who was asked last evening regarding the report stated that he heard nothing relative to the proposed change, and it was indeed news to the officers of headquarters.

A report is now current that all men who since April first last were engaged in clerical duties are to receive a bonus in the near future proportionate to the work they have been engaged in.

Although the report is only a rumor at the present time, it is hinted, however, that something semi-official has been received in the city. All the boys engaged in these duties referred to are keyed up to the height of expectancy, and expect in the near future to realize their dreams.

MUNITION PLANTS CLOSE THURSDAY

Many of the Factory Workers Are Finding Other Employment, While Others Leave the City.

All ammunition activities in the city come to an ending the day after tomorrow. Both plants—the 47 and the 52 close on the above date. Nearly all the employees are now out of work and many who belonged outside the city returned to their homes last evening.

The post industry in the city afforded plenty of work for male and female workers, and no doubt many of them will not be granted the same opportunity of securing such good wages as they did at the two shell plants.

Nothing of a definite nature is known as yet relative to what line of iron and steel goods will be manufactured at the Rothesay plant in the future, but developments are expected in the near future.

ARRANGE FOR ACADIAN NIGHT

Undergraduates of Acadia College Held Meeting in Y. M. C. A. Last Evening.

Several enthusiastic undergraduates of Acadia College, who are spending the Christmas holidays in the city, held a meeting in the Y. M. C. A. last night to arrange for an "Acadian Night" to be held in the German street Baptist Institute next Saturday evening the 28th instant.

The plan is to have an evening of general college fun of the variety that has made the "Acadian Nights" in Amherst, Halifax, Tyng and Fredericton among the most successful functions the younger sets have held in those cities.

Among those invited are all Acadia graduates, any who have attended Acadia College, the Seminary or Academy, members of Grades 25 and 26 in the St. John High School and high school graduates in the city will receive special invitations.

The entertainment will be furnished by the "graduating" class of Acadia, assisted by local talent. It is expected that Dr. S. B. Cutten, president of Acadia College, will be present.

Committees were appointed last night to make all necessary arrangements, and a most enjoyable evening is expected.

WILL MEET BROTHER.

The visitor in the city was an ex-convict, having at that time received his discharge from the army, and while in New York received a telegram from his mother relative to the arrival of his brother in this port today. He immediately obtained for the west, and quite enjoyed the trip, it being his first trip east.

BERGT, SPEAR HOME.

Sergt. R. S. Spear of the Canadian Engineer's Training Depot, St. John's, Quebec, arrived home yesterday afternoon on the Montreal train, after having served in the army for eight months. Sergt. Spear left here in April last after having signed up with the Engineers for overseas service. Since then he has gained promotion twice and has also tried three times to get into a draft for overseas service, but has been unsuccessful on account of reasons he was detailed for duty in Canada.

MAJOR McARTHUR IN COMMAND OF THE DISPENSARY

Popular Local Man Who Has Been Acting as Second in Command of Depot Battalion Gets New Job.

Mention was made a short time previously relative to the establishment of a dispensary in the city, to expedite the work in connection with the mobilization of the overseas forces, who are daily reaching the city. In the past this work devolved upon all of the military officials in this district creating inconveniences to them, as well as to those who were returning from overseas. Military officials, finding the work to be quite voluminous and acquiring the special services of those who were acquainted with this line of work, found it necessary to establish a dispensary here. At the time of its establishment the O. C. was not named as none were at hand at that time. Finding the officer commanding the new dispensary has been named. Major McArthur was assigned to the post as the officer in charge and yesterday with five other subaltern officers as staff, made up of two captains and three lieutenants. The new appointment is the first in this city of those officers in charge of dispensaries, and the new officer is considered a capable and efficient appointee for such duties. Previous to this he was second in command of the Depot Battalion.

The new military machine is to work in conjunction with those officers who reach the city from time to time as conducting officers from overseas with the numerous men of their respective military districts.

With the new innovation and that of the information bureau under the capable management of Captain Thompson, returning men will be afforded those facilities which will grant them those requirements for immediate and careful assistance. Local military headquarters are to be consolidated on the new move being made, and to those officers in charge of the several departments is wished pronounced success.

The offices of the dispensary staff are situated in the armories and here may be in the future found all necessary information relative to the general mobilization of men returning to Canada.

U. S. OFFICER IS IN THE CITY

Former Lieutenant in American Field Artillery Here to Meet His Brother, a Passenger from Liverpool.

Charles Larabee, a former lieutenant in the American field artillery at Louisville, Kentucky, is in the city, a guest at the Victoria.

Mr. Larabee reached the city yesterday in motor car from Edw. Larabee, who reached the city today on the Gramplan from Germany, where he was a prisoner since last September. The former brother spent sixteen months in the American army as instructor to field artillery units, but had never had occasion to cross the pond, being detained on this side as instructor. The latter brother returned today from overseas enlisted in the early part of the war in Vancouver with the Royal Flying Corps. On its being changed to the Army he was transferred to the Imperial army, and has been in it ever since. Both led return to their homes in Billingham, Washington, this evening.

SOLDIERS' RECEPTION FUND.

The Returned Soldiers' Reception Committee treasurer, R. S. Ritchie, acknowledges receipt of the following contributions towards this big and important work:

Royal Standard Chapter, I. O. O. F. ... \$100.00

J. A. ... 50.00

Smith Brokerage Co. ... 50.00

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J. Hunter White ... 5.00

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Mrs. J. Roy Campbell ... 20.00

Mrs. S. S. Skinner ... 5.00

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Suits Cases 5.00 to 20.00

Gait Cases 2.00 to 18.00

Mufflers 50c to 5.50

Overcoats 15.00 to 40.00

Shirts 15.00 to 45.00

Boots 6.50 to 30.00

Umbrellas 1.50 to 6.00

Brace Bets 75c to 1.50

Leather Collar Bags 1.00 to 2.00

Gifts for Men

Caps 75c to \$1.50

Aviation Caps 1.25 to 2.00

Knock Gloves 75c to 1.75

Shoes 1.50 to 5.50

Toggles 1.00 upwards

Neckties 35c upwards

Overcoats 5.00 to 20.00

Also special factory service—there has been nothing but the keenest desire to contribute to the success of this Christmas season, as over the will be on the records of the institution as setting a mark which the most optimistic of us felt would be difficult to attain. The management appreciates the fine sense of loyalty which prompted you to rise to the demands made upon you. We wish you a Merry Christmas.

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Special Christmas dinner, price \$1.50. Duffell Hotel.

CIRCLES ENGAGED SORTING MOSS

Over 112 Pounds Graded and Prepared Last Week—Standing of Fourteen Circles for the Week.

The fourteen circles engaged in the sorting and handling of sphagnum moss at the Natural History Society rooms graded and prepared over 112 pounds of moss last week, compared with the previous week's total of 127 pounds.

The standing of the circles for the week ending last Saturday is as follows:

St. George's Circle 40 1/2

Monday Night Circle 34 1/2

Seven Seas Chapter, I.O.D.E. 13 1/2

Loyalist Chapter, I.O.D.E. 8 1/2

N. H. S. Association 7

Graduate Nurses 6 1/2

Trinity Circle 5 1/2

Mrs. C. Robinson, No. 6 Circle ... 4 1/2

T. W. P. A. 4

Doorkeepers Circle 3 1/2

Lady Robert's Chapter, I.O.D.E. ... 2 1/2

Witnastede School 1 1/2

Sapphire Rebekah Lodge, I.O.O.F. ... 1 1/2

Natural History Society, Jrs. 3

Total 111 1/2

All the above moss was of the first quality. In addition to this the Natural History Society Juniors and the Trinity Circle each sorted a half pound of moss of the second grade.

With the object of relieving the immediate need of 500,000 dressings for the hospitals in England and France, the circles will inaugurate a special drive in the interest of the work as soon as the holiday season is over.

IMPERIAL TODAY AND CHRISTMAS

Holiday Good Cheer on Tap at the Big Theatre, King Square.

The final Santa Claus matinee will be held today. Send the kiddies to see St. Nick and have a last chance to win some of the \$75 worth of mechanical toys.

Rest up for a while during your shopping and see Alice Joyce in a real Christmas-spirit play entitled "The Song of the Soul." Also see the happenings of the people of Lille and Prague on being liberated from the Huns. Spend Christmas Eve at the Imperial.

Tomorrow—Christmas Day—is going to be a wonderful one. The first close-up picture of the survivors of the German fleet. What the Admirals did and said when they met, views of the Hun craft from an aeroplane, etc., etc. A grand comedy drama, entitled "The Love Swindle," and a rip-roaring farce by the new Lyons-Moran Company. Canadian views in Ford Monthly.

THE UNION BANK EXPANDS EXECUTIVE.

Three New Assistant General Managers Appointed to Act in Winnipeg, Toronto and London, England.

The Union Bank of Canada with head office at Winnipeg announces the appointment of three new assistant general managers, namely, F. W. S. Cripps with headquarters at Winnipeg, F. W. Able with headquarters in London, England, and George Wilson with headquarters in Toronto.

The appointment of these three assistant general managers will materially strengthen the executive and is in keeping with the progressive policy which has always been followed by the bank. The three officials take up their new work on January 1st, 1919.

These appointments will make direct touch with the large financial and knowledge resources of the bank an evidence of the growing importance of this banking corporation's activities.

The annual statement of the bank which is shortly to be published, appears to show an increase in assets of \$13,000,000 over the figures of 1917, the total assets now being \$153,000,000. The Union Bank has made steady and consistent progress during the war period, with its over 200 offices located in the Dominion, it is enabled to keep in close touch with a very large part of the country's commercial business.

THANK YOU!


To our Customers: For your patronage during this holiday season we desire to return our very sincere thanks. By your generous response to our invitation to do your Christmas shopping early and partake of the wonderful collection of bargain savings, we are enabled to make this Christmas season the biggest in volume of business ever attained by this store, and, indeed, we feel free to say, St. John has never witnessed a successful Christmas sale as the one we bring to you to triumphantly close this Christmas Eve. And for your patience and your genial acceptance of a situation that at times, with enormous crowds pressing for attention, made it next to impossible to render you the usual Dykeman service, we thank you. This fine consideration on your part has lightened a burden that might have laid heavily on our large corps of assistants. Our staff of employees join the management of this institution in extending to the patrons of this store a very Merry Christmas.

To our Employees: You have done a noble—from the youngest employee on the staff to the oldest—to those who were engaged temporarily to the oldest, who by the way, has a record of over twenty years satisfactory service—there has been nothing but the keenest desire to contribute to the success of this Christmas season, as over the will be on the records of the institution as setting a mark which the most optimistic of us felt would be difficult to attain. The management appreciates the fine sense of loyalty which prompted you to rise to the demands made upon you. We wish you a Merry Christmas.

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Leather Collar Bags, \$1.00 to \$2.50.
Handkerchief Cases, \$1.75 to \$3.00.
Two Flat Brushes in leather case, \$1.50.
Photo Cases, 50c to \$1.50.
Coin and Bill Pouch, 50c to \$3.00.
Coin Pouch, 15c to \$1.50.
Gait Cases in several new styles, 75c to \$4.25.
Tobacco Pouches in popular kinds, 25c to \$2.50.

Cigarette Cases in Nickel, Gun Metal and Leather, 25c to \$2.50.
Military Brushes at very special value, \$2.00 to \$6.00.
Cloth and Hat Brushes to match 35c to \$2.00.
Regular Hat Brushes, very special, 60c to \$3.00.
Shaving Brushes set in Rubber, 35c to \$2.75.
Shaving Stands and Sets in nickel and ivory, \$2.50 to \$6.75.
Jewel Cases in fine leather, \$3.50 to \$12.00.
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