

AROUND THE CITY
GALES WITH RAIN.

FROZEN WATER PIPES.
The recent cold snap caused some trouble as a number of residences were minus water in the early morning yesterday, caused by the pipes freezing up, requiring the services of a plumber.

RIGGING CARRIED AWAY.
New York Soc. Samuel Hart, Capt. Swenson, which had her foretopmast broken and a portion of her forward rigging carried away when entering Yarmouth Sound on Sunday, will make repairs there.

TELEGRAPH LINES.
C. P. E. Telegraph lines put out of commission as the result of a train wreck, carrying away the wires in the neighborhood of Scotstown, Quebec, Sunday afternoon, were restored to working order yesterday.

SAVINGS BANK RETURNS.
The deposits at the Dominion Savings Bank, Princess Street, during the month of November, were \$67,852.75; the withdrawals amounted to \$68,301.08. It is thought the greater part of the withdrawals were used to buy Victory Bonds.

CHRISTMAS GREETINGS.
Mayor Hayes received yesterday from the Lord Mayor of Bristol, England, the following Christmas message: "The Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress of Bristol (Alderman H. W. and Mrs. McTewigs) wish you a very happy Christmas and prosperous New Year."

DELEGATION COMING.
The secretary of the Quebec Board of Trade has notified the secretary of the St. John Board that the delegation from Quebec to talk over the proposed Kirkwood shipbuilding scheme mooted some months ago, would probably arrive in the city the middle of this week.

WANTS INFORMATION.
The secretary of the board of trade yesterday received from a soldier in England a request for information in regard to facilities for poultry farming in New Brunswick. This soldier had lived in Western Canada before the war, but desired to make his home in New Brunswick now.

LEFT FOR MONTREAL.
W. R. Gould, who for the past three years has been a valued member of the Telegraph writing staff, left last night for Montreal, where he has accepted a position on the Montreal Star. Mr. Gould made hosts of friends while in the city and all wish him every success in his new position.

LOST SAILS.
The little 71-ton schooner, Annie, Captain Moses Trahan, owned by Guillion Bros., of Salmon River, Digby Co., arrived in Yarmouth on Sunday afternoon after a four days' run from Boston with a cargo of fertilizer. She met with heavy weather, lost her foresail and had her mainmast torn.

THE EASTERN LINE.
It is the intention of the Eastern Steamship Lines to establish not later than the first of next April, daily services in each direction on the Port of Portland Line, on which routes have been entirely discontinued. Supt. Clay said it is probable all of the services formerly in operation east of Boston under the control of the company will be back on a new pre-war basis during the coming spring.

FAIR PRICE COMMITTEE.
The fair price committee are arranging for a meeting on Thursday evening at which it is expected a number of city dealers will be heard. Some of these were invited to attend the last session but, due to do so, and it is understood a more pressing invitation has been sent to attend the coming session.

GUARD OF HONOR.
One hundred men under the command of Captain Evans, Lieutenant Taylor, and Lieutenant McKinney left last evening on the Fredericton express to be present at the guard of honor on arrival of the Duke of Devonshire in the capital today. When en route to the train the men drew a lot of comment on account of their military appearance.

ONE MAN, EIGHT BOTTLES.
Sub-inspectors McAlush and Garnett visited a section of the country late Saturday evening. Arriving at a place at eleven o'clock they found a business man of the city there with eight bottles of whiskey. The man was placed under arrest and charged with having liquor in his possession other than in his private dwelling house, and will appear before Magistrate Adams of Brookville to answer the charge.

"TURN TO THE RIGHT" ENGAGEMENT.
Tickets for choice locations should be bought today. Plans are pretty well marked up already. People now buying Thursday seats. Theatre parties may book box chairs at \$1.50, same price as orchestra front. Governor General's reception at Imperial Wednesday afternoon will in no way interfere with evening show on time. Curtain at 8.15, finale 10.40. Considerable buying for Thursday matinee.

ROYAL STANDARD CHAPTER'S HOUSEWIVES' FAIR.
Today is the day of the Housewives' Fair at the G. W. A. rooms. Come and see the six days illustrated by attractive booths. The children will enjoy the Punch and Judy show and minstrel.

RECEPTION TO THE WORKERS TO ATTEND A. V. A. D. AND INFLUENZA CANADA CLUB.
For Wednesday Luncheon tickets must be obtained from Nelson's. Members must be in their seats by 1.15.

Wanted—Girl to operate passenger elevator, afternoons only, hours 1 to 6 o'clock (Saturday and Sunday excepted). Apply The Standard, Ltd.

ST. JOHN SOLDIER WRITES OF CONDITIONS AT FRONT

Regimental Sergeant Major Storm Describes Many Interesting Instances—Witnessed Impressive Funeral of Canadians in Mons—Tells of Brutal Treatment Accorded Belgians by the Germans.

Writing to his family at 11 Pine Street, Regimental Sergeant Major Fred W. Storm, of No. 1 Heavy Battery, tells some very interesting facts of conditions at the front. He speaks of the horrible manner in which the Belgians and French inhabitants of towns and villages have been treated by the Germans, also of the fine treatment the Canadian soldiers received at the hands of the citizens when their villages were taken by the British, and the Hunns were driven out.

The St. John hero was near the city of Mons the day that the armistice was signed, and he gives a description of the sad and happy scenes in that place during the last day of the war.

The letter just received was written in Phuint, Belgium, on November 14th, and is as follows: "I am alive and well, in very nice surroundings, but it is quite a change for me to write the way I can now, as the restrictions have just been lifted this morning. We are billeted with the Belgian post office man and his wife. They are very nice people, indeed, and they seem very pleased to have us, and they have done everything in their power to make us happy."

The old man comes and lights the fire every morning, and makes us a cup of nice coffee before we go to the mess, just like pre-war times.

"The poor devils all through here have been used very badly by the damned Germans. Everything has been taken from them. The young women and men have been made to work for the Hunns under the worst conditions, even working them while they are ill, and with hardly anything to eat."

"I took a ride in to Mons yesterday on a visit (you know it was taken the morning the armistice was signed). It is certainly a fine place. The town was absolutely swarmed up with flags and bunting. The people were all dressed in their best, and it was indeed a very grand scene."

"In the afternoon they held a large funeral of the boys who had been killed in the morning. The magistrate, the mayor and the chief men of the city were there as mourners, and it was very impressive. There were very many flowers which were given by the people of Mons."

"It was hard luck for the poor boys who were killed, some of them came over with us in 1914 and 1915, and were killed on the last morning of the war."

"The country round here is very beautiful and the weather is fine. I hope it won't be long before I will be coming home again, back where there is no shell, but plenty of comfort."

"Kindly remember me to all my friends."

"FRED."

Regimental Sergeant Major Storm was a valued member of the St. John police force at the time he enlisted for service early in the war, and was the first blue coat in the city to rally to the colors. He has hosts of staunch friends in the city who will be glad to learn that he is safe and well, and trust to welcome him home again before a great while.

Very sad news has been received by Mrs. Daniel Barnes, of 184 Adelaide Street, by cable, which informed her of the death of her son, Wesley, who died of wounds on October 21st. This is the second son of Mrs. Barnes who has made the supreme sacrifice, and much sympathy will be felt for the sorrowing parents, who have been so bereaved.

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NAVY LEAGUE EXECUTIVE MET

Make Plans for Christmas Cheer—British Seamen Not to Recognize German Sailors as Equals—Delegation Coming Here.

A well attended meeting of the executive of the Navy League was held yesterday afternoon by the Board of Trade rooms, Colonel E. T. Sturdee presiding.

The committee in charge of the Christmas soths reported that they will have several hundred soths ready for Christmas, and that every sailor in port will be presented with them. Donations towards this have been received from the De Monts Chapter, I. O. D. E., who sent 100 pairs, through the C. W. C. A. The ladies of the Seamen's Institute, and the W. C. T. U. are assisting with the comfort bean and other societies.

Arrangements will be made to give a Christmas Treat during the Christmas season. Several outside branches are contributing to these gifts, comfort beans coming from Moncton and Fredericton. Woodstock sent \$50, the Women's Canadian Club of St. Andrew's \$25, and it is expected that other branches will also assist in this way.

A letter was received from the Dominion Council giving an account of pensions and donations, to widows of sailors who have lost their lives during the war, and to those who have been up as there are several such cases in St. John. A relief committee consisting of Mrs. W. I. Fenton, Captain A. J. Mulcahy, and R. Morton Smith was appointed, and cases will be referred to them.

It was decided to celebrate the Victory of the Falkland Islands, and to give an entertainment at the Seamen's Institute which will be open to members of the Navy League. An address will be given on the story of the great naval battle, and a musical program will be arranged of appropriate songs and music.

A report was received of the entertainment held for the men of the H. M. S. Changuinola. A vote of thanks was received from the sailors, expressing their appreciation of the kindness of the Navy League.

A special committee appointed to look after entertainments was as follows: Mrs. Edwards, Miss Jessie Church, H. C. Schofield, R. E. Armstrong and C. B. Allen.

Mrs. Edwards, on behalf of her committee, reported much valuable work done for sick sailors during the influenza epidemic.

A telegram was received from Commodore Jarvis, of Toronto, stating that the Seamen's Union of Liverpool are sending out delegates to advise the labor men and seamen of the pledge not to recognize German sailors as equals. It is probable that this delegation will visit St. John.

A meeting of the South End Improvement League was held last evening in the King Edward School and matters regarding using the South End grounds for an open air rink were discussed. It was decided that the rink be free to all in the South End for the enjoyment of the residents in that section of the city. A man has been engaged as caretaker for the season.

A vote of thanks was extended to a missioner Hilyard for the placing of a hydrant near the grounds to be used in flooding the rink. The rink measures twelve and a half laps to the mile and the members of the league expect it to prove a great resort this winter. Everything is now ready and if the weather continues cold the grounds will be flooded and made ready for skating about the last of the week. It is held a free entertainment in the King Edward School on Monday evening next when a good programme will be carried out during the evening the Potts trophy will be awarded to the champion ball club of the South End League.

Y. W. P. A.

A special meeting of the Y. W. P. A. will be held this evening at eight o'clock at the Germania Hotel, 125 Adelaide, German street. Mrs. P. R. Warren, formerly of St. John, who has been much interested in overseas work for women will tell of her experiences. All members are asked to attend.

His Honor, the Lieutenant Governor, and Executive Council of New Brunswick will hold a reception in the Legislative Assembly Chamber on the evening of December Third at nine o'clock, so that the public may have the opportunity of being presented to His Excellency the Duke of Devonshire, Governor General of Canada, on his first official visit to the capital of the Province. Those wishing to attend the reception will kindly provide themselves with two c.c.s, each with the name printed or plainly written thereon, one to be handed to the officer announcing and the other to the officer presenting the people to His Excellency.

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A Special Purchase and Showing of Misses' Navy Blue Serge and Velveteen Dresses
NOTICE—
We shall have on display tomorrow, a special purchase of Misses' Dresses in sizes 16, 18 and 20 years, at low prices for which they will be sold will be most looked for on account of the present high cost of the materials used in them.
These Dresses comprise the season's very latest models and are developed in Navy Blue Serge, Serge and Satin Combinations, Velveteen or Silk and Velveteen combined. The principal style points are loose fringe trimmed panels, Mandarin styles, long loose fitting tunics with various sash effects. High waisted models for youthful figures and accordant patterned skirts. Many newest neck styles are in evidence, among them being the collarless dress, round square and V-shaped necks and smart convertible stole collars. Artistic touches of braiding, silk embroidery, buttons and platings in rare shades, and just the right color effects. Misses' and Small Women's sizes only. Very low Special Purchase Prices, \$22, \$25 and \$27.75—Costume Section, 2nd Floor.
Big Reduction Sale of All Military Supplies—After-the-War Prices.
TUESDAY, WEDNESDAY AND THURSDAY
Regulation Khaki Flannel Shirts, on sale at \$2 and \$2.50. Khaki Cotton Shirts, Sale price \$1.75.
Khaki Cotton Collars, 15c. each. Khaki Flannel Collars, 19 and 25 cents.
Heavy Ribbed Wool Socks. Bargains at 75c. and \$1. Khaki Ribbed Cashmere Socks, \$1.00.
Khaki Plain Cashmere Socks, on sale at 90c, \$1, \$1.25 and \$1.50.
Fox's Regulation Puttees, \$2.75. Khaki Mercantile Handkerchiefs, 15, 20 and 25c. Khaki Silk Handkerchiefs, 50 and 75c.
Khaki Knitted Silk Neckties, 60c. Corded Silk, Derby and Open-end Ties, 50 and 75c.
Regulation Sleeping Kit, \$17.50. Khaki Canvas Kit Bag, \$5.00. Canvas Folding Bath Tub, \$1.50. Officers' Khaki Haversack. Sale price \$3.00.
Mercerized Cotton Squares, 25c. Khaki Cashmere Squares, 90c. Knitted Fibre Squares, 75c.
Silk Squares, \$1.00 and \$1.50. Knitted Wool Squares, 90c., \$1.10 and \$2.25.
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A Silk Plush Hat.
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SECOND SON IS KILLED IN ACTION

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The death of Elbridge Barnes, the other son, occurred on August 22nd. He enlisted in the 104th Battalion, and was twenty-five years of age. Overseas he was transferred to the 78th Battalion, with which he was at the time of his death. Mrs. Barnes received the following account from the regimental chaplain:

"I was walking a few feet away from your son, coming away from the Battle of Amiens. We were marching in the bright moonlight. Elbridge had just spoken to me, saying what a lovely night it was, when a German airplane dropped a very large bomb right beside G Company. There was a terrible slaughter, and I picked myself up and held my hands on two poor lads who were bleeding to death, till the medical officer came up. He was walking behind D Company. After putting the wounded into the ambulance I walked back some twelve miles, but came back once more and got your son and two other dear lads ready for burial. He was hit on the left side of the head by a piece of a bomb. Death must have been instantaneous."

"I buried him that morning in a nearby cemetery, 'Bill Side,' near Calx Wood, Plot 2, Row D, Grave 12. I saw a little wooden cross put up at his head, and the cemetery is permanent and will be looked after. May he rest in God's peace till the great day of reunion."

"Please accept the sincere sympathy of one whose own dear son was sorely wounded at Vimy."

"Yours most sincerely,
"Chaplain 78th Batt., Can. Infantry."
Mrs. Barnes also received a very kind letter of sympathy from the Captain of C Company, Captain Stuart S. Hawkins.

TWO NORTH END FIRES LAST NIGHT

Houses on Merritt and Chesley Streets Caught About the Same Time—Considerable Damage Caused.

The fire department was kept on the jump for a short time last evening when they were obliged to respond to two fires in the North End, the alarm sounding within a few minutes of each other.

It was about 6.40 o'clock when an alarm from box 132 was sent in for a fire which was discovered in the house occupied by William Hodd on Merritt street. About five minutes later an alarm from box 134 called other firemen to the residence of Daniel Chisholm at 55 Chesley street.

With one alarm coming in after the other it led citizens to believe that there must be a serious fire and a large number made their way to the scene.

On arrival at the Hodd home on Merritt street the firemen found the upper section of the building in flames, the fire having started in one of the rooms on the upper flat. Before the fire was completely under control the roof and the rooms on the top floor were destroyed, while the remaining section of the building and contents suffered much from water, although the Salvage Corps was able to save considerable of the furniture.

The fire in Daniel Chisholm's house caught on the roof apparently from the chimney. The blaze was quickly under control, but before a section of the roof was badly damaged and some damage caused in a couple of bed rooms.

If you are a "Big Fellow" and wear Tweed Coats, also some Black Melton Coats on sale at two prices:
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Ten per cent discount off all regular goods, and a nice Safety Razor with every Suit or Overcoat purchased by a Discharged Soldier.
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35 WOMEN'S SMART WINTER COATS.
Made from such probable materials as Curl Cloths, Wool Duffels, Millons, Wool Chevots, Whitney Tweeds and Seal Baby Lamb. All are of this season's newest styles with large Muffin Collars, and smart trimming of Velvet and Plush. We describe a few. Many others are equally smart:
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Taupe Curl Cloth, large Muffin Collar, Plush Buttons.
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Black all wool Cheviot, Velour, Black silk braid trimming, a very mannish style, belt all way round.
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