

Local and Other Items.

This is nomination day for the civic elections.

French bluejackets have occupied the small town of Antipolo, on the coast of Asia Minor.

The London Daily Mail correspondent says he is informed that German uniforms have been stored in immense quantities in Nish for Bulgarian troops in the event of fighting on Greek territory.

The Labor conference of Bristol, England on Jan. 28th, by a great majority confirmed the action of the labor executive in parliament in allowing labor M. P.'s to take office in the Coalition Government.

The Allan liner Pomeranian arrived at Queenstown on Jan. 27th, in tow. She has been disabled in a terrible gale on voyage from Glasgow to Canada and put back. All on board were reported safe.

Pasteurization of all milk to be used as food or drink by cities and towns and the forbidding of the sale of unpasteurized milk is provided for in a bill filed with the Massachusetts legislature by Representative Rowley of Brookline health department.

The storm that had raged over the Pacific Coast from Thursday Jan. 27th claimed not fewer than 60 lives and caused property damage of millions. The loss may prove even greater in the Otah Valley, lower California. A dam burst; 50 people lost their lives and others are missing.

Fifty English women, who have been employed in various occupations in Berlin have been ordered to leave the country not later than February 6th. The authorities say that this action is taken in reprisal for the expulsion of German women who have been employed in England.

The controversy between Great Britain and Sweden over the holding up of mails by Great Britain and retaliation by Great Britain and Russia in the stopping of British and Russian mail and the placing of an embargo on wood pulp by Sweden, is still unsettled, but negotiations are under way for mutual concessions. Although nothing official has yet transpired, it is believed that licenses for the exportation of wood pulp from Sweden will be granted in exchange for permission to import coal from England.

Sudden death.—On Saturday last Mr. W. A. Brennan, proprietor of the Summerside Journal, died very suddenly of heart failure. He had been suffering from heart trouble for some time and on his way to his office called at a shop to make some purchases, while there in conversation with the proprietor heart action ceased and he dropped dead. He had been connected with the Journal for over forty years. He was in his 68th year and leaves a widow, two sons and one daughter to mourn.

A statement given on Jan. 25th by the British official press bureau says: Among the cargo found aboard the Swedish steamer Urania, from New York to Copenhagen and Copenhagen are goods described on the bill of lading as fifteen cases of hammers sent from the United States to a Danish forwarding agent. They were found on examination to consist of fifteen cases of copper, brass and apparently aluminum filings and turnings. The consignee does not know for whom the alleged hammers are intended and the goods have been placed in the prize court.

The Defence of Egypt

Egypt has two frontiers, an eastern, which is much the more important, towards Turkey, and a western frontier facing towards Tripoli and the still independent tribes of the back country. On both sides there is desert, and the problem of Egyptian defence is the same on both east and west—namely, the right treatment of the marches of the desert. It does not follow, however, that because the problem is the same its solution must be the same. Much depends on the resources

of the enemy on either front: the danger to Egypt in the past has always come from the east, because only on that side has there been a strong organized State capable of making head against the civilisation of the Nile. That is still the case now. Turkey is the modern Assyria, and our difficulty in Egypt as regards Turkey is the same as that of the old Pharaohs as regards the great military Empire of Assyria. On the west there is not now, any more than in the past, an organized State sufficiently powerful to invade Egypt to any purpose. The southern frontier of Egypt, from which danger and invasion have also come in her past history, are now negligible, except in so far as a German East Africa that was in a position to dominate our possessions in Uganda might be held to be a menace to the safety of the Upper Nile Valley. The appointment, however, of General Smith-Dorrien to command in East Africa shows that the danger to Egypt from the South side is so far as it exists, has been provided against. There remain the problems of defence on the east and west.

Ancient Egypt defended herself by securing the allegiance of the cities of Philistia, on the coast to Syria, and of Judaea, overlooking the Philistine plain from the hills on the east. That is still the only rational principle of defence on this Egyptian frontier. The desert is more easily crossed now than at any time in past history; railways can overcome the problem of transport and a pipeline can be laid to carry water. It is said that the Turkish attack on Egypt has been postponed for lack of railway material, but a system of defence which depended on the absence of railway material in Palestine is self-defeating. The strategic frontiers of Egypt are in Palestine, now as always.

These frontiers are not in our possession, and the actual line of defence is along the Suez Canal, which though capable of being made impregnable, is none the less a very bad frontier for Egypt. The main value of Egypt to us is that it commands the shortest passage to the East. The Canal, in fact, is to India and our Eastern Empire what the Dardanelles are to Turkey and Constantinople, and a system of defence which carries our communications with India between the opposing battle-fronts is obviously bad. Supposing the Turks were able to keep up the attack on the Suez Canal line without actually carrying it, they would still have accomplished every thing that the Germans could desire, because this would be sufficient to stop the Canal for the purposes of trade. We must continue to hold Egypt, but we should be virtually in the position of Turkey holding the Dardanelles straits against the operations of a Power commanding the sea. Egypt as things are—and the fact cannot be too often emphasised—is the weak spot in our system of Imperial defence by sea-power. Not until Palestine is in our possession can Egypt be regarded as safe. The chief consolation of the present situation is that one line of railway, which is the sole connection that Turkey has with Europe, cannot support more than one campaign. The "corridor" which Germany has won by the suppression of Serbia cannot at one and the same time support a blockade of Salonika from the land, a campaign against our troops in the Dardanelles, and a campaign against the British in Egypt.

From the west there can be no decisive campaign against Egypt. The chief danger on this side is from the Senussi, a sect of orthodox quasi-Calvinistic Mahomedans, which is very powerful in the interior, though less so in the east than in the western Sudan. The Senussi have no natural sympathy with the Young Turks, whose orthodoxy is more than suspect, but the Italian occupation of the coast-line of Tripoli has antagonized them. The real danger from the Senussi is not along the coast-line but in Kordofan and Darfur, two Sudan provinces, which, however, are well held. The Germans are believed to have landed some 200 men with artillery on the African coast near Sollum at the beginning of November, and the fighting reported recently was doubtless between Bedouin tribesmen armed by this means and perhaps officers by Turks. The reports are conflicting, but there seems to be no doubt that a very considerable success was won over the Bedouins on Christmas Day. The old headquarters of the Senussi Mahdi were at Siwa, which is just within the Egyptian frontier, and this place is said to have been recently re-occupied by him. Fortunately the Senussi Mahdi was an enemy of the Egyptian Sudan, and never had much following in Darfur.

I believe the time has arrived when the financial relations between the Provincial Government and the city require re-adjustment. In this regard the income tax collected from the citizens should be used for the medical inspection of schools and the improvements of parks, squares and buildings.

The incoming Mayor and Council should arrange with the Electric Light & Power Co. to make a substantial reduction of their rates.

In the event of no satisfactory arrangement being made the city should proceed to erect and have ready for operation at the expiration of the present contract a modern plant for the production of electricity for power and lighting purposes.

If I have the honor to be re-elected as your representative I will continue to devote as much of my time and attention as possible to the cause of good civic government.

I remain, Yours very respectfully, JOHN McKENNA.

Civic Election.

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On Wednesday, THE 9th DAY OF FEBRUARY, A. D. 1916

AT THE SEVERAL PLACES, THAT IS TO SAY: In Ward 1 West, at or near the shop of Patrick Murray, on the East side of Queen Street, being number 40 Queen Street. Ward 2 West, at the dwelling house of James Rush on the South side of Sydney Street, being numbers 92, 94, Sydney Street. Ward 2 East, at the corner of Great George Street and Sydney Street, being O'Shea's Corner. Ward 3 in the Market House Building. In Ward 4 West, at the City Building. Ward 4 Central, at or near Aubrey White's shop, on the north side of Kent Street. Ward 4 East, at or near Mrs. Patterson's dwelling house on Kent Street near the corner of Hillsborough and Kent Streets. Ward 5 West, at or near Ewen Cameron's Bakery, Lower Spring Park Road.

Ward 5 West Central, at Mr Gray Murphy's shop, Dominion House, on the west side of Great George Street. Ward 5 East Central, at or near Silas Whitlock's dwelling house, No 12, 14 School Street near the corner of Euston and School Streets. Ward 5 East, at or near Patrick Quinn's house, No 8 Longworth Avenue. And at the said election the Poll will be opened at nine o'clock in the forenoon and continue open until five o'clock in the afternoon of the same day.

DESCRIPTION OF POLLING DISTRICTS Ward One. East of Great George Street—The First Polling District shall comprise all that portion of Ward Number one, in the City of Charlottetown, situate East of Great George Street, and the poll shall be held at or near the dwelling house of John Quinn, No 131 King Street. West of Great George Street—The Second Polling District shall comprise all that portion of Ward Number One, in the City of Charlottetown, situate West of Great George Street, and the poll shall be held at or near Patrick Murray's shop, 40 Queen Street. Ward Two. East of Great George Street—The Third Polling District shall comprise all that portion of Ward Number Two in the City of Charlottetown, situate East of Great George Street, and the poll shall be held at O'Shea's corner of Great George and Sydney Streets. West of Great George Street—The Fourth Polling District shall comprise all that portion of Ward Number Two in the City of Charlottetown situate West of Great George Street, and the poll shall be held at James Rush's residence, 92-94 Sydney Street. Ward Three. The Fifth Polling District shall comprise all that portion of Ward Number Three in the City of Charlottetown, and the poll shall be held at the Market House. Ward Four. East of Hillsborough Street—The Sixth Polling District shall comprise all that portion of Ward Number Four, in the City of Charlottetown, situate east of Hillsborough Street, and the poll shall be held at Mrs. Patterson's dwelling house, near the corner of Hillsborough and Kent Streets and adjoining Wright's Undertaking Office. The Seventh Polling District shall comprise all that portion of Ward Number Four, situate West of Hillsborough Street and East of Great George Street, and the poll shall be held at the store of Aubrey White's on the north side of Kent Street, being No 167 Kent Street. West of Great George Street—The Eighth Polling District shall comprise all that portion of Ward Number Four in the said City, situate West of Great George Street, and the poll shall be held at the Engine House Room of the City Building. Ward Five. East of Hillsborough Street—The Ninth Polling District shall comprise all that portion of Ward Number Five in Charlottetown, east of Hillsborough Street and of a line in continuation thereof to the division line between Charlottetown Common and Royalty, and the poll shall be held at or near the dwelling house of Patrick Quinn Tanner, No 8 Longworth Avenue. The Tenth Polling District shall comprise all that portion of Ward Five in Charlottetown, east of Great George Street and the Malpeque Road and west of Hillsborough Street and of a line in continuation thereof to the division line between Charlottetown Common and Royalty, and the poll shall be held at or near the dwelling house of Silas Whitlock, 12-14 School Street, near the corner of School and Euston Streets. West of Great George Street—The Eleventh Polling District shall comprise all that portion of Ward Five in Charlottetown, west of Great George Street and the Malpeque Road and East of Queen Street, and the poll shall be held at the shop of Mr Gray Murphy, Dominion House, situate on the West side of Great George Street. The Twelfth Polling District shall comprise all that portion of Ward Five in Charlottetown, situate West of Queen Street, including Government House and land and Victoria Park and the poll shall be held at or near the shop of Ewen Cameron, 13 Lower Spring Park Road.

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NOMINATION DAY, WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 2nd, A. D. 1916.

At the office of the City Clerk, City Hall, from the hour of Twelve o'clock noon; until the hour of Four o'clock in the afternoon of the same day. For Qualification of Electors see Act 3rd Edward VII, Chap. 17, Sec. 24 to 29; also Act 1st George V, Chap. 13 and 14. W. W. CLARKE, City Clerk.

REGINALD H. STERNS, Mayor of the City of Charlottetown, City Clerk's Office, Jan. 14th, 1916

Election of Commissioners of Sewers and Water Supply

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East of Hillsborough Street—The Ninth Polling District shall comprise all that portion of Ward Number Five in Charlottetown, east of Hillsborough Street, and of a line in continuation thereof to the division line between Charlottetown Common and Royalty, and the poll shall be held at or near the dwelling house of Patrick Quinn, Tanner, No 8 Longworth Avenue. The Tenth Polling District shall comprise all that portion of Ward Five in Charlottetown, east of Great George Street and the Malpeque Road and west of Hillsborough Street and of a line in continuation thereof to the division line between Charlottetown Common and Royalty, and the poll shall be held at or near the dwelling house of Silas J. Whitlock, 12-14 School Street, near the corner of School and Euston Streets.

At the office of the City Clerk, City Hall, from the hour of Twelve o'clock noon; until the hour of Four o'clock in the afternoon of the same day. For Qualification of Electors see Act 3rd Edward VII, Chap. 17, Sec. 24 to 29; also Act 1st George V, Chap. 13 and 14. W. W. CLARKE, City Clerk.

REGINALD H. STERNS, Mayor of the City of Charlottetown, City Clerk's Office, Jan. 14th, 1916

Election of Commissioners of Sewers and Water Supply

In pursuance of an Act of the Legislature of the Province of Prince Edward Island made and passed in the third year of the reign of His Majesty, King Edward VII, Chapter 17 intituled "An Act to consolidate and amend the several Acts Incorporating the City of Charlottetown," and of all Acts in amendment thereof or in addition thereto. I do hereby give PUBLIC NOTICE that an election for THREE COMMISSIONERS OF SEWERS & WATER SUPPLY for the City of Charlottetown, WILL BE HELD On Wednesday, THE 9th DAY OF FEBRUARY, A. D. 1916.

At the several places that is to say: In Ward 1 West at or near the shop of Patrick Murray, on the East side of Queen Street, being number 40 Queen Street. Ward 1 East, at or near the dwelling house of John Quinn, being number 131 King Street. Ward 2 West, at the dwelling house of James Rush, on the South side of Sydney Street, being number 92, 94, Sydney Street. Ward 2 East, all the corner of Great George and Sydney Streets, being O'Shea's Corner. Ward 3 in the Market House Building. In Ward 4 West, at the City Building. Ward 4 Central, at or near Aubrey White's shop, on the north of Kent Street. Ward 4 East, at or near Mrs. Patterson's dwelling house on Kent Street, near the corner of Hillsborough and Kent Streets. Ward 5 West, at or near Ewen Cameron's Bakery, Lower Spring Park Road. Ward 5 West Central, at Mr Gray Murphy's shop, Dominion House, on the west side of Great George Street. Ward 5 East Central, at or near Silas Whitlock's dwelling house, No. 12, 14, School Street, near the corner of Euston and School Streets. Ward 5 East, at or near Patrick Quinn's house, No. 8 Longworth Avenue. And the said election the poll will be opened at nine o'clock in the forenoon, and continue open until five o'clock in the afternoon of the same day.

Description Polling Districts: Ward One.

East of Great George Street—The first Polling District shall comprise all that portion of Ward Number One, in the City of Charlottetown, situate East of Great George Street, and the poll shall be held at or near the dwelling house of John Quinn, No. 131 King Street. West of Great George Street—The Second Polling District shall comprise all that portion of Ward Number One, in the City of Charlottetown, situate West of Great George Street, and the poll shall be held at the Engine House Room of the City Building.

Ward Five.

East of Hillsborough Street—The Ninth Polling District shall comprise all that portion of Ward Number Five in Charlottetown, east of Hillsborough Street, and of a line in continuation thereof to the division line between Charlottetown Common and Royalty, and the poll shall be held at or near the dwelling house of Patrick Quinn Tanner, No 8 Longworth Avenue. The Tenth Polling District shall comprise all that portion of Ward Five in Charlottet