

THE WEATHER.

Maritime—West and northwest gales colder with light snowfalls. Wednesday fair and very cold. Toronto, Dec. 3.—A disturbance situated tonight in the St. Lawrence valley is developing rapidly while the severe cold wave is centered in the northwestern states. Light snowfalls have occurred from the lake region to the Atlantic. Stormy weather is indicated for the Maritime Provinces and very low temperatures promise to prevail everywhere. Winnipeg—28 below, 18 below. Port Arthur—20 below, 10 below. Parry Sound—Zero, 28. Toronto—15, 28. Ottawa—10, 22. Montreal—12, 24. Quebec—12, 24. St. John—12, 18. Halifax—14, 36.

New England Forecast.

Washington, Jan. 3.—Fair, much colder with a cold wave Tuesday; Wednesday fair and continuing cold; moderate to brisk northwest winds.

AROUND THE CITY

Westerly Gale Coming.

No. 4 storm signal, indicating a heavy westerly gale, was hoisted at 11:30 o'clock last night.

Nickel's Extra Sporting Show.

Special exhibition of Johnson-Ketchel boxing pictures and Hackenschmidt-Rogers wrestling pictures at the Nickel from 5 until 6:30 p. m. today, and also at 9 p. m. Two hour programme at the evening show.

Manual Training Committee Meets.

A meeting of the Manual Training Committee of the Board of School Trustees was held yesterday afternoon at which the estimates for the coming year were considered. Those present were Mrs. Jas. Dever, Mrs. R. C. Skinner and Mr. J. V. Russell.

Entered on New Duties.

Mr. A. Gordon Leavitt assumed his new duties of secretary of the Board of School Trustees yesterday. Miss E. T. Reed, who was appointed stenographer to the board a short time ago will commence her work in a few days.

Natural History Society.

Dr. G. U. Hay will read a paper by Prof. W. P. Ganong on the Physiographic Characteristic of the Galt River at this evening's meeting of the Natural History Society. At the conclusion of the lecture there will be a discussion on some of the results of Dr. Ganong's work in Brunswick. The meeting is free to the public.

The Case of Mrs. Mary Burke.

The law will be allowed to take its course in the case of Mrs. Mary Burke, who was sent to the Home of the Good Shepherd a few weeks ago but who was again removed to the central police station yesterday afternoon by Detective Killen on the complaint of the authorities at the home. Mr. S. M. Wetmore, secretary of the Alms House Commissioners said last evening that Mrs. Burke would be brought before Judge Ritchie this morning charged with vagrancy.

To Pursue Mathematical Studies.

E. Gordon Bill, Ph. D., who with Mrs. Bill spent Christmas with the letters parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Vanwart, at 142 Charlotte street, left on the 28th ulto, for Boston to attend the annual meeting of the American Mathematical Society, after which he will return to New Haven to take up his work at Yale. Mrs. Bill will remain on the complaint of a couple of weeks. In June Dr. Bill will leave for Italy to take up advanced mathematical work, after which he will pursue similar work in Berlin and Paris.

At the Opera House.

The Robinson Opera Company appeared in Fra Diavolo last evening at the Opera House and were seen to great advantage in this delightful opera. Miss Lucia Frank won new honors as Zeriah and Frank D. Nelson in the title role as his best. Jack Henderson and Charles Fulton gave a good account of themselves as Bepo and Lorenzo respectively. The remainder of the company also gave an excellent performance. The costuming of the opera was particularly good. The Mascot will fill the bill this evening.

At the Art Club.

The first of a course of readings on famous paintings was given yesterday afternoon at the rooms of the St. John Art Club, Upper street. Rev. J. Burn's interpretation of G. F. Watt's "Hope" was read by Miss C. O. McGovern before an attentive audience. A copy of the review, loaned by Mr. F. E. Holman, added to the interest. On Monday, Jan. 24, Mrs. Silas Alward will read a criticism of Millet's "Angelus" by Rev. J. Burn. The readings will be continued every second Monday until the spring.

Seaman's Concert.

The concert given last evening at the Seaman's Institute proved a great success, every artist meeting with vociferous applause. It would be difficult to choose from among so many capable performers, but special mention should be made of Mr. Lawrence MacLaren, for his able and delightful dancing. Mr. Baird presided and remarked upon the excellent talent provided by the organizers, George E. Lockley and Tom Bond, late of the Empress of Ireland Pierrots. Mr. J. W. Mahinson proved a big hit. The usual weekly concert will be given by the Gramplan crew on Wednesday at 8 o'clock.

Bricklayers' and Masons' Union.

At a meeting of the Bricklayers and Masons' Union in Bowman's Hall, Brussels street last evening the following officers were installed: James McGill, president; Fred McColgan, vice-president; Walter Sprout, recording secretary; Phillip McCarthy, corresponding secretary; George P. Hennessy, financial secretary; Walter Allingham, treasurer; William Dana, sergeant at arms; Michael Connell, deputy. Walter Allingham was elected as delegate to the International Convention, which meets in Boston January 10. The finances of the union were shown to be in a flourishing condition. The union has now more members than at any previous year in its history.

Thrilling Tale Of Rescue In North Sea

Avon Nelson, Passenger On Gramplan, Tells Of Wreck Of Norwegian Barque Alf Last November — Boat Capsized And Three Men Drowned—Big Allan Liner Arrived Yesterday After Stormy Passage Across Atlantic.

Rescued from a watery grave only a few days before, Avon Nelson, one of the passengers on the Allan Line steamer Gramplan which arrived in port yesterday afternoon, feared that he would again face death when the steamer was encompassed about by strong gales and heavy seas for three continuous days during the passage. The Gramplan was 48 hours overdue when she docked at 3 o'clock yesterday afternoon and the officers agree that it was the most tempestuous passage they had ever experienced.

A Terrible Experience.

Nelson is one of the survivors of the Norwegian bark Alf which was wrecked on Halesboro sands on the coast of England during the last week of November. "We left Paraground, in Norway, on Nov. 19th," said Nelson, to a Standard reporter, last evening, "and looked forward to a pleasant voyage across the North Sea. We were bound for Liverpool with a crew of fifteen men but three of them were destined never to see the land again. "The seas were running high and suddenly we struck Halesboro sands. The ship began to pound heavily and the waves were sweeping over with such force that we were obliged to cling to the rigging until we got two boats launched. The carpenter's boat capsized at once, and the men were drowned. The carpenter, himself and two others climbed aboard the captain's boat which was launched to the starboard. Capt. Oberg was in charge and he cheered the men on to renewed effort in struggling with the wind and waves. It was bitterly cold and they were soaked to the skin. When an oiler, a coat was raised on an oiler to attract attention and although several steamers were sighted, the men were not rescued until the Chanticleer, a fishing schooner from Milford Haven, stopped off Cro-

mer to take off the shipwrecked crew. Nelson, with the other survivors were landed at Yarmouth and he made his way to Liverpool where he set sail on the Gramplan intending to join his brother in North Bay, Ont.

Played Havoc With Shipping.

Capt. Johnson, of the Gramplan, told a Standard reporter that the hurricanes and gales of the past three days had played havoc with shipping in the Atlantic and that his own steamer did everything but sink. "I have been going to sea for many years," he added, "but have never before experienced such rough weather."

The Gramplan left Liverpool Friday, Nov. 24, at 7 p. m. with 132 passengers and a heavy mail. Coming across the Atlantic strong northwesterly gales with mountainous seas were encountered which swept over her decks sending the spray clear over the bridge. She reached Halifax at 2 o'clock Monday. Nearly all her passengers landed and over 1000 tons of cargo was discharged and a heavy mail landed consisting of 1636 bags and 475 packages of parcel post. Among the saloon passengers who left the ship at Halifax, was Mr. M. W. Morgan, of the firm of Henry Morgan and Sons, Montreal, who has been on a business trip to England.

Quite a romance took place on the voyage between two steerage passengers, Miss Lettie Jensen and J. H. Parsons. They met for the first time and before the steamer docked at Halifax, had decided to be married. The happy couple were united yesterday morning. The steamer brought around 33 passengers and 3050 tons of cargo for local firms and for the west. The Gramplan's passengers were forwarded by special train which left Saint Point last evening.

ASSAULT CHARGED AGAINST SAILOR ON MOUNT TEMPLE

Albert Williamson Arrested On Steamer Last Evening—Angus Murray Finds Discretion Better Part of Valor.

Since the opening of the new year, business in Police circles has been quite active and the local force have been kept rather busy in coping with offenders. Last evening about 7 o'clock Police Officer Hughes went on board the C. P. R. steamer Mount Temple and arrested Albert Williamson, who was charged by the chief officer of the ship, William Davidson, with using abusive language towards the officers and with assaulting O. T. Field, a sailor on board the steamer. It is alleged that Williamson and Field quarrelled in the fore-castle and that later Williamson attacked Field from behind and felled him to the deck with a blow from a heavy club. The ship's doctor was summoned and dressed Field's injuries.

Became Abusive.

When questioned about the matter by the first officer of the ship Williamson, who, it is said, was under the influence of liquor, became abusive, and used threatening language. Police Officer Hughes was then notified and the sailor was placed under arrest. He was brought to Central Police Station and placed in a cell. Williamson is a Swede and is 34 years of age. A telephone call to Central Station about 7 o'clock asked that an officer be sent immediately to the Salvation Army Metropole to quell a disturbance which a man was creating there.

Thought Better of It.

In the meantime Officer Scott had been notified and the argument with Murray was interrupted by the arrival of the policeman. Murray immediately became very calm and decided to "dig down," and pay up, whereupon he was allowed to go. Up to a late hour last night no further light had been thrown upon the robbery and fire in the St. James hotel on Saturday. It is felt that it would be impossible for anyone to have entered by the front door of the building and commit the deed without being detected. It would be quite feasible, however, to effect an entrance by any one of the ground floor windows in the rear of the building. It was said yesterday that at dusk on Saturday evening neighbors had noticed two suspicious looking persons lurking in the yard of the building.

PERSONAL

Miss Given Bell of Charlottetown is in the city visiting Miss Alice Scott. Hon. J. D. Hazen left for Fredericton last evening to attend a meeting of the government. He will return on Thursday. Mr. John E. Wilson, M. P. P., returned yesterday afternoon from a business trip to Sydney, N. S. Mr. Geo. Miller left last evening for St. Elizabeth, P. Q., where he will take charge of the lumber camp of his father, Mr. Charles Miller. Mr. John Keefe left last evening for Montreal and Toronto.

OWNERS OF MAGEE WHARF STOP WORK ON FERRY FLOATS

City's Contractors Ordered Off Yesterday And Conference Is Held — Repairs Will Be Resumed This Morning.

When R. Roberts' Sons began work at the East side ferry float yesterday morning under instructions from the ferry committee, they met with decided opposition from representatives of the owners of the Magee wharf and work was temporarily suspended until some arrangement could be made.

On the advice of the recorder the ferry committee arranged with Messrs. Roberts to remove such portions of the Magee wharf, which interfered with the ferry floats and also to drive piling between the floats and the wharf.

Soon after the men began work they were approached by one of the owners with little result and later W. Watson Allen, acting for Messrs. Magee ordered the contractors to stop.

Work was then abandoned and in the afternoon a conference was held between representatives of the city and the owners of the wharf and it is understood the work will be resumed this morning. Mr. Allan said last evening that he preferred not to make any statement as the matter was one for judgment but intimated that he had made a proposition in the afternoon which was favorably received by the legal adviser of the council, but which was not satisfactory to the ferry committee. His clients, he said, had no objection to the driving of the piles but they certainly would resent any attempt to destroy their property.

OPENING SERVICES IN WEEK OF PRAYER HELD LAST EVENING

Many Attended At Meetings In Each Of Six Groups—Addresses Delivered On Thanksgiving.

The first services in connection with the week of prayer were held last evening. Six services in all were held in the city, each of the groups into which the city has been divided in connection with the simultaneous evangelical campaign holding one. Some of the meetings were well attended while at others the attendance was small.

In the St. Stephen's group the meeting was held at the Congregational church. Rev. S. W. Anthony was the leader. Rev. James Crisp spoke on Thanksgiving and Rev. Gordon Dickie on Confession. Rev. L. A. McLean led in prayer. Tonight the service will be held in Calvin church.

All the meetings of the St. Andrew's group are being held in St. David's church schoolroom. Rev. David Lang spoke last evening, taking as his text the last verse of the 14th chapter of Isaiah. Rev. Dr. G. M. Campbell also spoke and Rev. A. A. Graham led in prayer. Rev. R. A. Armstrong will be the speaker this evening. In the Brussels street group the service was held in Exmouth street

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