

Around the City

MOSTLY FAIR

HAD LEG BROKEN.

Vera Sabana, daughter of Watson Dean of 28 Marsh street, was run over by a truck in front of her home yesterday morning and had a leg broken. Her injuries were attended at the General Public Hospital.

SCHOONER LAUNCHED.

The new schooner Speedway, 648 tons, was successfully launched at Little Brook, N. S., this week, and is now on its way to the port, where it will load cargo for Durban, a South African shipping centre. It is being towed here by the tug John L. Cann. The schooner will be consigned to Messrs. J. T. Knight and Co.

REAL ESTATE NEWS.

Property transfers in St. John county for the week have been recorded as follows: B. L. Amur to H. A. Shortliff, property in Simonds; Wm. Garnett et al to Alexander Garnett, property in Simonds; Alexander Garnett to J. J. Garnett, property in Simonds, and the trustees of Selma Hardwick to G. W. Fleming, et al, property in City Road.

TEACHERS' ASSOCIATION.

The St. John Teachers' Association held a meeting last evening in the rooms of the Natural History Society. Frank Owens, president, was in the chair. After routine business a very interesting talk was given by William McIntosh, curator of the N. S. S., on "Our Province Beautiful." This was illustrated with many fine views of the scenery of New Brunswick.

SPENT DELIGHTFUL TIME.

The employees of Daniel and Company with friends, made up a party of about fifty persons. Thursday night and enjoyed a sleigh drive to the Ben Leonard House where they were well looked after by the proprietress, Mrs. Barker. After the banquet the rooms were cleared and with music furnished by one of the New Edison Re-Creation machines the happy party enjoyed a programme of dances. The return to the city was at an early hour yesterday morning.

JUVENILE THIEVES.

The four smallest of the thieves of the city, were up in the juvenile session of the police court yesterday afternoon. All four girls pleaded guilty and were remanded to the care of the Children's Aid Society, which will investigate further into the case. The mother of one of the girls, who was charged with receiving stolen goods, was let go on suspended sentence. The case will come up Monday afternoon before Chief Justice McKewen.

GLEN FALLS ROUTE.

Roadmaster Hafferty and his crew of men started operations yesterday morning on the Glen Falls line of the street railway and last night they had cleared it of the snow and ice to about one thousand feet beyond the One Mile House. The scraper men used the crust and snow and men followed with pickaxes and picked the ice off the rails. This morning the car will be running as far as the rails are clear and it is hoped by tonight to have the entire line in working condition.

BASKETBALL GAMES.

Two basketball games were played at the Y.M.C.A. yesterday between teams of the High School League. The first game between the Chippewas and the Aces was won by the former team with a score of twelve to seven. The second game was won by the Loylists who defeated the Maple Leaves nine to five. In the first half the Maple Leaves were ahead having four goals to their opponents two, but in the second half the Loylists outclassed the Maples by fast playing and won out. Seely of the Loylists was the star of the game and made several difficult shots which were well put and helped materially in winning the game for his team.

TRADES AND LABOR.

Important matters were brought up before the Trades and Labor Council last night in their meeting in the Odd Fellows' building, Union street. The matter of the St. John Street Railway Company's increased rates was up before the meeting and the executive was instructed to communicate with the Common Council and request that they give the Trades and Labor Council a copy of the auditor's report in event of its being given to any public party. The following committee was appointed to attend the public sessions of the Civic Assessment Commission: J. L. Sugrue, J. MacAulay, J. E. Tighe, George Melvin and J. Warwick. The members of the council were informed that the Halifax relief committee had acknowledged their donation of \$50. A communication is being sent to the Common Council and the Municipal Council asking that they give consideration to the representation of labor men on all public boards. Failing this they will seek legislation. The council feels that it should be given at least a minimum representation on the boards where public money is being spent.

EXCELLENT CONCERT.

The large audience which attended the concert given by Thorne Lodge, I. O. G. T., last evening in their hall on Thorne Avenue, were delighted with the excellent programme provided. The stage arrangements which were the result of much care and effort on the part of George Gordon who himself presided the scenery caused much admiring comment. The programme commenced with a piano selection by little Orveta McAdon who, though only five years old, proved to be a skillful musician. She also gave several other selections during the evening. Other items on the programme were a Scotch dance by Billy and John Gibb, with Fred Hayter as accompanist; vocal solo, Miss Beatrice Campbell; selections, Thorne Lodge quartet, composed of the McEachern brothers; concert sketch, Spencer and Gordon; sailor's hornpipe, Alec Gibb; readings, Mrs. G. A. Horton, Miss T. Ross; piano solo, little Miss Thorne and Miss Mary Owens; Grand Chief E. N. Stockford presided. This is the first of a series of concerts which the lodge intend holding during the winter.

FOURTEEN YEAR OLD GIRL WAS THE VICTIM OF POISON

Mildred Kohout Kills Herself with Carbolic Acid—Swallowed About Two Ounces—Was Maid for Dr. Sancton—A Native of River Hebert, N. S.—Had Been Here Two Months.

Having made all preparations for the taking of her young life, Mildred Kohout, the fourteen year old maid in the employ of Dr. F. Gordon Sancton, went upstairs to her room at noon yesterday and swallowed approximately two ounces of carbolic acid and awaited the fatal end. The cause of the rash crime is presumed to be her fear for the future. The girl, although but fourteen years of age would easily be taken for a young woman of twenty-two or twenty-three. She came to the city about two months ago from River Hebert, N. S., where she had been living with her parents. Apart from this it was impossible to ascertain anything more of the girl's history. As a maid she was willing and very diligent in the domestic duties assigned her. Although those with whom she was associated did not care to discuss the case with a Standard representative last evening, they hinted that there was nothing in the girl's demeanor to warrant the belief that she was contemplating the taking of her life. When she was first discovered this body was lying on the floor with the bottle, which had contained the fatal dose lying near her bed. On the bureau were scattered letters from a friend in Nova Scotia, and indications are that one of these in particular had reference to the case. When asked concerning the letters found on the bureau, Coroner Kenney stated that it was a little premature to make public the contents, but in due time should it be advisable he would do so. Upon the discovery of the crime Dr. A. E. Logan was summoned but hardly had he arrived ere the unfortunate girl had breathed her last. She had practically drained the vital of its poison.

RED TRIANGLE CLUB TAKES PLACE OF THE SOLDIERS' CLUB

Advancement of Military Y. M. C. A. Work—New Quarters on North Side of King Square—Rooms Renovated.

The establishing of a Red Triangle Club is a decided advancement in the work of the Military Y. M. C. A. of the city. This club, which will take the place of the Soldiers' Club formerly situated on Sidney street, occupies a large room on the North Side of King Square, near Charlotte street. The three large windows on the front give a splendid view of the square and Charlotte street. The room is well furnished with reading and writing tables where magazines, books and free papers and envelopes are provided. There is also a piano, a pool table and lounge chairs. It is lighted by seven one hundred candle power lights along the sides, and a two hundred candle power nitrogen light over the centre. A motion picture machine occupies a gallery over the entrance, arranged to throw the pictures on the opposite wall. A canteen is situated on the left of the entrance. This is an excellent reproduction of a dugout in the front line trenches. A well equipped kitchen is connected with the canteen. This department will be managed by the ladies of the Soldiers' Club executive, who are co-operating with the Y. M. C. A. in this work. Several of the churches will co-operate and give their entertainments for the soldiers at the club instead of at their church as formerly. The club will accommodate between one and two hundred men. Mr. C. Ross, the Y. M. C. A. military secretary for St. John will take charge of the club. He has a well equipped office which will be used as the headquarters for the Military Y. M. C. A. in this division. P. C. Reed, of the Halifax division has been supervising the work of fixing up the club. The club is centrally located and will doubtless prove very popular with the military men. Its location will be made conspicuous by the placing of a five foot illuminated red triangle on the front of the building, and a similar triangle of smaller size over the street entrance. The formal opening will take place Monday evening.

THOMAS MARKEY DIED FROM INJURY

Thomas Markey, who was seriously injured Thursday in the McAvity's shell plant while at work, passed away last night at the General Public Hospital. Mr. Markey received the injuries from which he died while he was whitewashing in the shell plant. In some way he got caught in the machinery and before he could be extricated he was injured in the head and arms. He was immediately rushed to the hospital in the ambulance where his name was put on the dangerous list. Mr. Markey had a large circle of friends and they will learn with regret of his death. Besides his wife he leaves four sons, Ernest, Louis, Percy and William, and two daughters, Mrs. W. J. Spear and Miss Florence. At home, also one brother, James, of Boston, Mass., and two sisters, Mrs. McDermott, of this city, and

HUNDREDS WATCH DEMONSTRATION OF THE S. O. S. DEVICE

Inventor and Demonstrator Jumps Into Harbor from a Tug—Floated About in Ease—A Wonderful Invention.

The hundreds of citizens of St. John, including the mayor and commissioners, who took advantage of the early demonstration of the S.O.S. life saving device, yesterday afternoon, left the Market slip fully convinced that the inventor and demonstrator, Mr. LePage, had accomplished a real work for humanity. Notwithstanding the coldness of the water and the chill of the atmosphere, he remained in the water for a considerable time with apparent comfort. To the astonishment of the spectators, when he removed the garment, the ordinary clothes of street wear were not even damp. Mr. LePage told The Standard last night at his apartments at the Royal Hotel, that he desired to thank the mayor, commissioners and citizens for their co-operation and presence, which he attributed to the successful demonstration. It is the intention of the company, several members of which are residents of St. John, to have at least 1,000 of the suits by May 1st. Until the business warms up it will be three distributing centres, Vancouver for the Pacific, St. John for the Atlantic and Montreal as a central point. The garments will not be sold outright at first, but will be rented to the passengers for the journey. For instance, a party desiring to cross the Atlantic can at the time they purchase their ticket rent a suit for the trip for \$10. The suit can be conveniently carried and weighs but six and a half pounds. The inventor states that his night improvements to the patent will furnish the suit with an electric light for night, a whistle to attract attention and a place for the carrying of provisions. Although no definite statement was made by Mr. LePage, it is understood that a factory will be erected in St. John in the near future where machinery and help will be located for repairing the suits. Probably next month when the weather is colder, the demonstrator will jump off a steamer in the Bay of Fundy and make his way to St. John.

Two Big Matinees this afternoon at the Nickel, Queen Square Theatre.

The public are cordially invited to attend the meeting in Imperial Theatre, Sunday afternoon at 4 o'clock, to hear John Weil of the Maritime School for the Blind, tell of the work and aims of the institution. Hon. Dr. Roberts will be chairman and Prof. Duff, a graduate and ex-teacher of the institution will sing.

Mr. George Kearney, brothers and sisters, of St. John, wish to return deep thanks to the many friends for kindness shown and moral tributes sent on the occasion of their recent sad bereavement.

GRAND CARNIVAL VICTORIA BINK, Tuesday, January 30th.

Get your costumes ready. Three first prizes of \$10.00 each. Three second prizes of \$5.00 each.

Mrs. Joseph Flinn, of Buenos Ayres, S. A. Coroner F. Kenney stated to The Standard last night that he had not yet decided whether to hold an inquest or not.

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Unheard of prices for coal, copper, steel and all supplies and materials, and the highest wages ever paid in the United States here, down heavily on the electric and gas companies during the year. The fact that many of them emerged with respectable gains in net earnings, is due to their ability to effect economies and develop new standards of efficiency.

Few electric companies depend solely on water power for production. The great majority of water powers must be reinforced with steam power reserves and it usually is the steam reserve that carries abnormal or sudden developed business. Therefore, practically all power companies, along with the gas companies, have had to buy coal at prices which no one imagined would ever prevail when the rates charged for service were fixed.

For the first time in their history the electric and gas industries have been compelled to seek higher rate schedules. Heretofore rates have been reduced as steadily and persistently that the possibility of a movement upwards was unthought of. Courageously presenting their cases to public service commissions, city officials and the public, utility organizations secured not far from 100 rate advances in 1917. Relatively few applications of this kind have been rejected and an unexpected attitude of friendly co-operation on the part of the public and its representatives has been developed. The probabilities are that many additional rate increases will become effective in 1918.

Called upon for an extraordinary volume of service in 1917 the utilities were faced with difficulties in financing. Fortunately the increased business of the preceding two years had made necessary large additions to producing and distributing equipment. Many of the improvements already installed, or were in process of installation and much of the financing had been accomplished. Utility obligations were met by the sale of bonds, and the highest grade bonds on a 6 per cent. basis. Confronted with this situation an increasing number of companies began to look for sources of supplementary financial resources in the cities and towns to which they rendered service. At Minneapolis, Saint Paul, Denver, Pueblo, Los Angeles, San Diego, Salt Lake City, Omaha, Saint Louis, Oklahoma City, Baltimore, San Francisco and many smaller places corporations offered their stock to the public with a most gratifying response. Millions of dollars were thus secured for important extensions, on terms fair both to the companies and the investor.

Not only have the utilities created a new investment field for their customers and a new source of supplementary financing for themselves, but they have established a new kind of protection against political assaults of unqualified value to the general investor. Following the national policies defined at Washington, utility companies are restricting construction and capital investment to the closest limits. Only those additions and extensions absolutely necessary to public and industry are contemplated. Business responding to this definition, however, will probably continue to force itself upon the utilities in 1918. The tests surmounted by the utilities in 1917, and their ability to obtain compensatory rates, indicate their power to maintain the virile stability for which they have been noteworthy. The Investment Weekly, Jan. 5, 1918.

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