

POSITION OF YOUNG SOLDIER IS SERIOUS

ARRESTED ON SUSPICION OF FOLLOWING WOMEN

Allen Smith in Custody and Identified by Three Young Women—Several Complaints Made.

Private Allen Smith of this city, who returned from overseas some months ago after being wounded in the knee after long service in France was taken into custody by the Fredericton police Saturday night on suspicion of being a man wanted for following and accosting young women and performing other actions usually accredited to "Jack the Hugger." It is not known what charge will be laid against him as information has not yet been laid by the young women concerned although three of them have identified him.

Several Complaints Made.

The police within the past few weeks received several complaints that a man was making a practice of following young women from Temple Landing toward South Devon on the river road, accosting them and taking other liberties. Last week young Smith was pointed out on the street as the man by one of the women who had been followed. He was watched and on Saturday night was arrested. Three of the young women went to the police station and made an identification. It is expected that they will lay information this afternoon.

Not in Sound Condition.

It is believed that young Smith is not in the best of condition mentally and this feature probably will enter into the case. He is only nineteen although he saw much service in France.



His Honour the Lieutenant Governor and Mrs. Pugsley will be at home at the Queen Hotel during the Session of the Legislature on the afternoon of Friday, from four to six o'clock.

R. S. BARKER,
Private Secretary.

Fredericton, N. B., March 8, 1918.

Prize for Strawberries.

The New Brunswick farmer who can put up the best box of strawberries this season, will receive a prize which has been placed for competition by a prominent wholesale fruit concern of Boston. The secretary of the St. John Board of Trade is in receipt of a letter from this firm stating their decision to offer such a prize.

Had a Still Hunt.

A returned officer who attended the legislative opening here had rather an amusing experience at the hotel where he was stopping. His room was located in the ell and happening along one night after the lights had been extinguished, he searched in vain for his room. Finally he struck a flight of stairs and thinking that perhaps he was on the wrong floor he descended them. To his astonishment he found himself in the kitchen. Cautiously he groped his way among the pots and pans and being fearful that at any moment there would be an explosion that would arouse the enemy. He ran the gauntlet successfully and to his great joy soon found the stairway and getting his bearings correctly he ascended and this time was successful in finding his room.

Death of Old Resident.

Mrs. Emma E. Jennings passed away at the residence of her son Mr. Walter L. Jennings, at an early hour Sunday morning, after a brief illness from erysipelas, aged 67 years, and five months. Mrs. Jennings was the relict of William Jennings, whom many old residents will remember met a tragic death from fire at Springhill thirty-three years ago. The deceased is survived by two sons and two daughters. The sons are Walter L. of this city and George W., of Boston, Mass. The daughters are Mrs. William Bosworth (Mills), and Mrs. A. O. Jones (Mary), both of Easton, Mass. Four sisters and six brothers also survive. The funeral was held from the residence of Mr. Walter L. Jennings, Brunswick street, at three o'clock this afternoon, Rev. M. Addison officiating. Interment took place at the Rural cemetery.

Death of Mrs. Wandless.

Mrs. Thomas Wandless died Saturday night at her home in this city, after a brief illness. She was aged sixty-three years. The deceased is survived by her husband, five sons and four daughters. The sons are Captain John F. Wandless, now with one of the Canadian reserve battalions in England; Lieut. Loring B. Wandless, now qualifying for a commission in England after long service in France; Gunner Hollingworth Wandless, with the heavy artillery in France; Robert H. Wandless and George Wandless of Fredericton. The daughters are Mrs. Arthur H. McLean of Woodstock; Mrs. Hedley F. Jewett of Florenceville; Mrs. Charles H. Bull of Woodstock; Miss Helen Wandless at home. Three brothers and two sisters also survive. The funeral will take place Tuesday afternoon with service at her late residence at 2.30 by Rev. Canon Cowie and at Christchurch Cathedral at three o'clock by Rev. Mr. Bate. Interment will be made at Forest Hill cemetery.

CITY COUNCIL TO ORGANIZE TONIGHT

MAYOR SWORN IN TODAY; ALDERMEN TONIGHT

Ald. McKay Likely to be Chairman of Street Committee and Ald. Shea of Water Committee.

The City Council will meet tonight for the purpose of organization. Today is election day but as all elections are by acclamation the city clerk will go through the formality of declaring the mayor and five aldermen elected.

Take Oath of Office.

His Worship Mayor R. B. Hanson was sworn in office today, His Honor Judge Barry performing the ceremony. His Honor the Lieut. Governor not being in the city. Tonight Mayor Hanson will swear in the five new aldermen.

Organization of Council.

The standing committees for the year will be selected at tonight's meeting. His Worship ex officio will be a member of all committees but street lighting and water. Several new chairmen must be selected. The retirement of Ald. McLellan leaves the chairmanship of Roads and Streets vacant. Ald. McKay is considered the likely man to succeed him as that alderman has been interested in street work and for many years was road commissioner although Ald. Burpee would also be a good man. Ald. Shea is considered likely to succeed Ald. Burnett as chairman of the Water Committee. The Street Lighting Committee must have a new chairman in place of Ald. Lemont, and the Appeals and Contingencies Committee in place of Ald. Everett. Some changes are expected here, the new aldermen getting several chairmanships.

New Council by Occupation.

By occupation the new council is very diversified. The new mayor is a barrister. The ten aldermen include two carpenters and builders, one civil engineer, one carriage manufacturer and one shoe manufacturer, one grocer, one farmer, one master plumber, one merchant tailor and one insurance agent.

Visiting in Ottawa.

Ottawa Citizen: Mrs. A. Rainsford Wetmore, of Fredericton, N. B., and her daughter, Barbara, have arrived in town and are the guests of Mrs. Wetmore's sister, Mrs. Gilbert Vernon Smith.

Lost Only Son

Mr. J. L. Peck, M. P. P. for Albert, is receiving many expressions of sympathy from his fellow members and action a short time ago of his only other friends here over the death in son, George Peck. The latter was a bright and manly young fellow of great promise and news of his death came as a great blow to his parents and relatives.

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MOST SEVERE BLIZZARD OF THE WINTER

STRONG GALE WITH TEMP. NEAR ZERO

No Train Reached City Until Noon Today—Valley Road Blocked—Reception Postponed.

One of the most severe storms of the winter raged all day Sunday. About six inches of snow fell and a gale which maintained a velocity of twenty miles an hour coupled with a temperature but a few degrees above zero made the blizzard a most severe one. There was much drifting of snow with the result that today railways in all directions were blocked.

Trains All Late.

The first train to reach Fredericton today arrived shortly before noon being the C.P.R. express from St. John about three hours late. On the St. John & Quebec Railway the express from Centreville was not reported at all and it is probable that there will be no train on that line today. The C.P.R. train from the west was two hours late and the Newcastle train one hour and fifty minutes late.

Governor's Reception Postponed.

Hon. William Pugsley, Lieut. Governor of New Brunswick, went to Montreal last week when the legislature took recess and is now stormstayed in that city. As a result the reception which was to have been given by him here on Wednesday afternoon will be postponed until Friday afternoon.

Highways Badly Drifted.

The heavy wind of Sunday drifted the highways considerably and certain districts are cut off and will remain so until the roads are broken out. The present winter has been one of the worst in years for the blocking of highways. The railways also have suffered severely. It is expected that when the warm weather comes the snow will go quickly as it is very light and the continued low temperature has made it possible for little ice to form.

Unusual Combination.

The lowest official temperature of the storm was two degrees above zero last night. This with the high wind and snow made a most unusual and unpleasant combination and made the storm more severely felt than any other of the winter.

Income Tax Forms.

Income tax forms have been received at the Fredericton post office. They must be filled in before March 31st by all citizens liable to the tax. Incomes of unmarried citizens amounting to \$1,500 or more per year and of married citizens amounting to \$3,000 or more per year are liable to taxation. The tax is a Dominion one. Information can be secured from Mr. A. W. Sharp, Dominion Inspector, whose office is in the Savings Bank Building, St. John.

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