

SENT IN AN ALARM POSTING LETTERS

Austrian Sailor Mistook Box for Letter Box and Got Immediate Results

When Nick Tomasovitch attempted to post a couple of post cards in a fire alarm box he cost the city just \$12.50 net. The original cost to the city was \$22.50 for the run but \$10 of this was recovered by fining Nick.

Nick, who is a sailor, was given four postcards by a chum of his to stamp and mail. Nick went to Corway and Hall's drug store and purchased the stamps. He is an Austrian and cannot speak English very well. He asked the clerk where there was a place to mail the cards and was told that there was a mail box on the corner at Ashmun and Portage. Nick went out, and seeing a red box on a post he opened it to deposit his cards, and by so doing turned in an alarm at the central fire department, which came on the run down the street. Nick had started

to walk away but Chief Armour Taylor caught up to him and brought him back.

He was taken to the police station, but as he had no money and didn't want to spend 20 days in jail he told the officers that his friends on the boat would pay the costs. So accompanied by an officer he went up to the docks where Cuddy, the steamer on which he worked, was tied up. When the case was explained to the captain of the boat he advanced the fine, which was reduced to \$10, and Nick was allowed to go. His cards were later posted in the mail box, which is also at the corner against the building.

The fire department was again called to find no fire about 3 o'clock in the afternoon. A telephone call was sent in from Haugh's grocery, but when the department arrived no body was in sight to point out the fire. It was later learned that a woman in the neighborhood had taken a bonfire for a large fire.

Col. John B. Boucher, of the Michigan National Guard has arrived in the Soo on a tour of inspection.

Mr. C. S. Lake of Grand Rapids is in the city for a few days on business.

Mr. John Dodge and party, who are hunting at Munoskong Bay, were in the city yesterday for a short time, after which they returned to the Bay.

Mr. Hilmier Olson, of Iron Mountain, is visiting Dr. Christofferson for a few days.

Mr. P. J. Leray, of Manistee, is in the city on business.

Mr. Otto McNaughton has left for Neebish Island, where he will hunt for a while.

The Sherman House on Portage Ave. west has been closed since Monday. The house was sold to Gowan and Packalona by Hanley, who formerly owned it, but the saloon license was made out to Hanley and it could not be used by the present owners. They will have to wait until they can get a new license in May, or allow Hanley to run the place.

Yesterday there were twelve married women in the morning class at the Y. M. C. A., which is the record attendance so far. The young ladies class at night also had a large attendance.

Deer licenses were issued by the following yesterday by County Clerk Parsille: Richard Gibbons, J. Mayer, Thomas Graham, Peter Graham, John Guillard, William Newcomb, Emil Malen, C. C. Collins, T. N. Rogers, Frank Smith, W. J. Johnson, R. Barr, Lewis Dycle, G. O. M. Cook, B. J. McKerchie, James Kirby, Geo. Sanderson, Samuel Burrow.

A banquet will be given in the Y. M. C. A. tonight for the members of the teams in the membership contest among the senior members held about two weeks ago. The banquet is given the winners by the losers. The blue side, captained by "Pud" Hamilton, are the winners while the red team, captained by Don Finlayson, will furnish the eats. Speeches and toasts will be given, but the speakers will not be chosen until the banquet is in progress.

The meeting held in the high school last night of the parents and teachers of the High School was a decided success and more will probably follow. It gave the teachers and parents a chance to get acquainted and discuss matters pertaining to school work.

Miss Thelma Mondor has returned from a short visit in Newberry.