

TEN PERSONS WERE KILLED BY EXPLOSION OF MOLASSES TANK

Great Storage Tank of Purity Distilling Co. Did Heavy Damage to Nearby Property When it Exploded—Many Horses Were Killed.

Boston, Mass., Jan. 15.—At least ten persons are known to have been killed by the explosion of a storage tank of molasses in the yard of the Purity Distilling Company, off Commercial Street today. The explosion blew away two of the supporting pillars of the Atlantic Avenue elevated roadway structure, demolished several buildings, blew an electric freight car off the track, overturned a number of heavily loaded trucks and killed about a dozen horses.

The top of the tank first shot into the air, and then the walls collapsed. The force of the explosion knocked over the freight house of Engine 47. One of the firemen was blown into the harbor. Two others were pinned in the ruins and a fourth was not accounted for. A nearby tenement house fell in. Two women and several children were taken from the ruins, all injured. Thirty-five persons were removed to hospitals, and many others received medical attention and were sent to their homes.

THE STRIKE IN BUENOS AIRES

Louis Van Bebogh, a Native of Argentine, in the City—Talks Interestingly on Late Troubles in Buenos Aires.

Among the visitors in the city is Louis Van Bebogh, accompanied by his wife, who reached here yesterday on the steamer Scotian from England, on route to New York. The distinguished traveller is a native of Argentine, South America, en route to New York on business. When approached at the Dufferin Hotel last evening he was quite eloquent relative to the late troubles in South America, but alluded to the recent strike in Buenos Aires, where the Maximists had, it is reported, been the aggressors in a late strike in a munition plant, and many killed in an encounter with the government forces. Speaking of the number killed—reported as eight hundred—the speaker stated that such he could not believe, for various reasons better known to himself, and on which he failed to enlighten the press.

WARD WORKERS AT LUNCHEON

Large Number of Recall Workers Enjoyed Themselves at Bond's Last Evening.

The ward workers and others in the recent recall election for the recall of Commissioners McLellan and Hilyard were entertained at luncheon in Bond's last evening. W. Frank Hatheway acted as chairman, and F. A. Campbell, president of the Trades and Labor Council, vice-chairman. Addresses were given by the chairman and vice-chairman. Representatives of several unions in the city entertained the meeting with a few words. Readings, songs and instrumental selections were given which were well enjoyed by all. The luncheon closed with the singing of the National Anthem, all adding that the evening had been thoroughly enjoyed.

Table with 4 columns: Name, 78, 79, 80, 81. Rows: Caspen, Garnett, Mabey, Lewis.

SHIP EXHIBITS THROUGH ST. JOHN

Representative of Canadian Manufacturers' Association Here Looking After Exhibits En Route to Exhibition in France.

W. J. Hughes, Montreal, secretary of the Canadian Manufacturers' Association, is in the city for the purpose of superintending the shipment of exhibits of Canadian manufacturers to France, to be shown at the great International Exhibition to be held during the first two weeks of March at Lyons, France. Manufacturers' products from 54 Canadian firms will be displayed and thirty-five booths for this purpose have been allotted to the Dominion. The C. P. R. is to have a noteworthy exhibit. Nearly every European country will be represented and manufacturers of Great Britain and the United States are putting forth especially strong efforts, for a gigantic display.



Say Captain, if she's waiting for you for the next dance, how about your regalia? Here's the correct evening dress suit at \$36 to \$60. Here is the right collar and the right tie, the proper shirt, and all the details that will win. Dress overcoats for evening. Good luck to you. Gilmour's, 68 King St.

SPORTING GOSSIP

LOCAL BOWLING. THE COMMERCIAL LEAGUE. In the Commercial League on Black's alleys last night the Maritime Nail Works team walked away with the four points from the Baird and Peters aggregation. The individual scores follow: Maritime Nail Works. Whittaker . . . 79 92 77 288 83-1-3

FOR SALE. At once 100 tons No. 1 Oat Feed at \$1.50 per bag, some slightly damaged by water at \$1.25 per bag. Call, wire, or phone to A. Garson & Co., 103 Union Street, West St. John. Phone W. 435.

CLOCK GIVEN MAJOR BURTON

Last evening after the discharge of the First Depot Battalion Bugle Band the boys of the band in number about thirty-two drummers and buglers, all gathered at the home of their esteemed leader, Major W. Burton, formerly of the 26th Battalion, 301 Brussels Street. A very pleasant evening was spent, music being rendered by several of the band and supper was served.

SALVATION ARMY CANTEN OPENED

The Salvation Army Canteen, in the immigration building, West St. John, was opened yesterday for the first time, after the arrival of the Scotian. Through the day the canteen disposed of 1,735 cups of tea, seven cases of biscuits, four barrels apples, and in addition mailed 400 letters and cards for the boys, all without charge.

ACTIVITIES IN THE REFINERIES

Activities around the local Sugar Refineries are brightening up considerably, and resuming their former pre-Christmas basis. Many new hands are being taken on and the pay roll assumes greater proportions.

MRS. HAMILTON DIED YESTERDAY

The death occurred at the General Public Hospital yesterday at noon of Mrs. Hamilton, who arrived in the city on Friday last from England. Mrs. Hamilton was an Anglican medical missionary in Japan under the Canadian Missionary Society for thirty-two years. She was in England for her health and was detained by the authorities there until the close of the war made travelling safer. In St. John she was the guest of Miss M. S. Shaw, of Main Street, Miss Shaw's sister, Miss Loretta Shaw, having taught in the Bishop Peck School in Osaka, where Dr. Hamilton was stationed.

THE BILL OF FARE

The R. M. S. Scotian's bill of fare throughout her voyage from Liverpool to this port was entirely satisfactory to the majority of the men on board. Some complained but it was a minor note.

CORRESPONDENTS AT OFFICIAL HAVE S...

The Newspapermen Have Quite Drowned Out the Sioners—British and American—But Were Voted Part of Some Persons.

Paris, Jan. 15.—(Associated Press) The question of whether the peace conference is to be secret or wholly open to the eyes and ears of the world, the settlement of which has been long awaited, was brought to focus today, when it was announced that an agreement had been made to publish a daily official communiqué and that a gentleman's agreement was valued among the delegates not to discuss, or in any way give information of the meetings in the Foreign Office. No written official announcements were to be issued, but word passed out to this effect, and it followed by an explosion which drew out the doings of the Peace Commissioners.

Follow the Steps to Peace Terms. Reasonable—Isn't It? Costs of Publication are increasing daily, indeed, almost hourly. Labor is higher—wages generally have increased in all departments. Paper, Ink, Machinery, Type, Set etcotyping Metal are more expensive. Coal is much higher, and other running expenses have advanced therefore we will be obliged to increase our Advertising and Subscription Rates to meet up keep demands. ALL NEWS IN AND ABOUT THE CITY including Civic Affairs, Finance, Commerce, Shipping, Church, Y. M. C. A. and Fraternal Matters of Interest, Sporting News, Social Happenings and Other Matters of Local Interest, with a BIG SPECIAL SATURDAY ISSUE. THE STANDARD, LIMITED 82 Prince William Street, St. John, N. B.

A Few Specials at Our ANNUAL FUR SALE. TWENTY-FIVE NATURAL MUSKRAT COATS, with deep shawl collars and large cuffs of Natural Muskrat. Regular \$130.00 to \$155.00. Now \$114.00 and \$125.00. FOUR ONLY RACCOON COATS, deep shawl collars. Regular \$275.00 to \$250.00. Now \$220.00 and \$200.00. TEN BLACK CARACUL COATS, trimmed with contrasting collars and cuffs. Regular \$125.00 and \$145.00. Now \$99.00. HUDSON SEAL SCARVES, CAPES AND COATEES, with round or canteen muffs. Now selling less 20 per cent. BLACK AND TAUPE WOLF SETTS, with animal and cape scarves and round or canteen muffs. Selling less 20 per cent. In addition to the above we are giving a special discount of 15 to 35 per cent. on all our manufactured goods and invite you to come and inspect our stock. H. MONT JONES, LIMITED 92 King Street. St. John, N. B. "The Only Exclusive Furriers in the Maritime Provinces"

DIDN'T HUNT WILD CATS LAST YEAR

The Bounties Much Lower Than in 1917—Increase Smaller Undesirable.

Special to The Standard. Fredericton, Jan. 15.—In the payment of bounties for wild animal during the last year, a curious situation has arisen in the Department of Lands and Mines of New Brunswick. It is the fact that the wild cat bounty was much lower, in the aggregate than in the year before. The reason for this is not known, and it is not believed that there has been any notable reduction in the number of wild cats. On the other hand, the total paid out in bounties on porcupine, hawks, and other small game, has increased. For the month of January \$62, and for wild cats \$71. In the year before \$1,200 was paid in wild bounties.

OBITUARY

Leonard Smallwood. Newswatch, Jan. 15.—The death of Leonard Smallwood of Maple Glen, one of the most respected residents of the County, occurred on pneumonia Sunday evening. Deceased was 76 years of age. He leaves his widow formerly Miss Margaret Patterson Bathurst, and the following children: Violet (Mrs. Howard Curtis), Blanche; Lillian (Mrs. Harry Haines Newcastle); Charles and Ernest, Marston; David, at home; and Harriet; also the following brothers and sisters: William and Cameron Newcastle; James of Menot, N. B.; Mrs. David Petrie, Maple Glen; Mr. Alex. Cummins, near Winnipeg; Mr. Martha Russell, Newcastle; Mrs. Chas. Scott, Sackville; and Mrs. Robert D. Bar of New Glasgow, N. S.

William Purdy. William Purdy, for more than forty years a resident of Lakeside, Kings County, died in the General Public Hospital early yesterday morning, following an operation which it was believed at first would be successful. At advanced age, however, Mr. Purdy was a highly respected farmer. Lakeside and his death will be a sorely regretted. His wife was Mrs. Ellen Jones and survives him, after a long and happy wedded life together. There are also three daughters and one son. They are: Mrs. Medley Purvan of Bloomfield, N. B.; Mrs. Al. Steeves of Barro, Mass., and Mr. George Purdy, of this city; and John Purdy, of New Jersey.

Mrs. Margaret Butler. Fredericton, Jan. 15.—Mrs. Margaret D. Butler, widow of the late Mr. Butler, in his day well known journalist and peddler, died at her home 62 Charlotte Street, today noon, after lingering illness. She was 83 years of age. Funeral will take place tomorrow afternoon, service by Rev. Canon Cowie, and interment at rural cemetery.

Alexander Bremner. Chatham, Jan. 15.—Word has just been received here by relatives announcing the death of William, son of Alexander F. Bremner, a former Chatham boy. Mr. Bremner, after learning the trade of machinist at the Miramichi Foundry and Machi-