

## MYSTERY OF RESCUE STILL UNSOLVED

Can't Ascertain from what Vessel Two Hundred Passengers Reported Saved were Taken.

Norfolk, Va., Dec. 8.—Mystery surrounding the reported rescue of 191 passengers from the Mallory liner Rio Grande during a fire at sea yesterday, remained unsolved today, and though the wireless of the South Atlantic coast was reaching out for information none was obtained to clear up several conflicting reports.

Although a wireless from Virginia Beach to New York last night reported Captain Dodge of the British steamer Rio Grande was not licensed to carry passengers, and therefore the passengers could not have been taken from that ship. The Rio Grande today was on her way to Brunswick, Ga., with passengers aboard according to wireless.

One possible solution appeared to be in the British steamer Quermore, which passed out of the Virginia Capes Saturday night and probably would have been nearer the scene of the reported fire. She has wireless but had not been reached today.

## MRS. COLBY SMITH SERIOUSLY HURT

Slipped between Ferry and West Side Floats and Knee was Badly Jammed and Wrenched.

Mrs. Colby Smith of 40 Dufferin Row, West Side, was the victim of a painful accident when leaving the 8.10 ferry at Carleton last evening, when, owing to the darkness and the storm, she missed her step, one of her legs being severely jammed between the ferry and the floats.

At the time of the accident the sale was at its height and doubtless the ferry was straining back from the floats, this accompanied by the darkness caused the accident.

Mrs. Smith, who was accompanied by her husband, was taken to the ferry toll house and Dr. F. H. Neve summoned. On his arrival shortly afterward, it was found that the knee was badly bruised and wrenched although the exact extent of the injury could not be determined last evening.

Dr. Neve in conversation with The Standard, stated that unless the inner part of the knee was injured Mrs. Smith would recover in a few days. Her many friends on both sides of the water will regret to hear of her injury.

## SUFFRAGETTES PARADE TO THE WHITE HOUSE

Brave Cold and Tramp Through Streets with Banners Afloat—President Gives Consolation.

Washington, Dec. 8.—President Wilson today told a delegation from the National American Women's Suffrage Association that he favored a standing woman's suffrage committee in the House of Representatives but denied their request that he send a special message to Congress urging the reform.

Marching by twos and fours, with banners aloft, the suffragists braved chill winds of a raw day to storm the White House offices.

## HEAD AND NOSTRILS STUFFED FROM COLD

"Pape's Cold Compound" ends a cold or gripe in a few hours.

Your cold will break and all gripe misery end after taking a dose of "Pape's Cold Compound" every two hours until three doses are taken.

It promptly opens clogged-up nostrils and all passages in the head, stops nasty discharges or nose running, relieves sick headache, dizziness, feverishness, sore throat, sneezing, soreness and stiffness.

Don't stay stuffed up! Quit blowing and snuffing! Ease your throbbing head—nothing else in the world gives such prompt relief as "Pape's Cold Compound," which costs only twenty-five cents at any drug store. It acts without assistance, tastes nice, and causes no inconvenience. Accept no substitute.

Hon. William Pugh has had the misfortune to sprain his ankle, and his physician has advised him to remain in the house for several days.

Watch remembering—Consumers Coal Co., when you need fuel of any kind.

## CONDITIONS IN WEST FAR FROM IDEAL

Head of Painters' Union Says Work Scarce and Many Idle—Slumps in Building.

A. E. Scott, of Winnipeg, 6th general vice-president of the Brotherhood of Painters and Decorators, who is making a tour of the Maritime Provinces, addressed a meeting of the local union of the brotherhood last evening in their hall on Charlotte street. He dealt with a large number of questions pertaining to the administration of the brotherhood, and discussed various matters of local interest.

It was reported at the meeting that George Hay of St. John, had been elected as one of the scrutineers who will deal with the ballots cast in the referendum votes on the various amendments to the constitution proposed at the last annual convention of the brotherhood.

When seen after the meeting, Mr. Scott said that this was his first visit to the Maritime Provinces, and that though the unions in this part of Canada were not so numerous or so large as they ought to be, they were aggressive and enterprising, and had obtained very favorable conditions in all things considered. He was particularly pleased with the St. John painters' union which was moving forward at a rapid pace.

Asked about conditions in the West, Mr. Scott said that they were not of the best and that there were many idlers in western cities. In Vancouver, Edmonton and other cities, owing to the financial stringency many big buildings had been left half finished. A year ago there was plenty of work in the West, he added. In fact in some cities contractors could not get all the men they wanted. The result was tradesmen were rushed in, and the labor market was overstocked. Since the slump conditions have got worse.

Mr. Scott will go from here to Amherst where he expects to organize a union of painters.

## INTERESTING CASE IN CIRCUIT COURT

The civil case of Wallace B. McVey and Selma Regina McVey vs. The Motor Car and Equipment Co., Ltd., was commenced in the Circuit Court yesterday morning before Mr. Justice McKenna and the following jury: J. C. Spittal, John E. Sayre, James McGuire, F. P. C. Gregory, James McGee, H. Finlay, E. W. Hovell, and J. C. Spittal.

This is an action brought by the first named plaintiff to recover \$2,000 and the second \$5,000, damages for injuries received through alleged negligence on the part of the defendants. The plaintiffs were driving to Wolfville on one of the defendant's automobiles on July 29th, 1911, the car went over a twelve foot embankment injuring the plaintiffs, Mrs. McVey's injuries being of a permanent nature.

The plaintiffs allege that the defendants were negligent in hiring them a car, having a defective steering gear, and by placing an inexperienced driver in charge of the car. They also set up that there was negligence by reason of recklessness on part of the defendants' servant.

W. B. McVey was examined yesterday morning, and in the afternoon Mrs. McVey, Fred Ross and Fred Forrest were examined. The case will be continued today. D. Mullin, K. C., is appearing for the plaintiff and M. G. Teed, K., and John A. Sinclair for the defendants.

## NORTH END PYTHIANS ELECT THE OFFICERS

Big and Enthusiastic Meeting in Temple Hall, Main Street, Last Evening—Conferees.

At a regular convention of Lodge No. 30, Knights of Pythias, last evening in the Temple Building, North End, the following officers were elected for the ensuing term: A. G. Brown, C. C.; Joseph White, D. C.; Lester Mory, prelate; Daniel Rivers, M. and A.; Robert Slipp, M. of W.; S. W. McMackin, M. of T. and K. of R. S.; W. H. White, M. of E.; Warren Mory, inner guard; L. P. Wood, outer guard.

The gathering last evening was very large and attributed to the great success and expansion of the North End lodge since its inception in the year 1906. Lodge No. 30 has now an enrollment of over 180 members and is in a most flourishing condition.

Increased interest was added to the exercises last evening, when the new paraphernalia recently procured for the ritual team was first used in conferring the degree of knighthood upon eight candidates.

Those present last evening were most enthusiastic over the work of the ritual team, and the exercises were carried out splendidly.

## An Interesting Debate

An interesting debate was argued last evening in the rooms of the St. John Law School, when the subject "Resolved that a system of continuous peace is practical and would be for the benefit of all nations" was debated with R. F. Hartley leading the negative side and W. H. Teed leading in the affirmative.

H. O. McFarlane acted as judge. Strong arguments were advanced on either side and some clever points were brought out during the discussion. Decision was given in favor of the negative side.

## SCHOOL IN KINDERGARTEN IDEA THOUSANDS ARE STILL ON STRIKE

Board will Support, before Local Legislature, Taking Over of Kindergarten—Three Delegations Heard Last Evening—Longest Session in History of Board.

The meeting of the school trustees last evening was one of the longest sessions in the history of the board. Three delegations were heard and other business transacted, and the meeting adjourned at 11:30 o'clock after the motion to adjourn was passed.

A delegation from the Women's Canadian Club asked that musical instruction in the city schools be extended to take in all schools. Arrangements will be made to carry out this idea. Members of the Playground Association asked that the assembly room of the High School be granted for use of the association in connection with entertainment and instruction for working girls in the city. This was left to Dr. Bridges to see if arrangements could be made. Members of the Kindergarten Association supported by members of the Daughters of the Empire asked that the board support that kindergarten work be added to the curriculum, and for the board then to take over the work in the city.

The board endorsed the idea and further action will be taken later.

Those present at the meeting were: R. B. Emerson (chairman), C. B. Lockhart, Dr. Manning, M. E. Agar, T. H. Bullock, George E. Day, Mrs. Dever, Dr. H. S. Bridges, Trust Officer McMann and the secretary.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

The regular order of business was then suspended in order to hear the delegations that were waiting outside.

Mrs. E. Atherton Smith, president of the Women's Canadian Club, introduced Mrs. Kuhnig, as chairman of the educational committee of the club. Mrs. Kuhnig pointed out the necessity of proper musical training in the schools and asked that the board adopt a plan to have a music teacher in each building to carry on the work. The superintendent answered that the board was now considering the subject in other buildings, and also to instruct teachers.

The other members of the delegation were Mrs. Robertson and Mrs. Chisholm.

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## OVER THIRTEEN THOUSAND ARE STILL ON STRIKE

Large Contingent of Teamsters Return to Work—Business Going Along Normally.

Indianapolis, Ind., Dec. 8.—With 2,000 union teamsters resuming work today, for friendly employers, according to an estimate made at labor headquarters, there was "little" evidence of a strike called a week ago by the Teamsters' and Chauffeurs' Union. J. Callahan, chairman of the strike committee, said, however, that 13,000 men were still on strike.

Business was conducted today under normal conditions, according to reports from business houses and team owners. No trouble had been reported at noon.

## TELLS OF NEED OF THE PRISON FARM

Would Give Drunkards a Chance to Come Back—Many Feel St. John Needs One.

The question of providing prison farms has received a great amount of attention in the city. At a meeting of the Board of Prisoners, held recently, the matter was discussed with the idea of providing such a farm for the county of Oxford. The general idea of the board was that the matter was an important one and that a proper farm should be provided at once. It was pointed out that the first cost would be quite large but a farm for prisoners with proper management would be a paying proposition within five years. The farm would provide excellent employment for all prisoners and many of them would derive great benefit and become useful citizens afterwards. It was also thought that the prisoners could have a part of their earnings turned over to their families.

The opinion of those at the meeting was that many habitual drunkards would be greatly helped by a term on a farm and that eventually many of these would be able to go back to their former employment in full condition to withdraw the craving for drink. While costing the county practically nothing these human beings, who were restored to lives of usefulness would be worth \$5,000 each to the county. Taking all these things into consideration, it was felt that the scheme should be given a thorough test.

It is felt that the matter of a prison farm should be revived again in St. John and that steps should be taken at once to provide a farm where those sentenced to terms in jail could be provided with work under proper conditions.

## PRESIDENT DENIES PROTECTORATE RUMORS

No Intention of New Policy in Regard to Central America, Especially as Concerns Nicaragua.

Washington, Dec. 8.—President Wilson told callers today that the United States did not wish to establish a protectorate over any country of Central America or over any other part of the globe. Published reports that the United States contemplated a new policy in regard to Central America, especially Nicaragua, brought a prompt denial from the White House.

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## NEW BILL AT OPERA HOUSE

Thompson-Woods Stock Company Seen in "The Girl in the Taxi"

The Thompson-Woods Stock Company opened a new week in the Opera House last evening presenting "The Girl in the Taxi," as an attraction. The production was a good one, the members of the company doing very well. The roles assigned to them while the audience, judging from the applause, enjoyed the performance. From this standpoint there was nothing more to be desired as the play abounded in humorous situations and the company got full value out of all of them.

Miss Brandt, as Miss "The Girl in the Taxi," got good results from a part that in the original, must have been decidedly sprightly. It must be understood, however, that in the present version the script has been considerably cut to meet local conditions and Miss Brandt's part suffered with the others. What she had to do was well done and the song in the second act was very well rendered. Mr. Meharry, as Bertie Stewart, was, as always, excellent. He also had a song to sing and sang it effectively, the imitation of Harry Lauder winning many encores.

Mr. Weyler, as John Stewart, played the part of a sporty old banker with a complete realization of its possibilities while Mr. Hodge, as "Percy," made the most of the opportunities afforded him. Mr. St. John, as Fredrick Smith, was very funny, especially in the second act where he was to perfection, the fire-eating, major of the Red Bank volunteers. Miss Bridges, as Mrs. Stewart, was dignified and convincing while Miss Derby and Miss Davis had correspondingly small parts but played them well.

Mr. Drummond did an artistic little bit of character work as Alexis and Mr. Fleming made a satisfactory Watson. Miss Walker, as Rosie, Miss Bishop, as Irma, and Mr. Packer, as the policeman, were adequate in minor roles. The play was well staged, mounted and dressed, the costumes were a far cry from the original. Bridges being particularly elaborate.

As to the play itself—it is funny but that is all. It is quite easy to imagine the original version as rather spicy but none of that remains and it now contains nothing to offend. If fault can be found it is that the principal knife has been used almost too liberally for "The Girl in the Taxi" as presented in modified form is like champagne with the fizz eliminated. It is not a sufficiently good vehicle to display the individual or collective talent of a really excellent company.

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## FOUR WINTERS OF RHEUMATISM

Cured of Sciatic and Muscular Rheumatism by "Fruit-a-tives."

Ridgeway, Ont., May 21st, 1912. "Fruit-a-tives" cured me of Rheumatism. It was the only medicine that made any impression on me. I was a terrible sufferer from Rheumatism. I was laid up for four winters with Sciatic and Muscular Rheumatism, and was completely crippled. Some neighbor of mine told me that "Fruit-a-tives" helped him, and I started in to take them. I used "Fruit-a-tives" faithfully for two years, taking them every day. I saw they were doing me good, and the results were marvellous.

For over two years, I have been completely free from any Rheumatism whatever, and I give "Fruit-a-tives" the credit.

W. H. RACHNER, 50c. a box, 6 for \$2.50, trial size 25c. At all dealers or from Fruit-a-tives Limited, Ottawa.

## NEARLY ESTABLISH NEW RIVER RECORD

By making a trip down the river on Sunday, the Ocoee established a record for late sailing which exceeds records of many previous years, but the year 1909 still holds first position in reference to navigation on the river. On that year the river was open and clear until in the month of December, and on December the twelfth records say that the river was open for navigation. That is the latest date on record for sailings on the river for the past seventy-five years.

Previous to the year 1909 the sailings of this year was not equalled until back in 1878.

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Get Away with \$25,000 Worth while Crowds Pass Along Sidewalk—Finger Prints Only Clue.

New York, Dec. 8.—During the fifteen minutes that Solomon Goldstein was away from his jewelry store today, thieves plundered the front window and made away with rings and jewels worth \$25,000. The robbery was committed while crowds were passing on the sidewalk. The police called it one of the quickest and boldest jobs on record. The only clue the thieves left were a few finger prints.

## PRINCE OF WIED TO BECOME KING OF ALBANIA BY EUROPE'S CONSENT

It was announced at Berlin that all the European Powers have given their consent to the assumption of the Albanian throne by Prince William of Wied. The Prince is the head of the house of Wied. He was born in 1872.

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