

THREE KILLED IN A BERT QUARRY

Dislodged Earth Crushed Four Men in Fall, One Escaping Death Miraculously.

Two Others Have Narrow Escape -- Boy Eludes Supt. McDonald at Moncton.

Special to The Standard. Moncton, N. B., Dec. 16.—The most distressing accident in the history of plaster quarrying at Hillsboro took place this afternoon about 3 o'clock, when three men were completely buried by a fall of rock and earth, and lost their lives. A fourth was badly injured, but will recover.

The dead are: Fred Nelson, aged 38, of Hillsboro, leaving wife and two children. Edward Collette, of Kent County, aged 45, wife and eight children. Theo. Allan, of Kent County, aged 21, unmarried.

The injured man, Octave Duplissey, was pinned under a rock that five men could not lift, but miraculously escaped serious injury, being able to walk a short time after his release.

Nelson, one of the men killed and Ernest Allan, were drilling on the face of a 40 foot embankment for the purpose of blasting when they struck a hidden crevice, or fissure, which caused the overhanging earth and rock above, to come tumbling down.

Allain stepped aside just in time and James Livingstone, the foreman, who was nearby also saw the movement of the earth and got clear.

Nelson was carried down with the avalanche, Collette and Theo. Allan who were killed, were loading a cart at the bottom of the hill and were completely buried. Duplissey was with them.

An inquest will be held. Supt. McDonald, of the Boys' Industrial Home, St. John, came to Moncton this afternoon for Frank McLaren and John Copeland, escaped boys who were last night.

The lads were taken to the I. C. R. depot to be taken back to St. John, but while waiting for the train McLaren escaped from the superintendent. Up to the present he has not been recaptured.

REBELS WIN OUT IN MEXICO 150 Federal Troops Lay Down Their Arms After Battle of Several Hours—Communication Cut Off.

El Paso, Tex., Dec. 16.—Federal troops were completely overthrown in an engagement lasting several hours at La Junta, a small town near Minaca, on the Mexico, Northern and Oregon railroad, according to information received by railroad officials here.

At 4:30 o'clock this afternoon, the remnant of the federal troops numbering 150, surrendered their arms and ammunition and were allowed to depart in the direction of Chihuahua.

As telegraph wires were cut in many places, no details of the battle can be secured. A telephone wire running north through the mountains brought the news to the Juarez branch of the Mexico Northwestern, that the federals were overwhelmingly defeated and that the survivors had surrendered.

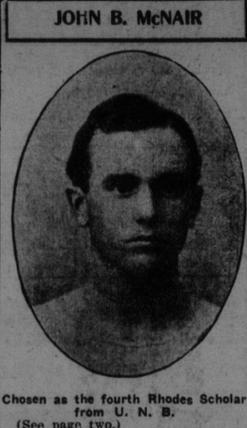
The federal forces were supposed to number over 1,000 men and were in command of Generals Navarro and Hernandez.

The fight at La Junta is believed to be a continuation of the battle reported in the vicinity of San Andres Thursday night. An effort was made today to run trains over the Mexico Northwestern into Chihuahua but with what success cannot be learned.

The railway officials say that the insurgents are in complete control of the entire region and that traffic is practically at a standstill.

Train Backed. Mexico City, Mex., Dec. 16.—A special to the El Perito, from Chihuahua dated yesterday, stated that fighting started anew at Pedernales. A train from Manaca, Chihuahua, was surrounded by insurgents upon its arrival at that town, captured and backed to a point near San Antonio, but for what purpose was unknown.

MANY KILLED IN UPRISING Lima Peru, Dec. 16.—Insurgents have taken the town of Abancay, capital of the department and province of Apurimac in southern Peru.



JOHN B. McNAIR Chosen as the fourth Rhodes Scholar from U. N. B. (See page two.)

WILL BUILD 2 EMPRESSES FOR PACIFIC

Arthur Piers Makes Definite Announcement That No Change Is To Be Made In C. P. R. Atlantic Service.

The C. P. R. will build two new Empress steamers for the Pacific trade, and they will be the finest boats on the Pacific when they are built.

So said Arthur Piers to a Standard man last evening just a short time before he sailed for England on the Empress of Britain.

Mr. Piers came here a week ago on the same steamer and it was reported that he was coming to this side with the plans for two new steamers for the Atlantic service.

That was not correct, for Mr. Piers told The Standard man last evening that the present Atlantic Empresses would remain in this service and the new boats will go to the Pacific.

Mr. Piers was summoned to Montreal from his English office to confer with the heads of the C. P. R. as to the new steamers, and the result of that conference is as stated.

This statement disposes of the rumor that big new boats are to be built for this service. Mr. Piers smiled when asked as to the anticipated increased competition from the Royal line, the expected Grand Trunk Pacific steamers, the White Star-Do union line, the Allan line and others which have been mentioned in the papers as likely to make special efforts to capture the new mail contract, as well as the bulk of the Atlantic passenger trade.

Mr. Piers was asked if he had anything to say. Beyond that I have nothing to say, he said. "I have told you," said he, "that the C. P. R. will build two new fast steamers for the Pacific route, and that the Empresses which are now on the Atlantic will remain here. That is the truth, and you are the first newspaper to get it. Beyond that I have nothing to say."

It has been reported that the new steamers would be put on the Atlantic route, and that in fact that you brought the plans for them back with you on your last trip," said the reporter.

"That is not correct, the new steamers will go to the Pacific and the Empress of Britain and Ireland will remain here. They are good boats and the service they give is satisfactory."

Asked as to C. P. R. business generally, Mr. Piers said he expected the coming summer season would see a large number of English tourists in this country, as Canada was fast becoming a choice tourist resort where the visitor could obtain all the variations of scene and climate that could be found in Europe, from Switzerland to Italy.

Mr. Piers expects to return to Canada before the winter season is over.

31 YEARS FOR STEALING \$10 New York, N. Y., Dec. 16.—Three China town loafers, who beat and robbed a young woman from Connecticut, who was seeing the sights, last month, were convicted of robbery in the first degree, today and sentenced to Sing Sing for 31 years.

BRITISH ELECTIONS END TODAY WITH PARTIES EVEN



THE SAME OLD TIE HOLDS.

NINETEEN ARE ROUNDED UP

Postal Inspectors Aim Blow At Alleged Fraudulent Concern In Pennsylvania — Correspondence School Implicated.

Philadelphia, Pa., Dec. 16.—Nineteen arrests were made by postal inspectors today in towns in Pennsylvania and New Jersey in the government's crusade against persons accused of using the mails to defraud.

The complete list of defendants was held in jail for trial or for further hearing. Seven of the defendants were given hearings in Philadelphia. These were four officials of the Chain Shoe store syndicate, with offices in this city; two constitute the Pine Heights Co., a New Jersey land improvement concern, with Philadelphia connections; and the seventh is a local physician.

The complete list of defendants with the results of their hearing follows: Chain Shoe store syndicate; Louis L. Rice, president, Philadelphia, Andrew C. Pa'erson, first vice-president also president of the Excelsior Trust Co. of Philadelphia, Edgar Pohl, 2nd vice-president and treasurer; Geo. H. Brooks, 3rd vice-president. Each was held in \$1,000 for a further hearing.

Pine Heights Co., Robert G. Morris, Philadelphia; Henry P. Stanton, Ocean City, N. J., held in \$500 bail each for trial. Other individuals arrested were: Dr. J. B. Hornstein, Philadelphia, \$800; Chas. F. McKee, Huntingdon, Pa., \$1,000, for a further hearing; J. S. Lepsch, Ridgeway, Pa., \$1,500, for a further hearing; John J. Weitzel, Lancaster, Pa., \$1,000, for trial; Abra G. Stauffer and Oscar A. Stauffer, Palmyria, Pa., \$5,500 each, for court; Wm. S. Leann, Lebanon, Pa., \$500, for court; Ira C. Webster, Newark, N. J., \$1,000, for court; Oscar Gustavson, Jersey City, N. J., \$1,500, for further hearing; S. Joseph Silverman, Pittsburg, \$2,500, for court.

Correspondence School. Lewis Conrad, Conrad Lotz and Wm. Bingham, officers of the Correspondence Institute of America, at Scranton, Pa., are also held for \$1,000 each for further hearing. This organization has no connection with the International Correspondence Schools. The postal inspectors allege that this concern procured lists of high school students and wrote to them stating that their names had been recommended as those of persons with artistic talent. On this account the institute offered a \$42 course of art instruction under its faculty of fine arts artists for \$18.50. It was said there were 6,000 students enrolled in the business of the concern.

LOOKING FOR SANTA; BURNED TO DEATH Philadelphia, Dec. 16.—Marjorie Korp, four years old, daughter of Geo. Korp, lighted a match this afternoon and peered up an open fire place looking for Santa Claus.

Her clothing caught fire and she was so badly burned that physicians say she cannot live.

MINISTRY RESIGNS. Buenos Ayres, Dec. 16.—Today's papers published a telegram from La Paz announcing that the ministry of Bolivia has resigned because of its disapproval of the terms of the protocol which General Pando, of Bolivia signed on Dec. 13, establishing diplomatic relations between Bolivia and Argentina.

These relations had been severed as the result of Bolivia's dissatisfaction over President Alcorca's arbitration of the Bolivia-Peru boundary dispute.

Only Eight Seats Remain to be Battled for --Lords Party Call Result a Draw.

London, Dec. 16.—With only twenty-eight seats in the new House of Commons yet to be filled, the general elections are practically ended. Of the vacant seats twenty already have been polled for, although the results will not be known until tomorrow.

The position of the contending parties tonight is:— Government coalition 265 Unionist opposition 265

The members of the House of Lords party are agreed to call the result of the balloting a draw, but there is no unanimity among them as yet. They meet to meet the new situation when parliament meets. Some of them want the House of Lords straightway to reject the government's veto bill, while others favor discussing the bill and eventually placing wholesale amendments in it.

The Unionist "Saturday Review" declares that King George was badly advised in consenting to the dissolution of parliament, but it says it cannot see how His Majesty now can avoid coming to a decision in favor of either one party or the other.

Results announced follow:— Down (South)—J. Macevaugh (Nationalist), majority 628. No change. Hertfordshire (Hitche)—Dr. A. Hillier (Unionist), majority 1,291. No change.

Argyleshire—J. S. Ainsworth (Liberal), majority 257. No change. Aberdeenshire (West)—J. H. Henderson (Liberal), majority 2,183. No change.

Lincolnshire (Stamford)—C. W. Loughby (Unionist), majority 339. No change.

London, north—H. T. Barrie (Unionist), majority 2,743. No change. Continued on page 2.

APPOINT RECEIVERS OF U. S. CANNING CO. Buffalo, N. Y., Dec. 16.—Receivers for the United States Canning Co. were appointed by Judge Hazel in the United States court here today.

While no schedule of assets and liabilities was filed, President John Lloyd Jones, of the company places them at approximately \$1,000,000 in resources and half that sum in indebtedness.

The company has ten plants in the fruit belts of Ontario, western New York and Ohio. The application for the receivership was made by Attorney Wm. L. Marcy, representing the Bank of North America, of Philadelphia. The receivers are Wm. Sterling of New York and Arthur R. Moore, of Fredonia.

FLOODS RAGE IN ENGLAND

Two Weeks Of Rain Have Resulted In Worst Overflow In Thirty Years—Many Houses Ruined.

London, Dec. 16.—It is thirty years since England has known such floods as are now devastating immense stretches of the country. The deluge of rain practically has been incessant since the first of December, only two days out of the sixteen being without rain.

The farmers have suffered heavy losses. Large areas of territory are so inundated that five barred gates are covered with water which in some parts of the country is twelve feet deep. In many villages houses have been flooded, and the residents are living in upper stories.

The outlook in the Thames valley is grave. The river has risen ten inches in the Henley district within the last thirty-six hours and flooded enormous areas. Many residences have been irretrievably ruined.

London, Dec. 16.—Tonight the gale increased to a hurricane in the English channel, reaching a velocity of 70 miles an hour. Cross-channel traffic between France and Dover was suspended. At Dover widespread damage was done among the shipping and to property along the coast.

No serious marine disasters or loss of life at sea have been reported. A large force of soldiers is engaged at Dover in protecting from the storm a number of aeroplanes waiting there for an opportunity to make a cross-channel flight. Two of these were badly damaged despite the efforts of the soldiers.

Along the coast there have been numerous accidents and many thrilling lifeboat rescues were made. Among them in resorts Hracombe on the Devon coast, 10 miles from Barnstable, suffered most severely. A tremendous wave swept over the parade, gutting the shops along the water front and flooding the lower portion of the town.

ALLEGED ATTEMPT TO BLACKMAIL DUGGESS Interesting Developments Expected to Arise in Case Before London Courts—Widow Of Boston Man.

Paris, Dec. 16.—Further sensational developments are promised in connection with the arrest in London of Alexandro Tscherniedoff, charged with conspiring to blackmail Lucy Tate de Choiseul, of Paris, the widow of Chas. H. Paine, of Boston. Tscherniedoff, who posed as a count, but who, according to the counsel for the prosecution in reality was a Russian peasant, was remanded in the Marylebone police court Dec. 13, bail having been accepted in the sum of \$10,000.

The attorney for the Duchess De Choiseul says that other arrests both in London and on the continent are impending and intimates that the plea to blackmail the former Mrs. Payne, which was based upon alleged letters written by her to the so-called Count De Gattigny who is under arrest, for an attempt to extort from the complainant \$20,000 for spurious pictures supplied to her late husband, had many ramifications.

SPEAKS AT THE LAST. Columbus, Ind., Dec. 16.—Recovering her voice suddenly after having been dumb many weeks, Mrs. Albert Hook, aged 20, called her husband and other members of her family to her bedside, bade them farewell, in firm tone, and died. She had been alive for a year.

LAURIER FLOITS FARMERS' REQUEST



GEN. PINO GUERRA Cuban Commander-in-Chief who refuses to serve his country longer.

COMMANDER OF CUBAN ARMY HAS RESIGNED

General Guerra Wounded In Attack, Declines To Serve Either At Home Or Abroad—Ill-Feeling Exists.

Havana, Dec. 14.—President Gomez today accepted the resignation of Major-General Pino Guerra as commander-in-chief of the army.

The relations between the commander-in-chief and the president have been strained for some time, and Guerra recently offered his resignation, which, however, at the time President Gomez declined to accept. It is understood that General Guerra insisted upon retiring.

The president offered the general a special foreign mission to study the armies of Europe, but this was declined, on the ground that the general's health in consequence of the recent attack made upon him would not permit him to leave home.

ARMAMENTS CAUSE OF WAR English Speaker At Peace Conference Charges Manufacturers Ferment Trouble Between Nations.

Washington, Dec. 16.—That war scares are largely inspired by "armament contractors" who ultimately would dry various countries into bankruptcy," was charged by Francis W. Hirst, editor of the London Economist, in an address before the international conference for the judicial settlement of disputes tonight.

He characterized as absurd the purchase of Dreadnoughts by Brazil, "to protect itself against Argentina" and declared that rivalry between Japan and the United States was crushing Japan under a load of taxes while armament expenditures also were wrecking the finances of Great Britain and Germany.

The permanent court of arbitral justice, the purpose of which the society hopes ultimately to put into effect, received favorable and unfavorable treatment by various speakers of day. Mr. Hirst, the English representative at the conference, commented on the danger of having the court "too judicial" urging that diplomacy be mingled with justice to the general satisfaction of all.

He read a letter from the lord high chancellor of England, who wrote: "I need not tell you how deep and sincere is my sympathy with any movement to further the judicial settlement of international disputes."

Mr. Hirst discussed the race for supremacy in armies and navies and power of contractors who supply governments with stores and armaments of all kinds, is portentous. They can well afford to keep a press which shall rouse or aggravate jealousies playing off the prospective battleships against each other.

There are four or five notable instances just now, namely: "The naval and military preparations of the Young Turks against Greece and Bulgaria, which have created a deficit of ten or twelve million pounds sterling, the absurd purchase of Dreadnoughts by Brazil, which have proved a far greater danger to the republic of Argentina, against which they were designed. The supposed attempt of Germany to supplant Great Britain at sea, the rivalry between Japan and the United States, which is almost crushing the people of Japan under a load of taxes. The favorite reply of armament-mongers is that armaments are the only security."

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Premier Sits Down in Absolute Silence When Reply to Resolutions is Concluded.

Ill-Advised Action Regarded as Body Blow to Liberal Party--Members Alarmed.

Special to The Standard. Ottawa, Dec. 16.—"I think I can go as far as government ownership, but not government operation," was the nearest approach to a definite statement that Sir Wilfrid Laurier made to the huge delegation of farmers that waited on him in the chamber of Commons today. He was speaking in regard to the demand of the farmers that the Hudson Bay railroad be government owned and government operated in perpetuity.

This meagre statement coming alone has angered the farmers who have spent somewhere between fifty and one hundred thousand dollars on this great deputation. On all sides one hears tonight angry comment, for to them government ownership is nothing without government operation. Their object is to have the railway rates controlled in a district in which there will be no competition. They cannot do it without government operation, they say.

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Nor did Sir Wilfrid Laurier utter one word regarding their resolution on the bank act.

In regard to the other great question of having the terminal elevators at Port William and Port Arthur government owned and operated, he told them in pretty plain terms that they did not know what was the solution of the difficulty. The solution, he said, was in the carrying of the grain direct from Port Arthur to Europe. That would prevent mixing of the grain.

He forgot, say the farmers tonight, that that would not solve the difficulty of the millers in Canada getting mixed grain. He did not go as far as he did on his western tour last summer. In reference to the resolution of the tariff against Great Britain, he gave no answer either. And in his general remarks to the farmers in reference to reciprocity he was as vague as it was possible for a man to be.

Liberal Members Alarmed. The situation among the farmer's delegates is so crucial that a number of the Liberal members of parliament went to the premier this evening and laid the necessities of the case before him in the plainest possible terms. They pointed out that the farmers had asked for bread and he had given them a stone. In other words they had been turned down and out into the cold. They have arranged to stay over for some days and interview the premier again.

Liberals regard the answer of the premier as the bitterest blow the party has received of late. It is possible that a peculiar incident may have accounted for the premier's attitude towards the delegates. Last evening some of the Liberal members of the Commons got together and arranged for a Quebec farmer named Lachapelle and a Quebec member of parliament named Seguin, to offset the appeal of the delegation by reading a resolution purporting to come from the farmers of Quebec, commending the principles of the resolutions of the Ontario and the Western men, and calling for a high protective tariff.

This was designed to give Sir Wilfrid Laurier an opportunity to say in his opinion, and so he would not feel compelled to divulge his intentions. But a curious thing happened.

The resolution was handed to the newspaper men so that they would be facilitated in getting the reports of the spectacular move away in many good time to their newspapers. However, Hon. Frank Oliver sided up the

SHOOTING OF LONDON POLICE London, Dec. 16.—A police sergeant was killed and four policemen were wounded, one probably fatally tonight, in a revolver battle with burglars trapped on the second floor of a jewelry shop in Cutler street, Houndsditch.

The robbers waited at the top of the stairs, picked off the constables as they ascended, and then made good their escape.