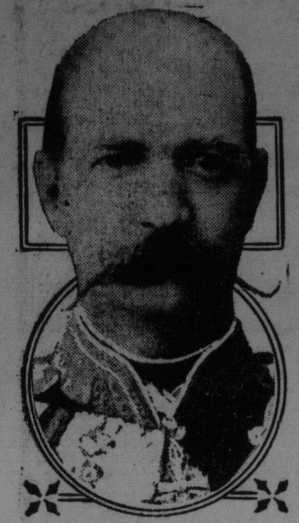


# KING GEORGE PLANS REFORMS



Rome, Dec. 22.—King George of Greece has a new claim upon the gratitude of the people of his kingdom by ordering his government to reform the prisons of Greece which are among the worst in the world. Even in the capital, Athens, one may every day witness barbarities which one would expect to meet only in semi-savage countries.

In the very heart of the city of Athens is a large and rambling building where prisoners are kept to await their trial. Here in cellars, the windows of which are on a level with the pavement, languish for indefinite periods suspects of all classes and ages. Herded together, these unfortunate men peer through the windows at the curious spectators, without sustenance or means to obtain it they climb to the level of the street, and thrusting their hands through the bars impudently the passers by for alms. Children and old men, sick and hale are it appears thrust together in a place of common confinement. There the healthy become diseased, some of the weaker prisoners die, and the innocent are initiated into the knowledge of vice.

# DENTIST TO TOWER WENT TO SAVE MEN

**Terrible Scenes at Philadelphia Holocaust—Firemen Pinned Down by Walls—Great Fight to Save Men.**

Philadelphia, Dec. 22.—After an all night search in the ruins of a leather factory, it is thought that the number of firemen and policemen killed by falling walls is under twenty. John O. Baxter, chief of the fire department who had a narrow escape from death, said that his report shows that fourteen firemen lost their lives. He says however, that his reports are not complete. Superintendent of police John Taylor believes the number of dead will reach twenty. Up to 5 a. m. twelve bodies had been taken from the ruins.

The work of digging into the ruins is exasperatingly slow. This is due principally to the extremely cold weather, which froze the wet ruins into an almost solid mass. It was one of the coldest mornings of the year, and the rescuers suffered severely in the wintry weather. Lying face down with tons of bricks less than a foot above his head and with his lower limbs pinioned to the pavement, William Glazer, a member of engine company No. 6, at daylight held frequent conversation with the scores of firemen and policemen who were straining every effort to reach the machinery which held the unfortunate man a prisoner.

Brother firemen of Glazer were able to crawl beneath the debris and provide him with stimulants to make him as comfortable as possible. A huge tarpaulin was dragged into the narrow passageway to the helpless fireman and spread about his body to keep his clothing from becoming saturated by the water, which was being thrown upon the smouldering ruins.

Glazer, unless some of the ruins fall on him probably will be taken out alive in a few hours. Some of the bodies removed from the debris, were so badly burned, that the limbs dropped off. When the body of assistant fireman Fred Callibe was taken from the ruins it was without the head, the foreman being recognized by his uniform.

**Some of The Dead.**

The identified dead:—Patrick Carroll, truck No. 7; George Mackinsky, truck No. 7; William Belmore, truck No. 1; John P. Carroll, engine company No. 6; Fred Kalborer, engine company No. 6; Thomas Entwistle, engine company No. 21; Harry Bertolet, engine company No. 29; Robert Stuart, fireman, died in hospital; Charles Edleman, engine company No. 6; Wm. McConnell, engine company No. 23.

The number of firemen and policemen injured will total nearly fifty, of whom several may die. The injured are scattered in about a dozen hospitals.

Philadelphia, Dec. 22.—(Later)—Fireman Glazer who was pinned under debris, was rescued at 11:29 a.m. after having been held helplessly by heavy timbers for thirteen hours. He was conscious and was rushed to a hospital. The doctors said he could not live as both legs are broken. He has internal injuries and there are contusions all over his body. The police at this hour said thirteen were known to be dead.

**Investigation Carried On.**

John Lattimer, chief fire marshal, after an all day investigation, expressed the belief that the fire started in the office on the first floor of the factory. He was unable to give the cause. Rumors of probable incontinence, he said, would be thoroughly investigated. The factory building was 58 years old, and expert building inspectors declare that the age of the walls had something to do with their sudden collapse. Edward Clark, chief of the bureau of building inspection, said the walls collapsed because of their age, and the manner of their construction. The mortar, he said, was so old that a little heat converted it practically into powder, so that it had no adhesive power. Then the girders and beams were of wood and burned out quickly, taking away the only support of the walls. Mr. Clark agreed with many others in saying the firemen should not have entered the building after the girders were ablaze.

Director of Public Safety Henry Clay, said that he had often impressed upon firemen that when they are working on an old building, it is far better to save their lives than to try to save it.

A movement has already been started for the relief of the families of the dead men. This afternoon the city council passed resolutions of sympathy and Mayor Reyburn has called a meeting of the citizen permanent relief committee for tomorrow. Besides the funds to be raised by this committee and by private subscription, the families and minor children of the firemen and policemen killed, will be provided for by the police and firemen's pension funds.

**Leave Families.**

Nearly all the men left families. John Collins, fireman, leaves a widow and six young children; Harry Bertolet, fireman, leaves seven motherless children, and some of the other victims left widows and two or three children.

The case of Bertolet is very pathetic. His father, who lives at a soldier's home, had come home to the son's house to spend Christmas with him and his grandchildren, whose mother died 19 months ago. Every thing about the house were evidences of preparations for the coming of Santa Claus, and even after their father's death the children, who range from less than two years to ten, talked of the expected visit of the mythical one.

The records of the police and fire departments show that 100 firemen, sixty policemen and ten police surgeons were engaged in the work of rescuing Wm. Glazer. It took six gallons of oxygen, two quarts of Jamaica ginger, three plates of whiskey, strychnine and other drugs, rubber smoke hood, two rubber tubes, a suction pump, many picks, shovels, axes, saws, crowbars and other tools and twelve hours time to bring him out alive.

# INVESTITURE OF BURGESS BOYCE YOUNG PRINCE



His R. H. THE PRINCE OF WALES.

London, Dec. 22.—The work of selecting the committee which is to undertake the arrangements for the investiture of the Prince of Wales at Carnarvon Castle next July has practically been concluded by the Duke of Norfolk and his advisers. In the course of a few days the list of distinguished names will be handed to the King for his approval. A fortnight or so later the committee will hold its first meeting.

No amateur advice from the committee will be needed regarding the training of the ritual for the actual ceremony, which will be exclusively the work of the earl marshal, the college of arms and finally of His Majesty himself, who as all the Empire knows, is an accomplished student of heraldry and historic ritual.

For the investiture of the Prince of Wales there are few precedents to refer to, but it was stated recently on the best authority that the Carnarvon ritual will be largely based upon that for the ceremony which took place at Westminster on the occasion of the investiture of the Black Prince in 1343. In many ways, however, the ceremony will be modernized.

It is understood that the Queen will take an important part in the ceremony. Among other suggestions which will be made to the committee of arrangements is one that the Welsh bards should be present.

The prince recently celebrated his 16th birthday at the Royal Palace. During one of the recent hunts he captured more game than any one in the party. He is an admirer of horses, like his grandfather, the late King Edward, and takes an interest in the national sports of England.

Though young in years, he has many of the traits of his father and promises before many years to become one of the most popular members of the court.

# LONDON POLICE HELD IN HIGH ESTEEM

**Many Floral Tributes at Funeral of Three Members of Force Slain While on Duty—King Sends Representative**

London, Dec. 22.—A public funeral was given today to the three police officers who were shot down by Russian terrorists whom they had frustrated in an attempt at burglary last Saturday night. St. Paul's Cathedral where the service was held, was crowded, the throng including representatives of King George and of the Cabinet. The Lord Mayor and the sheriff of London attended in full state regalia.

The esteem in which the police of London are held was shown by the hundreds of floral pieces sent by all classes of society and by the enormous crowds that thronged the route of the procession from the cathedral to the cemetery. Although hundreds of Scotland Yard men are searching for them night and day, the murderers are still at large.

# DELAY IN AWARDING QUEBEC BRIDGE TENDERS

**Commissioners Divide on Question, Two Favoring Canadian Co., While Third Wants British Contract.**

Ottawa, Dec. 22.—A difference of opinion is stated to have developed among the commissioners of the Quebec bridge over the awarding of the contract for the structure. Two of the commissioners are understood to favor the acceptance of the Canadian tender which is made by the Canadian Bridge Company, of Walkerville, and the Dominion Bridge Company, of Lachine, working in combination.

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# SPIES FOUND GUILTY.

Lepsic, Germany, Dec. 22.—The court room was cleared of spectators today when the testimony of military experts was introduced in the trial of Captain Trench and Lieutenant Brandes, the English naval officers charged with espionage upon the fortifications of Borkum. Even the British representative was excluded, though the crown attorney had requested that he be admitted.

Captain Trench and Lieutenant Brandes, were found guilty and sentenced each to four years' imprisonment in a fortress.

# Pathetic Letters of Little Children to Santa Claus—Suffrage Happenings in the Modern Athens.

Boston, Mass., Dec. 16.—A hot air notice in a Boston daily newspaper is to the effect that some one has measured the thickness of the film of a soap bubble, and reports that it is one 2,500,000th part of an inch. This information will inevitably add greatly to the progress of our civilization. The bubble is not half so thin, however, as some of the statements made by a certain estimable governor elect regarding the senator whom he hopes to displace.

A Boston newspaper which with the aid of its readers annually plays the part of Santa Claus to the poor children of the city, is receiving its usual flood of missives multiplied many fold this season. The continued and extreme cold weather has played havoc with the children of the poor, and the reporters on their rounds of investigation meet with heartrending scenes. Quaint notes from little ones, addressed to the Santa Claus Editor, are a few days before Christmas as frequently turned over to interested subscribers for personal attention. Last year many hundreds of readers of the paper took one or more of the little notes and played the part of Santa Claus themselves, thereby making their own Christmas doubly happy. The offices of the newspaper are a sight for a few days before Christmas as everything from tin horns and stockings, from bags of candy to baskets of provisions, are sorted out and consigned to those sources where investigation has proved they will be most welcome. A lately pathetic example of some of the little notes which are received by the busy editor, is one from a little suburban girl:

"Dear Santa Claus—I write you this letter to let you know, my 3 sisters and I would like some toys for Christmas. My mother is not working and my father is in the insane asylum for 5 years. My sisters are Francis, 5, Mattie 8, Mary 10 and Josephine 12 years.—Josephine"

Another little tot explains that her papa can't give Santa any money this year, because "he has to pay the baby's way to Heaven."

Any New Englander who has been at Provincetown or elsewhere on Cape Cod in the winter season will rejoice that the movement for establishing a pension system for retiring life savers who have past the best part of their lives in this work has received a new impetus. These brave fellows, who risk their lives and the support of their families on a moment's notice of danger to others are miserably under-paid, their meagre sixty-five dollars a month being barely enough to support their families, to say nothing of saving anything for their old age. The only just recognition of their faithful services would be to see that they should not want for the comforts of life after they reach the age where their strength is not equal to the task of facing the angry waters. The movement for this pension has been strongly upheld in Boston, where the terrors of the "break and rock-bound coast" bring home to many people the peril which attends the life-saver's work.

What, with girl newswomen selling the Women's Journal to Christmas shoppers, with young women making in a class for suffrage speaking, under the instructorship of Miss Florence Lucomb and with many meetings of officers who were shot down by Russian terrorists whom they had frustrated in an attempt at burglary last Saturday night. St. Paul's Cathedral where the service was held, was crowded, the throng including representatives of King George and of the Cabinet. The Lord Mayor and the sheriff of London attended in full state regalia.

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# BRADWARDINE, MAN, WIPED OUT BY FIRE

Bradwardine, Man., Dec. 22.—The business portion of this town was wiped out by a fire which started early this morning in Ortenburg's general store, and spread to the adjoining property with great rapidity. Among those who were burned out, are:—Ortenburg's general store; F. & J. Shields, hardware; Massey Harris warehouse; Bank of Hamilton; R. Common's general store and Beaver lumber offices and lumber yards. The only business place left standing is a restaurant and drug store.

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