

SIX KILLED IN RAILROAD DISASTER NEAR QUEBEC

Fast Chicago-Montreal Express Plunges Into Cornwall-Montreal Local at St. Polycarpe, Que., on Canadian Pacific Railroad—Accident Due to Wrong Information Given to Cornwall Local.

Montreal, Dec. 28.—Six men were killed, four severely injured and several others shaken up in a wreck which took place on the C. P. R. line at St. Polycarpe, Que., at 6.40 last night when the fast Chicago-Montreal express crashed into the Cornwall-Montreal local train telescoping three of the end cars of the latter and reducing them to kindling wood.

The wreck was due to wrong information given to the train crew on the Cornwall local that the express had passed and the line was clear. This was brought out at the inquest opened here this morning, but who is responsible for the information has not been learned.

Storm Party Responsible.

The fast express, owing to the weather conditions, and the difficulty presented by the heavy sleet storm which had raged in that district all the afternoon, was running about an hour late and through some misunder-

standing the Cornwall local got on to the main line just ahead of it. The local had just got under way after leaving the junction when the big express came up behind it, running on the same track in the same direction, but moving about twice as fast.

Cut Through Coaches.

The great locomotive of the express plowed into the rear coach of the other train and before it was stopped it had cut through three coaches. Both were demolished, took fire and burned up. Six people were killed and four others were seriously injured, all of them on the Cornwall local. Nobody on the fast train was injured, not even the engineer or fireman. Neither did the train leave the rails.

The killed were: Alexander J. Grant and Lewis Grant of Lancaster, Newton Dumoulin, William Abrams and J. Kennedy of Williamstown, and Conductor William Hinton of Cornwall, conductor of the wrecked train.

The injured were: J. J. McCullough of Glenbrook, Michael Malloy of Smiths Falls, bridge and building master of the C. P. R., Express Messenger Lavale of Cornwall, and D. C. St. Amour of North Lancaster.

GERMANY MAY ANNOUNCE HER TERMS OF PEACE

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Germany's Note.
The official text of Germany's offer, which differs some in phraseology from the unofficial, follows:
"The imperial government has accepted and considered in the friendly spirit which is apparent in the communication of the president looking to the creation of bases for the foundation of a lasting peace."

"The president discloses the aim which lies next to his heart and leaves the choice of the way open."
"A direct exchange of views appears to the imperial government as the most suitable way of arriving at the desired result. The imperial government has the honor, therefore, in the sense of its declaration of the 12th instant which offered the hand for peace negotiations, to propose speedy assembly on neutral ground of delegates of the warring states."

"It is also the view of the imperial government that the great work for the prevention of future wars can first be taken up only after the ending of the present conflict of exhaustion."
"The imperial government is ready, when this point has been reached, to co-operate with the United States at this sublime task."

Answer To Swiss.

Berlin, Dec. 28, via Amsterdam and London.—The text of the answer of Germany to the Swiss note reads:
"The imperial government has taken note of the fact that the Swiss federal council as the result of its having placed itself in communication of the president of the United States, is also ready to take action and side with the United States towards bringing about an understanding between the belligerent nations and towards the attainment of a lasting peace."
"The spirit of true humanity whereby the steps of the Swiss federal council are inspired is fully appreciated and esteemed by the imperial government."

"The imperial government has informed the president of the United States that a direct exchange of views seems to be the most suitable means of obtaining the desired result."
"Led by the same considerations which caused Germany, on December 12, to offer her hand for peace negotiations, the government has propos-

ed an immediate meeting of all the belligerents at a neutral place.
"In agreement with the president of the United States, the government is of the opinion that the great work of preventing future wars can only be taken in hand after the present world war has terminated. So soon as that moment comes it will joyfully be ready to co-operate in this sublime task."

"If Switzerland, which is faithful to its noble traditions in mitigating the sufferings caused by the present war, and has unwavering gratitude, will also contribute to safeguarding the world's peace, the German nation and government will highly welcome such action."

Catholic Girls' Guild.

The members of the Catholic Girls' Guild spent a pleasant evening in their rooms on Coburg street last evening. About forty were in attendance. During the evening the large Christmas tree was lighted and made a very attractive spectacle. Games were enjoyed and refreshments were served. The affair was under the direction of Mrs. George McCafferty, convener of the committee in charge, assisted by Mrs. M. J. Nugent, Mrs. J. Bradley and Mrs. F. J. Power. Numerous friends of the guild made donations and assisted in making the function an enjoyable one. The management of the guild has decided to hold social functions fortnightly commencing on January 8th next. A night school, gymnasium and sewing circle have been organized and much good work is being accomplished.

OBITUARY.

Chas. G. Pollard.

Yarmouth, N. S., Dec. 28.—Chas. G. Pollard, foreman of the Yarmouth Herald office, died this morning. He was working up to Friday and was taken ill with appendicitis. He was fifty-four years old and entered the employ of the Herald at fourteen. An elder in the Presbyterian church, a prominent Oddfellow, a faithful employee and a first class citizen, he will be greatly missed. He leaves a wife, who is president of the Rebekah Assembly of the Maritime Provinces, and an adopted daughter.

RECORD MONTH CANADIAN BOYS COVERED THEMSELVES WITH GLORY FOR HARBOR

December of this year promises to break all records in the number of ocean steamers sailing from the port of St. John. Already forty have sailed and it is expected that at least three more will sail before the last day of the month, making the total forty-three. At the present time there are in the harbor fifteen ocean steamers and every berth is filled. The work of discharging and loading is being carried on at high pressure and all the time at the different wharves, both on the west and east sides of the harbor, and the master is kept busy seeing that nobody unduly delays matters so order that all may have an opportunity to get away on time.

HOPEWELL HILL

Hopewell Hill, Dec. 28.—Neil McLeod of Central Garage, Moncton, spent Christmas with his mother, Mrs. Ernest H. Haviland.

Mr. and Mrs. W. Pitt Murray of Penobscot, spent the holidays with Dr. and Mrs. S. C. Murray, Albert.

Miss Laura Reid of Montreal, was the guest of her father, Moody Reid for Christmas.

Miss Edna Hayward of Riverside, went to Fredericton to be with friends for her holidays.

Miss Bessie Smith of St. George, spent the Christmas with relatives in Albert.

Mr. and Mrs. H. D. Cleveland left Saturday to spend a few weeks in Annerly, the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Manning M. Tingley.

Miss Ethel Everett, teacher at Hopewell Cape school is spending the holidays at the home of Joseph Turner, Harvey.

Mrs. Ella Newcomb and Mrs. Steven Stevens left on Saturday for Springhill, N. S., where they will be guests of Mr. and Mrs. George Nelson.

Gunner James Wright of the 9th Siege Battery, Partridge Island, is home on Christmas leave.

A very successful concert was held on Friday evening at Curryville by the young people in the hall. The proceeds were for patriotic purposes.

The funeral of the late Josiah Tingley was held on Sunday afternoon from the residence of his brother, Miles Tingley with whom he has lived for some years. The deceased was 79 years of age. Rev. Herbert E. DeWolf conducted the funeral services. The interment was in the Hopewell Cemetery.

A new carpet for the Methodist church aisles has been procured and will be laid this week.

Ebert C. Peck, Grindstone Island light-keeper, spent Christmas at his father's home.

SUSPECT FOUL PLAY IN GIRL'S DEATH.

Quebec, Dec. 28.—Some time ago Lydia Ross, 14, perished at Rimouski, in a fire that destroyed the home of her parents.

Her father was spending the corner's jury to have caused the blaze at night by building too strong a fire in the kitchen stove, but an open verdict had been returned.

Today the inquest was re-opened at Rimouski, by order of the attorney general, and in it is said that foul play is suspected in connection with the fire.

MARRIAGES

Rigby-Robinson.
Special to The Standard
Fredericton, Dec. 28.—Miss Mary C. Robinson, of Marysville, and Mr. G. Percy Rigby of St. Andrews, were married at the Methodist church in Marysville, this evening by Rev. Dr. Harrison. The bride is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. G. Robinson, and was formerly of the Receiver General's department. The groom is a resident engineer of the St. John and Quebec Railway Company on the St. John Valley Railway and a graduate of the University of New Brunswick.

PERSONALS

William Charles Archibald, landscape architect, Wolfville, N. S., arrived in the city yesterday and was a guest at the Victoria Hotel. Mr. Archibald leaves for Boston this morning, where he intends to spend New Year's with his son.

Dr. M. Maude Goodwin of Boston is in the city for a few days and is staying with Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Goodwin, 120 Mt. Pleasant Avenue. Dr. Goodwin formerly lived in St. John. She is the widow of the late A. L. Goodwin, the founder of the firm of A. L. Goodwin, wholesale fruit merchants on German street.

Mrs. Frank Rhodes, of New York, is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Jackson, Dorchester street.

Hon. J. D. Hazen has returned to Ottawa.

Rev. Charles P. Carleton, of Peterborough, is in the city.

Captain Hon. Rupert and Lady Guinness left last evening for Ottawa.

Frank J. Casey, collector of inland revenue for Prince Edward Island, with headquarters at Charlottetown, is on a visit to his former home in this city. Mrs. Casey accompanies him.

Walter Walsh of the Canadian Oil Company with headquarters at New Glasgow is in the city, a guest at the Royal Hotel.

CARD OF THANKS.

The family of the late E. W. Barlow wish to thank their friends for the sympathy and kindness extended to them during their recent sad bereavement.

London, Dec. 28.—The following communiqué is issued from the Canadian war records office:
"One of the most successful raids ever carried out on the western front was executed this week by the Canadians. The raid was made in the early afternoon, while the low winter sun was still shining. From several points of observation it was possible to witness the whole progress of the operation, and successful cinematograph films, for historical purposes, were obtained within a short distance of the attack."
"Preliminary bombardments had successfully destroyed the heavy enemy entanglements and generally weakened the German defenses."
"Shortly before the hour of the assault the attackers, consisting of picked men, carefully trained for this special occasion, fled into the trenches and took up a position along the tip of an advanced crater. The enemy remarked the unusual movement, because a few hours before the advance an active rifle fire broke out and several colored rockets were fired from the German trenches."
"Nevertheless, at the appointed moment our artillery barrage opened with a sudden crash of dense sound. Clouds of smoke were also liberated, isolating the area to be attacked. A covering fire from our machine guns added a deafening rattle to the stupendous medley of noise."
"At the given signal the lines of our men advanced boldly and deliberately and in perfect order. Little resistance was met with in crossing 'No Man's Land.' The German garrison were seeking safety from our avalanche of shells in their deep dugouts. A number of bombers, at one point, however, attempted a resistance. These were quickly disposed of, and the survivors sent back as prisoners. Swiftly our men then went about their allotted tasks, following the communication trenches back to the German supports, establishing protective blocks, attacking and overcoming the guards and sentries. Special attention was paid to the dugouts, from which many Germans came out to surrender. Bombs and lighting explosives were then thrown inside, destroying and setting on fire the wooden supports."
"This was done so thoroughly and methodically that the progress of the attack could be followed by the fires as they broke out, one after the other. Machine gun emplacements were also destroyed, and the total damage done to the German trenches was very considerable. Many of the enemy were killed, and 58 prisoners, including two officers, were captured and taken back to our lines. Our own casualties were remarkably light, and all were promptly evacuated."
"Considering the number of men employed in the attack, the extent of the frontage captured, the depth to which the parties penetrated, and the fact that we remained in possession of the German trenches for over two hours before withdrawing, this so-called raid really assumed the character of a very successful local offensive. Some time after all our men had returned, under cover of darkness, to their own lines the enemy could be heard counter-attacking and bombing energetically his own deserted and badly damaged trenches."

GERMANS REPULSED IN NORTH FRANCE

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the front of Le Mor Homme and Hill 204.

"In Lorraine we carried out a surprise attack in trenches north of Badonviller, taking two machine guns. The cannonade was intermittent on

the rest of the front."

The Belgian communication:
"Reciprocal bombardments took place this afternoon in the regions of Dixmude and Het Sas."

Petrograd, Dec. 28, via London (3.45 p.m.).—British admiralty per Wireless

FEATURES:

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ANNUAL TREAT AT THE TRINITY SUNDAY SCHOOL

The annual Christmas treat for the children of the Trinity church Sunday school, senior class, took place last evening and was greatly enjoyed. An enjoyable programme was carried out. Games were enjoyed and refreshments were served. The Rev. Ralph Sherman presented the prizes to the successful candidates as follows:—1st division, Wallace Walsh, 366; Edward Walsh, 364; Edna Blakeslee, 359; Edna Whelpley, 346; Loretta Maxwell, 344; Paul Walsh, 339; Edna Bauer, 331; Nellie Maxwell, 326; Hazel Maxwell, 326; Aubrey Marshall, 320; Blanche Davidson, 315; Frances Holt, 314. 2nd division, Blanche Richardson, 311; Reginald Whelpley, 310; Madeline Pines, 308; Maud Blakeslee, 306; Walter Allen, 301; Robina Worst, 298; Laurence Seeda, 298; Jane Shears, 295; Ernestine Friars, 295; Frances Pickett, 291; Arthur Breen, 289; John Anderson, 288; Leonard Maxwell, 286; Harold Holder, 284 and Ronald Patterson, 282.

During the evening Santa Claus made his appearance and proved a strong favorite with the young people. The members of the junior class were entertained yesterday afternoon.

Boys' Club Treat.
The annual treat at the St. John Boys' Club was given in their hall on Union street last night, when an interesting programme was carried out. The first part was provided by Mrs. B. L. Gerow, Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Belding and James Stenhouse, and consisted of solos and duets. A number of patriotic songs were rendered, and the large number of boys present joined in the choruses. Mrs. A. C. Wilson gave some very bright readings, and Mayor Hayes gave an interesting address to the boys. Each boy was presented with a bag containing fruit and confectionery as he was leaving the hall, and all had a most enjoyable time. The ladies' committee in charge of the refreshments was: Mrs. W. C. Good, Mrs. H. A. McKeown, Mrs. Jas. H. Dooly, Mrs. J. F. Bullock, Mrs. H. C. Groat, Mrs. A. M. Belding and Miss Hazel Clarke. The ladies wish to express thanks to all friends who made donations which helped making the event so successful.

A New Denomination.
This was heard at the recruiting office last night:
Recruiting officer—"What church do you belong to?"
Applicant—"I'm neutral, sir."

Some Gains Recorded.
A few actual gains were shown more or less exempt from federal pressure, and rails, most part, yielded only modest gains. The marked difference between day's operations and those of sessions was the smaller volume of offerings, total sales aggregating one million shares, against 2,000,000 to 3,000,000 shares in the turbulent days of last week. Prices were heavy at the start, made their greatest declines publication of Wall street news of what purported to be news of a bearing adversely peace situation.

The sharp decline in the stock market was concurrent with heavy Mexican, causing renewed speculation in that quarter.

War and semi-war stock again the center of the general movement, which soon took in all descriptions. U. S. Steel supply at a gross loss of three-eighths points, with only no recovery, and all broke three to five points, with teen for Gulf States Steel, five for Petrolchems, an extreme over eight points, while Marines were actually strongness extended to the bond a new low record for Am 5's at 92½, and a five-point Chile Copper 7½. Indust also made concessions in ke stocks.

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Shipping News.
December—Phases of the First Quarter 1st 9h Full Moon 9th 5h Last Quarter 17th 24h New Moon 24th 4h First Quarter 31st 5h

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PORT OF ST. JOHN
Arrived Thursday, D. Coastwise—Stm John Westport; schr Gazelle, 10, bor.
Cleared. Coastwise—Stm John Westport.

DOMESTIC PORT
Halifax, Dec. 26.—Arr. torne, Wells, Cheticamp, Emanuel Nobel (Belg), R. John's, Nfld., for Newpor in for repairs; Kanaw general cargo; Oruro, Hu para.

FOREIGN PORT
Boston, Dec. 26.—Ssd

DODD'S KIDNEY PILLS
CURES RHEUMATISM, BRIGHT'S DISEASE, DIABETES, NEURALGIA, GRAVEL, BRUISES, SWELLINGS, AND ALL KIDNEY AFFAIRS.

WALL STREET FALLS DOWN ONCE MORE

International Affairs
Stocks Off From Ten Points.— Total However Less Than M Shares.

New York, Dec. 28.—With a total affairs, the German peace and the Mexican situation loomed large on the horizon, the stock market today experienced another depression in speculative favorites, particularly those which suffered most in recent cover reversals, were singled out by the short interest in fresh liquidation.

Extreme recessions ran from ten to ten points in these groups here and there some feeble recovery.

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