

33 LIVES LOST IN PURSUIT OF GAME DURING SEASON

New Brunswick Contributes Two To Yearly Toll of the Woods— Maine Leads.

Fourteen Meet Death In Forests of Neighboring State—The List Is Compiled.

Boston, Mass., Dec. 15.—Thirty-three lives were the sacrifice demanded by the chase of the moose, deer and other wild game in the northeastern corner of the United States and the neighboring Canadian provinces during the season which closed generally tonight. Twenty-three persons were killed by being mistaken for deer or by the accidental discharge of firearms, or other causes in Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont, Massachusetts and three more in the provinces of New Brunswick, and Nova Scotia. Contributory causes added seven more deaths.

Among the score or more known to have been seriously injured, five are not expected to recover, two will lose their sight, and half a dozen more will remain maimed or badly scarred for life.

Maine Leads.

Maine, as usual, leads in the number of dead, 14 persons having met death in that state. Three were killed in both New Hampshire, Massachusetts and Vermont, two in the province of New Brunswick and one in Nova Scotia. Six were mistaken for deer, seven were killed by their own guns, 11 were killed by the accidental discharge of companions' guns and one bled to death on being mangled in a trap.

Among those included in the list of dead by shooting are:—

- Oct. 10.—Harry Ritchie, aged 16, at Sydney, N. S., killed by accidental discharge of his gun.
- Oct. 26.—Edward Moody, 24, at York, Maine, shot by boy companion.
- Oct. 31.—Stephen M. Bentley, at Truro, N. S., killed by accidental discharge of his own rifle.
- Nov. 4.—Ralph Coleman, 24, at Hangleley, Me., shot in mistake for a deer.
- Nov. 6.—Leon Redion, 13, at Bar Mills, Me., shot by accidental explosion of his gun.
- Nov. 7.—Fred Dore, 13, at Orono, Me., accidentally shot by a companion.
- Nov. 8.—Alexander Stall, 46 at Monton, N. B., accidentally shot by companion.
- Nov. 17.—Milan Jarvis, 20, at Island Falls, Me., mistaken for a deer by his companion.
- Nov. 24.—Dr. J. L. Holt, at Phillips, Me., mistaken for a deer by his nephew.
- Nov. 27.—Frank Parsons, 24, at Mansfield, Me., accidentally shot by companion.
- Nov. 29.—Alphonse Cyr, 21, at Patlen, Me., mistaken for a deer.
- Dec. 1.—Samuel Fickett, 40, at Milbridge, Me., accidentally shot by companion.
- Dec. 8.—Byron Carter, 32, at West Surrey, Me., mistaken for a deer by his son.
- Dec. 9.—Mabel Russel, 13, at Oak Beach, Me., while at target practice with her rifle.
- Dec. 13.—Norman Oakes, 15, at Foxcroft, Me., killed by brother, not knowing he was hunting.
- Dec. 14.—Maitland Reed, 6, at North-east Harbor, Me., accidentally shot.
- Dec. 14.—Charles Estabrook, at Amby, Me., bled to death after being mangled in a trap.

Those who died from other causes included:—

- Sept. 29, Ernest Woodman, was two weeks ago offered to John McLean, M. L. A. of Souris. The story is that McLean was invited to Charlotte town and the offer formally made in writing over the signatures of so many prominent Liberals as would leave no doubt that the appointment would follow if Mr. McLean would accept.

RATHER REMAIN A MAN THAN BE MADE A SENATOR

Prince Edward Island Man Offered Vacant Senatorship, Declines With Thanks— Friends Surprised.

Special to The Standard. Charlotte town, P. E. I., Dec. 15.—It is learned on undoubted authority that the vacant senatorship caused by the death of Senator Ferguson, was two weeks ago offered to John McLean, M. L. A. of Souris. The story is that McLean was invited to Charlotte town and the offer formally made in writing over the signatures of so many prominent Liberals as would leave no doubt that the appointment would follow if Mr. McLean would accept.

14 ARE KILLED 25 INJURED IN TRAIN WRECK

Rear Coaches Of Local Passenger Train On Southern Railway Hurlled From Trestle— G. J. Gould Escapes.

DERAILMENT CAUSED BY BROKEN RAIL

Greenboro, N. C., Dec. 15.—Local passenger train, No. 11, on the Southern Ry., known as the Richmond and Atlanta train, was wrecked this morning at Reedy Fork Trestle, 10 miles north of here. Eleven dead bodies have been removed from the wreckage. It is reported that fourteen are dead and twenty-five injured are being cared for at St. Leo's hospital. The dead so far identified are:

- A. P. Cone, superintendent of the Richmond and Danville division of the Southern Ry., Richmond, Va.
- H. C. White, travelling auditor, Washington, D. C.
- Isaac Dammara, porter on the Richmond sleeper.
- C. B. Nolan, Pullman conductor, Frank W. Kilby, Birmingham, Ala.
- Virgil E. Holcomb, Mount Atry, N. C.
- Ed. Sexton, Denton, N. C.
- Richard Eames, a prominent mining engineer of Salisbury, N. C.
- John G. Brodnax, Richmond, Va.
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The derailed train was composed of two hundred feet from stream. The train was composed of the trestle which spans the small two baggage, one express and mail car, three day coaches and two Pullmans. The engine and the baggage, mail and express cars passed over in safety, but the day coaches and Pullmans were thrown from the trestle into the creek along the banks of some twenty or thirty feet below.

The Norfolk Pullman fell into the water, while the Richmond sleeper, just in front, landed only partially in the water. The most of the injured and killed in the sleepers were in the Richmond sleeper, which was demolished. The Norfolk sleeper fell on its side in the swollen stream, submerging many of the passengers.

CHATHAM FISHERMEN SUSTAIN HEAVY LOSS

Shore Ice Goes Out To Sea And With It Some \$4,000 In Nets—Mildness Of Season Unprecedented.

Chatham, N. B., Dec. 15.—Fisherfolk of Bushville lost from \$4,000 to \$5,000 in nets and gear last night when the shore ice broke away and ran out. About fifty nets were lost and these with the necessary gear are worth \$800 to \$900 each. As ice of Chatham was the fishermen took in their nets today and practically no fish were taken. The river is still open and this fact prevents fishermen from getting the full value from the run of smelts as very few are equipped with apparatus for fishing in open water. The great majority of the fishermen set their nets under the ice. The mildness of the season is almost unprecedented.

Senator to Souris to receive his final answer. This was done. Report has it that Mr. McLean again declined the offer, complied with the remark that he had rather remain a man than be made a senator.

CAPTAIN TAYLOR APPOINTED.

Charlotte town, P. E. I., Dec. 15.—The appointment of Captain Thomas G. Taylor as agent of Marine and Fisheries in this province is announced. Captain Taylor succeeds Artemus Lord.

RICHIBUCTO WHARF SEAL LAD BARE AT OCEANA

Mr. O. S. Crockett, M. P., Probes Notorious Case of Political Jobbery— How Government Was Made the Willing Victim of Liberal Heelers During the Last Federal Elections.

Department Purchase for \$5,000 Useless Wharf Which Had Previously Been Bought for \$700, and in the Taking Over of Which It Had Already Declined An Offer of \$1,000.

Ottawa, Dec. 15.—In the public accounts committee this morning Mr. O. S. Crockett brought out a singular story of political jobbery. The case is incomplete as yet, but its main outlines have been made clear.

On the water front of Richibucto are two wharves. One known as the municipal wharf, is in good repair, and has on it the tracks of the Kent Northern Railway. It is about 150 feet long. Until recently it was leased to the railway for \$50 a year. In 1908 the Dominion Government purchased this wharf for \$1500.

The Saw Dust Wharf.

Adjoining this wharf is another, about 500 feet long, known as the Saw dust wharf. This was built many years ago of mill refuse, sawdust, etc. The mill which provided the material shut down 40 years ago. The crib work has been washed away and the so-called wharf is really a beach. This wharf was owned for many years by Richard O'Leary, the largest property owner of the village, and indeed, the largest property owner in the town. Mr. O'Leary's father was the proprietor of the post office and O'Leary owned the electric lighting plant. O'Leary said that the older Murray was using so little electric light that he was making nothing out of it, and he asked Murray to induce his father to use more. If he did that O'Leary would give him a "slavo" on his light bill. To this Murray demurred. The conversation turned to the sewer from the public building. This ran through the sawdust wharf, O'Leary having charged \$100 for the privilege of conducting it through that work. It was not working well, and O'Leary proposed that Murray arrange to have another sewer put through it. He would charge \$400 of \$500 and would "halve up" with Murray. This charge Murray described as enormous. He asked O'Leary's possession of the wharf, and the wharf was \$700.

Government Refused to Pay \$1000

THE OFFER WAS REJECTED. Waterbury saying that the price was too high and day adding "YOU ARE ON THE WRONG SIDE OF POLITICS." On 19 and 20 May, 1908, Thomas O. Murray, manager of the Kent Northern Railway, brought this wharf from O'Leary for \$700. In the deed and a mortgage which accompanied it the consideration was described as \$1000, but this was an over-statement. After the property was passed to the government, the municipal officials refused to reduce his assessment, holding that the wharf was valueless.

Government Paid \$5000.

On 24 September, 1908, MURRAY SOLD THE WHARF TO THE GOVERNMENT FOR \$5000. The cheque was received by him on October, 1908. These are the main facts of the case. The Department of Public Works and George Day, at that time resident engineer at Chatham.

IRELAND'S DAY IS NOW COME

So Declares Mr. Redmond Before Great Audience in Dublin—What Premier's Declaration Spells For Country.

Dublin, Dec. 15.—Addressing a great meeting at Mansion House tonight, Mr. Redmond said that Premier Asquith's declaration was the greatest chance they had had in the last century of tearing up and trampling under foot the infamous act of union. Their opponents, he continued, were no longer millions of the British people, but a few hundred gentlemen in the House of Lords.

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KING LEOPOLD WINNING IN GRIM FIGHT

King Of The Belgians Rallies From Operation—Tenacious Struggle Arousing Admiration Of People.

Brussels, Dec. 15.—King Leopold's tenacious struggle with death is arousing the loyalty and admiration of the people, who are now keenly following the developments since yesterday's operation. The bulletin issued tonight by the attending physicians says that the king is gaining. This has caused new hope that his rugged constitution will pull him through, but it is privately feared at the court that his age will not permit of ultimate recovery.

CONGO PROBLEM BEFORE LEGISLATORS

Princess Stephanie, who reached here today, was respectively greeted by a crowd at the railroad station.

VALUABLE CLUES FOUND YESTERDAY

New York, N. Y., Dec. 16.—Mrs. Caroline W. Morton, mother of Ocoy W. M. Sneed, the East Orange, N. J., bath-tub mystery, was arrested in New York shortly after midnight this morning following the discovery of the body of Ocoy Sneed.

MOTHER OF BATH TUB VICTIM IN POLICE TOLLS

Mrs. Caroline W. Morton Arrested in New York Late Last Night Charged With Murder Of Daughter.

Premier Declares That Present Conditions Do Not Warrant a Special Representative.

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