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FEARFUL DEATH TOLL IN FIRES IN STATES

DEATH LIST IN CHICAGO

HORROR MAY REACH 40

Tons of Brick Crash Down Upon Firemen Battling Flames in Big Fire

Wall Falls, Carrying With it Large Wooden Canopy and Fire Marshall and His Men Are Crushed Beneath—Men Above Have Almost Miraculous Escape

Chicago, Dec. 22.—Twenty or more firemen, among whom are believed to be Fire Marshal Horan, Battalion Chief Wm. Fitzgibbon and Lieut. Fitzgerald, were killed today when crushed beneath a heavy canopy which fell on them while they were fighting a fire which did damage estimated at \$500,000 to the beef house of Morris & Company in the stock market district. The fire started at 10:40 a. m., carrying its loss of life, which may reach forty, started from an explosion. Immediately after the first alarm was given, the fire spread with great rapidity and in a few minutes it had reached the entrance of the building and the firemen had a hard fight on their hands.

A general alarm brought Marshal Horan, the chief, from his home on the west side and as soon as he reached the scene, he took up the task of directing his men. With Battalion Chief Burroughs he led a line of pipemen and truckmen to the east entrance of the building and a battle against the flames was taken up from beneath the heavy iron canopy which hung menacingly above them.

SUNKEN HULL

Likely the Laura C. Hall

Report Received From Light Keeper of Nantucket Head, Island of Nantucket

Boston, Dec. 22.—(Special)—The submerged hull of a schooner, supposed to be the missing Laura C. Hall, was sighted one mile off Nantucket Head, island of Nantucket today by the lightkeeper.

CAMPAGN TO COMBAT HOME RULE

Unionist Association to Exert Big Effort in England and Scotland

TO BE IN FEBRUARY

More Extensive, Says Cable, Than Anything Since the Time of Gladstone's Bill in 1903—A Letter From the West—Arch-Bishops' Fund

The Archbishops' Western Canada fund has now reached \$200,000.

TWO BRITISH OFFICERS ARE SENTENCED

Leipzig, Germany, Dec. 22.—The court here has sentenced two British officers to imprisonment for two years on charges of espionage.

WOMAN RESCUES CHILDREN IN FREDERICTON

Fire in John Foster's Home in Absence of Parents—Some Xmas Presentations

Fredricton, N. B., Dec. 22.—(Special)—Firemen were called out to the residence of John Foster, King street, caused by a lamp used to heat the water pipes.

HEIRS APPARENT OF FIVE NATIONS AT THE CROWNING OF THE KING

London, Dec. 22.—It is expected that the coronation of King George V. will be attended officially by five heirs-apparent to the throne.

TONIGHT'S HOCKEY MEET

The representatives of five clubs will meet tonight at White's restaurant, when the coronation of King George V. will be celebrated.

STEAMER AFIRE AT SEA

Brest, France, Dec. 22.—A wireless message from the steamer Prince Etzel Friedlender states that she yesterday sighted a Belgian steamer on fire in the open sea.

FIREMEN AND POLICE DIE IN PHILADELPHIA FIRE

Probably Twenty Have Lost Their Lives in Awful Disaster; Scenes Are Terrifying

Wall Falls on Firemen—Police Rush to Aid Another Burial Thirty of Them—Bodies Taken Out Encased in Ice—Many Spectators Injured

Philadelphia, Dec. 22.—Members of the police and fire departments of this city were working until daybreak on the ice-covered ruins of D. Friedlander's leather factory, burned last night, in the last hope of rescuing any of their comrades.

MAURETANIA ACROSS AGAIN

Speedy Cunder Expected at Fishguard Tonight on Record Xmas Trip

London, Dec. 22.—The steamer Mauretania which was reported 200 miles west of Fastnet at 10 o'clock last night is expected at Fishguard at 8 o'clock tonight.

HIGH SCHOOL XMAS PROGRAMME ATTRACTIVE

Presentation of the Medals and Prizes; Musical and Literary Numbers

A very pleasing programme has been arranged for the Christmas closing exercises in the High School tomorrow morning.

AGROSS CHANNEL IN AIR FOR \$20,000 PRIZE

English Aviator Trying For The DeForest Prize—Record is 180 Miles

Dover, Eng., Dec. 22.—Cecil Grace, competing for the DeForest prize, flew over the English Channel from Dover in a biplane this morning and was reported aching for Calais, France at 10:45 o'clock.

TO ST. JOHN ON HONEYMOON

Miss Myrtle Berry, of North End, Bride of Albert E. Castro of Jersey City

A wedding of interest to a great number of people in St. John, and in the North End, particularly, was solemnized yesterday afternoon in Jersey City, N. Y.

DISCOUNT RATE THE SAME

London, Dec. 22.—The rate of discount of the Bank of England remained unchanged at 4 1/2 per cent. this morning.

MURDERED POLICEMEN OF LONDON BURIED; THROGS AT FUNERAL

LONDON, Dec. 22.—A public funeral was given today to the three police officers who were shot down by Russian revolutionists whom they had frustrated in an attempt to burgle last Saturday night.

The funeral was held in the cemetery of the Holy Trinity church, where the bodies of the three officers were buried.

THE TIMES' NEW REPORTER

After a long and arduous day's work the Times' new reporter was called to the city to see the old-fashioned reporter.

THE WEATHER

Fresh to strong fresh to strong winds; fair and calm; snow showers; cold; a few west winds; fair and calm.

TONS OF BRICKS BURY MEN

Apparently not noticing their danger, the firemen crowded beneath this death trap and then with a roar, tumbling tons of bricks buried the chief of the department together with more than a score of his aides.

AN AWFUL STORY

A graphic story of the collapse of the east wall which carried the men down death beneath the wood covering is told by Lieut. Jos. Mackey, who was testing a company of firemen from the top of the canopy.

IN THE COURTS

Matters Before Judge Barker and Judge Fries Today

Before Judge Barker in the Chancery Court this morning the case of McLaughlin v. Th. Willett Fruit Co., was up.

ANNUAL INSPECTION OF ROYAL JEWELS; SENTRY GUARD DOORS

Berlin, Dec. 22.—Sentries have been placed at the doors of the royal apartments in the palace this morning.

APPALACHIAN HAD STORMY VOYAGE

Furness Liner in Port Today—Had to Lay Toe for Twelve Hours—Man Lost

Forced to lay to for twelve hours, the Furness liner Appalachi, Capt. William Hanks, which arrived in port this morning, reports having a terrific weather on her run across from London.

HON. MR. PUGSLEY LEAVES FOR ST. JOHN

Ottawa, Dec. 22.—Hon. Dr. Pugsley will spend the holidays in St. John. He left Ottawa this morning for the east.

FEAR SCHOONER IS LOST IN BAY

Apprehension is felt for the little packet schooner Susie N., according to reports from the water front today.

SAID POINT ACCIDENT WAS FATAL

George Peck, the longshoreman injured on the Allan liner Hesperian last night died in the hospital this morning.

ONLY RESTAURANT AND DRUG STORE ARE LEFT

Bradwardine, Manitoba Is Swept by Fire Early This Morning

Bradwardine, Man., Dec. 22.—(Special)—The business portion of this town was wiped out by a fire which started early this morning in Ortberg's general store.

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NEW BATTLESHIP CONTRACT

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