

SAFETY OF AVIATORS IS SUBJECT OF COMPANIES' PLANS

of Casualties in Past Year Shows Risks De-creasing—Total Was 203 Deaths—France Leading With 37.

ONE MILLION DECREASE IN 1914 FIRE LOSS

Change in Canada and the United States During Past Year Amounted to \$206,000,000

MANY CONFLAGRATIONS

ed States Had Practically All Big Fires—Worst Was \$12,000,000 Blaze at Salem, Mass.

WAR RISK INSURANCE

LARGER LUMBER DECK-LOADS

TWIN CITY EARNINGS

ORDER FOR SADDLES

PERSONALS

Mr. Murray Kennedy, of Quebec, is at the Place Viger Hotel.

PAID \$110,250 IN ONE DAY

The German Military Service and Life Company, an official report states, has paid out 15,000,000 marks (\$1,750,000), since the middle of last August to beneficiaries of German soldiers killed in the present war.

OPENS BRITISH BRANCH

The announcement is made that the Providence-Washington Insurance Company of Providence has opened a branch office in London, England, under the management of A. J. Collins & Co.

FOREST FIRES COST \$450,000

The Pennsylvania State Department of Forestry has estimated that the damage caused by forest fires in that State during the first eleven months of 1914 cost more than \$450,000.

NEW YORK BUYS FIRE AUTOS

At a special meeting of the New York Board of Fire Underwriters it was voted that \$21,000 be appropriated for the purchase of six automobile trucks to be used for the various purposes of the fire patrol in the houses of the patrol south of 42nd street.

BLAZE IN NOTRE DAME DE GRACE

Fire starting from an overheated stove badly gutted the residence of G. B. Thompson, at 275 Mayfair avenue, Notre Dame de Grace, yesterday afternoon.

NEW YORK TRADING FELL INTO COMPLETE DULLNESS

New York, January 4.—Trading relapsed into complete dullness towards the end of the first hour and a half, but prices held their gains, and the belief prevailed among observers that if the large interests modified their attitude of opposition to an advancing movement prices would advance substantially.

JUSTIFICATION OF ADVANCES ON SPECIFIED COMMODITIES

Washington, January 4.—Hearings on the proposed price increase in the Western Classification territory will be held in Chicago before Commissioner Daniels beginning February 15th.

TURN FOR BETTER IN PRICE EASTERN GRADES CRUDE OIL

New York, January 4.—An increase of 5 cents a barrel in Pennsylvania crude oil is the first advance since the price started to decline from \$2.50 a barrel on April 17, 1914.

C. N. R. NOT READY TO GO ON WITH ONTARIO LINES

Ottawa, January 4.—The C. N. R. has just filed notice of application for legislation giving more time for the construction of its branch lines in Ontario, Quebec and the West.

TURKISH LOAN AUTHORIZED

Constantinople, via Berlin and Amsterdam, January 4.—The Chamber of Deputies has passed a bill authorizing the Turkish government to conclude a loan of \$25,000 at 6 per cent. to carry on the war.

BAR SILVER AT NEW YORK

New York, January 4.—Handy and Harman quote silver 48 1/2 cents; London bar silver 22 1/4.

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FIRE FOLLOWED EXPLOSION OF CHEMICALS IN VAULT

Wholesale Drug Warehouse of Messrs. Lyman's Ltd., Damaged—Firemen Wrecked in Suffocating Sulphur Fumes.

Damage estimated to be between \$5,000 and \$10,000 was done yesterday in the office and warehouse building of Lyman's, Limited, wholesale drug dealers, at the corner of St. Paul and St. Nicholas streets, when two explosions occurred in the vault in the basement where the dangerous chemicals are stored.

The first explosion occurred at one minute past noon, firemen in No. 1 station ran out into the street when they heard the sound, and they saw glass from the windows in the Lyman building crashing to the sidewalk, while heavy yellow smoke poured from the basement and first floor.

Deputy Chief Mann and District Chief Lussier, at the head of the firemen of the central division of the brigade, were soon upon the scene. Chief Mann ordered his men into the building and down into the basement with several streams. They had no more than reached the basement floor when a second, but less violent, explosion occurred, this being followed by an outbreak of fire among bags of sulphur and other combustible chemicals stored in the basement.

The firemen worked in sulphur and other fumes so thick and suffocating that they had to be relieved every few minutes. After an hour of hard work, the fire was extinguished, the blaze being confined to the basement.

\$100,000 FIRE IN NEW BRUNSWICK

Newcastle, N. B., January 4.—Three-fourths of the New Brunswick pulp mill at Lower Derby, six miles from here, was burned on Friday, leaving only the chemical and boiler plants. The fire caught in the office part of the main building. The damage amounts to about \$100,000 and is covered by insurance in some thirty companies. The mill, which generally employed one hundred people, had been shut down since the middle of last May, and since then alterations had been going on with a view of greatly enlarging the output as soon as business conditions caused by the war should warrant reopening. The company will rebuild on the Miramichi, whether at Millerton or Newcastle is uncertain.

NOTICES OF BIRTHS, MARRIAGES AND DEATHS, 25c each insertion

BIRTHS

COOKE, On December 29th, 1914, at 307 Elm Avenue, Westmount, Que., a daughter, to Mr. and Mrs. T. Clarke Cooke.

MARRIAGES

RUSSELL-SMITH, At Antonyville, Que., December 25, by the Rev. L. C. White, Miss Edith Smith, to Frederick Edward Russell, both of Montreal.

DEATHS

FORBES-AT, At St. Johns, Que., John Forrester (formerly of Laurier) on December 27, aged 61 years and 11 months.

EROSMAN, On 30th December, 1914, at General Hospital, Langlois, Boulevard Quebec, Sophie Nelson, Boston, aged 94 years and 9 months, and wife of Hon. C. M. Erosman, Chief Justice of the State of Nevada, U.S.A., and mother of Mr. Alfred Erosman, Controller of the Province of Quebec, and last relief of the late Dr. Avard Nelson, ex-Mayor of Montreal.

MISCELLANEOUS

UNCLAIMED PICTURES AT LESS THAN PRICE of frames. Nothing better for wedding or Christmas presents. Headley & Co., Picture Framers, 315 Beary Street.

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FIRST CLASS FIRE LIGHTER, Patented in Canada and United States, Patent for sale. For particulars apply to J. H. Griffin, Cross Creek, York Co., New Brunswick.

BUSINESS CHANCES. MANUFACTURER'S AGENT with office in Hamilton is open for first class line of merchandise; highest references. Reply in first instance J. G. Box 3266, Montreal.

QUARRY FOR SALE, 24 acres of limestone quarry, with all the best machinery, crusher, derrick, etc., 20 miles from Montreal, on C.P. line. Private selling. Write Box 3298 Star Office, or phone 81, LeMay 3297.

AUTOMOBILES FOR HIRE. AUTOS, PHONE EAST 1432. Eight cars and Packard Limousine for hire. Montreal Auto Livery, 144 Berni, A. Gouffon, Prop.

GARAGES TO LET. FIRST-CLASS GARAGE FACILITIES FOR RENTAL and Max. 2000. Paved floor. Apartments (above Villeroy street). Address enquiries to 529 St. Catherine street W. Phone UP 594, or call at 309 St. Joseph Boulevard West.

SOMERVILLE AVE., Ahimsa, gentleman's residence, with 32,000 feet of land, fine large house, garden, beautiful shade trees and two beautiful lawns, also garage, to be sold at a very low figure. Full particulars 86 Dorchester W. Main 1384.

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COUNTRY HOUSES TO LET. TWO-FLAT SOLID PROPERTY TO EXCHANGE for a farm, lots for balance of sale. Apply proprietor, Rosenzwey, 866 St. Lawrence.

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