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TWELVE PAGES—ONE CENT

Twenty Are Killed As Freight Crashes Into Passenger Train

Sleeping Car Cut In Two, And Others Telescoped, Near Altoona, Pa.—Hours Before Bodies Could Be Extricated

MR. WINCHESTER IS EXONERATED

Council Committee Dismisses Charges Against Street Superintendent

REINSTATEMENT RECOMMENDED

Commissioner Fisher's Adverse Report Finds no Second—City Will Aid in Preservation of Historic 26th Battalion Film

That the charges against Albert Winchester were not sustained and that he is cleared of any suspicion of wrongdoing, is the finding of the council committee of the whole, which met this morning to take action on the evidence submitted at the recent investigation.

Commissioner Fisher reported regarding the investigation of the death of Albert Winchester, street superintendent, as follows:

MORE ABOUT STRANGE CASE IN AMHERST

Fraser, Who Died There Strangely, Was Known Here

Two Uniforms, Wigs and False Beards in Trunk—Had Belonged to Moose and Was Assured by Members of Order When in St. John

A man named Fred Fraser died in the hospital in Amherst on Sunday. He had been working there for a few weeks.

Recently he was taken ill, but for some reason refused to have a doctor called for him, but he passed away a few hours later.

PACIFISTS ARE HANDICAPPING THE LEADERS

R-publicans, Too, May Interfere With Wilson's Programme

FIGHT IN HOUSE LIKELY

Another Filibuster Probable in the Senate—President Reported Hopeful That His Request Will Be Granted

Congratulations Pour In Upon Opposition Leader

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TWO BIG LINERS MAKE THE VOYAGE

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New York, Feb. 27.—The steamship Finland, of the American Line, which sailed from Liverpool on February 17 with 166 passengers, reported by wireless to her owners here today that she would reach the Ambrose Channel Lightship a few hours after midnight tonight and would dock about eight a. m. tomorrow.

With the arrival of the Finland, this line's entire fleet will be tied up in New York for the first time since the Spanish-American war. Dr. Henry Vanduyke, former United States minister to the Netherlands, is a passenger on the Finland.



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REAL ESTATE NEWS

Transfers of real estate have been recorded in St. John county as follows: Maybelle and J. C. Baker to W. S. Allison, \$2,000, property in Waterloo street.

WEATHER REPORT

Although the city ended the year of 1916 with a deficit in current accounts the financial situation of the city is far from unsatisfactory, judging from the report of the city chamberlain and comptroller which were submitted to the common council today.

CITY'S FINANCIAL POSITION IMPROVED DURING YEAR 1916

WOUNDED RUSSIANS HOMEWARD BOUND KILLED IN WRECK

GERMAN REPORT ON WORK OF PIRATES

WOMEN AND CHILDREN NOT ALLOWED TO SAIL FROM CANADA THROUGH WAR ZONE