

SOME CHRISTMAS TIME TRAGEDIES

Many Instances Where the Gala Day Was Marked by Death and Disaster.

Christmas Dance Leads to Wholesale Killing-- Boston Young People Skate to Death.

Boston, Dec. 26.—Skating out the close of the Christmas holiday on the Charles River basin, Earle B. Peterson, aged 21 years, broke through thin ice tonight and was drowned. The bodies were recovered. Mr. Peterson was assistant secretary of religious work at the Young Men's Christian Association in Boston. Miss Paul was studying to become a nurse at the Deaconess Hospital.

Santa Claus Displeased Her. Pittsburg, Pa., Dec. 26.—Disappointed because she did not receive a gold watch which she had been expecting for Christmas, Mrs. Michael Stopek, aged 24, of McKees Rocks, drank poison and died today.

Atok Mistletoe Berries and Died. Bkosh, Okla., Dec. 26.—Eating mistletoe berries here today caused the death of three children. Two were children of Francis Wright and the other of Benjamin Wright. Several other children are seriously ill from the same cause.

Fatal Christmas Punch. New York, Dec. 26.—After drinking punch last night, believed to have contained wood alcohol, two Italians are dead in North Bergen, N. J., and four others are in a critical condition.

A Balloonist Killed. Havana, Dec. 26.—Frederick Brown, a circus performer of Havana, 28, while attempting to make a balloon ascension here today, struck a projection of a building. He fell 100 feet to the ground and was killed.

The Finish of a Christmas Dance. Lexington, Ky., Dec. 26.—One man was killed, three others probably were fatally injured and several slightly wounded last night in a general fight at a Christmas dance at the home of Craddock Willoughby, in Montgomery county. Twenty-five persons engaged in a fight, which followed a quarrel between two of the men, William Willoughby was shot and killed and his brother, Craddock Willoughby and two other men whose names have not been learned, may die from their wounds.

A Christmas Tragedy. Pittsburg, Pa., Dec. 26.—Eliza and Margaret Bryan, aged 22 and 16 years respectively daughters of Mrs. Mary Bryan, a widow, were fatally burned and their brother Andrew, aged 23 was seriously injured in an explosion of gas early today which partially wrecked their home in Coraopolis, a suburb. The two girls died at the hospital. The brother Andrew who was asleep in the rear room was badly injured on the head when struck by a flying iron. He was also painfully burned. The people in the neighborhood were so touched with the Christmas tragedy that before noon, a fund of \$500 had been contributed for the relief of the family.

Killed At a Christmas Party. Lynn, Mass., Dec. 26.—Playfully winding an insulated electric light wire around his neck, and hanging the lighted bulb over his chest, Wm. J. McGrady, 19 years old, was suddenly enveloped in a shower of sparks and in a few seconds fell to the floor unconscious in the midst of his friends tonight. He died soon after. Investigation showed that a wire crossed in the street half a mile away had caused a short circuit at the time McGrady wound it about his neck.

GASTRO'S TROUBLES ARE NOT OVER YET

Ex-Premier Of Portugal Charged With Illegal Methods In Connection With State Bank.

Lisbon, Dec. 26.—Former Premier J. Luciano De Castro, 12 former governors and directors of the Portuguese Credit Foncier Bank, all of them ex-ministerial and the chief accountants, treasurer and cashier of the bank were arrested today on a charge of using illegal methods in connection with the administration of the institution. All of them were released on bail. Castro who is a paralytic, was unable to appear before the magistrate, and his bail was fixed at \$2,000,000. This was furnished by four capitalist friends.

BANGOR VISITED BY A BAD FIRE

Big Brick Business Block Gutted Last Night And \$130,000 Damage Done--Several Firemen Injured.

Bangor, Me., Dec. 26.—Fire at 6 o'clock tonight badly damaged the four story brick building, at 21 to 25 Columbia street, owned by the estates of Sprague and James Adams and occupied by the Sawyer Boot and Shoe Co., the Thomas W. Burr Advertising Company, Bangor Moccasin Co. and others. The total loss is estimated at \$130,000, well covered by insurance.

The fire, which originated in some unknown manner in the mezzanine factory on the 4th floor, spread rapidly and in a few minutes burst through the roof, sending up a volume of flame and smoke that was visible all over the city. The situation looked so dark that second alarm was ordered and it required the efforts of a considerable part of the fire force for nearly three hours to get the fire under control and prevent it from spreading. The top floor of the Adams building was entirely burned out and all below that flooded. The building, valued at \$60,000, was damaged to the extent of \$20,000. The Sawyer Boot and Shoe Co., which also owns the Bangor Moccasin Co., sustained a loss of about \$100,000, largely by water, and has insurance of about \$90,000. The Thomas W. Burr Advertising Company's loss may be \$10,000, covered by insurance. Other losses of \$500 to \$1,000 each were sustained by Robert E. Cookson, lawyer; C. P. Webber, office fixtures and Adams estate, office fixtures. Several firemen were injured, although not seriously.

ROUGH WINTER ON THE COAST

Vineyard Skipper Tells a Tale Of Wintry Seas And Points Graves Of Many Victims.

Vineyard Haven, Mass., Dec. 26.—"The storm fair bristled with reefs," said a belated coasting skipper as he clambered onto the wharf here today to get his Christmas goose and fixings. "I have seen so many since the Portland went down. There's what's left of the Jennie French Potter that struck and stuck on Half Moon shoal over here near Cross Rip a year ago last night. Then there's the stick of an old tow master punching the waves near the Handkerchief. Across the sound on Nantucket great point sits the Thomas B. Garlans, high and pretty near dry. Guess they'll save her. Up there on the south side of the Stone horse there's the top ends of the masts of another three sticker that looks a bit like the Marcus Edwards of Bangor. 'Webb' Robbins, of Harrington, was her skipper, and knew every one on the coasts. Those may belong to the Mollie Rhodes of Vine Haven, Capt. Dan Dobbins, of Jonesport, for both of 'em sailed out of here and met the big blizzard week after last off the Cape.

"This last schooner is over on the southeast end of the Stone Horse, while across on other side is the Abbie G. Cole, whose fellers were yanked off just in time by that dave-dill Howell of the Gresham and his crew. To the right side of Follock Rip light vessel is all that's left of the old coal barge West Virginia, that was only partly busted up by the government last summer. I hear that the Seneca, came down from New York to-day and blew the Belle Halliday apart in the Slue, but I guess those revenue cutter men did not stir that bunch of paving stones that the Halliday was lugging along when she bumped into the General E. S. Greeley.

"Most of these unfortunates lie off the regular course, but they don't look comforting to me, and I for one will be mighty glad when that ditch is dug through them Scusest marshes into Monument River. Thanks, same to you, and Happy New Year. Come aboard some day."

Taft Called But Dewey Was Out

Washington, Dec. 26.—Admiral George Dewey, who was 73 years old today, apparently did not expect that most of official Washington would call on him to tender congratulations. He went driving during the afternoon meeting the President and Mrs. Taft, Chief Justice White, cabinet members and a host of high officials and members of the diplomatic corps who left cards at the Dewey residence. Scores of telegrams of congratulation came from friends in all parts of the world.

HYPNOSIS



THE VICTIM:—"Why did you wake me, Sir Wilfrid, from my delightful fiscal dream?"

HOW NEW YORK FED ITS POOR

Christmas Cheer Yesterday For Thousands Of Needy In Gotham's Institutions--Boston Organizations Were Busy

SCHOONER HAD HARD TIME IN HEAVY GALE

The Otis Miller, Beached Near Port Greville After Sails Had Been Carried Away In Storm.

OTTAWA MEN OUT FOR CIVIC HONORS

Five Candidates In The Field For Office Of Mayor Of Federal Capital--Nominations Filed Yesterday.

TEAM OF HORSES LOST IN RIVER

Lakeville Corner Men Had Valuable Span Drowned By Breaking Through Ice While Driving From Fredericton.

LONDON POLICEMEN NOT TO BE ENVIED

Fredericton, Dec. 26.—Walter S. Hargrove and Arthur Randall of Lakeville Corner, while driving home from here on Saturday had the misfortune to lose a valuable pair of horses. They broke through the ice, the pole of the sled catching in the mud at the bottom of the river and holding the horses under water. The load also fell on the animals. The accident occurred in the vicinity of Barkers Wharf, Sheffield.

I. C. R. TRAIN DERAILED IN TRURO YARD

Sydney Express Jumped Rails--No One Injured, But Much Damage To Rolling Stock And Tracks.

SUDDEN DEATH OF W. C. WINSLOW

Prominent Barrister And Ex-Mayor Of Chatham Passed Away Early On Christmas Morning.

ASK TO WIND UP FARMERS' BANK

Application Made To Toronto Judge But Action Is Deferred Until Shareholders And The Creditors Meet.

RIOTING NOW IN COAL STRIKE CENTRE

One Man Shot To Death And Further Trouble Is Feared As Result Of Liquor Importation.

FOUR CHILDREN BURNED TO DEATH

Montreal, Dec. 26.—Four small children of Ovide Baril, of Warwick, Arthabaska county, perished in a fire which destroyed the store and residence of their father on Saturday night. The fire started from the explosion of an acetylene gas generator and the flames spread so rapidly that Baril had time only to save his wife and youngest child, both parents being severely burned.

AVIATOR MAKES HEIGHT RECORD

HATTIE LEBLANC HAD JOLLY TIME

How The Heroine Of Glover Murder Trial Spent Christmas In Her West Arichat Home.

Special To The Standard. West Arichat, Dec. 26.—West Arichat at present is well in the limelight with Hattie LeBlanc as its central figure. At least seven reporters of as many Boston dailies are now on the scene with probably as many detectives. The telegraph operator has had his hands full the past few days, sending off as many as 13,000 word messages at a time.

At the LeBlanc dwelling an immense Christmas tree stands before the front door, laden with many valuable and costly gifts from Boston and elsewhere. On Christmas night, Hattie was the cynosure of all. Decorated with jewelry and otherwise becomingly attired, she modestly approached the altar rail to receive holy communion. Her father was the recipient of \$200 before leaving Boston, from the publishers of one city paper for a brief history of the family. Hattie has over \$700 now with her and a cheque well up in the four figures reached her last night by mail from Boston. With that and with dinners, drives, letters by the basket from all parts, many of them containing money and valuable gifts, some of them from California, Hattie is in luck. It is reported that Mrs. Glover is on her way down here to visit her place of nativity. Offers of engagements on the stage from Sydney and Boston, are still under consideration by Hattie LeBlanc. She may go to school until called to Boston in March next, when Capt. Peter King's suit against Mrs. Glover in \$20,000 damages for defamation of character is called.

CHINESE EDICT PROMISES WELL

A Constitutional Cabinet Believed To Be Chinese Throne's New Year Gift To The People--Crisis Averted.

HACK TRIMMED

DR. B. F. ROLLER

Russian Giant Had a Hard Go With Seattle Wrestler Before He Won Out In Match.

Boston, Mass., Dec. 26.—George Hackenschmidt, the Russian wrestler tonight defeated Dr. Ben. F. Roller, of Seattle, Wash., in the Mechanics Building, by winning two straight falls the first in 1 hour, 7 minutes, 20 seconds, by a further arm Nelson, and the second in 15 minutes, 23 seconds, with an arm grab.

In the preliminaries John Percell forfeited his match to Ali Hassan, after 22 minutes and 10 seconds of wrestling. Percell having injured his knee, he started off with sparring Brown, of New York.

ear. Bob Somerville defeated Joe Roller devoting his time to preventing Hackenschmidt from getting a hold which would put him on the mat. Hackenschmidt got a croch hold at the end of ten minutes and the men went to the mat. Roller threw the Russian three times, but each time Hackenschmidt rose. Finally the Russian went face down. At the end of 15 minutes Roller was still on top, when both men regained their feet. Hackenschmidt failed at the half Nelson and then began spinning Roller on his head. Roller escaped a hammer lock by clever work and twice later the Russian missed the hold by a slight margin only. When Roller escaped the deadly hammer lock a fifth time, Hackenschmidt tore around after the doctor, finally getting him on his back with a farther arm Nelson and body roll.

Roller got a toe hold on the Russian in the second match, but the giant proved too strong and Roller could not turn him over. Hackenschmidt rolled the doctor on his head and finally succeeded in getting a quick fall on his opponent in a body roll and won the second fall.

ski and John Nathan are being sought by the state police. Carino was living in a strikers' camp and was shot to death last night when there was an assault on the camp. About 75 shots were fired and Carino was found later with three bullet holes in his back.