

FOUR KILLED IN G. T. R. COLLISION

Light Engine Took Wrong Track at St. Hyacinthe, Crashing Into I. C. R. Train.

Victims All Members of Train Crews -- Seven Others Injured -- Fireman's Leg Crushed.

Special to The Standard.

Montreal, Que., Dec. 11.—Four men, all train employees, were killed and seven others injured, only one seriously, in an accident last night on the Grand Trunk Railway, a quarter of a mile west of St. Hyacinthe, on the Portland line, when the Intercolonial Railway's Nicolet train crashed into a light Grand Trunk engine.

The dead are: C. Biggs, conductor; W. Walker, engineer, on the light engine; R. Jamieson, engineer, and M. Dionne, fireman of the Intercolonial train. The road at this point is double tracked and the accident was due to the light engine taking the wrong track after leaving St. Hyacinthe.

Both the engineer and conductor on the I. C. R. engine were killed, but the fireman, McMillan, escaped, though his legs were badly crushed.

GRUESOME TALE FROM QUEBEC

Bodies of Father and Son Are Found With Evidences That Latter Had Committed Murder and Suicide.

Special to The Standard.

Sherbrooke, Que., Dec. 10.—News of a dreadful tragedy reached here this morning from Danville, a man meeting his death at the hands of his son, who afterwards took his own life. The men were James Houston Sr. and James Houston Jr. The former was found dead in the furnace room where he had been working with his son with evidences that he had been killed by a blow on the head with a hammer. On investigation being made the body of the son was found with his throat and body cut in a dreadful manner, the injuries being apparently self-inflicted. The son who returned from Victoria, B. C., only a short time ago, had been in poor health of late.

SEVEN DEAD TAKEN FROM WESTERN MINE

Reported That 45 Men Were Entombed By Explosion At Bellevue On Canadian Side -- All Foreigners.

Special to The Standard.

Winnipeg, Dec. 10.—A despatch from Calgary says the Western Canada Collieries' mine at Bellevue on the Crow's Nest Pass was the scene last night shortly after 7 o'clock, of a terrible explosion as the result of which 45 men were entombed. Seven dead and 12 injured, some of which cannot recover had been taken out to midnight.

The others are still in the mine. The men were all foreigners, Italians and Swedes. Nothing is known as yet as to the cause of the explosion.

KILLED IN EFFORT TO TAKE NEGRO FROM JAIL

Columbus, Ga., Dec. 11.—Irvin Kent a young cotton mill operative, died today of a wound received about 1 o'clock this morning when a mob of 200 men stormed the county jail here in an effort to secure a negro charged with attempted assault on a white woman. Kent is said to have been one of the attacking party. Jailer Pheltz addressed the rioters as they neared the jail, warning them that he would shoot the first man to attempt to enter. When the attack began he fired a number of shots wounding two men.

He successfully resisted the attack until after more than a hundred shots had been fired. Police and militia dispersed the rabble. The jailer was seriously wounded in the breast, but will recover. Several arrests of members of the mob were made.

BRITISH NAVY HAS BIG LEAD

Statistics Compiled By U. S. Expert Gives His Own Country Second Place Over Germany—Favors Small Ships.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 11.—The United States closes another year in second place among the world's greatest naval powers. The race between Great Britain and Germany has not yet brought Germany up to the United States in the number of battleships afloat, but in ships projected and in the total number of war vessels of all kinds, Germany will crowd the United States to third place.

These facts are shown in the new year book prepared by Pilman Pulsifer, clerk to the senate committee on naval affairs and soon to be issued. In armored cruisers although the technical division made by the United States indicates Germany to have more than this country, the actual strength of the United States exceeds that of its European rival. "Notwithstanding the continued hustling of Germany to overcome Great Britain's plan of a two power navy, the United States is nearly if not quite abreast of Germany, weighing all points which make for efficiency," says Mr. Pulsifer. "In battleships completed, both in number and displacement, the United States leads Germany, including battleships completed, under construction and provided for, the number of each country is identical, while the United States exceeds Germany in total battleship tonnage."

The compilations of Mr. Pulsifer show the world's powers to rank as follows, as to completed ships:

	Total ships	Tonnage	Large Gun
Great Britain	472	1,888,158	238
United States	452	1,717,702	136
Germany	369	658,035	100
France	403	556,396	57
Japan	169	413,291	60
Russia	201	284,113	30
Italy	114	219,959	30

In ships completed, building and provided for by the various countries, Germany's number rises to 356, with a displacement of 863,845 tons; the United States has 177, with a displacement of 878,152.

The Most Youthful.

"Including naval vessels of all classes," says Mr. Pulsifer, "in total number Germany is ahead of the United States. It should be stated in favor of the United States, that her navy is the youngest navy in the world. In armored cruisers, Germany outnumbered the United States both in those built and those building. If the classification of our navy department followed; but if the three cruisers, Charleston, Milwaukee and St. Louis are considered as armored cruisers, Germany's number rises to 256, with a displacement of 863,845 tons; the United States has 177, with a displacement of 878,152."

In the Dreadnought type, including armored cruisers as well as the new battleships, the fierce race between England and Germany is most clearly shown.

At present the floating navies of the three leading powers contain Dreadnought type vessels as follows:

England, 11, with displacement of 203,100 tons.
United States 4, displacement, 72,000 tons.
Germany 4, displacement 72,000.

When vessels now being constructed, and those for which funds have been provided, are completed the Dreadnought strength of the three countries will be: England 27, with displacement of 658,800 tons. Germany 17, displacement 357,000. United States 10, displacement 221,650 tons.

Mr. Pulsifer finds little to commend in the constantly increasing size of ships. "Brazil's new 32,000 ton battleships is the largest now building. "I do not profess to have any technical knowledge of ship building," he says, "but as an interested layman I believe it has not yet been shown that there is any better ship than the Michigan and South Carolina, each of which has a tonnage of 16,000, and carries eight 12-inch guns, which can all be used in broadside fire. When one considers that the larger ship presents a much larger target and is less wily than the smaller ship, which can accommodate the smaller ships, and that there is greater difficulty in docking these larger ships, it would seem that we should slow up some in this unusual mania for large and still larger ships."

THREE KILLED WITH ONE BLOW OF TRAIN

Mobile, Ala., Dec. 11.—A Louisville and Nashville passenger train struck and killed a cow near Kirkland late Saturday. The cow lurled to one side struck a negro watching the train go by. The negro was knocked into a puddle of water and killed. In falling he struck a dog and crushed it to death.

SECOND UPRISING AT RIO QUELLED BY GOVERNMENT WITH LOSS OF 400 LIVES

Battalion of Marine Corps Led by Crew of Scout Ship Bombarded City.

Nearly Annihilated Before Consenting to Surrender--Many Citizens Killed and Injured

Rio Janeiro, Dec. 11.—The government troops are again in control of the garrison on Cabora Island and the second mutiny of the naval forces has ended with a heavy casualty list, but in a way that will probably prevent further risings, for some time to come. The mutineers in the garrison who composed a battalion of the marine corps, numbered about 600 men, of these 200 were either killed or wounded. The others were taken prisoners by the destroyers while attempting to escape from the island during the night.

Two hundred citizens were either killed or wounded while watching the bombardment from the streets of the city or along the water front. Many government buildings were damaged including the treasury, the foreign office and the departments of public works and telegraphs, all handsome structures. Two land batteries, two warships and several destroyers took part in the bombardment of the island yesterday and twice during the engagement, an armistice was allowed for the removal of the dead and wounded.

Firing ceased late in the evening, but the commanders of the government's forces however, were stationed within easy range of the island, so as to prevent any attempt on the part of the mutineers to return. To night several boats put out and men could be seen swimming, evidently with the intention of reaching the mainland. The destroyers bore down upon them and made them surrender. Martial law has been declared for 30 days in the Federal district and Rio Janeiro.

The chamber of deputies met today to discuss the subject of a special session. The government believes it has the situation well in hand, as outside of a few malcontents the army and navy are loyal. A strict censorship is being maintained, but conditions within the city today were normal.

The scout ship Rio Grande Ro Sul, fired the first shot in the revolt, turning its guns on the island, and heavy bombardment from both land batteries and warships caused a fearful panic in Rio Janeiro during the early hours of yesterday. Brightening and wounded people fled in all directions. According to the newspapers the causes leading to the second revolt are trivial, most of the demands made by the men in the last mutiny having been granted by the government.

Surrender at 11 O'clock. Rio Janeiro, Dec. 11.—After a severe artillery argument which lasted throughout the entire day yesterday, the mutinous naval battalion on Cabora Island, surrendered at 11 o'clock last night.

The rebels were almost annihilated by the fire from the land batteries and two Brazilian warships, losing more than 200 killed and wounded. The mutineers were finally subdued by their officers and the remainder of the garrison that had remained loyal. One of the killed in a three-hour fight to re-take the scout ship, was the governor. At half past five o'clock Saturday morning, the guns of the land batteries were trained on Cabora Island, which lies in the Bay of Rio Janeiro, only a short distance from the city and opposite the marine arsenal. A heavy fire was directed against the rebels and continued without cessation for five hours. Then a white flag appeared, and it was believed that the rebels were ready to surrender, but they only asked for an armistice. The bombardment of the island ceased for half an hour, and was renewed at 11 o'clock. Two land batteries and two loyal warships took part in the bombardment, and the artillery duel continued with great violence until half past three o'clock this afternoon. The island was then taken by assault if they did not surrender. In the meantime President Ponceca sent a message on the situation to the senate. "While this was being discussed by the senate, the chamber assembled to consider the situation and to await the action of the senate. Then came the surrender of the fortress."

SHORT-LIVED MINISTRY.

Lima, Peru, Dec. 11.—The Peruvian ministry has resigned. This ministry of which Salvador Caverio was premier was appointed on Oct. 23.

Election Results Show Few Changes

Coalitionists Now Have Lead of 52 With Only 116 Pollings to Hear From--Cannot Hope to Increase Majority--Lloyd George Goes in Again--The Results.

London, Dec. 10.—The first week of the general elections ended with both political parties holding their own. Five hundred and two seats have been filled, and each side gained 21 from the other. The complexion of the new House of Commons, up to date, is as follows: Government Coalition. Liberals . . . . . 133 Laborites . . . . . 32 Nationalists . . . . . 55 Independent Nationalists . . . . . 7 Total . . . . . 227

Opposition. Unionists . . . . . 225

London, Dec. 11.—It is seen now that the government will return with substantially the same majority as it had before the dissolution of parliament and the future course of the elections has less interest than the question of what will happen when parliament actually meets. This forms the subject of a very determined discussion in the party newspapers and in the speeches of public men. Lord Rosebery, at the beginning of the elections, declared in a speech that should the government suffer a pass the veto bill. This contention has been the basis of the Liberal campaign, which argues that unless the government secures an increased majority it will have no mandate to deal with the House of Lords.

The Liberals on the other hand contend that not only will the government have a majority larger than that of a former strong Unionist ministry, but that the nation has now thrice in succession given the Liberal government a vote of confidence. To this the Unionists reply that the question of a change in the constitution is on quite a different plane than ordinary legislation and they point out that specific majorities are required in other countries before constitutions can be altered.

Everybody however, appears to be in the dark as to the actual possibilities of the situation and many are of the opinion that it may still be settled by negotiation and compromise. Both sides appear equally confident of gaining a few more seats the coming week.

The closeness of the elections continues to cause wonder, but with only 168 members yet to be chosen and the certainty that neither side will make important gains, the public is fast losing interest. Thirteen constituencies polled today, but the results in only five of these are known tonight. David Lloyd George, Chancellor of the Exchequer, who was the most bitterly assailed by the peers of all the Liberals was returned by his Welsh constituency, the Carnarvon district, with an increased majority.

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ANOTHER WOMAN SEEN AT LAUNDRY

STR. OLYMPIA RUN ASHORE

Fate Of Crew And Passengers On Board Cannot Be Ascertained -- All Hands Called On Deck.

Corдова, Alaska, Dec. 11.—The Alaska Steamship Company's steamer Olympia, with 106 persons aboard, is ashore on Sea Island, Prince William Sound. A furious storm is raging. No word has been received from the wireless operator on the Olympia since 9 a. m., and grave fears are entertained for the safety of those on the wrecked vessel.

There are 52 passengers on the Olympia. Most of them went aboard at Corordova last night. Among those who sailed from here for Valdez and Seward are United States District Judge E. E. Cushman and wife, and members of the Third District Court, convenes tomorrow. The Olympia's crew consists of 54 officers and men. She sailed from Corordova at six o'clock last night, having arrived from Seattle earlier in the day. Although the night was clear and a full moon shed a bright light, navigation was made dangerous by a fifty mile gale from the north. Between 12 and 1 o'clock this morning the operator on duty at the navy wireless station picked up the distress signal of the Olympia. He answered at once.

Operator Hayes on the Olympia then sent an urgent appeal for help, saying the Olympia had struck on Bligh Island and was in an exposed position. Heavy seas were breaking over her, making the position of those on board perilous.

The message from the Olympia was received with difficulty. Communication was maintained with the disabled ship until 4 o'clock this morning. Since that time no call has been picked up from the ship.

All Hands on Deck. Seattle, Dec. 11.—The Olympia was wrecked 40 miles from Corordova, early today. Meagre information received in Seattle concerning the wreck, including a brief message from the company's agent at Valdez, Alaska, says that the vessel ran on a reef. A message sent during the forenoon said: "All hands on deck." This is taken to indicate that the passengers and crew were preparing to take to the boats.

SHAREHOLDERS PAY DOUBLE LIABILITY

Amount Necessary To Square Accounts Of Defunct Ontario Bank Exceeded By \$10,000 -- Will Be Returned.

Toronto, Dec. 10.—Creditors of the Ontario Bank may now rest in comfort with the assurance that their claims will be paid in full. To accomplish this it was necessary for the shareholders to pay up \$800,000 under their double liability. To date they have exceeded this sum and have paid up \$810,000.

The surplus will be distributed among the shareholders at the conclusion of the liquidation. A dividend of 10 per cent. will probably be paid to creditors about the 15th of this month.

SCHR. BURLEIGH OUT FIFTY DAYS

Halfax, Dec. 11.—The schooner Burleigh arrived in port today from Cadiz with a cargo of salt after one of the longest voyages on record between the two ports. The Burleigh was 50 days on the voyage during the most of which she had to battle her way through fierce gales.

FOUR BERNHARDS MURDERED ON FARM

Kansas City, Mo., Dec. 11.—Mrs. Sarah Bernhardt, her son George, aged 40, and a younger son and his wife, were found murdered on the Bernhardt farm near Martin City, Mo., 23 miles south of here late today, according to prosecuting attorney James Little of Johnson County, Kansas, who telephoned the information to this city tonight.

HOTEL DESTROYED.

Minneapolis, Minn., Dec. 11.—The lives of 200 guests were endangered this morning when fire practically destroyed the Brunswick Hotel, the oldest hotel in Minneapolis at a loss of about \$100,000.

Defence Introduce Evidence to Show Hattie LeBlanc Was Not Only Woman With Glover.

Both Witnesses Testify That Prisoner Was Not Person They Saw--Mrs. Glover Denies.

Cambridge, Mass., Dec. 10.—For the first time since Hattie LeBlanc was placed on trial 12 days ago for the murder of Clarence F. Glover, evidence that a woman was seen on the night of the crime in the vicinity of the laundry in Waltham where the shooting is said to have occurred, was introduced today. Two witnesses testified that they saw a woman hurrying out of an alleyway behind Glover's laundry on that night. One of them, Isaac Walker, a car starter, said that the woman's face was flushed and her manner nervous.

Made curious by her strange appearance Walker said, he followed the woman who went a short distance on a trolley car, left it and joined a fence on the street and a little later left this man and disappeared behind a fence on a vacant lot. The man soon afterwards went into a house which the witness later learned was the home of Clarence Glover.

"It was a woman, not a child," said Walker when the 17 year old defendant was led before him and he was asked if it was this girl whom he had seen. "It could not have been Hattie LeBlanc."

Charles E. Benner, sexton of a church in Waltham, the other witness who claimed to have seen the strange woman emerge from the laundry alley, also declared that it was not Hattie LeBlanc.

Hattie LeBlanc admitted to the police immediately after her arrest that she was in the laundry with Glover the night of the murder, and this statement had been placed in evidence at the trial. Until today no witness had placed any woman in the vicinity of the laundry that night.

When the re-butal stage was reached the district attorney produced witnesses who said that the alley was completely blocked by posts and a fence on the night of the murder. It was admitted, however, that the fence was on the "split" variety and was constantly being knocked down and set up by contesting property holders.

Before the day was over Mrs. Lillian M. Glover, the widow, who has been the target of the attacks of the defence took the stand again, and denied that she ever had threatened to kill her husband or had bought a revolver. She is expected to make further details when the case is resumed on Monday.

The defence rested at noon. The re-butal will probably be finished during the first part of Monday's session and the re-substantial is expected to be short. It is expected that the fate of the little Cape Breton girl will be in the hands of the jury by Wednesday.

TWENTY YEARS FOR WILFORD CUNNINGHAM

Stiff Sentence For P. E. Island Man Found Guilty Of Causing Death Of Wm. Skerry--New Trial Asked.

Charlottetown, Dec. 11.—On Saturday Chief Justice Sullivan passed sentence in the Summerside supreme court on Wilford Cunningham, charged with the murder of Wm. J. Skerry, of Alberton in June last, who was found in the water after an absence of almost two weeks.

He was convicted of manslaughter with a recommendation to mercy, after the jury had been out about 50 minutes and was sentenced to 20 years in Dorchester penitentiary. He will leave for there in charge of Sheriff Wright of Summerside, tomorrow morning. Cunningham on hearing his sentence and being asked by the judge as to what he had to say, maintained his innocence. It is understood that his lawyer informed the chief justice that a new trial will be asked for either at Summerside or at Charlottetown at the next supreme court sitting.

CHOOSE DEMOCRAT FOR CHIEF JUSTICE

Washington, Dec. 11.—Associate Justice Edward Douglas White, of the United States Supreme Court, will be designated as Chief Justice when President Taft sends his supreme court appointments to the senate tomorrow. He is a Democrat.

STORMS RAGE IN IRELAND AND SPAIN

Many Lives Lost In Fires And Washouts -- Railroads Put Out Of Commission And Communication Shut Off.

Rome, Dec. 11.—The Italia Riviera has suffered greatly from the recent storms and the weather probabilities are even more threatening. Miles of cultivated flowers have been devastated. San Remo is flooded and many residents of that city were compelled during the night to escape from windows by rope ladders, their houses being surrounded by water. Several persons have been drowned.

The railroad between Bordighera and the French frontier has suffered washouts. All the rivers in the north are at the flood point. The Tiber also is rising fast. A hill on its banks on which the village of Pontenuovo stands is being rapidly undermined and its collapse is threatened.

Spain is Spained. Madrid, Dec. 11.—Spain has been visited by a second cyclone, even more severe than that which swept over the western portion of the country a few days ago. Many people have been killed or injured and the low lying districts are flooded everywhere. The lower part of Seville is submerged and it is feared that the entire city will be under water shortly. A railroad bridge at Alcala has been destroyed and numerous villages in that region are in a critical situation. Railroads have been washed away at Cerces, Aranjuez, Castillo, Castellia, Villavieja and Malaga. Two trains were derailed today at Palencia and several bodies have been observed floating down the river at Valladolid.

Telegraphic communication with the provinces is almost entirely suspended. Reports have reached here of shipwrecks along the coast.

CHOLERA RAGES AT MADEIRA

Funchal, Madeira, Dec. 11.—Asiatic cholera continues to rage here. Official reports give the figures since the outbreak as 422 cases and 136 deaths. Every physician has been pressed into service by the health officials.

Rome, Dec. 11.—No deaths from cholera have been reported in Italy during the past 24 hours and only two new cases.

EARTHQUAKE AT FLORENCE

Florence, Dec. 11.—The observatory here reports that from 11 o'clock this morning until one o'clock this afternoon, a series of strong earthquake vibrations were recorded on the instruments. Apparently the earthquake was at a great distance.

SCHOOL CASE IN ALBERT COURT

Case Of Assault Against Teacher Arouses Interest--Death Of Mrs. Sarah Copp -- Bridge Open For Traffic.

Albert, N. B., Dec. 11.—Mrs. Sarah A. Copp, widow of Capt. Wm. A. Copp, Riverside, died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. C. H. Bray, early Saturday morning. Deceased was very highly respected. She was a daughter of the late Aaron Wilbur, of New Horton Parish of Harvey. One brother and two sisters survive--Noah Wilbur and Miss Ada Wilbur on the home stead and Mrs. Powers of Amherst, N. S. E. and Geo. Copp of Riverside, and Capt. Wm. in the West, are the sons, and Mrs. C. H. Bray, Jos. Garraway, of Riverside, the surviving daughters. The funeral will take place on Monday.

The funeral of Mrs. Nellie Collins, widow of Bernard Collins, took place on Saturday. Interment was made in the Catholic Cemetery at Riverside. Deceased was upward of 80 years of age. One son, Frank Collins, of St. Martins, N. B., survives.

The railway bridge between Albert and Harvey is again open to traffic having been closed just one week. An excellent concert given by the members of Shepody Lodge of Albert was enjoyed Saturday by a fair sized audience.

The quarterly meeting of the United Baptist churches of the Albert county district will convene with the First Harvey church on Monday and Tuesday the 12th and 13th.

The hearing of the charge of assault on a thirteen year old boy preferred by an Albert parent against one of the male teachers of the Consolidated school at Riverside occupied the attention of the police court almost the entire day on Saturday. Six witnesses were heard and the investigation was a very thorough one as far as it went. Further hearing was adjourned until Saturday next when the witnesses for the defence will be heard. Allen W. Bray, the clerk of the peace conducted the prosecution. Mills B. Dixon, K. C., appeared for the defence. The principal attended court and a large number of spectators were present.

LITTLE ROCK FOR A. O. U. W.

Louisville, Ky., Dec. 11.—Little Rock, Ark., was chosen as the next meeting place by the Supreme Lodge of the Ancient Order of United Workmen, which closed its triennial conference in this city yesterday. The Little Rock convention will open on the second Tuesday in June, 1913.

REV. DR. MURRAY ILL.

Halfax, Dec. 11.—Rev. Dr. Robt. Murray, one of the oldest Presbyterian clergymen in the Maritime Provinces, is seriously ill with pneumonia, and his condition is critical. He has been editor of the Presbyterian Witness for fifty years.