

ANOTHER ARREST ON ARSON CHARGE

Sensation at Amherst Caused by Apprehension of Charles Allen for Crime Committed in 1909.

Burning of Fine School Building Believed to Have Been Result of Sectional Feud.

Special to The Standard. Amherst, N. S., Dec. 21.—Another sensation was sprung upon the Cumberland public tonight by the arrest of Charles Allen of Port Greville, charged with setting fire to the school building in that place on the tenth of September, 1909.

NEW MEMBERS OF COMMISSION



DR. B. H. MEYER.

Wisconsin University Professor Goes to Inter-State Commerce Board—Once More Complete Body.

GINNATI FIRE LIKELY INCENDIARY

Three Lives Lost With Insurance Loss Of \$1,400,000 On Destroyed Property—Fireman's Body In Ruins.

Cincinnati, Ohio, Dec. 21.—A dozen streams still played tonight upon the scene of the fire that destroyed a block of Cincinnati's manufacturing district early today.

AWARD FOR SMALL AMOUNT AGAINST C.P.R.

Maine Judge Brings In Finding For \$18,500 While Plaintiff Claimed \$150,000 For Destruction Of Timber.

Portland, Me., Dec. 21.—There has been filed by Judge Hale, in the United States District Court, his finding as arbitrator in the case of the estate of Geo. Vanduyke against the Canadian Pacific Railroad, when damages were claimed the sum of \$150,000 by reason of fires in timber lands of the plaintiff, which it was claimed were set by servants of the defendant company.

300 LIVES SUFFLED OUT IN ENGLISH COLLIERY

Second Great Mining Disaster of the Year Occurs Near Bolton--Entombed by Mysterious Explosion and All Thought to be Dead--Rescuers Abandon Hope.

Forty Bodies Found at Bottom of Shaft--Lifting Machinery Disabled and Rescuing Parties Were Delayed--Bishop of Manchester Conducts Impressive Service at Pit Mouth.

Bolton, Eng., Dec. 21.—More than 300 colliers lost their lives today in an explosion in the Little Hulton colliery which is located a short distance outside the city. The explosion occurred early in the morning, soon after the miners had entered the pit to begin work.

No Cause Assigned. No explanation is given as to the cause of the explosion, which completely wrecked the mine. This is the second great mining disaster in England this year, an explosion having occurred in the Wellington colliery at White Haven, Cumberland, on May 12, in which 126 miners were killed.

HATTIE LEBLANC IS WELCOMED

Fisher Folk Abandon Nets For The Day And Literally Greet Returned Wanderer With Open Arms.

Special to The Standard. Halifax, Dec. 21.—There was great rejoicing in the little Cape Breton fishing hamlet of West Arichat today, when Hattie LeBlanc, the young Cape Breton girl, who was acquitted on the charge of murdering Clarence F. Glover, arrived back to the scenes of her childhood after a year in prison.

MURDER VERDICT IN 15 MINUTES

New York, Dec. 21.—It took just fifteen minutes today for a jury to find Charles Swinton, alias "Charlie Phillips," guilty of murder in the first degree. The whole case occupied but seven hours.

SCHOONER ASHORE.

Rockland, Dec. 21.—The 166 ton schooner Alice P. Turner, of New London, Conn., went ashore today at Stonington, near the entrance to Swanton, where the schooner was standing by ready to furnish any assistance to vessel or crew. The Turner was built at Gloucester in 1905. She is light.

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SPIES ON TRIAL IN GERMANY

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OUTCOME OF STRIKE ORDER UNCERTAIN

Springfield, Mass., Dec. 21.—Although a strike of the Union men employed by the Adams Express Company in New England, who seek shorter hours and more pay, has been officially declared by F. G. Thayer, president of the New England division of the Railroad Expressmen's Union, to go into effect at six o'clock tomorrow morning, there is tonight much speculation as to what the outcome will be.

AMHERST LIGHT.

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GASTON WITHDRAWS. Boston, Mass., Dec. 21.—Col. William A. Gaston, announced late today his withdrawal as a Democratic candidate to succeed U. S. Senator Henry Cabot Lodge.

TRITES AGAIN ELUDES POLICE

Boston Youth With Record Proves Slippery Customer—Death Of Edward Hickson—Account Of Wedding.

Moncton, Dec. 21.—Trites, the Boston youth, who stole the horse, wagon, gun and other articles from the different parties in Moncton and vicinity some weeks ago, again escaped from Moncton lockup this evening, by prying off a bar in his cell and crawling through a very small hole. Trites was committed for trial but held here awaiting the decision of authorities in regard to his deportation as he is an escaped criminal from a Massachusetts town.

He escaped from the lockup some days ago, but was recaptured and this is his second break for freedom. The authorities thought Trites mental deficient, but his record shows that along with his weakness he is a somewhat desperate criminal to deal with.

Pretty Wedding. The home of Mr. and Mrs. W. O. Schwartz, was the scene of a pretty event this evening, when their daughter, Leah Sevan, was united in marriage to David Fred Davidson, of Calgary, Alberta. The house was prettily decorated for the occasion and the ceremony performed by Rev. D. MacGowan of St. John's Presbyterian church. The bride's gown was ivory duchess satin with overtures of Parisian lace, and pearl ornaments and tulle veil caught with a bandeau of pearls. After the ceremony the young couple left on the Maritime express en route for their future home in the west.

Edward Hickson, for the past five years with the U. C. R. advertising department here, passed away at his home tonight after an illness lasting some months. Deceased was a native of Bathurst and was formerly manager of Adams Burns Lumber Co., being well and favorably known in his native town and along the North Shore. He was a frequent contributor of articles on salmon and trout fishing in sporting magazines and was quite an authority on such matters. He was 52 years old and is survived by Mrs. Hickson, two sons, Maurice, in the Royal Bank, Montreal; Reginald, at home, and one daughter Alice, taking a course in trained nursing at Newton, Mass. Interment will take place at Bathurst.

The Victoria hockey team had its first practice tonight, with all old players on except Cushing and Crockett.

CLAIMS ROOSEVELT OWES THE RAILWAYS

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BODY IDENTIFIED.

Montreal, Dec. 21.—A long distance telephone message from Jarvis, Ont., announces that Inspector Rodgers, of the Ontario Police, tonight arrested John McSorley in connection with the finding of the body in a barrel here today.

It is believed that the body is that of Matthew Patterson, janitor of the Presbyterian church, and that it was taken from the cemetery and shipped to Montreal. McSorley has not confessed.

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SUGGOUR FOR BARGE CREW

Steamer North Star Passes Line To Drifting Craft But Is Parted In Gale—Stands By For Assistance.

Boston, Dec. 21.—In a wireless dispatch received tonight, the steamer North Star, New York for Portland, which at noon picked up the missing Consolidation Coal Company barge No. 12, reports having entered heavy gale, and the parting on two different occasions of the hawser by which the barge was being towed to Portland.

BENEVOLENT POLICY OF CHARLOTTE FIRM

Ganong Brothers Distribute \$3,000 Among Employees For Faithful Service—540 Boxes To Prov. Hospital.

Special to The Standard. St. Stephen, N. B., Dec. 21.—Ganong Bros. will this week distribute among their employees their special annual bonus for faithful services. This is given over and above all wages earned, and will this year amount to three thousand dollars.

The firm has sent this week, to Dr. Angus, of the Provincial Hospital, 540 boxes of confectionery to be distributed among the inmates of that institution.