

THE STANDARD WISHES EVERYONE A MERRY CHRISTMAS

OBSERVANCE OF CHRISTMAS VERY GENERAL

Charitable Organizations Make It Possible For City's Poor To Enjoy Festive Season—In The Institutions.

Tomorrow and Monday the people of St. John will celebrate Christmas in much the same fashion as it will be celebrated by fully one-fourth of the inhabitants of the world.

At the Protestant Orphan's Home the boys and girls will have turkey and plum pudding, and two Christmas trees laden with gifts donated by friends of the institution.

At the Provincial Hospital the 450 patients will be given turkey dinner, and Santa Claus will pay them a visit and distribute gifts.

At the Municipal Home, the festivities will be continued for two days, and at the Wiggins Male Orphan Institute there will be a great feast with a tree, presents and entertainment on the following Thursday.

The Boys' Industrial Home will observe the day in the usual manner, and this evening the boys will be given an entertainment attended by the governors.

The Seaman's Institute will hold its annual fete on Wednesday evening when Recorder Baxter will preside and there will be two trees to pick presents from.

HONDURAS READY FOR CHRISTMAS

Revolutionary Leaders Suspected To Be On Board Gunboat Hornet Which Sailed From New Orleans.

New Orleans, Fla., Dec. 23.—Coinciding with the departure late yesterday of the steamer Hornet, Gen. Manuel Bonilla, former president of Honduras, Gen. Leo, Christmas, soldier of fortune and one of the leaders of the alleged revolutionary expedition against President Danila, of Honduras and several Americans who have seen service in several Central American wars, disappeared from this city.

That the Hornet took on arms and ammunition after sailing from this port and that she is planning an attack upon one of the gulf ports of Honduras will be reported to the state department by the Honduran minister with the request that this country intercept the alleged filibuster.

Yesterday for unexplained reasons the long distance telephone between this city and Port Eads at the mouth of the Mississippi river, ceased working about the time the Hornet sailed.

STORM COMING.

New York, Dec. 23.—The local weather bureau has received the following special from Washington: Heaviest southeast storm warnings 2:30 p. m., from Delaware Breakwater to New York city.

SEATTLE ALBERT SCHOOL MATTER

Chief Superintendent Makes Arrangement By Which Principal Will Remain And People Are Satisfied.

Special to The Standard. Albert, N. B., Dec. 23.—The Riverside-Albert school matter is settled. W. S. Carter, the chief superintendent, reached Riverside on the afternoon train today and had the full board of trustees and the principal, W. C. R. Anderson, before him at seven o'clock this evening.

The meeting was a particularly interesting one and the result is entirely satisfactory to the Albert people. The suspended children from Albert are to go back to school again at the first of the New Year without suffering further penalty.

The motion passed pressing for the resignation of the principal at the last meeting of the board was rescinded on the motion of Trustee Prescott, seconded by Trustee Tingley.

The matter of the children taking short cuts was up for discussion and it was contended by the chief superintendent a matter that did not call for the principal's action unless special complaint was made.

CARLETON TEACHERS' INSTITUTE IN SESSION

Much Profit Derived From Programme At Woodstock Gathering—R. B. Masterton Is Elected President.

Special to The Standard. Woodstock, Dec. 23.—The annual meeting of the amalgamated Carleton and Victoria counties teachers' institute was brought to a close this afternoon and was the most successful yet held by this association, some 113 teachers registering.

This morning Miss Beatrice Welling B. A., principal of the Victoria county grammar school, presented a most excellent paper on English literature and Principal R. L. Simms gave a very interesting and forceful paper on constitutional history and political ethics.

The institute then divided and in the primary division Miss Winnie E. Thompson, of the college school, gave an excellent paper on arithmetic for the primary grade, and Principal R. B. Masterton, of Centerville, gave another on Common School Arithmetic in the advanced division.

In the afternoon Principal Emerson C. Rice, of Hartland, gave a well prepared paper on Physical Training and Military Drill, ending with a practical lesson before a class.

POSTAL SAVINGS BANKS ON TRIAL

Washington, Dec. 23.—All is now ready for starting the machinery of the postal savings banks throughout the country on January 3, next. The forty-eight postmasters, each representing a state, who have been in Washington acquiring information concerning the management of the postal savings work, have finished their training at Postmaster General Hitchcock's office and the last of them left for home tonight.

All of them are postmasters at second class offices, each office selected as the most representative one in its state for the try out in postal banking.

LEWIS GAINING. Altoona, Pa., Dec. 23.—The returns in the miners election from District No. 2, which are now complete, show a big change from last year. National President T. L. Lewis, who lost the district last year by 4,000 votes, has carried it this year by nearly 1,500.

CHRISTMAS SHOPPING



SIR WILFRID:—"I need look no further for Bourassa's present."

FIRE OCCURS IN CROWDED STORE

Fall River Has \$35,000 Blaze—Employees And Firemen Overcome By Smoke—Customers In Panic.

Fall River, Mass., Dec. 23.—Scores of holiday shoppers were driven into the streets in a panic tonight, when smoke oozed up through the floor of the stores in Merchant's Block on North Main street from a fire in the basement. Most of the excitement was in the store of C. E. Gilford & Co. jewellers, directly beneath the store where the fire originated.

After the customers had been assisted to the street, in safety, the clerks in this store went about the work of covering up the counters loaded down with Christmas goods, and remained at their work so long that two of them were overcome by smoke, and were carried from the building unconscious. Three firemen were also overcome.

The fire had gained such headway before it was discovered that the jewelry store was practically destroyed while other places of business in the block, including a millinery store, a tailor shop, and other small business places suffered to some extent. The loss is estimated at \$35,000. It was more than four hours before the all out signal was sounded.

GUTTER GRESHAM HAS SCHOONER IN TOW

U. S. Government Vessel Picks Up Lame Duck Off Nantucket And Heads North For Boston—Identity Unknown.

VINEYARD HAVEN, MASS., DEC. 23.—The revenue cutter Gresham today took in tow from Great Point, Nantucket, an unknown schooner with which she proceeded north, headed probably for Boston.

Efforts to communicate with the Gresham by wireless were futile up to midnight, although fragments of conversation by the Gresham's operator were picked up at various wireless stations along the coast.

From none of these wireless stations, could the identity of the schooner which the Gresham has in tow be gleaned. It is not improbable that she is the schooner Thomas B. Garland, which ran aground at Great Point during the blizzard of a week ago, the crew of which was taken off by life savers.

GRAVESDEND CONTINUE. Gravesdend, Dec. 23.—Rear Admiral Howard and the officers of the fourth division of the United States Atlantic fleet, gave a reception and deck dance on board the battleship Georgia tonight. Five hundred guests from London and Gravesdend were present. The ship was decorated with emblems of the Yuletide.

IN THE CABINET.

Ottawa, Ont., Dec. 23.—Hon. W. S. Fielding, Minister of Finance, who has just returned from the South, where he has been recruiting, was at his office today and was heard at work. He states that his health is much improved, and that he will be in the office when the session resumes on January 11.

LITTLE HOPE THAT GRACE HAS ESCAPED

London, Dec. 23.—With the approach of midnight and no tidings yet received from Cecil S. Grace, the intrepid young aviator, who disappeared Thursday afternoon while essaying a return cross Channel flight from Calais to Dover, in an aeroplane, the belief that generally prevails in London is that the cold North Sea holds somewhat in its turbulent breast, the story of a tragedy.

Every nook and cranny, shore and inland where it was thought perchance, young Grace might have landed, were searched today, but unavailingly and the boats that churned the Channel and portions of the North Sea, on the lookout for the youth or wreckage of his machine, likewise reported that their search had been in vain.

Grace carried with him petrol sufficient for a flight of about five hours. His airplane was not fitted with pontoons. He wore a cork jacket but in case of a fall into the water, he would have been encumbered by his heavy fur lined top boots.

The general belief is that it would be impossible for his machine to float for any length of time and that unless the aviator was rescued by a ship bound for some distant port, there is slender hope that he escaped death in the sea.

WALL-TOPPLING HABIT SPREADS TO NEWARK

Newark, N. J., Dec. 23.—The collapse today of a temporary steel structure supporting the roof of an old theatre undergoing reconstruction, brought down a large portion of one wall upon seventy laborers working beneath.

One man, a Pole, was killed and two masons sustained serious injuries.

Monday, December 26, being a public holiday, The Standard will not be published.

24 BODIES RECOVERED

Chicago Fire Ruins—Relief Committee Asks For Fund Of \$250,000.

Chicago, Dec. 23.—Alexander D. Lannon, a captain in the fire department, who was injured at the stock yards fire Thursday, died late today. He had assisted in finding the body of a man who was killed in the fire.

A pathetic scene occurred at the fire this afternoon, when the body of Capt. Dennis Doyle, the last to be recovered, was taken from the ruins, Pipeman Edward Doyle, a son of the captain, collapsed when his father's body was found. Edward Doyle had been at the fire for nearly 36 hours. He had assisted in finding the body of his brother, Nicholas Doyle, also killed in the fire and refused to leave until that of his father was recovered.

The citizens relief committee, of which Harlow N. Higginbotham is chairman, established headquarters at a downtown bank today. It was announced that a fund of \$250,000 is desired. Of this sum, \$50,000 had been subscribed when the committee's office closed for the day.

TUGS FAIL TO FLOAT

SCHR. LAURA C. HALL Believed That Ridge Of Sand Has Formed Outside Vessel And That She Cannot Be Pulled Off.

Boston, Dec. 23.—Two unsuccessful attempts were made today to float the British schooner Laura C. Hall, which ran aground on Long Island in Boston harbor early yesterday morning after weathering the blizzard of a week ago off Cape Cod. Five tugs strained at hawsers attached to the Hall in each attempt today, but could not budge the stranded vessel.

It is believed a ridge of sand had been formed outside the vessel and that it will be necessary to wait until the high course of tides to remove her. Although suffering from the blizzards effects of last Friday's blizzard, the Hall's crew remains aboard.

ONE LEFT OF STEAMER CREW

Valencia, Spain, Dec. 23.—The steamer Yac today landed here the sole survivor of the French steamer Jean Concel. The man says his vessel was run down by an unknown craft off Oran, Algeria, and sank in a few minutes, carrying down all hands except himself.

GLACE BAY HAS SERIOUS FIRE

Chemical Engine Disabled By Skidding On Ice And Flames Secure Firm Hold On The Building—Loss \$5,000.

Special to The Standard. Halifax, Dec. 23.—Glace Bay was visited by a rather disastrous fire this afternoon which resulted in the destruction of almost the entire wholesale stock of R. W. Roper, general fruit dealer. The fire was discovered in the warehouse on Fletcher street, about 4 o'clock and a fire alarm was sounded.

Firemen were prompt in answering and were soon en route to the scene. While turning Senator's corner the wheel of the chemical skidded on ice and broke off at the axle, disabling the machine. This caused delay and when the apparatus arrived at the fire the interior of the building was enveloped in flames. Streams were poured in from hydrants near but it was impossible to save the inflammable stock. The entire building was gutted and little of the stock was saved.

The building was owned by the Harris Abattoir Co., from whom it had been leased by Mr. Roper to store his stock. The stock was valued at about \$5,000, partly covered by insurance. The building was insured.

Mr. Roper was out of town at the time and knew nothing of the fire until his return this evening. The loss is a serious one to him, coming at this season which is usually active in the fruit and confectionary business.

SUMMARY EXECUTION OF TEN CIVILIANS

Insurrectos Make Short Work Of Prisoners Hostile To Their Plans—Navarro Surround-ed But Not In Danger.

Chihuahua, Dec. 23.—An American who has been ten days with the insurrectos forces returned today bringing news that the latter recently executed ten civilians hostile to the revolt. Their number includes one judge.

While the revolutionists surround Navarro at Bademesa, his situation according to this information, is not precarious. He could march out with his force and do battle, but is awaiting reinforcements. When he wishes fresh meat, he is compelled to send a good fighting force for it. Small parties are not safe.

A daring squad of four insurrectos rode into this city last night distributing circulars stating that citizens should remain within doors after five o'clock tomorrow afternoon as the rebels intended to enter the city. The warning is not regarded seriously. A patrol of eight soldiers, who fired many shots drove them from the streets, and they disappeared in the direction of the mountains.

TO CONVINGE CHILD MOTHER DRINKS POISON

Supposed Bottle Of Medicine Contained Carbolic Acid And Woman's Life Paid Forfeit—Little Girl Distracted.

New York, Dec. 23.—"I'll show you how easy it is to take," said Mrs. Josephine Barone, to her daughter Susie, 11 years old today, and lifted a bottle to her lips in proof. Susie had objected to taking a teaspoonful of what was supposed to be cough medicine, which her mother had poured out of one of a row of bottles, all on the same shelf, and the demonstration was intended both to convince and persuade.

Mrs. Barone fell to the floor in convulsions, and died before an ambulance arrived. She had drunk from a bottle of acid by mistake. Susie was almost distracted over the thought that her obstinacy had contributed to her mother's death.

There is, however, a French steamer, Jeanne Consoli, owned by the Sons of the Gdore Consoli, of Bordeaux. The vessel is of 2061 tons and was built in 1883. According to last reports she was engaged in the Mediterranean coastal trade.

SYMPATHY NOW DEVELOPS FOR THE DAULBYS

Scene In French Court Yesterday Called "Amazing Drama Of Passion And Pathos"—Tell Of Charities.

Tours, France, Dec. 23.—"An amazing drama of passion and pathos," is how a local paper tonight sums up the trial of "Count" and "Countess" D'Aulby de Gattigny, who are charged with having swindled the Duchess de Choiseul-Praslin, formerly Mrs. Chas. Hamilton Payne, of Boston.

This epigram was based on today's sensational developments at the trial which so moved the auditors that the customary scenes of disorder, laughter and cheering, changed to a burst of weeping.

Reputable business and professional men of Tours on the stand at today's session painted D'Aulby and his wife as the incarnation of honesty and charity, declaring that their misdeeds were the wants of the sick and needy had caused them to be loved and esteemed throughout the country.

M. Diot, president of the Tours association of lawyers, who drew up the contract for the sale of the picture "Antiope," to the late Mr. Payne, testified that D'Aulby had insisted on the insertion of a clause in the contract that he could not guarantee the authenticity of the picture. M. Diot also said that neither D'Aulby nor his wife had any idea of business or of the value of money of which they received \$12,000 almost every year from Boston.

They were passionately fond of music and lived a happy family life until Mrs. Payne entered D'Aulby's life, which until then had been irremediably. D'Aulby, the witness declared, was the victim of the wiles of others who were now trying to ruin him. As M. Diot testified, sobbing was heard in various parts of the courtroom. The witness said that it was always D'Aulby's intention to forward the wine for which Mr. Payne had given him \$3,200. Every witness called by the prosecution today, turned out to be a defender of the D'Aulbys while the testimony of M. Desmoulins, a member of the jury of the Beaux Arts salon, Paris, plainly produced an impression favorable to the accused.

D'Aulby, who under the French system is constantly questioned on various points brought out by the witnesses, shows signs of breaking down as a result of the ordeal. As M. Diot and others lauded him today, D'Aulby with his head bowed on his knees, a handkerchief hiding his features. It is announced that he has spent eight months of his life in prison composing music and writing his memoirs.

TORONTO ASPIRANTS FOR CIVIC HONORS

Mayor Geary Will Have Two Opponents For Chief Magistracy—Six Named For The Board Of Control.

Special to The Standard. Toronto, Ont., Dec. 23.—Three citizens were nominated for the mayoralty of Toronto, and six for the Board of Control this morning.

The nominees for mayor are: Mayor G. R. Geary, Herbert Capewell and R. E. Noble.

The candidates for the Board of Control are as follows:—Controllers F. S. Spence, J. W. Ward, Thomas Foster and T. L. Church, ex-controller C. Hoeken and ex-wardman Thomas Davies.

AMERICANS HOPE TO SECURE CONTRACTS

Washington, D. C., Dec. 23.—Bids for the construction of the two new Chilean battleships will be opened in January, and it is said at the state department that the prospects are favorable for securing a modification of the proposed contract so that British shipwrights will not be given a particular advantage in the building, over American interests.

There has, at this time, been no change however, in the original plan which provided that armor and armament for the two vessels must be bought in England. American contractors, it is said, will bid for the vessels and it is believed here that the discriminatory provision will be eliminated.

MURDER OF PRIEST.

Hong Kong, Dec. 23.—Father Merigot, who has been a French missionary in China since 1903, was murdered Thursday by natives at Yunkoh in the province of Yunnan.