

MISSING SCHR. TURNS UP AND GOES ASHORE

The Laura C. Hall Has Been Off New England Coast In Disabled Condition Since Big Storm.

WRECKAGE OFF SENKATY HEAD

Boston, Mass., Dec. 22.—While all sorts of rumors and conjectures as to the probable fate of the British schooner Laura C. Hall of Portland, N. S., have been circulating since she was seen off Cape Cod, battling with the storm of Dec. 16, which caused destruction to several other vessels in the vicinity, the Hall has been slowly working her way up the coast.

Last night she came into Boston harbor for shelter, but during the night carried her anchors and was driven ashore on the northwest side of Long Island. There she was discovered today. Two tugs went to her assistance this afternoon, but up to this evening they had not succeeded in pulling her afloat.

The Laura C. Hall, in command of Capt. Rockwell, is bound from Port Reading for Sackville, N. B., with a cargo of coal. When discovered today she was ashore bow first and was badly led up.

The last report about the Hall was that she had probably sunk in Great Round bay, about 10 miles to the eastward of Nantucket, where a submerged vessel was discovered today. The identity of this latter vessel has not yet been established.

No Clue to Identity Nantucket, Mass., Dec. 22.—Keeper Remson, of the Sankaty lighthouse today sighted a large piece of wreckage which looked like the hull of a vessel, about a mile off Sankaty head. He said that the wreckage was awash and was covered with several hundred sea gulls. It was at first believed that the wreckage was that of the British schooner Laura C. Hall which was seen apparently helpless off Chatham a week ago today but when it was learned tonight that the Hall was ashore in Boston harbor, local shipping men were left without a clue to the probable identity of the wreck.

EMPERESS HAD RECORD MAIL

Altogether More Than 5,000 Packages On Board C. P. R. Steamer Which Arrived At Halifax Yesterday.

Halifax, Dec. 22.—With the biggest mail ever brought to Canada on board the Empress of Ireland reached port tonight. When the Hesperian broke the record last week it was thought that the limit had been reached for this year.

The Empress goes her a little better, for she has sixteen packages more Canadian mail on board, in addition to 115 packages of overseas mail.

The Empress has 114 packages of mail for the Maritime Provinces. She has 4,424 packages for the rest of Canada. The Empress brought 678 passengers, forty-five of whom were landed at Halifax and the remainder taken to St. John. Among the passengers were J. L. R. Parsons and Mrs. Parsons, and R. D. Wilson, St. John.

NEGLECT OF I. C. R. CAUSE OF ACCIDENT

Seven-Year-Old Lad Loses Arm At Moncton As Result Of Policy Of Economy—Run-off Delays Traffic.

Special to The Standard. Moncton, N. B., Dec. 22.—Stewart McDougall, seven years of age, lost an arm by being struck by a freight train near the new railway shops this afternoon. The accident took place at a crossing that had been declared dangerous, but the railway department refused to put in a proper crossing unless the city would bear the expense.

Tonight's Maritime Express from Halifax was delayed three hours by a run-off of a special near Wentworth. Very little damage was done.

There was a good supply of poultry in the country market today and turkeys took a drop, some selling as low as 21 cents. The ruling price was 25 cents.

TWENTY YEARS FOR PART IN LYNCHING

Newark, Ohio, Dec. 22.—Twenty years in the penitentiary was the sentence passed today upon Montella Watha, who was convicted of manslaughter on December 17 on a charge of having taken part in the lynching of Carl Eberharting, a "dry" detective last July. A motion for a new trial was overruled.

His Choice for Christmas



"What I want is this old sock filled by John Canuck."

O. M. FERGUSON OUT ON BAIL

Released On Order Of Judge Longley Who Professes To Have Misunderstood The Previous Application.

Special to The Standard. Halifax, N. S., Dec. 22.—The writ of habeas corpus was invoked in the Ferguson case today, and the accused produced before Justice Longley, who heard the prisoner's counsel in an application to reduce the amount of bail.

J. J. Power appeared in support of the application. Mr. O'Hearn, who appeared on behalf of the Attorney-General stated that the crown strongly opposed any reduction.

Mr. Justice Longley stated that in granting the original order he understood the amount was made up by the prisoner in \$4,000 and securities in \$4,000 also that in the original application he must have misunderstood Mr. Jenks as he was under the impression that the magistrate had held Ferguson in \$10,000.

He reduced the amount and ordered accused released in \$4,000 in himself and \$4,000 in securities, the bail to be completed at Halifax. Ferguson was in court and looked somewhat better than on Saturday.

TWO CANDIDATES IN ST. JOHNS ELECTION

Conservative Nationalist To Oppose Straight Liberal In Contest For Vacancy In Quebec Legislature.

Special to The Standard. St. John's Que., Dec. 22.—There were only two nominations today for the vacancy in the Quebec legislature, caused by the death of the late M. Gabriel Marchand, Marcelin Robert, government candidate, straight Liberal, and M. H. Hebert, pronounced Conservative and Nationalist, with the nominees, and the struggle promises to be a memorable one.

BANK MANAGER IN TORONTO COURT

Making False Statements Is Charged Against General Manager Of Defunct Farmers' Bank—Case Remanded.

Special to The Standard. Toronto, Ont., Dec. 22.—Wm. R. Travers, general manager of the Farmers' Bank of Canada, appeared before Magistrate Denison in the police court this morning, charged with making false statements of the bank's position in his monthly reports to the government at Ottawa.

Mr. Travers through his counsel, H. H. Dewart, K. C., pleaded not guilty, and elected to go before a jury. The case was accordingly remanded.

LETTERS FROM DUCHESS READ IN FRENCH COURT

Sensational Scenes Accompany Trial Of Bogus Count And American Wife On Charge Of Swindling.

Tours, France, Dec. 22.—A tempestuous day in the Correctional Court, where the trial of "Count" D'Aulby de Gattigny, and his American wife is being held, on the charge of swindling, reached a climax this afternoon in the introduction of love letters alleged to have been written to D'Aulby by the Duchess of Choleseul-Pralin, the plaintiff in the case, while she was the wife of Charles Hamilton Palmer.

During the reading of the letters, which the Duchess refused to acknowledge as hers, the two women, the Duchess and the "Countess" D'Aulby, sat side by side exchanging furious glances, while the court room jammed to suffocation with fashionable women, was filled with sighs, murmurs and exclamations as all strained to catch the words.

"I love you so hard," read M. Bernard, counsel for D'Aulby, "that it makes me ill. You have given yourself to me. All I ask is that you love me always. That is God's best gift. The day passes, fire dies, but my love goes on forever. It is an incandescent consuming flame that dulls me, sitting at your knees, cradled in your heart."

(Signed) "Lucy." The duchess underwent a pitiless cross examination as to her relations with D'Aulby, but she refused to answer many of the questions, and begged the court to intervene to spare her. She charged that D'Aulby had demanded \$200,000 for the return of the letters which she had written him, and that his entire conduct had been that of a blackmail since the discovery that the paintings were worthless.

She denied that she had presented jewelry to D'Aulby including a golden padlock bearing the inscription: "You have the key." She denied also that she had arranged for D'Aulby a contract with her husband for the purchase of pictures, as proof of her love for him, or that she said: "This shows that I am your guardian angel." D'Aulby had insisted, the witness said, that all the pictures were original, but they had not been authenticated with only one exception, D'Aulby recalled, admitted having received \$3,200 for wine which he did not furnish. He said he kept the money because the Palmes owed him \$40,000.

A Parisian physician, a friend of the late Mr. Palmes, testified that Palmes had always considered the picture "Autops" a copy, not an original.

M. Labiguer, the business agent of the duchess, whom M. Bernard attacked yesterday, declaring that his presence at the bar with counsel for the prosecution was an insult to the legal profession of France, tonight sent a challenge to Bernard to a duel, but the seconds decided that M. Bernard had not exceeded his rights and that a duel was not justified.

LESS DEMAND FOR ALL COTTON GOODS

New Bedford, Mass., Dec. 22.—"It seems as though the country is going without cotton," was the way Otis N. Pierce, president of the New Bedford Cotton Manufacturers' Association, summed up the trade situation today.

"It certainly looks as though there had got to be curtailment," he continued. "There is no demand for cotton goods. Both the fine and coarse goods mills are affected by the present conditions."

TWO DROWN AT CHARLOTTETOWN

Alex. MacRae And Vernon Coles Meet Death While Preparing For Smelt Fishing—Two Others Rescued.

Special to The Standard. Charlottetown, Dec. 22.—Two young men were drowned in the channel of the southwest river today while crossing on the ice in company with two others.

The two victims of the accident, Alex. MacRae and Vernon Coles, aged 20 and 16 respectively, were getting ready for the smelt fishing and were about to haul a small shack on a raft across the scene of operations across the river.

Coming to the channel an elderly man, who was with the boys, warned them of their danger, but when about the centre of the channel the ice gave way and the four men went under. Help was given with a stick under.

WHY MR. CARON WAS APPOINTED TO BOARD

Government Removes Formidable Opponent To Hon. Mr. Murphy By Offering Him Job On I. C. R. Commission.

Special to The Standard. Ottawa, Dec. 22.—The appointment of J. T. Caron, ex-M. P., to the Intercolonial railway board is a curious bit of work.

That gentleman has been busy in Russell county of late, and was the accepted French Canadian candidate who was to put Hon. Charles Murphy out of his business.

In the ensuing general election he was to have had the support of the Nationalists, so that his victory was assured, hence the government has given him a job to get him out of the way.

WINNIPEG COMPANY BURN THEIR BRIDGES

All Striking Employees Formally Discharged And Request Is Sent For Uniforms—Hope Of Settlement Gone.

Special to The Standard. Winnipeg, Dec. 22.—The Street Railway Company this morning formally discharged all its employees now on strike, and Manager Phillips wrote a letter to Wm. Marshall, representing the striking motormen and conductors asking that all caps and badges be turned in immediately, and that the men would be paid off if they called at the office.

FRENCH GOV'T HAS SCHEME TO AVOID STRIKES

Commission Representative Of Workmen And Companies To Pass On All Difficulties—Compulsory Arbitration.

APPLIES TO ALL PUBLIC UTILITIES.

Paris, Dec. 22.—The text of the government measure formulated for the purpose of preventing general strikes with particular reference to the employees of public service corporations, was made public tonight.

The measure constitutes a comprehensive plan for ending the strike evil on the railroads and in other public service by means of an organized conciliation commission composed of representatives of the men and companies. The commission will meet at regular intervals, and when conciliation fails, compulsory arbitration is provided for, the principle being introduced that when the arbitral sentence imposes an additional charge the corporation can indicate the method whereby the railroad or other service can secure compensation, either by raising the rate or by other means.

A Remarkable Document. The report accompanying the measure is a remarkable document. It quotes the declaration of the rights of many to prove the public services have been instituted for the public good, not for the benefit of those to whom they have been confided, from which it deduces the conclusion embodied in the bills that the interruption of public service is a crime.

At the same time it admits that public service employees, like other workers, have a right to amelioration of situations, and in conciliation and arbitration it is proposed to give them a weapon "as powerful as the strike."

"The companies must accede" the report proceeds, "because it is now conceded as a principle of jurisprudence that the state in conceding public services to monopolies, does not waive its right to interfere and compel the concessionaires to grant ameliorations in the interest of public good and the preservation of public order."

The report reviews arbitration experiments abroad, especially commending those carried on in the United States and Australia. It emphasizes the general principle of strikes, which it likens to the war of barbarism. It points out that the moral tendencies of the world are against violence as manifested by the wide spread growth of the movement for the peaceful settlement of international disputes, and it argues that the twentieth century marks the dawn of arbitration as the solution of both international and social war.

MAURETANIA SUCCESSFUL

Fast Cunard Liner Accomplishes Record Trip in 12 Days Arriving At Fishguard Last Night.

Fishguard, Dec. 22.—The Mauretania left Liverpool, December 10, in an attempt to make a record voyage to New York and return in twelve days, arrived at 10:22 o'clock tonight. The quick voyage across the ocean was made possible by the rapid taking on of cargo at New York, enabling the continental passengers to reach their destinations before Christmas.

It was the first time that a dismemberment at night by a big liner has been attempted at this port. It was a novel scene. The harbor was ablaze with searchlights; flares and rockets, vessels blew their whistles sirens blared and the crowds cheered.

The weather throughout the eastern voyage was favorable. By the aid of four tenders, six hundred passengers and the mails were landed with the greatest expedition. The first special train left for London at 10:55 o'clock, and a special with the continental mails and passengers at 11:55 o'clock.

All on board greatly enjoyed the trip. The company, in honor of the occasion has given the entire crew two days extra pay.

TRANSFERRED TO MEXICO

London, Dec. 22.—Among the new diplomatic appointments announced, is that of Sir Arthur Herbert, to be minister to Mexico.

40 KNOWN DEAD IN TWO DISASTERS

14 DEAD IN PHILADELPHIA

William Glazer In Hospital with Pneumonia After 13 Hours in Icebound Ruins—Fire of Incendiary Origin.

Philadelphia, Pa., Dec. 22.—Fourteen firemen and policemen are known to be dead and more than 40 are in hospitals suffering from injuries from which some will not recover as the result of the collapse of the walls at the burning of the four-story factory of David Friedlander, dealer in leather remnants at 116-120 Bodine St. The icebound ruins are still being searched for the body of Charles Edleman, who is known to be dead, and to discover, if possible, the bodies of several other firemen who are reported missing.

William Glazer, who was held fast in the ruins for more than 13 hours, is in a hospital suffering from pneumonia, but at a late hour tonight his condition was reported to be greatly improved, and the physicians have hopes of saving his life.

Pinned beneath an immense iron girder, Glazer gave one of the greatest exhibitions of fortitude on record. When he was found alive, held down by tons of debris, physicians wanted to amputate his legs in order that he might be removed. He protested, saying: "I will get out all right and in plenty of time. What good would I be without my legs? I would rather trust to the boys getting this junk away."

It is reported that the fire was of incendiary origin, and expect to make an arrest. The police and firemen say that the flames seemed to spring up all over the building at the same time. There was nothing stored in the structure of an inflammable character, the floors being filled with machinery and leather.

The mass of debris is frozen solid, and it may be several days before any additional bodies are taken from the ruins. Although Edleman's body could almost directly beneath Glazer, the latter lay on the sidewalk, the remaining walls had to be raised before it was deemed safe to continue the work of digging in the ruins.

Some of the fire companies whose members met death and injury in the fire in the collapse, were practically wiped out by the disaster. Engines numbers 6, 23, 29, and truck No. 7, lost more than half their crews, while other companies suffered less severely.

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FEAR DROWNING OF AVIATOR

Cecil Grace Missing Since He Left Calais On Return Journey Across Channel—Went Northward.

Dover, Eng., Dec. 22.—The greatest anxiety is felt here concerning the fate of Cecil Grace, a member of the Royal Aero Club, who in an attempt to win the Baron De Forest prize of \$20,000, flew over the English Channel from Dover this morning, reached the Belgian frontier, only to be turned back by adverse winds, landed near Calais on the return trip, started from there on the homeward flight across the Channel, and has not been heard from since. The report that Grace had landed near Deal is incorrect, and inquiries along both coasts have proved fruitless. Up to midnight Grace was still missing.

Captain Boucher, of a cross channel mail packet says that Grace boarded his boat at Calais to seek advice about re-crossing the Channel. Boucher advised him to start 20 minutes after the steamer and to follow in its wake. To Boucher's surprise Grace started 10 minutes before the steamer and flew in a northeast direction.

The captain feared that the aviator must have gone in the direction of the North Sea. The Ostend packet did not see Grace and the last report was that he was seen flying over the Goodwin Sands about 3 o'clock in the afternoon.

GLINGS TO BEAM TWELVE STORIES UP

New York, Dec. 22.—With his left leg crushed against the wall by an elevator cage, Charles Gustavson, a carpenter, clung to a beam in the shaft twelve stories above the ground for twenty minutes tonight. By standers feared to attempt his rescue as the slightest movement might jar him from his hold.

Firemen were summoned and climbed to the top of the cage cutting the man free with their axes. Gustavson was working in the shaft when the elevator came up, crushing his leg against the wall. On hearing his cry the operator stopped the car but dared not move it to free him for fear the injured man would fall down the shaft.

Bodies of Chicago Fire Chief and Eighteen of His Men Recovered

Explosion of Cold Air in Meat Warehouse Cause of Wall Collapse.

Chicago, Ill., Dec. 22.—Of the 23 killed in the stockyards fire today by falling walls, the bodies of 19, including that of Fire Chief James Horan, had been taken from the ruins at a late hour tonight.

The list of dead includes the chief, the assistant chief, two captains, five lieutenants, 12 city firemen, two private firemen, and a railway employe. Fifteen firemen were seriously injured including two captains.

A railroad wrecking train with derricks and steamshovels was used to clear away the burning ruins. The fire broke out afresh at 8 o'clock tonight, after it had taxed the strength of the fire department for 16 hours. Acting Chief Seyferlich sent a general call to outlying stations for fresh men. These aided by police reserves, continued the fight and the search for bodies of the dead.

Insurance men said that the killing of the chief and his men was not due to an ammonia tank explosion as first supposed, but to the expansion of cold air in the beef warehouse due to the heat from the fire. This, it is said, forced the four story wall to give way and collapse. The force behind the wall was as strong as though an explosion had occurred.

Apparently maddened by the death of their chief, who was popular in the department, firemen threw themselves recklessly into the work of clearing away the fallen wall. More than 50 men dropped from exhaustion and were carried back from the intense heat of the burning warehouse.

Burned All Day. Despite the work of many engine crews, the fire continued to burn stubbornly all day and night. Thousands of people thronged into the stock yards, and the police kept spectators back from the danger line with great difficulty.

Not since the days of the Triquetra theatre tragedy, which, like the disaster today, was a holiday time horror, have such pathetic scenes attended a fire in Chicago. The bodies of lost more than half their crews, while other companies suffered less severely.

At the same time a meeting was held at the Chicago club at which wealthy business men started a relief fund. Theatre managers also prepared to hold benefit performances.

TO PROBE ALBERT SCHOOL DIFFICULTY

Chief Superintendent Carter Will Visit Riverside Today—Rev. G. M. Love Injured In Driving Accident.

Albert, Dec. 22.—Rev. G. H. Love while on his way to attend services yesterday was thrown from his carriage and sustained a number of bad cuts about the head as well as fracturing his wrist. The accident was caused by the slowing of the carriage on the icy roadway.

Mr. Love is being attended by Dr. Atkinson and will be laid up for some time.

Word was received here today that W. S. Carter, the chief superintendent of education, would arrive here tomorrow afternoon for the purpose of conducting an investigation into the difficulty at the Riverside school.

NORTHCOTE TO AMERICANS

London, Dec. 22.—Lord Northcote, who as governor general of Australia, welcomed the American warships on their round the world cruise, presided tonight at the dinner of the Anglo-Saxon Club given in honor of the officers of the United States Atlantic fleet now at Gravesend.