

government annuity, and continue the "box" every Christmas until he was able to carry it for himself? The child if he lived would remember with gratitude Santa Claus' visits.

The following extract from a letter received from the manager of one of Canada's leading insurance companies shows what he thinks of the annuities proposition:

"In discussing the system of government annuities with my friends from time to time I have always frankly stated that in my opinion the benefits offered for the rates charged are exceedingly liberal, and that I do not know of any institution which could possibly afford to offer terms so advantageous. If the general working population of Canada were able to realize the favorable basis on which annuities could be secured from the government, I think it would be very few among the thrifty and thoughtful who would not take advantage thereof.

Information as to how the purchase may be made and of the cost at any rate will be supplied you at the post office, or by the superintendent of annuities, Ottawa.

WESTERN EXTENSION CAN BE MADE GOOD AS NEW FOR \$25,000

Committee Will So Report to Special Meeting of Council Probably This Afternoon—Woodwork of Boat Will Cost \$16,000 or \$17,000 to Repair—Balance to Renew Machinery—Would Then Be Good for About Twenty Years.

It is understood that the report asked for by the common council as to what amount of money would be required to put the ferry steamers Western Extension in good shape so that it would be capable of performing service for at least ten years more, has been prepared and will be submitted to a special meeting of the council to be held probably this afternoon.

Superintendent W. J. of the ferry department, engaged Richard Retallick, J. McLaughlin and Fred Heans to make an inspection of the hull and house of the boat, and it is said their report will show that the sum of \$16,000 or \$17,000 expended in renewing the woodwork will make the boat practically new and good for fifteen to twenty years longer. It is not known whether a new boiler will be needed or not, but it is one thing to be secured, it is said, it can be placed for about \$4,000, while the engine, which is forty years old, could probably be put in first class shape for a like amount, making the total cost of putting the boat in first rate running order about \$25,000.

If this amount was spent on the steamer it is claimed she would be practically as good as new and would meet the requirements of the present time, when she would be utilized as a tug, a boat which is the most of the year. A new boat, of the type of the Ludlow, would cost about \$10,000.

WEDDINGS Dickinson-Baird.

Andover, Dec. 15.—A pretty wedding took place at Trinity church on Wednesday, Dec. 14, at high noon, when Miss Patricia Baird, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Baird, was united in marriage to Archibald Dickinson by the Rev. Mr. Hopkins. The bride, who was unattended, entered the church with her father to the strains of the wedding march, played by Mr. Henry Beveridge. She wore a pretty gown of mauve cloth and hat to match and carried a large bouquet of white ranunculus. After the ceremony a wedding reception was served at Hotel Andover and the happy couple left on the afternoon express for Chatham. On their return they will reside in Andover. Miss Baird was one of Andover's popular young ladies.

Day-Meikle.

A ceremony which will be of considerable interest in this province took place in Boston on the 14th inst., when Robert Merritt, a native of Wickham, was married to Christina Elizabeth Meikle, daughter of James A. Meikle, of New Glasgow. The ceremony took place in the home of the officiating clergyman, Rev. Herbert S. Hanson, pastor of the Warren avenue Baptist church. The two rings were exchanged. The bride was a graduate of the Southville City Hospital class of 1908, and is engaged in private nursing. Mr. and Mrs. Day will reside in Concord (Mass.). Mrs. Day is employed as a nurse. The groom's present to the bride was a handsome fur coat.

CAMPBELLTON RELIEF

Campbellton, Dec. 17.—The list of supplies received from Dec. 10 to 17 inclusive: Mrs. Dexter Everett, Four Falls (N. B.), one box clothing; Mrs. J. B. Hegun, Charlottetown, one case clothing; Mrs. A. C. (cannot trace), one box clothing; Mrs. Wright, Point du Chene, one box, one case clothing; Women's Local Council, St. John, one case clothing and bedding; Mrs. Verre (N. B.), by express (cannot trace), one box clothing; Mrs. W. E. Paton, Sherbrooke, one case clothing; Mrs. E. W. Jarvis, Andover, one box clothing; Mrs. A. Roy, Montreal, one trunk clothing.

SAID IT ALL.

Thompson, the theatrical manager, announced the manuscript of the play, "My Dear I have read your play. Oh, my dear—You're, Fred Thompson."

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SCH. LAURA C. HALL TWENTY-FIVE KILLED IN A CHICAGO FIRE WEATHERED STORM

Now Ashore in Boston Harbor Nova Scotia Vessel, Thought Lost, Turns Up

Met Mishap in Making Port and Tugs Are Now Trying to Float Her—Captain and Crew Are All Aboard.

Associated Press.
Boston, Dec. 22.—While all sorts of rumors and conjectures as to the probable fate of the British schooner Laura C. Hall, of Parraboro (N. S.), have been circulating since she was seen off Cape Cod battling with the storm of Dec. 16, which caused such destruction to several other vessels in that 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 parted 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 is badly ice up.

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

Thought It Was the Wreckage.

Nantucket, Mass., Dec. 22.—Keeper Remsen 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 seagulls. 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, 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.

Special to The Telegraph.

Montreal, Dec. 22.—The strength of the Catholic feeling in this city was shown today at the city council when a number of motions were introduced for the dismissal of City Health Officer Dr. Laberge on the ground that he was a Freemason or Franco-Mason.

ANGELICAN RECTORY AND CONTENTS AT ATHENS, ONT., BURNED

Brookville, Ont., Dec. 22.—(Special)—Shortly before noon today the rectory of the Anglican church in Athens, a fine brick structure, was destroyed by fire. The Rev. H. B. Patterson and family were absent, leaving the house unoccupied. The contents, including the library, were destroyed. A piano and sewing machine alone were saved. The loss is partially covered by insurance.

FOURTEEN DEAD FROM FIRE RUINS

Philadelphia Horror Practically Wiped Out Several Companies

A NERVY FIREMAN Held Down Thirteen Hours by Iron Girders and Cheered the Rescuers While They Dug to Release Him—Forty in Hospitals, and Several Are Still Missing.

Associated Press.
Philadelphia, Dec. 22.—Fourteen firemen and policemen are known to be dead and more than forty are in hospitals suffering from injuries from which some will not recover as the result of the collapse of the walls of the burning four-story factory of David Friedlander, dealer in leather remnants at 116-18-20 Bodine street. The ice-bound ruins are still being searched for the body of Charles Edelman, who is known to be dead, and to discover if possible the bodies of several other firemen who are reported missing.

William Glazier, who was held fast in the ruins for more than thirteen 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.

A Nervy Fireman.

Planned beneath an immense iron girder, Glazier gave one of the greatest exhibitions of fortitude on record. When he was found after he had been buried by debris under the wreckage of the burning factory, he was reported to be in a state of collapse. He said that he had been held down by a heavy iron girder for thirteen hours, and that he had been unable to move. He was rescued by the firemen after a long and difficult search.

Clung to Beam, Twelve Stories Above Ground, With Leg Crushed

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.

Relief Fund.

A movement has already been started for the relief of the families of the dead men. This afternoon the city council passed resolutions of sympathy, and Mayor Reuburn has called a meeting of the citizens' permanent relief committee for tomorrow. Besides the funds to be raised by this committee and by private subscription, the families and minor children of the firemen and policemen killed, will be provided for by the police and firemen's pension funds.

Nearly all the men left families. John Coates, a man, leaves a widow and six young children; Harry Bertollet, fireman, leaves seven motherless children, and some of the other victims left widows and two or three children. The case of Bertollet is very pathetic. His father, who lives at the soldier's home had come home to the children to spend Christmas with him and his grandchildren, whose mother died nineteen months ago. Everywhere about the house, were evidences of preparation for the coming of Santa Claus, and even after their father's death the children, who range from less than two years to ten, talked of the expected visit of the mythical one.

Nineteen Bodies Dug from the Ruins

Most of the Victims Were Firemen, Including Chief of Department—Scenes at Iroquois Theatre Horror.

Associated Press.
Chicago, Dec. 22.—Of the twenty-five killed in the stock yards fire today by falling walls, the bodies of nineteen, including that of Fire Chief James Moran, 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, thirteen city firemen, two private firemen, and a railway employee.

Fifteen firemen were seriously injured, including two captains. A railroad wrecking train with derricks and steam shovels was used to clear away the burning ruins. The fire broke out at 8 o'clock tonight, after it had tagged the strength of the fire department for sixteen 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.

Cause of Disaster.

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 away and collapse. The force behind the wall was as strong as though an explosion had occurred.

Pathetic Scenes.

Not since the days of the Iroquois Theatre tragedy, which like the disaster of today, was a holiday time horror, have such pathetic scenes attended a fire in Chicago. The bodies of victims were taken to undertaking rooms near the fire. Widows and children of the dead men, white faced and frantic, crowded into the place. The bodies were so badly mutilated in most cases that the police would not permit them to be viewed. In several instances, women struggled with policemen in attempts to see their dead.

HON. MR. PUGSLEY IN ST. JOHN TODAY

Hon. Mr. Fielding, at Montreal En Route to Ottawa, Much Improved in Health.

CLUNG TO BEAM, TWELVE STORIES ABOVE GROUND, WITH LEG CRUSHED

Montreal, Dec. 22.—Hon. Wm. Pugsley, minister of public works, left Montreal tonight for St. John to spend Christmas.

NEW YORK CARPENTER HELD ON TWENTY MINUTES IN ELEVATOR SHAFT TILL RESCUED.

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SILIKER CAR CO. SALE RATIFIED

Halifax, N. S., Dec. 22.—(Special)—The shareholders of the Siliker Car Company, Limited, today unanimously ratified the resolution accepting the offer of F. B. McCurdy & Co. and associates to purchase the company in the interests of the Nova Scotia Car Works, Limited. The transfer will be made on Jan. 1. The offer was contingent on a civic concession of freedom from taxation and free water, which were granted. The new interests are putting in \$500,000 of capital in first preferred stock.

MAURETANIA MAKES A RECORD VOYAGE

Big Cunarder Made Round Trip from England to New York in Twelve Days Besides Loading and Unloading Big Cargoes.

Associated Press.
Halifax, Dec. 22.—The Mauretania which left Liverpool Dec. 10, in an attempt to make a record voyage to New York and return in twelve days, arrived here at 10:22 o'clock tonight. The quick voyage across the ocean and back and the rapid taking on of cargo at New York, making the continental passengers to reach their destinations before Christmas is a source of the greatest satisfaction both among the passengers and those who gathered here to meet the steamer. It was the first time that a disembarkation 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. Yessels blew their whistles, sirens blared and the crowds cheered as the Mauretania steamed, her band playing and her decks crowded with passengers. The weather throughout the eastern voyage was favorable. By the aid of four tugs, 600 passengers and the mail were landed with the greatest expedition. The first special train left for London at 10:45 o'clock and a special with the continental mails and passengers, at 11:55.

Two P. E. Island Skaters Drown

Four Were Towing Fishing Shack on Ice When They Broke Through; Two Saved With Difficulty.

Charlottetown, Dec. 22.—Two young men, Alexander McCrae and Vernon Coles, aged respectively twenty and sixteen, were drowned in the channel of South West River today. In company with two others they had started across the newly formed ice, which gave way beneath their weight, submerging the four. They were rescued, but Coles and McCrae perished.

FEAR BRITISH AVIATOR IS LOST IN CHANNEL FLIGHT

Cecil Grace Reached Belgian Frontier But on Return Trip He is Thought to Have Met With Disaster.

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 in the homeward flight across the channel, and has not been heard from since.

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Hon. Mr. Fielding, at Montreal En Route to Ottawa, Much Improved in Health.

MONCTON LAD LOSES RIGHT ARM

Seven-year-old boy, Trying to Get Ride on Train, Felling Under Wheels--Turkeys Down to 21 Cents at Railway Town.

HON. MR. AYLESWORTH SPEAKS AT HALIFAX CANADIAN CLUB

Halifax, N. S., Dec. 22.—Hon. A. B. Aylesworth, minister of justice, of Canada, lectured before the Canadian Club tonight on the Hague tribunal and its award on the fisheries dispute.

FERGUSON, CHARGED WITH ARSON, HAS HIS BAIL REDUCED

Halifax, Dec. 22.—(Special)—D. M. Ferguson, representing a Montreal house, and accused of arson in the burning of a building in Montreal, had his bail reduced today to \$4,000. The amount originally was set at \$8,000. Justice Longley said the higher amount had been fixed because of some misunderstanding.

FRENCH SCHEME TO PREVENT STRIKES

BRITISH SPIES FOUND GUILTY

Two Sentenced by German Court to Four Years' Imprisonment

ADMITTED GUILT

Were Taking Photographs and Notes of Fortresses When Captured—Condemned Men Were Officers and Connected With Prominent Families.

Associated Press.

Leipzig, Germany, Dec. 22.—The court room was cleared of spectators today when the testimony of military experts was introduced in the trial of Captain French and Lieutenant Brandon, the English naval officers charged with espionage upon the fortifications at Borkum. Even the British representative was excluded though the crown attorney had requested that he be admitted.

Captain French and Lieut. Brandon, were found guilty and sentenced each to four years imprisonment in a fortress. The British spies were arrested at Borkum on August 22 and 23, and until the opening of their trial yesterday were held in separate cells at the prison in Leipzig.

Brandon, who was first taken into custody, is a brother-in-law of Sir William Bull, M. P. French is a grandson of Lord Ashdown and a descendant of Archbishop Trevelyan. When arrested, both admitted frankly that they had come to Germany to collect information which they intended to place at the disposal of the British government. This admission was repeated at the trial yesterday.

Today's proceedings were not made public as they consisted chiefly of the introduction of expert military testimony. The British representative, the consul at Hamburg, Mr. Oliver, was among those excluded. The interests of the defendants were looked after by Justizrath Von Gordon, of Berlin, and Dr. Otto, of Leipzig.

Admitted Their Guilt.

When apprehended it is alleged that the men were taking flashlight pictures of the fortifications at Borkum and that they had secured also photographs of the defenses in course of construction on the island of Wangerooge in the North Sea, near the entrance to Jade Bay.

The spies made a favorable impression by their candid avowal of the duties in which they were engaged and it had been anticipated that in the event of their conviction they would receive light sentences. Lieut. Helm, the German army officer, who was arrested charged with having sketches of the British fortifications in Portsmouth harbor, pleaded guilty on Nov. 14 and by the court at Portsmouth was placed under bonds of \$1,250 not to repeat the offense.

On Dec. 3 the supreme court in this city sentenced two brothers named Geier to two years and six months penal servitude respectively, for espionage. On the same day a French officer was arrested at Friedrichshafen as a suspected spy.

CALLS HAGUE FISHERIES DECISION A "Victory of Peace," and Favorable to Canada.

Halifax, N. S., Dec. 22.—Hon. A. B. Aylesworth, minister of justice, of Canada, lectured before the Canadian Club tonight on the Hague tribunal and its award on the fisheries dispute.

Mr. Aylesworth paid a warm tribute to Hon. J. W. Johnston, a former attorney-general of Nova Scotia, who seventy years ago, strenuously upheld the rights of British fishermen to the exclusive use of territorial waters and bays on the coasts of British North America, and who objected to excepting the Bay of Fundy from this rule. The bay was, however, excepted in the interests of the empire as a whole.

Mr. Aylesworth described the award as a "victory of peace" with emphasis, he said on the last word of the phrase. The bulk of the award was in favor of Canada and the most important decision was that on which the three-mile limit was to be measured from headland to headland instead of following the sinuosities of the coast, as the Americans claimed.

Lyncher Gets 20 Years.

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

Conciliation First Remedy

Compulsory Arbitration Will Be the Last Resort

Government Determined That Public Services Shall Not Be Tied Up in Future--People's Rights Are Paramount.

Associated Press.

Paris, Dec. 22.—The text of the government measures formulated for the purpose of preventing general strikes, with particular reference to the employees of public service corporations, was made public tonight. The measures constitute a comprehensive plan for ending the strike evil on the railroads and in other public services by means of an organized conciliation commission, composed of representatives of the men and companies. This commission will meet at regular intervals, and when conciliation fails, compulsory arbitration is provided for, the principle being introduced that where 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.

The report accompanying the measure is a remarkable document. It quotes the declaration of the rights of many to prove that the public good, not for the benefit of those to whom they have been consigned, from which it deduces the conclusion embodied in the bills, that the interpretation 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 conditions, and in conciliation and arbitration it is proposed to give them a "power 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 service monopolies, does not waive its rights to interfere and compel the concessionaries to grant amelioration 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 evils of strikes, which like other workers, have a right to amelioration of conditions, and in conciliation and arbitration it is proposed to give them a "power as powerful as the strike."

Ontario School Act Violated

Government Grants Stopped in Several Places Where Catholic Teachings Were Practiced.

Toronto, Dec. 22.—Public school inspectors in the counties of Stormont, Glengarry, Prescott and Russell have just finished an investigation ordered by the government into those schools in eastern Ontario wherein violations of the school law took place.

The inspectors were instructed to visit all the schools, to inquire into the conditions made, to forbid all illegal practices and to stop any unpaid portions of legislative grants where the school continues to be conducted in defiance of the act and regulations.

The government grant to seven eastern Ontario schools out of some thirteen officially investigated has been withheld. Others inquired into may secure their grant on a definite promise to stop all illegal practices at once.

The investigation was undertaken by the provincial department of education upon representations by members of the Orange order and prominent Protestants that the school law was being violated in certain public schools in counties of Glengarry, Prescott, Russell and Stormont by the introduction of Roman Catholic teachings and practices. In a majority of cases the charges were sustained.

Murderous Hungarian Gets Ten Years.

Toronto, Dec. 22.—(Special)—Peter Vancou, a Hungarian, was sentenced at Hamilton to ten years in the penitentiary for shooting and cutting his wife's throat with a razor in an attempt to murder the woman.