

NARROW ESCAPE OF BARK'S CREW

Norwegian Vessel Dashed Ashore at Entrance to Halifax Harbor—Sailors Lashed to Rigging.

Some Washed Ashore and Need Medical Attendance—No Hope of Saving Vessel.

Special to The Standard. Halifax, Dec. 20.—With part of her crew lashed to the rigging and the remainder cast ashore on a barren island the Norwegian bark Petra, captain Hansen, bound to Halifax from the Mediterranean was dashed to pieces on Pennant Island at the entrance to Halifax harbor last night.

Arrangements are being made to bring the crew to Halifax. The men who were lashed to the masts were all suffering from exposure last night and they need medical attendance.

LETTER USED IN EVIDENCE

Woman Claimant To Share In "Lucky" Baldwin's Estate Confronted With Remarkable Epistle.

Los Angeles, Cal., Dec. 20.—At the trial of the "Lucky Baldwin" will case today, Mrs. Lillian Ashley Turnbull, of Boston, was the star witness in the contest of her daughter, Beatrice Anita Turnbull to obtain a \$2,500,000 share of the late Elias J. (Lucky) Baldwin's \$11,000,000 estate.

It was addressed to "Louis Leach," and was as follows:—"I was born and raised in Vermont, love horses almost to distraction, am 29 years old, alone in the world, my own mistress, and have to earn my own living. Saw your name in the papers, also further my interest in various ways, so that I can go there in the near future, I have written you. My eastern friend is Wesley F. Balch, but as I am going to California, to live for a while, shall need a "count" on the Pacific coast. Now if you are a whole suited youth with the "ducat's" good figure, and fair looking face, write me and inclose photograph and on receipt of same will tell you more about yours truly.

SENATOR ALDRICH UNDERGOES OPERATION

New York, Dec. 20.—A slight operation to relieve a strained tendon on United States Senator Nelson W. Aldrich's right hand will be performed in a New York tomorrow, according to a statement made tonight by Winthrop W. Aldrich, the Senator's son.

TORONTO NOT STIRRED BY BANK FAILURE

Farmers' Bank Small Institution And It Is Believed That Assets May Cover All Claims—Curator Appointed.

Special to The Standard. Toronto, Dec. 20.—John Knight, secretary of the Canadian Bankers' Association, arrived in Toronto this morning and took charge of the affairs of the Farmers Bank of Canada which suspended payment yesterday. He appointed Mr. Clarkson curator. There is no evidence of uneasiness in financial circles here.

MAJORITY OF ONE FOR NO-LICENSE

North Adams Swings Into Temperance Column After Many Years Of Local Option—Result Great Surprise.

North Adams, Mass., Dec. 20.—After many years in the license column, with 21 saloons and several clubs, having the privilege of liquor selling, North Adams, at the annual city election today swung over into the no license ranks by a majority of one vote. The result was a surprise on every side, for the city had so long had a "yes" majority that even the temperance workers looked upon their cause as hopeless. The vote today was yes, 1478; no, 1479.

HALIFAX APPROVES OF CHURCH UNION

Presbytery Adopts Plan By a Vote Of 20 To 3—Moderator Also Opposed While Several Did Not Vote.

Special to The Standard. Halifax, Dec. 20.—After a debate lasting all day, the Halifax Presbytery passed a resolution, 20 to 3, moved by Rev. President Forrest, of Dalhousie University, approving of the basis of union for the Presbyterian, Methodist and Congregational churches, and approving of the principle of union. In addition to the minority of three is to be added the name of the moderator, Rev. Robert Johnson, of St. Andrew's church, who asked that his name be recorded as opposed to the proposition. Several others refrained from voting.

REACH FINAL STAGE IN CANAL BUILDING

Washington, D. C., Dec. 20.—As indicating the progress which is being made in the construction of the Panama canal, the canal commission's offices in this city today received from the isthmus requisitions for material to be used in the building of the emergency dams.

PREMIER SUMMONED TO LONDON BY KING GEORGE



JOHN BULL:—"Huh, lawst year's pudding warmed over."

INSUBRECTOR WIN BATTLE

Federal Troops Trapped On Mountain Railroad—Two Killed, 42 Wounded Including Officers In Command.

Chihuahua, Mex., Dec. 20.—Forty-two wounded government soldiers were brought in today thus confirming reports that the troop train which left here Saturday, was shot to pieces in the mountain trap known as Malpaso, a few miles east of Pedernales and about 120 miles west of here. The official report states that the federalists lost 21 killed and 10 missing, and 42 wounded. The latter includes Col. Guzman, who was in command of the expedition. The insubrectors' loss is not known here.

FEAR DROWNING OF TWO LIFE SAVERS

Three Out Of Five Rescued When New Boat Capsized In Surf, But Others Are Missing And Worst Is Feared.

New York, N. Y., Dec. 20.—Two members of the volunteer life-saving crew at Rockaway Beach, L. I., Bruce Bond and David Jamison, are missing and are thought to have perished today when the new boat they were trying out with three other members of the crew, upset in the surf.

FRENCH GOV'T SUPPORTED

Paris, Dec. 20.—The government today successfully maintained its position against the attacks of the Socialists under the leadership of M. Jaures, who demanded the reinstatement of all the railroad employees who were dismissed in connection with the recent strike.

GOVERNMENT MAJORITY IS PLACED AT 126

Counting On Support Of Independent Nationalists, Liberals Have Increased Support Of Two Members

London, Dec. 20.—The King tonight unexpectedly summoned the Prime Minister to London from Edinburgh. The nature of the conference which His Majesty is to have with Mr. Asquith, is, of course, unknown, but it is likely that the general political aspect will be gone into quite thoroughly. King George has taken a marked interest in the general elections which have just ended, and it is certain that he has no wish to see another dissolution of parliament for a long time to come.

NEWFOUNDLAND IN GRIP OF HURRICANE

Feared That Many Vessels Out At Sea Will Never Reach Port—Damage To Fishing Property.

St. John's, Nfld., Dec. 20.—Newfoundland is the grip of a hurricane declared to be the worst that has been known on the island for many years. The storm has been raging for 48 hours and shows no signs of cessation.

U. S. NAVAL OFFICER DROWNED OFF WHARF

Baltimore, Dec. 20.—The body of Lieut. Edward J. Donohue, of the United States revenue cutter Apache, was found in the waters of the upper harbor here today. He had been missing since Saturday night. Lieutenant Donohue obtained shore leave last Saturday afternoon.

ABANDON HOPE OF FIVE LINES

Coal Company Give Up Effort To Locate Missing Barge With Capt. Adams And Four Men Aboard.

Vineyard Haven, Mass., Dec. 20.—Barge No. 12, of the Consolidation Coal Company, which broke away from the tug Cumberland, off Nansett, off Cape Cod, in Friday's blizzard, has been given up as lost with Captain James Adams and his four men. Accepting the belief that the barge foundered with all on board, the coal company ended its efforts to locate No. 12 and its crew after the return here tonight of the tug Cumberland and George Creek of the company.

POLICEMAN'S SLAYER BLACK SHEEP OF FAMILY

Body Of Young New Yorker Who Shot Officer At Philadelphia, And Received Fatal Wound, Lies Unclaimed.

Philadelphia, Dec. 20.—It was stated by Captain Soder, of the Philadelphia Detective Bureau tonight that the man who killed Policeman Geo. Barnett here nearly a month ago, and was in turn fatally shot by his victim, had at last been identified to the complete satisfaction of the police.

REPAIRS TO U.S. NAVY COST OVER MILLION

Washington, D. C., Dec. 20.—Repairs aggregating \$1,190,000 on naval vessels are provided for in estimates submitted to congress today for use in the next fiscal year.

\$10,000,000 GIFT FOR UNIVERSITY

RECIPROCITY FARMERS' HOPE SAYS LAURIER

Premier Makes Half Hearted Promise That Government Will Take Some Action On Tariff—Elevator Questions.

Special to The Standard. Ottawa, Ont., Dec. 20.—The executives of the Grain Growers' Association of Manitoba, Alberta and Saskatchewan, had another interview with the premier in his office this morning regarding the terminal elevator question and the bill to deal with it that has been prepared by Sir Richard Cartwright.

CLOSE EXAMINATION OF MORMON CONVERTS

U. S. Inspectors Hold Party At Portland, Me., Until Special Officer From Washington Arrives—15 Detained.

Portland, Maine, Dec. 20.—The immigration officers at this port are exercising more than ordinary care in the examination of a party of Mormon converts who arrived here Monday from Liverpool on the steamer Dominion. Of the 43 in the party 23 who were missionaries and 10 converts were passed immediately.

TRAVELLERS AT BANQUET

Each Guest Receives Hand-some Fountain Pen From Host Fairbanks of Queen Hotel—150 In Attendance.

Special to The Standard. Halifax, Dec. 20.—The annual banquet of the Maritime Commercial Travellers' association was held tonight in the Queen Hotel, and was by far the most successful and brilliant banquet of the society ever held in the city. One hundred and fifty travellers from all parts of the maritime provinces were present and enjoyed a banquet that has never been surpassed in the city.

TO PROTECT CLAMS IN RHODE ISLAND

Shell Fish Commissioner Fearing Total Extinction Of Valve Will Ask Legislature For Restrictive Laws.

John D. Rockefeller Completes Contribution of \$35,000,000 to Chicago Institution.

Withdraws Representatives from Board and Will Take No Further Part in Government.

Chicago, Dec. 20.—John D. Rockefeller has completed the task he set for himself in the founding of the University of Chicago. Today public announcement was made of a "single and final gift" of \$10,000,000 which included all the contributions that Mr. Rockefeller had planned to make to the University.

Up to the present time, the sum of nearly \$7,000,000 has been donated to the University in addition to Mr. Rockefeller's gifts. With the announcement of Mr. Rockefeller's final donation came the resignation of John D. Rockefeller, Jr., and Fred T. Gates, Mr. Rockefeller's personal representatives from the university board of trustees.

ABANDON SYSTEM.

Toronto, Dec. 20.—The pay-as-you-enter system was abandoned by the Toronto Railway Company this morning except on about 60 cars, which are equipped with the stationary fare box. The change was hailed with delight by both employees and patrons of the company.

NEED A BATTLESHIP.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 20.—The executive board of the citizens' aviation committee of San Francisco have requested the navy department to designate a warship to serve as a landing place for an aeroplane. The board is to conduct a number of experiments with aeroplanes in exhibition flights from Jan. 1 to 14.