OFFICIAL FINDING OF DEATH TOLL

Final Accounting of the Dead in Halifax Explosion of Dec. 6, 1917, Show Death List of 1,635—Words of Praise for Bishop Courtney.

Special to The Standard.

Halifax, Dec. 30.—An official statement is given out today of the final accounting of the dead in the Halifax explosion of December, 1917. The number killed was 1,635. This includes all those who have died since that time as a result of the explosion, as well as those who suffered immediate death on that day. There may be a few additional names of persons who were in the city at the time, unknown by anyone, and it will be impossible to estimate that number, but it cannot be very large. There are 942 males killed and 693 females. The number of identified buried was 970, and of unidentified 254. The remainder known to be missing number 421, making the total of 1,635.

Speaking of Bishop Courtney, whose death in New York is reported tonight, Archbishop Worrell said to The Standard: "I have always had the closest relations with him, and found him in every way most kindly and reliable in his advice. He always showed the greatest interest in Nova Scotia, and had some thought of coming to reside here permanently. Bishop Courtney was always of the broadest views in his churchmanship, and he had the finest sympathies with people of all denominations. He was able to retain his preaching power up to a very short time ago, and was always welcome wherever he went.

The Archbishop said he had received a Christmas message from Bishop Courtney, and at that time he seemed to be in his ordinary health.

Work of Canadian Railway Troops of Utmost Importance

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16,763 being employed on railway work under Canadian direction. In addition to this force, there were employed for maintenance duties 1,309. The care of narrow gauge lines required 1,231 men for construction, and 1,358 for maintenance, in all a force of 20,661 was required to further the activities of the Canadian railway troops.

The report on the work for November comments that, at the beginning of November, while the enemy was retiring very rapidly and was being hard pressed by our advancing troops, he yet managed to carry out a very systematic demolition of railway lines and bridges. In order to cope with this all the battalions of the Canadian railway troops, with the exception of a few small detachments, were concentrated on standard gauge reconstruction work, for the most part in the area between La Cateau and Turcoing.

The report mentioned that all the gaps in the required standard gauge lines have been completed up to undestroyed lines in the territory recently occupied by the Germans.

K. J. MacRae of the firm of MacRae, Sinclair and MacRae, arrived home at noon yesterday.

TO DARKEN HAIR APPLY SAGE TEA

Look Young! Brinb Back Its Natural Color, Gloss and Attractiveness.

Common garden sage brewed into a heavy tea with sulphur added, will turn grey, streaked and faded hair beautifuly dark and luxuriant. Just a few applications will prove a revelation if your hair is fading, streaked or gray. Mixing the Sage Tea and Sulphur recipe at home, though, is troublesome. An easier way is to get a bottle of Wyeth's Sage and Sulphur Compound at any drug store all ready for use. This is the old-time recipe improved by the addition of other ingredients.

While wispy, gray, faded hair is not sinful, we all desire to retain our youthful appearance and attractiveness. By darkening your hair with Wyeth's Sage and Sulphur Compound, no one can tell, because it does it so naturally, so evenly. You just dampen a sponge or soft brush with it and draw this through your hair, taking one small strand at a time; by morning all gray hairs have disappeared, and, after another application or two, your hair becomes beautifully dark, glossy, soft and luxuriant.

This preparation is a delightful toilet requisite and is not intended for the cure, mitigation or prevention of disease.

WILL PLAY FOR GORDON MEDAL

Congress of Hockey Teams Will Struggle for the Grand Prize About February 1st.

Montreal, Dec. 30—On his return today from New York, J. Bryce Stewart, honorary secretary of the Canadian branch of the Royal Caledonian Curling Club, announced that the Gordon Medal, one of the features of this season, will be played for about February 14th. The competition this season will bring rinks from Brookline, Boston, New York, New Jersey, Utica, Ottawa, Quebec, and the majority of the local clubs will no doubt be represented.

The first round of the Governor-General's prize will be played on January 29, 30 and 31, and the second stages will be played in Ottawa and Mintreal on February 5 and 6. The dates set for the Royal Victoria Jubilee trophy are from January 20 to 25 inclusive, including a consolation competition.

Entries for the Governor-General's competition must be in the hands of the umpire of the various centres by noon of January 25.

BRIG.-GEN. A. D. McRAE ON BRINGING THE SOLDIERS BACK

Toronto, Dec. 30.—"So far as the return of the soldiers overseas is concerned, the wishes of the soldier himself, his mother, wife or sweetheart should be the compelling motive for his early return. Canada must be prepared to put up with whatever inconvenience the prompt return of men who have been fighting overseas necessitates. The only limitation to the number should be the limitation in transportation facilities, and in this it appears that transportation facilities in Canada are setting the limit and not ocean transportation.

"Give the soldier back his job.

"Now that the war is over, the men are worrying about what they are going to do when they reach home.

"The back-to-the-land movement is opportune, but why confine it to the soldier who has been so long in Flanders' mud? We must depend on immigration to boost our farm production. Give the soldier a chance to take up again his pre-war employment. That is what he wants, and that is what he is worrying about. The manufacturers who express a willingness to take back all their old employes will soon establish a new honor roll which, I am sure, the Canadian public will much respect. Treat the soldiers' dependents who are overseas with the same consideration that the British Government extends to the munition worker and his family who have been employed in England, and who are sent back to their former homes with all travelling expenses paid. Canada should get in line with the other dominions who have taken similar action in the matter. Delay in this matter causes much inconvenience to many soldiers' dependents who would like to get home.

"Systematize the reception and care of the returned soldiers' families. They will arrive at different intervals from the soldiers themselves. The Y. M. C. A. might repeat the excellent record they have made overseas and take charge of these families on arrival at Halifax, and have the local branches of the Y.M.C.A. arrange for their reception and quarters on their arrival at their destination. Many of them have gone through personal liquidation and have no real homes to go to.

"Give the soldier the same supplementary pay as the British. Canada might well adopt the Imperial system of giving supplementary pay on the basis of service. The British give one year's pay for four years' service. Such an allowance should, of course, be made retroactive."

ESPECIALLY GOOD AT THIS TIME

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After influenza, grip, fevers, blood-poisoning and prostrating diseases, that leave poor appetite, weakness, that tired feeling and other ailments.

Hood's Sarsaparilla has benefited thousands by purifying and enriching the blood, curing skin diseases, stomach, liver and kidney troubles.

Its record of cures of scrofula, salt rheum, psoriasis, pimples, eruptions, catarrh, dyspepsia and rheumatism proves its superlative merit.

In cases where a laxative is needed take Hood's Pills—They are gentle and thorough. Get these medicines today.

GUNBOAT KNOCKED OUT.

Buffalo, N.Y., Dec. 30.—Jack Dempsey, of California, knocked out "Gunboat" Smith, of New York, in the seventh round of a scheduled ten-round bout here tonight. Dempsey weighed 190 pounds; Smith 178.

FIRING PARTIES DRIVEN MAD BY RED GUARDS

Bolsheviki Took Bunches of People Daily Out of Fortress and Killed Them.

CHINESE EXECUTIONERS

These Men Were Bad Shots and Victims Left on Ground Half Kileld in Hideous Torture.

London, Dec. 27.—The Daily Chronicle prints an interview with Victor Buhler, an Englishman long resident in Petrograd, who has just made his escape. He says:

"Conditions in Petrograd are terrible. Men were nightly taken in bunches from the Fortress of St. Peter and Paul and summarily executed. The guard would look in about midnight and call out twenty or thirty men, saying significantly: 'You need not bring your things.' Soon afterwards the volleys of the firing party could be heard from the cells. Sailors were called upon to do this work, but the horrors of it drove two or three of them completely mad. Then Chinamen were engaged. They were bad shots, with the result that men were half killed and left in hideous torture. No trace of the bodies could be found; no graves could be discovered, and this gives color to the impression that the corpses were simply thrown into the river.

"As typical of prison conditions, let me picture a cell intended for one man crowded with 20 without accommodation for sleeping or eating; their sitting place is the stone floor, the air is fetid and the walls streaming with moisture. Here a Russian became very ill and the Red Guards were asked to do something for him.

"'He will probably die,' it was urged.

"'Then let him die,' was the callous response.

"Soon the packed cell became a death chamber and an appeal was made to the guard to remove the body.

"'We will take it out with the rubbish in the morning,' answered the sentry, and it remained untouched until then.

"Latterly there has not been so much street firing, but perhaps even more terrible than bloodshed are the privations, and yet Lenine is credited with having said he does not believe there is famine in Russia and he will only believe it when queues are formed for coffins to bury the people.'

"All thinking people of Petrograd are anxious that the Allies should enter the city to save their lives. Laboring men cherish the hope that some one must save them. All the intelligent classes of Russia are with the Allies though the Bolsheviki consider them open enemies.

"Espionage was rampant; arrests were made on any pretext. The people were starving. I have seen refined ladies of good station rummaging in heaps of dirt for fish heads. Men and women barely able to stand through weakness, have been sitting or lying in the streets holding out their hands for bread. There were food cards but the profiteer held sway. I have had to pay 650 rubles for 18 pounds of dark flour, about 35 pounds on the old rate of exchange, or 10 pounds on the new; 45 rubles for chicken; 75 rubles for one pound of butter and 22 rubles for a pound of cheese.

IDEALS OF PAST TO GUIDE NOW

Paris, Dec. 30.—Stephen Pichon, the Foreign Minister, said to the Associated Press today:

"You asked me in what spirit the French government is preparing to participate in the peace negotiations. It is agreeable and easy for me to reply that the ideal which sustained us during the war is guiding us effectively on the eve of peace. This defines our policy."

"We have been attacked, we want security. We have been despoiled, we demand restitution. We have been devastated, we want repatriation. But that which we ask for ourselves we demand for all, and hence are closely in accord with President Wilson. We intend that peace, in erasing the effects of the German crime, shall bring to all peoples the certainty that this crime will not be renewed."

M. Pichon, while apparently greatly fatigued from the eighteen hour session in the Chamber of Deputies, yesterday made these statements with great energy.

"In order to conceive these," he continued, "the world must be constituted on a new basis. The basic points you know. President Wilson has expressed them; we have adhered to them."

TO PERSIAN GULF IN TWO YEARS BY TRAIN PREDICTED

Future of Berlin to Bagdad Railway Rests With Allied Peace Conference.

IS DIFFICULT SYSTEM

Taurus Tunnels Need Inspection Each Day Asserts Director-General of Railways.

Constantinople, Dec. 4, via Salonika, Dec. 9.—One of the greatest German schemes which the war has overthrown, was the ambition for a German controlled railway line from Hamburg to Bagdad. With the armistice the Bagdad railway has entered another phase. Its eventual history rests with the peace conference to decide.

As to the actual condition of the line I had today a conversation with Edward Haguenin, director-general of the railways. The tunnels through the Taurus mountains were opened for broad gauge traffic last month, and trains can now run as far as Neisibin, 100 miles west of Mosul. The track throughout is in good condition, but the rolling stock has much deteriorated by overwork during the war.

Although there are still plenty of freight cars serviceable, two-thirds of the engines are unfit for work, through lack of spare parts, which Germany has not supplied. Nevertheless, a limited daily traffic from Constantinople to Neisibin would be possible, together with a larger service of trains in western Asia Minor, from which the food supplies of Constantinople are drawn, if it were not for a lack of coal, which has brought the working line to extremely reduced and irregular proportions. As regards the continuance of the service, the question of the existing German staff is a vital one.

"Most of our German engineers," said M. Haguenin, "are civilians who have been in this country thirty years. They have the required special knowledge of the Bagdad Railway, without which the line could not be worked. Even should the Allies insist on replacing them by engineers of their own, it would be necessary for the latter to pass a couple of months in collaboration with the present German staff before they would be able to accept the responsibility.

"The system of the Taurus tunnels alone is one of the most difficult in the world. Daily inspection is necessary for the safety of the line."

As to the probable time required to complete the Bagdad Railway to the Persian Gulf, Haguenin said that a great deal depended on what the British had done in Mesopotamia. Several hundred miles of tracks laid by the Turks beyond Neisibin would need to be reconstructed, as they were hastily done with poor materials. Working from both ends with adequate supplies of material and labor and with the use of the British railways in Mesopotamia as lines of supply he thought that trains might be running through to the Persian Gulf in two years.

KING CARNIVAL REIGNS TONIGHT

New York Planning for Biggest New Year's Eve Celebration Yet Known—Wines Are Expected to Flow Freely.

New York, Dec. 30.—One of the greatest throngs of merry makers in New York's history will assemble tomorrow night to speed the eventful year of 1918 and welcome the momentous 1919, hotel and restaurant men predicted tonight, as table reservations for the celebration continued to pour in.

With the war time damper temporarily lifted, prospective celebrants are flocking into the city from all parts of the country, intent on "making up" for the solemnity of last New Year's Day. According to hotel men, most of the visitors are residents of "dry" States.

With the possibility that this may be the last "wet" New Year's Eve in New York, it was predicted New York will be decidedly "wet," but it is likely that New Year's night will be bon dieu. The Retail Liquor Association today sent to all its members asking them to close their bars at 6 o'clock Wednesday evening. This measure, it was said, was taken at the request of army and navy officials.

Otto Wagner, secretary of the International Federation of Hotel and Restaurant Waiters, announced today that a general strike of cooks and waiters would begin on New Year's Eve. Hotel and restaurant managers, however, declare they are unmoved by the strike threat, as they already have hired many women.

INTER-CITY BOUTS.

Boston, Mass., Dec. 30.—Joe Wiles, 105 pounds national amateur boxing champion, and Harry Silva, 145 pound boxer, were selected today by officials of the Boston Athletic Association to represent Boston in the inter-city bouts in New York on January 7.

McGOVERN IN HOSPITAL.

Boston, Mass., Dec. 30.—Terry McGovern, of Philadelphia, was taken to a hospital after he had been knocked out by Young Britt, of New Bedford, in the sixth round of a scheduled twelve-round bout here tonight. McGovern's head struck the floor and he lay unconscious for 15 minutes.

EXCHANGE OF PLAYERS.

New York, Dec. 30.—Exchange of "Jack" Barry, former manager of the Boston American League, or infielder Harold Janvrin, for an outfielder from the Washington Club, was discussed at a conference today between the president of the Boston club, Harry Frazee, and Manager Griffith, of Washington. The deal was left in abeyance when Manager Griffith returned to Washington tonight.

Manager Griffith stated that Lieut. John Lavan, former Washington shortstop, and now surgeon on the battleship Mississippi, had promised to reply by January 15 as to whether he would play professional baseball again or remain in the navy.

Colds Cause Grip and Influenza. LAXATIVE BROMO QUININE Tablets remove the cause. There is only one "Bromo Quinine." E. W. GROVE'S signature on the box. 30c.

OBITUARY.

Frank Landry.

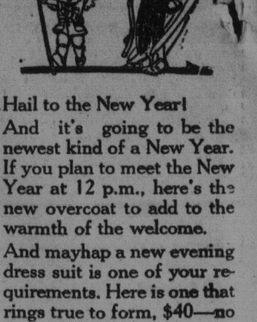
Grand Falls, Dec. 30.—Frank Landry, a highly esteemed and respected citizen of this place, died Thursday at the age of 73 years. He was a lifelong resident of Grand Falls, and took a high place in affairs of the town. The funeral took place Sunday. He is survived by his widow and one daughter, Mrs. Arthur Long.

LATE SHIPPING

Boston, Dec. 30—Sld str Sagamore, Halifax, (28th).

City Island, N. Y., Dec. 30—Bound South, sch Rhoda Holmes, Apple River, N. S., for New York.

Arrived strs. (passenger) Minnedosa, at Liverpool from St. John, N. B. Freighter I. D. S. Adolph, at New York from St. John's, Nfld.; Sheba, at Norfolk from Sydney, N. S.



Hail to the New Year!
And it's going to be the newest kind of a New Year. If you plan to meet the New Year at 12 p.m., here's the new overcoat to add to the warmth of the welcome.
And mayhap a new evening dress suit is one of your requirements. Here is one that rings true to form, $40—no delay, no disappointment.

Gilmour's, 68 King St.

THE WEATHER.

Toronto, Ont., Dec. 30.—A pronounced area of high pressure, accompanied by decidedly cold weather, covers Manitoba and Saskatchewan, while a shallow low area is approaching the lake region from the southwest. The weather has been fair and moderately cold from Ontario eastward.

	Min.	Max.
Dawson	*8	18
Prince Rupert	28	36
Victoria	34	42
Vancouver	28	38
Battleford	*22	*16
Moose Jaw	*12	*10
Winnipeg	*10	0
Toronto	24	32
Kingston	18	26
Ottawa	6	20
Montreal	4	20
Quebec	8	18
St. John	12	26
Halifax	16	32

*—Below Zero.

Forecasts — Maritime — Moderate to fresh northwest winds; fair and cold.

Northern New England—Fair Tuesday, snow at night and or Wednesday; colder Wednesday in Vermont and New Hampshire; moderate west winds, becoming variable.

CANADIAN CONSOLIDATED RUBBER COMPANY
DOMINION RUBBER SYSTEM AND ASSOCIATED COMPANIES

Continued Expansion of Canadian Consolidated Rubber Co. Limited

Separate Company Formed for the Maritime Provinces

New Organization Takes Over, on January 1st, 1919, the Selling and Distribution of Dominion Rubber System Products in this Province.

As a result of the great expansion of business of the Canadian Consolidated Rubber Co. Limited in the Maritime Provinces, and to separate the sales and distribution from the manufacturing, a company has been incorporated to take over, on January 1st, 1919, the selling and distribution of Dominion Rubber System products in these provinces.

This new company will be known as the

"Dominion Rubber System (Maritime) Limited"

with Head Office in St. John, N. B. and Service Branches at St. John, N. B. and Halifax, N. S.

The Dominion Rubber System (Maritime) Limited, which takes over the sales and distribution of Dominion Rubber System Products in the Maritime Provinces, receives from the parent company the leases, property, fixtures, stock on hand, etc. at actual valuation, and the parent company receives the greater part of this in the form of stock in the new company.

By having a separate company for the Maritime Provinces, under the active management of those who understand the requirements of the trade, it will be possible for the new organization to give greater attention to the needs of these Provinces and in every way ensure a better service.

In making up the directorate of the new company, the Canadian Consolidated Rubber Co. Limited, consistently carried out their established policy of rewarding the efficiency of those within their ranks.

W. R. Stewart, St. John, formerly acting Division Manager, has been appointed Manager of the new company for the Maritime Provinces, and A. R. Hannah, Secretary-Treasurer. Mr. Stewart also goes on the Board of Directors of the new company.

The Officers of the "Dominion Rubber System (Maritime) Limited" are

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CARMANIA HAS SCARS OF BATTL

Two Officers Tell of the E gagement With Cap Traf gar off Trinidad.

Halifax, N. S., Dec. 30.—There only two officers on board the C mania today who were through famous fight with the Cap Trafalg off Trinidad shortly after the d break of the war. They are Seco Engineer A. Lindsay and Sen Fourth Engineer W. G. Fraser. Th story of the fight differs materia from the hitherto published versio perhaps the most interesting con bution being that the Carmania not forced to leave the scene upon approach of a German cruiser, that instead the Dresden was seen sailing full speed ahead in opposite direction to that being p sued by the Carmania. The Carm nia lost her range finder as a res of the Cap Trafalgar's first salvo, sho closed in on her antagonist a succeeded in getting the Cap Traf gar's steam winch pipe. The lat was immediately enveloped in clou of steam and it was a comparative easy task to finish her off.

"The man on number three gun w getting the Trafalgar's water line ery trip," said the second engine "He was a shot and no mistake, a the result was she heeled over a sank before our eyes. All our upp works were ablaze when we left t scene, and we had considerable t ficulty in putting the fire out owing the demolition of our fire fighting a parates, but we did get away with The Carmania was hit by 79 prok tiles and there were 304 holes in h hull at the conclusion of the engag ment. She lost seventeen killed a thirty wounded."

DIVERSITY OF OPINION EXIST

French Newspapers Mak Scathing Comments o Chamber of Deputies Scen of Yesterday.

Paris, Dec. 30.—La Liberte, in a editorial today, scores the oppositio for yesterday's debate in the Chambe of Deputies, charging that it was e deavoring to arouse between Premi Clemenceau and President Wilson a artificial conflict although it assert mutual esteem and agreement on ge eral views exists between the prim minister and the presidnt.

Deputy Paul Mounier, director Verte, the socialist organ, and mout piece of former Premier Caillaux, i an editorial with regard to the view of President Wilson and Premier Cl menceau says: "The two men hav nothing in common. On the one sid is the old policy of military alliance ruinous armaments, eternal war an secret diplomack, on the other side de macracy, mistress of herself, is im posng a universal alliance of the pe ples on an out-of-date government There is now an abyss between Franc and America."

CENTRAL POWERS UNDER CHECK

Will Not be Admitted to Early Stage of Peace Conference —Several Stages of Congress for Allies Only.

Paris, Dec. 30.—The Central Powers will not be admitted to the peace congress early in the negotiations, according to an outline given the Midi by a French diplomat, who is engaged in framing the programme of the preliminaries to the congress. The article said:

"The early entry of the Central Powers into the negotiations may not be expected, as there will be four preceding stages. The first stage will be a meeting between France, Great Britain, Italy and the United States for the formation of an united diplomatic command. The second stage will be a plenary meeting of all the Allies, at which the smaller states will adhere to the results of the first stage. The third step will be the peace congress, with the admission of enemy plenipotentiaries. The fourth stage will be a conference of all the nations, including neutrals, for the formation of a society of nations as agreed upon by the leading Allied powers."

CASUALTIES.

Ottawa, Dec. 30.—Casualties—

Infantry.

Prisoner repatriated—
W. A. Bruce, St. John.
C. S. Riley, Quebec.
A. McLean, River Dennis, N. S.
P. Grant, Bangor, P. E. I.
Ill—
W. H. Strynan, Fredericton, N. B.

Artillery.

Died—
C. J. Costin, Truro, N. S.
Ill—
P. C. Cannon, Lowe, Que

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