

NORTH QUEBEC IS IN GRIP OF SEVERE WINTER

More Snow Has Fallen Than For Many Years

OTTAWA, Dec. 28.—Rouyn and the whole of northern Quebec are in the grip of King Winter, with snow piled six feet high and extremely cold weather prevailing, according to "Slim" Hollwell, well known Ottawa prospector, who has just returned to the city. He states that "old timers" regard the amount of snow as unprecedented in the history of that part of the province.

The town of Rouyn itself is growing by leaps and bounds. Frame houses and shacks predominate, with ten large frame buildings at the present time in the process of erection for commercial purposes. There are now five drug stores in the town, three banks, with the possibility of a fourth one opening in soon, a skating rink, picture show, entering to the tastes and fancy of a public demanding the latest in pictures; two churches, a hospital and many hotels. The population of the town is now above the 5,000 mark.

By the end of January, 1927, the town will have all the electric power it can use for lighting and power purposes, Mr. Hollwell predicts. The poles and wires from the main source supply are now in town and contracts are being let every day for the electrification of commercial buildings and homes.

HAS MAIL SERVICE

Rouyn is now served with a daily mail service and has outside communication by telephone for some time. Later on in the year a sewerage system will be installed.

The problem now confronting the moral side of the town is the "blind pig" business, a prospector said. There are dozens of them, according to Mr. Hollwell, and police are endeavoring to get them out of town. The police are kept busy serving summonses for this infraction of the law and in one day recently thirty-eight were served on as many places within twenty-four hours, he said.

MIDNIGHT MASS TO USHER IN NEW YEAR

Special Service at Montreal Catholic Cathedral to Combat Other Celebrations

MONTREAL, Dec. 28.—An innovation in Catholic religious services, insofar as the Basilians are concerned, will take place on New Year's Eve when midnight mass will be solemnized by His Grace Archbishop Georges Gauthier. The other Catholic parishes may do likewise, if they so determine.

In past years the parish church of Notre Dame was the one church in North America at which midnight mass was celebrated on the eve of the New Year, that being a special privilege accorded to the Society of Nocturnal Adoration and the Gentlemen of St. Sulpice.

Later on the Fathers of the Blessed Sacrament, Mount Royal avenue east, obtained a similar privilege. His Grace Archbishop Gauthier has been strongly impressed by the growth of what he has termed "pagan practices" in welcoming the New Year by social functions and noisy parties. In announcing that mass will take place in the Basilica on New Year's Eve, it was stated that the Archbishop regarded as necessary greater religious activity to combat the spread of other forms of celebration.

Port Suffers From Lack of Facilities

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Government of Canada had carried out their signed agreement with the city the present congestion would not exist and there would be no question of our ability to handle all the traffic offering.

J. T. Knight and company, H. E. Kane & company, McLean, Kennedy, Ltd., and Nagle and Wigmore, Ltd., said they had no word of any ships having been diverted from here to Portland.

Both Mayor White and Commissioner Prink pointed out that the present condition could not be charged against the port of Saint John as it was a matter altogether beyond their control.

COSTLY TO SHIPPERS

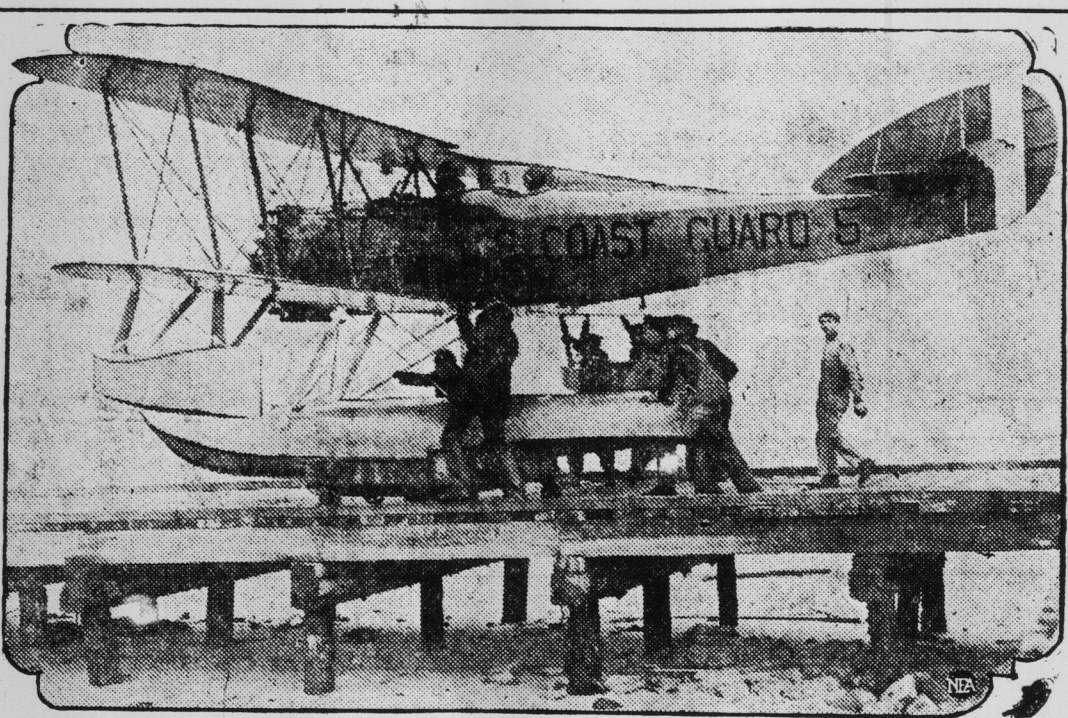
Guy D. Robinson, of Montreal, formerly of this city, arrived here today from Montreal. Mr. Robinson, who is a large grain dealer, spoke of conditions at this port and the need for immediate increase in shipping facilities here. He pointed out that the present congestion was liable to cost shippers a considerable sum.

Gloucester Fisherman Is Believed Lost

BOSTON, Mass., Dec. 28.—Christmas Day is believed to have brought the first tragedy of the winter season to the fishing fleet. The Gloucester schooner Ingonarr arrived today with her flag at half-mast, for the supposed loss of Edward Butler, who drifted away from the schooner in a dory, during a snow storm. Butler lived in East Boston.

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RUM EAGLE OFF AFTER ITS PREY



This picture is of the launching of the last of the United States Coast Guard's high-powered airplane rum chasers at Rockaway Park, Long Island. Operating from the bases at Gloucester, Mass., and Cape May and Long Branch, N. J., they make things merry for the liquor fiend at anchor inside territorial waters.

Late Sport News

BIG ENTRY LIST FOR NEWBURGH EVENTS

Gorman, Bialias, Farrell and One Hundred Others to Compete

NEWBURGH, N. Y., Dec. 28.—More than 100 leading American and Canadian speed skaters have entered the middle Atlantic outdoor championships to be held in this city on New Year's Day. Charles Gorman, of Saint John, N. B., who won the world's title from Elias Thurnberg, of Finland, last season; Valentine Bialias, of Lake Placid, international champion, and O'Neil Farrell, of Chicago, national champion, head the list. Gorman is also middle Atlantic champion.

Dryden Is Given Jan. 4 License

The Saint John Boxing Commission announced this morning a license had been granted to Leonard Dryden to stage a boxing card here on January 3 or 4. The license was granted to J. J. Donovan, but when it was found he was unable to fill the card, the license was given to Dryden. The Frankie Fruzzetti will be the main one on the program.

Tidal Waves Wipe Out Fishing Villages

NIKOLAEVSK, Russia, Dec. 28.—Heavy loss of life and great property destruction have been caused in several fishing villages of this district by mountainous waves from the Pacific Ocean which hurled tons of ice, some blocks ten feet thick, on the villages during a great storm. Many women and children were hurled alive under great avalanches of ice and could not be dug out because their men folk were away on fishing expeditions.

No Cabinet Meetings Until After New Year

OTTAWA, Dec. 28.—There will be no meetings of the federal cabinet until after the new year. Several of the ministers will remain out of town until that time. Hon. J. A. Robb, Minister of Finance, is away for a few weeks in the south and before his return he may spend a few days at Bermuda. Hon. J. H. King, Minister of Health and Department of Soldiers Civil Re-establishment, is in the southern states for a few days.

FREDERICTON INSTALLATION

FREDERICTON, N. B., Dec. 28.—The installation of J. B. McNair, as worshipful master of Hiram Lodge No. 4, took place last night. Dr. H. V. B. Bridges, past grand master, officiating. The slate of officers of the lodge then was installed by the worshipful master.

FOREIGN EXCHANGE

NEW YORK, Dec. 28.—Foreign exchange today steady. Great Britain, 48 1/2; France, 33 1/2; Italy, 4 1/2; Germany, 23 1/2; Canadian dollar 1-16 of one per cent. discount.



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PROPERTY LOSS ESTIMATE MORE THAN MILLION

Further Rain Forecast in All Affected States

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further rise of five feet before the crest. Much ungerminated corn has been ruined by the flood waters in these two states.

Rain was forecast for every southern state today, and while the waters of many of the smaller streams had begun to recede, apprehension was felt in some sections over the aspect of the flood waters slowly receding.

Only in a few isolated places has relief work been hindered, according to available reports. Train service has been entirely stopped, while others being hampered by the necessity of many detours. This is especially true in Tennessee and Mississippi.

MISSISSIPPI IMPROVES

The general condition of the Mississippi was reported to be improving with the flood waters slowly receding.

The brunt of the floods, which have caused six lives to be lost, and hundreds of thousands of dollars in property in Arkansas was reported to have passed.

The lowlands along the Ohio River in Kentucky and Indiana are just beginning to be badly flooded, disastres from these sections say. Alabama has been hit by the floods in some sections, but property damage was not estimated as great as in other neighboring states.

The greatest property damage was said to be in Nashville, where nearly a hundred city blocks were flooded. Hundreds of business houses and homes deserted and great damage to crops in outlying territory.

GOOD THINGS COMING TO THEATRES OF SAINT JOHN

Red Grange In Big Special Priced Show

The special priced attraction "One Minute to Go" featuring the \$100,000 football star, Red Grange, looked for Imperial Theatre the last two days of the week. It is eliciting keen interest from the sport loving public and even those who do not follow the gridiron game. "One Minute to Go" is commended by the leading film critics of America and England as the best example of college romance, mixed with sport and real personalities yet committed to celluloid.

The astounding thing throughout the whole picture is the artistic and ingratiating acting of Red Grange, a novice to the screen. He almost out-dixes Richard Dix. The great super feature simply bristles with excitement, comedy and pathos from beginning to end, and because of its unusual character and high rental privileges justly becomes an attraction commanding the Imperial Theatre's 60c scale.

C. P. R. CHANGES

WINNIPEG, Dec. 27.—W. M. Gordon, superintendent of Canadian Pacific express here, has been transferred to the superintendent at Vancouver, and H. N. Simpson, assistant superintendent, has been promoted to the superintendent according to an announcement this morning. R. Holme, formerly superintendent at Vancouver, has retired on account of ill-health and at his own request.

RATIFIES CLAIMS

MEXICO CITY, Dec. 28.—The Mexican senate today ratified the British-Mexican claims convention for revolutionary damages suffered by British subjects from 1910 to 1922. The senate also amended the existing treaty of commerce between Mexico and France.

DEATH IN CAPITAL

Mrs. Margaret Josephine Rogers, wife of Harold Rogers, died in Fredericton yesterday after a lingering illness. She was a daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Beatty.

GEOLOGISTS' OPINIONS

Mr. Taylor based his conjecture upon the work of Dr. G. K. Gilbert and Mr. Sherman Moore, Michigan geologists, whose studies show that in the Lake Huron region, land has been rising during the past 2,700 or 3,000 years, approximately 1.48 feet a century.

Barring human interference, and supposing the rockfall at Buffalo to hold firm, Lake Erie would be raised to the level of Lake Huron, as it was 400 years ago.

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PRINCE AGENT FOR KRUPPS, IS CHARGE

Henry of Prussia's Visit to Mexico Revives Former Accusations

British United Press

BERLIN, Dec. 28.—Recent developments in Nicaragua have caused Republican politicians here to revive the charges that in his present visit to Mexico, Prince Henry of Prussia, brother of the former Kaiser, is acting as an agent of Krupp, the great German munitions and manufacturing organization.

The report first was published here some time ago and was not denied in Berlin. (An unequivocal denial of the report was received from Mexico City.)

It was stated that the Prince would engage in work preliminary to increasing Krupp exports to Mexico, but no classification of the manufactured material was specified.

TRAFFIC TUNNEL

Elimination of Level Crossing at Montreal Claimed Possible

Canadian Press

MONTREAL, Que., Dec. 28.—In connection with an act which will be applied for at the coming session of the Quebec legislature, which would authorize the building of a subway and tunnels for railways in the city of Montreal and under St. Lawrence River, one of the sponsors, S. Oulmet, stated here that the plan was for all practical purposes the same as that submitted to the legislature last year.

The petitioners this year, Mr. Oulmet said, are not the same as last year, and they have perfected their plans to the point where they believe adoption of the scheme would do away with the necessary for all level crossings in Montreal; would permit the centralization of railway traffic at terminals; and would relieve congestion.

TAX REFUND IN U. S.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 28.—Congress was asked by Secretary of the Treasury Mellon today to give the treasury authority to refund \$174,190,177 illegally collected in taxes for the fiscal year 1927 and "prior" years. The money is to be refunded to about 287,000 taxpayers in amounts ranging from one cent to hundreds of thousands of dollars.

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(An Editorial.)

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