



SACKVILLE BOUND SCHOONER REPORTED LOST WITH CREW

British Vessel Laura C. Hall Seen Scudding Toward Dangerous Shoals Off Nantucket. Capt. Buck of Dorchester Rescued by Revenue Cutter—Barges Missing With Seven Men.

Vineyard Haven, Mass., Dec. 18.—The probable loss with all hands of the two masted schooner Laura C. Hall, during the blizzard of Friday morning, was reported here today by Captain Carter, who arrived here in tow of the revenue cutter Acushnet, disabled by the storm. It is possible that the Hall, which was bound from Port Reading for Sackville, N. B., may have succumbed to the gale, but it is Captain Carter's belief that she is wrecked on or near Greatround Shoal, in Nantucket Sound. The Jesse Hart was badly battered when she arrived here today. The fore gaff was broken, she was leaking badly, most of her sails were torn, some almost into shreds, and ice still clung to some parts. Capt. Carter's vessel was towed by the Acushnet from Greatpoint, Nantucket, where he had anchored her Thursday night, after running back from the northerly end of Follick Rip Shoal. He reports that Friday morning the look-out of the Hart saw a two masted schooner deeply laden, break away from her anchorage a mile north of them and sweep past their heads for Greatround Shoal. She was the Laura C. Hall, he believed.

With only a jib set, the schooner was seen to scud about a mile south of them when she disappeared. Her way lay over jutting sand shoals and rips which abound east of Nantucket Island and over the Nantucket shoals. Even should she have succeeded in clearing these, Capt. Carter thinks her chances of living in the heavy sea raging outside, were slight. Another vessel arriving here today, with tale of a disaster, was the schooner J. Manchester Haynes, Tampa for Boston. Her firehead had been washed away, the flying jib torn to ribbons and the vessel was strained and leaking badly.

One Barge Recovered.

Highland Light, Mass., Dec. 18.—The barge Binghamton, of the Erie Railroad Company, which was lost with two other barges off Nauset in Thursday night's blizzard, was found off the lower end of Cape Cod today by the tug Underwriter, of Boston. The tug passed by the Highland Light today signalling the identity of the barge which she had in tow as the Binghamton and that Capt. J. E. Nickerson, of Dennison and his crew of three men are safe. The Underwriter continued on her way to Boston where she is expected to arrive some time after midnight.

No trace was found of either of the other two missing barges, the Scranton, which with the Binghamton, was in tow of tug Margaret, and bound with coal from New York to Boston, and a barge of the Consolidation Coal Company, of Baltimore, which was lost from the tow of three barges of the tug Cumberland, also carrying coal, and from Baltimore to Boston. The tugs puffing along the Cape Cod coast during the day working gradually out to sea, but it is believed they will have to go still farther off shore to find the barges, if they are afloat. Thursday and Friday's storm. The finding today of the barge Binghamton has renewed hope that the two barges still missing may be found and that their crew of seven men are safe.

N. B. Men Rescued.

Boston, Dec. 17.—Ending a three days' cruise of succor to distressed mariners in storm-tumbled seas undergoing experiences seldom equalled in the annals of the United States revenue cutter service, the cutter Gresham arrived here today. In his efforts to undo the havoc of Thursday night's storm, Captain R. H. Utheroth and his bluejackets had rescued the crews of the two sunken schooners Abbie G. Cole and S. A. Fownes, who were aboard the Gresham when she arrived today, had saved the abandoned schooner Stephen G. Loud, which she had towed for twenty four hours, and had rescued the schooner N. E. Ayer, and its crew, bringing them safely to port yesterday at Provincetown. The only loss of life in all the Gresham's cruise was on the schooner Loud, the mascot of which a pig, was the only living thing on the vessel after it was abandoned by its crew. This pig was found in the Loud's hold today drowned.

The story of the Gresham's Trojan work in the storm's wake has been told in wireless despatches, and details of the rescue work have been printed during the past few days. But Captain DeMille Buck, of Dorchester, N. B., of the British two masted schooner S. A. Fownes, and Captain L. T. Whittemore, of Thomaston, Me., of the Abbie G. Cole, today added to these early details stories of praise for Captain Utheroth and his crew, particularly chief gunner Karl Johansen, who commanded the boats crews which handled the rescue work in each case. And it was gunner Johansen who directed the Loud into port at the end of the Gresham's tow line, after he had controlled the wayward craft when she was picked up yesterday by means of a jury rudder.

GILES HEADS DOMINION C. T. ASSOCIATION

Majority Of 185 Over Charles T. Guid Declared At Montreal Convention—Now 7,007 Members.

Special to The Standard. Montreal, Dec. 18.—There was a large attendance at the annual meeting of the Dominion Commercial Travellers' Association last night, being better than for some years previous, nearly two hundred members being present. The centre of interest undoubtedly lay in the declaration of the poll by which it was to be known who should occupy the president's chair for the ensuing year. In this contest J. Bevans Giles came out on top, a result which elicited a warm ovation, which was gracefully completed by the defeated candidate, Charles T. Guid, coming forward and being the first to offer congratulations to the younger aspirant to presidential honors. The vote stood 1,884 to 1,739, a majority of 185 for Mr. Giles.

Another matter that contributed to a somewhat excited meeting was a proposal to amend the by-laws in such a way as to allow of members voting on association legislation without personal attendance at the annual meeting. This proposed alteration, however, did not get through. A report stated that this year had been most successful in the history of the association, the membership roll showing a net increase of 377 members, with a total membership of 7,007. The total revenue for the past year was \$90,720.18, being \$4,904.17 in excess of last year.

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SUCCESSFUL CIVIL SERVICE CANDIDATES

Hillsboro Man Second On List In Second Division—St. John Applicants Make Good Showing.

Special to The Standard. Ottawa, Dec. 17.—The following candidates have passed the civil service examinations: 2nd division—Sub division, B. H. R. Steeves, Hillsboro, N. B., second on list; M. R. C. Smith, Oak Bay, N. B., seventh on list. 3rd division—Sub division, B. C. W. Heaney, Charlottetown, 2nd on list; D. A. Busey, St. John, N. B., 16th on list. Stenographers—3rd division, E. B. Skinner, Yarmouth, 1st on list; E. R. Williams, St. John, 20th on list. Outside service—Preliminary examination, W. G. Steeffings, Fredericton; J. D. Allen, Geo. H. Bishop, J. S. Bryden, D. D. Colquhoun, W. J. Gorman, E. F. McDonald and W. T. Tyner, St. John; R. W. Tomlins, Charlottetown. Outside service—Qualifying examination, J. U. Haggerty, A. C. Keith, G. T. Murphy, A. Scott, G. A. Sullivan, Gladys W. Walters, H. C. Watt, St. John; J. P. Doucet, Yarmouth.

Liverpool, N. S., Dec. 18.—Patrick Farrell, superintendent of streets, and father of Senator Farrell, died suddenly while on his way home from church today. He was born in Newcastle, N. B.

SIX ST. JOHN MEN ARRESTED AT BANGOR

"Chick" Morris And William Dowd Identified By Victim As Members Of Gang Which Robbed Him Of \$100.

Bangor, Me., Dec. 18.—Walter Johnson, a wood's cook, who came to Bangor Saturday night, with about \$100 in his pocket, was held up and robbed at the corner of York and Oak streets at noon today by four men with whom he had been making a round of East Side bar rooms. He complained to the police that two of the men knocked him down, and held him, while the others emptied his pockets, getting about \$97. The police have arrested and are now holding twelve men for the crime, as follows:—John Wilson, Portland; Frank McDonald, Lewiston; James E. Clifford, Portland; Joseph Morris, of St. John, N. B., known as "The St. John Chicken"; John Dowd, St. John; Edward Sullivan, Philadelphia; John Collins, St. John; William Millard, St. John; Joseph Smith, St. John; Barney Murphy, Charlottetown, P. E. I.; John Carey, Lynn, Mass.; and Louis Miller, St. John, N. B.

Johnson has identified Joseph Morris and John Dowd of St. John, N. B., as two of his assailants. When Morris was brought to the police station he attempted to swallow a five dollar bill, but was prevented. Dowd was penniless a day or two ago, had \$8.85 in his pockets. Most of the prisoners are tramps. All will be arraigned on Monday.

The "St. John Chicken" referred to is none other than the noted "Chick" Morris, whose latest exploit was escaping from the chain gang. The other names are also familiar to the police.

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AMERICAN ENVOY CONFERS AT OTTAWA

Representative Of Boston Canadian Club Asks For Appointment Of Canadian Commission.

Ottawa, Dec. 18.—Mr. Ledoux, formerly American consul at Three Rivers, Que., and in France and Austria, and now of the federation committee of the Canadian Club of Boston, who is addressing Canadian Clubs, chambers of commerce, etc., on international questions, left today for Montreal after interviewing the prime minister, R. L. Borden, and members of the cabinet on the possibilities of a commission similar to that authorized by congress to study world conditions in view of possible reduction of armament.

FALLS TO DEATH.

Irwin, Pa., Dec. 18.—Hurled 90 feet into a ravine last midnight, when a trolley car struck their team, Paul H. Grubb, aged 19, was instantly killed and Margaret Fry, aged 18, was seriously injured. Seven young people were returning from a party when their wagon was caught on a bridge by the car. The five that escaped injury saved themselves by catching the guard rail as the wagon was turned over.

ACCIDENT AT HILLSBORO

Coroner's Jury Find That All Reasonable Precautions Had Been Taken In Quarry Where Three Met Death.

BAIL REFUSED DEFAULTING GROCER

Special to The Standard. Moncton, Dec. 18.—The supply of poultry in the Moncton market yesterday was limited and prices ruled high. A prominent dealer says most of the poultry in the county was bought in advance and that between this and Christmas thirty cents will be the ruling price for turkeys.

Six below zero yesterday morning was the coldest recorded here. Coroner Kirby had an inquest at Hillsboro Saturday into the deaths of the three men killed by a fall of rock at the Smith Plaster Quarry on Friday. This quarry was worked by D. E. Livingston under contract with the Albert Manufacturing Company.

The verdict was accidental death. The evidence went to show that all the usual precautions had been taken and that the team which caused the avalanche was some distance back from the surface and could not be seen.

The examination into the affairs of C. S. Berry, who recently disposed of his grocery business in Moncton and skipped out, leaving several creditors to mourn, was continued on Saturday before Mr. Fry, clerk of the peace at Dorchester.

Bliss H. Berry, father of C. S. Berry, was on the stand Saturday afternoon and was examined at length. C. S. Berry returned to Moncton some days after his sudden departure and was arrested on a bailable writ at the instance of one of his creditors, and has since been confined at Dorchester.

It came out during the examination that the sale of Berry's stock was made during the night of his departure and that with the proceeds he paid one of his creditors, taking a receipt for a note on which his father had been endorser. His application for release from imprisonment was refused on the ground that he had made an improper disposal of his property.

Berry's liabilities are about \$3,000 and his assets are small. Convict Found Dead. Roy Walker, aged 19, a convict at Dorchester, was found dead in his cell on Thursday morning last, when the chief keeper was going his rounds. Walker had been on the sick list for some time and was due to epileptic convulsions. He belonged to Bridgewater, N. S.

There is some floating ice in the river here but navigation is still open. The S. S. Freya, 2,000 tons, Capt. Hansen, is at Dorchester discharging her cargo of hard pine for the Canada Car and Foundry Co. of Amherst.

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EARL GREY TO DINE GOVERNOR-ELECT DIX

Choice Of New York Leaves On Trip To Canadian Lumber Lands—Honored In Montreal On Wednesday.

Albany, N. Y., Dec. 18.—Governor-elect John A. Ambrose, is on his way to settle some private business affairs. He expects to return Thursday. On Wednesday Earl Grey, governor general of Canada, will give a dinner in Montreal in honor of the governor-elect.

Mr. Dix's journey will take him in to the Canadian wilds in the vicinity of Lake St. John in the northern portion of Quebec, and he expects to devote part of the time during his absence to the preparation of his message to the legislature.

UNIONISTS MAY ACCEPT VETO BILL

Government Measure May Go Through House of Lords Without Recourse to King—Liberals Lose Four Members and Unionists One, Placing Parties on Even Terms.

London, Dec. 17.—With the exception of a few personal changes the new House of Commons will be the same as the old. If the results in six districts yet to be declared repeat the decision of last January the old party, the Liberals and Unionists, will have four members and one member less respectively than they did in the last parliament, making them exactly equal. If the speaker, who is elected as a Unionist, is excluded.

These seats have gone to the government allies, Labor having added three to their numerical strength, while Redmond comes back with two followers more than he had earlier in the year. Both of the Nationalist gains were from the Unionists.

The standing of the parties tonight is: Government Coalition, Liberals . . . . . 268 Laborites . . . . . 43 Nationalists . . . . . 72 Independent Nationalists . . . . . 10 Total . . . . . 393

Opposition. Unionists . . . . . 271 The Independent Nationalists James McKean and L. Ginnell are included among the adherents of O'Brien, but they are not so detached from Redmond as are the regular O'Brienites, and are likely to rejoin the Nationalists. In some tables also is J. Ward, member for Stoke-on-Trent, is included among the Liberals, although generally considered a Laborite, which daily celebrated his glories as the dictator of England. This placed him on a tremendous pedestal in Ireland, and played his game much more effectively than his own papers did.

In O'Brien's opinion the only possible issue of the present imbroglio will be the resumption of the veto conference on a broader basis. He denies the rumors of his retirement to private life and declares his intention to move for a parliamentary inquiry into the intrigues of his opponents with Dublin Castle.

Failure of O'Brien. One feature of the election has been the comparative failure of the O'Brienites' campaign against Redmond. Although they had more than a score of candidates their strength in the new parliament has not been increased. O'Brien himself was candidate in three constituencies, but was elected in only one, Cork city, while Timothy Healy, his ablest lieutenant is without a seat.

In an interview Mr. O'Brien affected no surprise at not being better. He said that the utmost he had hoped for was the addition of two or three new seats.

"In my opinion," said Mr. O'Brien, "the success of the Redmondites is almost entirely due to the attitude of the English Unionist press, which daily celebrated his glories as the dictator of England. This placed him on a tremendous pedestal in Ireland, and played his game much more effectively than his own papers did."

The Unionists secured a gain in St. Andrewsburgh which the Laborites held by the narrow margin of 58. Lieutenant Colonel J. E. B. Seely, the former parliamentary secretary of the colonial office, who was elected for the Ilkston division, of Derbyshire, in

BANKS REFUSE TO PAY BOND PROCEEDS

Province Of Alberta Takes Action To Recover Amount Paid In On A. G. & G. Railway Account.

Special to The Standard. Edmonton, Dec. 17.—Attorney General Mitchell entered an action against the Dominion Bank, the Union Bank of Canada and the Royal Bank of Canada for payment to the province of the proceeds of the bonds of the A. G. & G. as soon as the assent of His Honor the Lieutenant Governor had been given to the bill "respecting the rights of the province."

The checks were for Dominion Bank \$200,000; Union Bank, \$1,000,000; and Royal Bank, \$6,000,000, with accumulated interest in each case. The checks were presented at the local branches of the banks where payment was refused.

GRAIN INSPECTOR DEAD. Winnipeg, Man., Dec. 17.—Thomas Horn, who succeeded his brother as chief grain inspector, died this morning at his residence here. He had been ailing for several days.

GRAHAME-WHITE FALLS 70 FEET IN AEROPLANE

English Aviator Suffers Mishap In Attempt To Win Prize For Channel Flight—Hurts Not Serious.

COMPETITOR FLIES INTO BELGIUM

Dover, Eng., Dec. 18.—Claude Grahame-White, the English aviator, who recently won the international aviation cup at Belmont Park, had a narrow escape from serious injury today. As it was, his machine was wrecked and he was badly cut about the face. A large number of aviators have been waiting here for the past fortnight to compete for the prize of \$20,000 offered by Baron De Forest for the longest flight across the English Channel in 1910, the flight to be made by an Englishman in an English built machine.

Grahame-White this morning ascended for a trial flight in a strong wind. His machine soon began to rock and he was unable to restore its equilibrium. It turned over and plunged to the ground, and was completely wrecked. The aviator fortunately fell a little to one side. It was thought at first that he had suffered concussion of the brain, as he was unconscious, but he soon recovered consciousness, and it was found that he had received nothing more than some bad cuts about the face. It is expected that he will be about again within a week.

He has ordered another bi-plane of the Wright type from Bristol and will make another attempt to win the prize. A second competitor for the prize, Sopwith, fared better than Grahame-White. He left East Church, Sheppy Island, at 8.15 o'clock in the morning, crossed from Dover to Calais and descended at Beaumont, Belgium, a distance of 174 miles.

In his trial for the flight Grahame-White had descended to within 100 feet of the ground when his machine began to waver. His actual fall probably did not exceed 70 feet. Sopwith completed his flight of 174 miles just under three and one-half hours. This is the first time that a British built aeroplane has crossed the Channel, and in addition, it is a record flight for distance under the conditions prevailing. No tugs or other craft followed the aviator on his flight from Dover to Calais and no other precautions were taken against accident.

Farman Fails To Win Cup. Etampes, France, Dec. 18.—Henry Farman, competing for the Michelin Cup today, made a remarkable flight of eight hours, 13 minutes. Owing to a fierce north wind, however, his progress was slow, and he covered only 465 kilometres (287 miles), against 465 kilometres made by Maurice Tabuteau on Oct. 28 in a similar competition.

Farman, deceived by the applause of the spectators, believing that he had beaten the distance record, and descended. He was greatly disappointed to find that he had not equalled the former record.

Tabuteau occupied six hours in his flight for the Michelin Cup, which is awarded annually to the aviator making the longest sustained flight within the year. A premium of \$4,000 goes to the winner.

FEDORENKO FREE FOR SHORT PERIOD

Russian Socialist Released At Winnipeg Under Habeas Corpus Proceedings But Is Again Taken Into Custody.

Special to The Standard. Winnipeg, Dec. 17.—Savo Fedorenko was brought up under habeas corpus proceedings and discharged from custody by Justice Robson. His liberty was brief, however, as he was immediately rearrested.

ROYAL BIRTH DUE IN MARCH

London, Dec. 18.—Queen Mary's accouchement is expected in March. This will be the first birth at Buckingham palace in fifty-four years. The last child born to King George and Queen Mary was Prince John Charles, July 12, 1905.

12 DROWN IN SWEDISH WRECK

London, December 18.—The Swedish steamer Cedric has been wrecked near Galle, a seaport of Sweden. Twelve persons were drowned, including all the officers with the exception of the captain. The Cedric, which was of about 1,100 tons, was coal laden.