

TRAGIC DROWNING OF YOUNG PEOPLE

Eight High School Students Go Down To Watery Grave at Huntington, Pa.

Boat Foundered in Mill Pond—With One Exception Boys of Party Left Girls to Drown.

Wilkesbarre, Pa., May 12.—Eight high school students, six girls and two boys, lost their lives today while boating on what is known as the old Paper Mill dam at Huntington Hill, about twenty miles below this city, in the lower end of Luzerne county.

The dead are: Maud Sutcliffe, aged 17 years, of Town Line; Carolyn Koons, aged 16 years, Harveyville; Ruth Bonham, 18 years, Town Line; Iris Davenport, 16 years, Watertown; Rachel Thompson, 16 years, Town Hill; Madeline Good, 17 years, Watertown; Robert Minnich, 16 years, Koonsville; Ray Dodson, 17 years, Fairmont.

Twelve students of the Huntington High School got two boats at the noon hour and started for a row on the dam. The dam is nearly half a mile in width, and when the two crafts had reached the centre of the body of water it was noticed that one of them had sprung a leak. The two boats were then pulled together by the young men in the party and an effort was being made to transfer the girls from the leaky boat to the safer craft.

The last one of the party had scarcely set foot in the boat when it began to sink, a combined weight of the party.

Saved Themselves. The girls were helpless to save themselves and the boys in the party with the exception of Dodson being expert swimmers, struck out for the shore, which all reached in safety.

Minnich in the excitement, it is presumed, thought that all the young women had succeeded in reaching land. He no sooner gained the bank than he noticed the girls hanging to the rapidly sinking boat. The boy dashed into the water and swam swiftly to the water filled craft. Only two of the girls were clinging to the boat, the others having gone down for the last time. Seeing Miss Davenport, Minnich again started for the shore, but the exertion was too much for the gallant lad and the two went down together when they were within a stone's throw of the bank.

When the boat sprang a leak there was no excitement among the members of the party, but as soon as the sound craft began to fill with water, it appeared as though every member became terror stricken. The shrieks of the drowning girls could be plainly heard on the bank of the dam, but there was no one near whom could launch another boat and go to the rescue of the imperilled party.

Families Prominent. The terrible accident has cast a gloom over the lower end of Luzerne County, where the families of all the victims are prominent.

Three of those who were drowned would have graduated this summer, young Minnich and the Misses Bonham and Good.

KILLED ON LUMBER DRIVE ON ST. JOHN

Geo. Bryant, a Former Englishman, Crushed Under Logs At Northampton—Railway Employee Pleads Guilty.

Special to The Standard. Woodstock, May 12.—Geo. Bryant, a native of Liverpool, Eng., who has been in Canada about two years, was killed yesterday afternoon, while rafting logs for Wm. Simmons, at Northampton on the St. John river. He was at work with a crew of men who were taking logs from the bank and was at the foot of the brow. A heavy hemlock was started at the top and when Bryant saw it rolling down, he apparently became bewildered and unable to get out of danger. The log rolled over his crushing his head badly, and injuring him internally. He was taken to his home a short distance away and medical assistance summoned. The accident took place about 10 o'clock in the morning and he lived until 5 o'clock in the evening. He is survived by a wife, two sons and one daughter. He recently purchased a farm at Northampton and was considered an honest and respectable citizen.

The preliminary examination of the case was held at the residence of Wm. A. Johnson, engineer, and Roy Craig, firemen, C. P. R. employees, charged by Andrew Williams, trainmaster, with being intoxicated while on duty on April 23rd and 24th, on a special freight train, was called before Magistrate Dibble, this afternoon. Col. McLean represented the C. P. R., J. C. Hartley, the defence, F. B. Carvell, the Brotherhood of Railway Trainmen, Mr. Hartley stated that, Craig was sick and not able to appear for a fortnight, consequently his case was postponed until Thursday, May 26th. The charge was read to Mr. Johnson and he pleaded guilty. Court adjourned until May 26th, so that sentence could be pronounced on both if Craig pleaded guilty. Johnson was allowed bail at \$400 personal and \$200 by Mr. Hartley.

INDICTED; WAS SHORT \$500,000

John A. Hall, Former Treasurer of Southbridge Bank, is Charged With Larceny Of \$104,000.

Worcester, Mass., May 12.—John A. Hall, former treasurer of the Southbridge Savings Bank, was today indicted by the Worcester County grand jury on 15 counts, charging him with the larceny of \$104,000 of the bank's funds. Hall, who has been in jail awaiting trial much of the time since last January, when he surrendered himself, following the discovery of the shortage in the bank's accounts, did not plead to the indictment today.

SHOCKING CONDITION IN TENEMENT HOUSES

Census Enumerator At Passaic Found 292 People Living In One House—Eight In Each Room.

New York, May 12.—The census enumerator at Passaic, who found a house where 292 people lived by day and night shifts and under the same roof, thought he had made a discovery, but he must give way to another enumerator, who reported even worse conditions today. Another house in Passaic shelters twelve families, numbering with their children 292 souls, and all either infants or day workers, so that they all sleep there at night, whereas in the first named house there were never more than 175 sleeping at the same time.

In the house found today the average number of occupants to each room is 8.19, including the kitchen. There is no space for beds and the inmates sleep in straw.

BEST COLLEGE IN CANADA BESTOWS MANY HONORS

CHIVALRY WORKED THE WRONG WAY

Eleven Drowned As Result Of Attempt To Hurry Women And Children Ashore From Sinking Steamer.

St. Louis, Mo., May 12.—Chivalry which allowed women passengers to precede the men in leaving the river steamer Spillito last night when the boat ran on a rock near Glen Park, Mo., cost the lives of five women and a baby, and saved the gallant men, according to a statement tonight by Capt. Crane, of the Spillito.

Of the six men drowned, five were shipmen who lost their lives in aiding passengers to escape. Captain Crane said that the loss of life was due to the mistake of ordering the passengers to hurry from the sinking boat when it was near land.

RAIN WELCOME IN ALBERTA

Snow And Sleet Turning To Downpour Of Rain Effectually Broke Up Drought In Western Province.

Special to The Standard. Winnipeg, May 12.—Reports received this morning show that snow and sleet has fallen in a large part of Alberta, turning to rain, which will probably save the crops which were in bad shape through drought. In many parts of Southern Alberta fall wheat has been plowed up. In Northern Alberta the crops are in splendid condition and the outlook is splendid. The weather in Manitoba and Saskatchewan has been very cool this week and there have been night frosts. The crop, however, is not far enough advanced to do any damage. Rain is needed in these two provinces.

DR. CUTTEN IN NEW YORK

Acadia President Left On Hurred Trip Monday In Interests Of Acadia University—Howe To Leave Academy.

Wolfville, May 12.—President Cutten, of Acadia University, left Wolfville quite suddenly upon the morning of the 10th inst.

Degrees Conferred Before Distinguished Gathering at King's College Encoenia Yesterday.

Rev. Dean Schofield Delivers Eloquent Alumni Oration—Address by the New President.

Special to The Standard. Windsor, N. S., May 12.—The motion made by Mr. E. I. Hanington at the alumni meeting yesterday still continues to be the chief topic amongst the graduates and graduates of Kings who are in Windsor. Mr. Hanington moved a vote of confidence in the several faculties of the university to be adopted permanently in Windsor. While no specific mention was made of the St. John school the impression prevailed amongst several members that it was a step



CANON POWELL, The New President of Kings.

In the direction of the separation of the law school from the university, a proposition that does not lack for able supporters in both provinces. A motion was made by the Rev. Dean Schofield, looking at the matter simply from their own point of view, recognize that the surest way to strengthen any creed is as the whole history of the world has proved, to persecute it.

Today's Encoenia day at Kings College is favored with the most beautiful weather the several faculties of that institution have been most successfully carried out.

At ten o'clock the annual Encoenia procession took place in front of the college residence. First in the choir boy, then the pupils of Kings Collegiate school. Following these came the undergraduates in their gowns, the bachelors of arts, the bachelors of science, the masters of arts and science, the doctors of civil law in their robes and the doctors of divinity in full vestments. At the rear of the procession were the Bishop of Nova Scotia, the vice-chancellor of the university and the new president, the Very Rev. Dean Schofield, M.A., Fredricton, N. B.

At two o'clock the time honored procession of the members of the house of convocation from the residence of the Right Rev. the Lord Bishop of Nova Scotia in the chair. The degrees conferred follows, the candidates being presented by the Rev. Canon Vroom, D.D., D.C.L. Doctor of Civil Law—Rev. Henry de Blois, Annapolis Royal, N. S.; Earl John, K. Fredericton, N. B.; Hon. Sir, Justice McKeown, W. B. Wallace, K. C. St. John, N. B. Doctor of Divinity (Juris dig.)—The Very Rev. Dean Schofield, M.A., Fredricton, N. B. Master of Arts—The Rev. R. A. Hill, B.A. (in absentia), Toronto; The Ven. Rev. Archdeacon Forsyth, B.A., Chatham, N. B.; W. E. Curtis, B.A. Bachelor of Arts—The Venerable

LONDON WHEELS CEASE TO TURN

LUMBERMAN HAS FIGHT WITH DEATH

David Johnson Plunged In Seething Waters Of St. Croix And Escapes With Difficulty.

Special to The Standard. St. Stephen, May 12.—David Johnson, the veteran lumber operator of the St. Croix waters, as well as an escape from death this morning. He had operated last winter on North Brook for the St. Croix Paper Co., at Woodland and had five different camps under his direction. He drives as well as cuts, and was this morning superintending operations and giving his men his assistance as well as acting as a projecting log, and buried into the seething waters, white with foam. One arm was totally disabled, but with the other he fought death and reached the shore after a struggle that would have conquered many a younger man. Mr. Johnson came in on the C. P. R. train tonight and proceeded to Chippman memorial hospital where he found that his injuries consisted of a dislocation of the collar bone and a dislocated shoulder. Mr. Johnson is a representative of the Parish of St. Croix in the county council of which he is the chairman of the finance committee, and also a past warden of the municipality. He is one of the best known men in the County of Charlotte, and his many friends in all sections will rejoice that he escaped from his trying experience so well as he did.

Some difficulty has arisen between the local manager and three young ladies operators at "Central" of the New Brunswick Telephone Co., and the latter have tendered their resignation to take effect May 20th. The nature of the trouble is not known, but the three young ladies concerned have been popular and a petition will be forwarded to the general superintendent signed by the patrons of the company here. The local manager has also laborer zealously for the company and any difference has arisen is generally regretted.

OPPOSE CHANGE IN KING'S OATH

Extreme Protestants In England Reported As Bitterly Against Any Modification Of Coronation Oath.

London, May 12.—Extremists among the Protestants are up in arms against the proposed amendments of the coronation oath, and ever since Premier Asquith signified his intention to carry out Mr. Redmond's suggestion they have been indulging in virulent threats and abuse.

Sir Arthur Conan Doyle writes to The Times pointing out that the Protestant Reformation Society, the Evangelical Alliance, and other similar bodies should, looking at the matter simply from their own point of view, recognize that the surest way to strengthen any creed is as the whole history of the world has proved, to persecute it.

E. S. J. MORSE A SUICIDE

Bar Harbor Agent For Eastern Steamship Co., Well Known In St. John Hanged Himself While Despondent.

Bar Harbor, Me., May 12.—Despondent because of his continued ill health, E. S. J. Morse, until last summer, 20 years local agent for the Eastern Steamship Co., killed himself by hanging in the cellar of his house this evening. In the afternoon he visited the centre of the town and seemed to be as well as he has been at any time during the last year. He was widely known and highly respected in Bar Harbor.

Every Tram Car Will Stop for 15 Minutes During King's Funeral on May 20th.

Arrangements for Impressive Service Being Rapidly Completed—King George a Busy Man

London, May 12.—From a life of comparative ease and retirement, King George suddenly finds himself one of the hardest worked officials in the Kingdom. In addition to spending considerable time daily at Buckingham Palace, comforting his widow mother, he has to attend to multifarious duties and to receive in person and entertain the royal guests and arranging the difficult details of the lying-in-state and the funeral.

Seven o'clock each morning finds His Majesty already at his desk in Marlborough House, to reply to the innumerable messages of condolence and to receive in person and entertain the royal guests and arranging the difficult details of the lying-in-state and the funeral.

ROOSEVELT SPECIAL ENVOY

Ex-President Roosevelt, who has been named as special envoy of the United States, to attend the funeral of the late King, will be presented to King George soon after his arrival in London on Monday. This has been arranged in conformity with the wish of the King, as expressed to Whitelaw Reid, the American ambassador. Mr. Roosevelt as special ambassador will occupy a place with the visiting monarchs in the funeral procession, and will also attend the burial at Windsor.

The lying-in-state involves a great addition to the work of arranging the programme for the funeral, all the details of which will be finally completed before Sunday. The procession to Westminster Hall on Tuesday for the lying-in-state will be an almost as great a scale as the funeral procession. The cortege will include King George and all the foreign sovereigns on horse back and the queen mother and the royal ladies in carriages. The body will be received by the members of the House of Lords and the House of Commons, while the choir of Westminster Abbey and the chapel royal, and the band of the Coldstream Guards will take part in the musical services.

When the funeral procession starts on Friday, every tramcar in London will come to a standstill for a quarter of an hour. It is also proposed that all the public houses in London should be closed while the procession is passing.

The Queen Mother herself has been exceedingly busy since the death of the King. She has received great numbers of visitors, who have been privileged to enter the death chamber. These included besides most of the members of the cabinet and the leaders of the opposition many ambassadors and other officials connected with the court and prominent mortals who were the intimate friends of Edward VII.

Notes of Discard. A note of discord in the universal mourning comes from Dublin, where at a meeting of the corporation today seven members of the Sinn Fein Society voted against the lord mayor's resolution to send a message of sympathy and condolence to the Queen Mother and the royal family.

Erecting Stands. Hundreds of carpenters are already at work erecting stands along the route that will be followed by the funeral procession, and owners of frontages are preparing to make the most of their good positions. Twenty-five to fifty dollars is obtainable early for a single seat at points of vantage, while a small upper room with a couple of tiny windows overlooking the street is considered a bargain at \$500. On the most fashionable thoroughfares like Piccadilly from \$2,000 to \$3,000 is asked for the use of the single rooms.

Kaiser Leaves Wednesday. Berlin, May 12.—It was officially announced tonight that Emperor William would leave next Wednesday for London, arriving there on the following day. The date of his return after attending King Edward's funeral has not been made known.

Steel King's Tribut. Plymouth, May 12.—Andrew Carnegie, who arrived here today on the S. S. Adriatic, expressed deep regret at the death of King Edward. It was a great misfortune, he said, to the cause of peace throughout the world. The British people, however, he added, ought to congratulate themselves on having such a successful and King George, who was certain to maintain in a worthy manner his lofty position. Whenever he met him, the former Prince of Wales had always impressed him as taking a deep and sensible interest in public affairs. The Prince was specially solicitous for the welfare of the masses, while Queen Mary was noted not only for the extent of her work, but for extreme vigilance in management.

ALLAN LINE TO HAVE TWO FAST STEAMERS

Montreal Officials Confirm Report Of Construction Of 22-Knot Steamships For The St. Lawrence Route.

Special to The Standard. Montreal, May 12.—Representatives of the Allan Line, who are in this city tonight confirmed the cable despatches that the company had called for tenders for the construction of two steamers of about twenty thousand tons each. The new boats will be about seven hundred feet long and will have a sea speed between 21 and 22 knots each. This will enable them to land passengers in Chicago via Quebec in less than a week from the time of departure from Montreal, or as quickly as the Mauretania can land them in New York.

THE EMPEROR'S GIFT. Berlin, May 12.—Emperor William has presented Mr. Roosevelt with four water colors depicting the German military in action, and four books descriptive of the army and its operations.