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A MERRY CHRISTMAS

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When Mail Car Takes Fire by Explosion of Lamp.

A serious accident occurred shortly before 1 a.m. yesterday to the mail car of the express in charge of Conductor Penny, which left here at 6 p.m. Saturday. We learn from passengers who arrived here by the express last night. The express was proceeding along near Camp between Tickle Harbour and Long Harbour when suddenly one of the lamps in the mail car fell from the ceiling, exploded and scattered burning oil all over the compartment. The mails bags about with their contents, of course, furnished most inflammable material for the fire which soon enveloped the whole car. The train ran in on the siding and the burning mail car was quickly uncoupled and was burned to the trucks with practically all its contents in less than a half hour. When the accident occurred a fierce gale of N. W. wind blew and Mailman Cashman and Bagaeman Doody with the conductor and other train hands and passengers attempted to get out the mails, but the car in a few minutes was a seething furnace and only a couple of bags were secured. The mail officer had all his clothing destroyed in the fire. There was no water near but even if there was the train hands believe that the car could not be saved. Two safes which contained several thousands of dollars were removed from the burning car, rakes from the engine being used to grapple them and haul them out of the car. All the express packages shipped by the Reid Nid., to which must be value for several thousand dollars were destroyed together with the Christmas mail the largest and possibly the most important sent out for the season. Only the trucks of the car were left on the siding when the express resumed its run. There was no foreign parcel mail on the train this being despatched by the express yesterday while the American parcels went by the Stephano. The local parcels, however, numbered a great many and these were destroyed and will cause inconvenience and loss to a great many.

Change Island Notes.

A very pretty wedding was solemnized in St. Margaret's Church on Nov. 6th, by Rev. W. K. Pitcher, the contracting parties being Miss Hilda youngest daughter of Mr. George Chaffey, and Mr. Thomas Jones, of Earle, Sons & Co's employ, at Foggo. Hymn 551, "How welcome was the call," was sung by the choir, as the bride entered the Church, leaning on the arm of her uncle, Mr. Arthur Scammell. She looked charming, dressed in cream silk voile, and was attended by her cousins, Misses Netta Scammell and Janet Elliott, and by Miss Althea Jones, niece of the groom. Mr. Jones was ably supported by Messrs. Fred and Alfred Chaffey, brothers of the bride. At the conclusion of the ceremony, a large party passed down the aisle, Mendelssohn's Wedding March pealed out from the organ where Miss L. M. Earle presided. A wedding supper was served to a large number of friends at the bride's home and in the evening a dance was given for the young people, which was kept up till the wee sma' hours of the morning.

Miss Annie Barbour, of Newtown, who has been visiting Miss Roberts, returned home by the Fogota, Nov. 18th.

Mr. and Mrs. Anstey, of Twillingate, gave a concert, which was greatly appreciated by all, in the L.O.A. Hall on Nov. 22nd. It was repeated on the following Monday, in the S.F. Hall. Everyone enjoyed the entertainment given by the girls of St. Margaret's choir, on Nov. 26th, and the proceeds amounted to \$24, which is very good for the young ladies.

The fishery for the past season has been more than an average one, and the high price paid will put our fishermen in good position. The merchants here all the produce shipped to market, and are now preparing for the rush of Christmas. Earle, Sons & Co. are building a new store to meet the demand, and are increasing business. They hope to move in it by the spring.

Mr. W. F. Coaker, President of the F.P.U., arrived by motor boat on Saturday Dec. 15th, and left by Fogota on Monday.

On Wednesday, Dec. 11th, a very pretty wedding took place at St. Margaret's Church, when Mr. Adolphus Elliott led to the altar Miss Edith, eldest daughter of Mr. Thomas Scammell. The bride was very daintily attired in white silk, with veil and orange blossoms, and was attended by her sisters, Misses Lucy and Bertha, who looked pretty. Miss Lucy in blue and Miss Bertha in pink silk. The room was supported by Mr. Alex. Scammell, brother of the bride, and Mr. Roy Elliott. After the knot was tied, the happy couple returned to the home of the bride, where a reception was held. Mr. and Mrs. Elliott are leaving by Notre Dame for their future home, Botwood.

Mr. W. J. Torville and family left by the Ping Pong for their winter residence, at Gander Bay.

The Angel of Death visited our island on Friday, 13th, and called to her rest our eldest resident, Mrs. Freeman, aged 84 years. She leaves to mourn her five daughters, and a number of grand-children.

Mr. "Bob" Roberts arrived on Thursday, from St. John's, where he has been attending the Methodist College for the past two years. Mr. Roberts is leaving in January for "out West" to join his brother.

We are glad to see that our friends in the Tickle "mean business" this time, in building a superior school.

Had Rib Broken.

A woman named Field was knocked down by a passing team on Freshwater Road, Saturday night. The driver went on and rendered no assistance and the woman who suffered much pain was taken to her home near and attended by Dr. O'Connell who found that the woman had a rib broken. The police will try to locate the inhuman driver.

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| Tart Fruits in Glass. | Mince Meat. Custard Powders. |
| Bartlett Pears. Pineapples. | Cherries in Creme de Menth. |
| Grape Fruit. Maraschino Cherries. | Fruit Salad in Glass. |
| Pineapple in Maraschino. | Peaches and Pears in Brandy. |
| Purple and Green Grapes. | Dessert Apples. Bananas. |
| Florida Oranges. Tangerines. | Crystalized Ginger and Crystalized Cocoanut. |
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| Grand Marnier Cordon Rouge. | Creme de Cocoa Chouva. Russian Kummel. |
| Cherry Brandy. Creme de Menth. Maraschino. | Orange Curacao. D. O. M. Benedictine. |
| Cherry Whisky. Apricot Brandy. | Green and Yellow Chartreuse. |
| Blackberry Brandy. | Italian and French Vermouth. |
| Anisette, Extra Dry. | Koosh Bitters. Angostura Bitters. |
| Sloe Gin—"Pedlar". Kirschenwasser. | Martell's & Hennessy's Brandies. |
| 20 Year Old Liqueur Brandy. | 20 Year Old Medicinal Brandy. |
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A MERRY CHRISTMAS TO ALL.

Steamer Damaged AND SHORT OF COAL.

The tramp steamer Chester, Capt. Segebarth, put into port yesterday disabled and short of coal. She was 18 days out from Antwerp bound to New York in Water ballast. Shortly after leaving Antwerp strong head winds were experienced and the ship being light in ballast was rocked. All her badly; huge seas swept her decks and slight damage was sustained. On Thursday evening last during the night of the hurricane and blizzard the Chester's pressure cylinder, and main steam pipe gave out. The greatest care then had to be exercised in navigating the ship while temporary repairs were made to the machinery. Coal was beginning to run short and the captain decided to come to St. John's to replenish her supply. The Chester is a three-master, 2,568 tons gross and 1,837 tons net. All her working gear and funnel is situated aft. She is owned by the American Petroleum Company, Bowring Bros. are agents, Consul Cook supplying and the Reid Nid. repairing damages. Capt. Segebarth was here twenty-three years ago as chief officer on the S. S. LaFlandre which put in here in a battered condition.

Vessels Held Up.

The schr. Novalty was delayed from sailing on Saturday forenoon owing to three of the crew absencing themselves. Warrants were taken out for their arrest but the absentees could not be located. Capt. Benson signed orders in their places and the vessel sailed.

The S. S. Adventure, Capt. Couch, was ready to go to sea Saturday night but was held up by her firemen, who signed on and then refused to go, they wishing to remain ashore for the Christmas season. If other stokers can be secured in their places the deserters will be dealt with by the Magistrate.

The Fogota Here

The S. S. Fogota, Capt. B. Barbour, arrived here from the Northward at 8.30 last evening bringing a full cargo of 2,000 packages of fish, oil, etc. The ship had a stormy trip going north with gales from the N. and N. W., snow and intense frost. Thursday and that night the ship was at Foggo and one of the worst storms witnessed for years prevailed. Coming south the weather was more civil and all ports of call were made. The ship was short of coal yesterday morning and barely made Catalina after the bunkers had been swept out to keep up steam; this was owing to the rough weather which impeded her progress. She got a supply of coal at Catalina. She brought along 22 passengers including Capt. Blasho, Dr. Jamieson, Jesse Hann and several others in saloon.

Was He a Skeleton Before.

Cornell Student Fattens on 85c. Per Week—Eats no Meat.

Ithaca, N.Y., Dec. 5.—Raymond P. Sanford, of Ithaca, a freshman in the Cornell College of Agriculture, upon his own initiative, has undertaken an experiment in eating no meat, and the cost of sufficient food to keep the body in a normal healthy condition.

He is making the experiment upon himself, having begun on July 4, 1912, when he entered the summer school here. The average cost of his food since that time has been 85 cents per week.

"My present diet consists of skimmed milk, which I buy at 2 cents a quart; buttermilk at 3 cents a quart; stale bread, 3 cents a loaf; peanut butter, 10 pounds for \$1.50; ordinarily 20 cents a pound; raisins, three lbs. for 20 cents; lentils, 10 cents a pound; raw cabbage, onions, peppers, rice, oatmeal and what applies I can forage from the agricultural farms.

"I have consulted the professors of the home economics department of the agricultural college and they tell me my diet contains all that is necessary for sustenance, and that the actual cost of sufficient food to keep the body in a normal healthy condition."

Sanford is a strong, healthy young man, and is gaining in weight.

Bicycles in British Army.

Some 2,000 Wheels Used in Recent Manoeuvres—Found of Great Use.

The recent manoeuvres of the British army, conducted on a larger scale than ever before in times of peace, has brought to the notice of the general public, and the probability is that that vehicle will be given an important standing. With good roads, such as are found throughout England, the bicycle has demonstrated its reliability and utility. Some 3,500 of these cyclists were attached to the cavalry and the rapid movement of that large body was surprising to most people. It is conceded that the bicycle would be no substitute for horses in a battle charge, though the destruction possible with two or three thousand motor-cycles at full speed would certainly cause some confusion, especially if the riders were protected with steel shields. The direction of a cycle command would require specially trained officers; in fact, the French have had the subject under consideration for some time. A combination of motor-cycles and bicycles will not, it is likely be the final outcome, for one motor-cycle can tow four or five mounted bicycles over ordinarily good and level roads at a speed of fifteen or twenty miles an hour. For distance of say, up to thirty miles, a motor-bicycle regiment could be transferred to emergency points in far less time than by railway, even assuming that the railway were convenient for loading and unloading.—H. W. Windsor, Popular Mechanica Magazine.

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