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WAGES ARE CUT IN MORE MILLS

Many Operatives in New England Affected

Woodmen's Wages Reduced Almost 100 Per Cent. by Abitibi Company—Calls to Ottawa Government for Public Works.

North Adams, Mass., Dec. 16.—Notices were posted yesterday in the Hoosac Worsted Mills announcing a wage reduction to go into effect Monday. The mills are a unit in the Arlington mill system.

Providence, R. I., Dec. 16. — The Jenckes Spinning Co., said to be world's largest producer of tire fabrics, last night announced suspension of business in most departments until January 3. Employes were asked to turn in their [illegible] checks.

[illegible] & R. Knight, Inc., operating [illegible]teen cotton mills and bleacheries in [illegible]state and Massachusetts, yesterday announced a reduction of wages, effective next Monday. The amount was not given, but is understood to be 22½ per cent.

Northampton, Mass., Dec. 16.—The West Boylston mills of this town yesterday posted notices announcing a reduction in wages next week. The order affects about 8,000 employes.

Lawrence, Mass., Dec. 16.—A shutdown from December 24 to January 3, was announced last night by the Pacific mills, employing 7,800 operatives. Business conditions and semi-annual stock taking were given as the reasons.

In Canada.

Ottawa, Dec. 15.—A cut of almost 100 per cent. in woodsmen's wages is reported at the offices of P. H. Wright, local employment agent for the Abitibi Power and Pulp Company. Wages of $65 to $100 a month, with board, which had prevailed up till a week ago, have dropped to a level of from $45 to $60. The principal causes are a lowering in the price of lumber and the large number of men available. While there are many applicants for jobs as axemen, head logmakers, etc., only men with some previous experience in the bush are hired.

Woodstock, Ont., Dec. 16.—Milk powder plants and receiving stations throughout the country which shut down several months ago when the Canadian Milk Products Co. announced their intention of ceasing the manufacture of powdered milk until conditions improved, are re-opening. The factory at Burford has already resumed work, and the others will be in full swing soon. It is said the market for powdered milk has improved greatly.

Ottawa, Dec. 16.—(Canadian Press.)—Telegrams have been received at the premier's office from various sources, including one from Mayor Gale of Vancouver, asking the federal government to authorize the starting of some measure of public works to relieve unemployment. In all of these cases it is understood that the reply is being sent that the dominion government holds to the position it took in its interviews with the representatives of G. W. V. A. and other associations, which was to the effect that unemployment relief was first a matter for the municipalities and provinces to institute, and that the federal government would soon be in a position to announce what measures it was prepared to take in co-operation with the municipalities and provinces.

GET-TOGETHER IN AMHERST, N. S.

Enthusiastic Farmer - Labor Meeting Addressed by M. P. P.'s and Others.

Amherst, N. S., Dec. 16—An enthusiastic Farmer-Labor "get-together" meeting was held here last night in Labor Hall. It was addressed by six members of the Nova Scotia legislature, two defeated farmer candidates and other prominent agriculturists.

The principal speakers were the three Cumberland members, D. G. McKenzie, G. N. Allan and Archie Terris (Labor), Mr. Corning, M.P.P., Yarmouth, and Mr. Richardson, M.P.P., Cape Breton. Other speakers were Peter Brodie, M. P.P., Prince Edward Island; Dr. McIsaac of Antigonish; Hugh Dixon, the defeated farmer candidate in the Colchester by-election, and Mr. Gibson, a prominent P. E. I. agriculturist. Mr. C. D. Shipley of Amherst presided.

The speakers all sounded a note of enthusiasm at the success of the Farmer-Labor movement to date and urged the necessity of getting together in closer organizations if they were going to make a winning fight in the not far distant dominion election. They said the movement was a sign of the times and nothing could hold it back now. Equal rights to all with special privilege to none was their slogan, and with men in the lead who saw Canada first, and then their sectional and personal aims, they had one of the broadest platforms in existence. It was the duty of the farmers and the laboring men to lift politics out of the old rut to a new and higher level, and this could be done only through the education of the electorate. What Canada needed today was a more intelligent and honest electorate.

CHICAGO GRAIN MARKET.

Chicago, Dec. 16—Opening: Wheat—December, 1.66; March 1.59½. Corn—December, 69¾; May, 69. Oats—December, 44⅛; May, 47⅝.

Their Snow House Collapses; Boys Are Smothered

Montreal, Dec. 16—Romauld Bruneau and Angelo Chevror, 14 and 13 years of age respectively, of Ville St. Pierre, were last night smothered to death when a snow house in which they were playing collapsed, imprisoning them beneath it.

The lads had left their homes at nine o'clock and when they did not return their parents became anxious and set out to search for them. Bruneau's elder brother, while looking about a vacant lot near his home, saw a leg projecting from the snow and this led to the discovery of his brother's body.

Chief of Police Richer was notified, and a further search revealed the body of young Chevror.

NEW MOVE IN THE HOCKEY SITUATION

Independent Amateur League Formed at Amherst

Stretching the Rules About Amateurs—Talk of Independent Athletic Union for the Maritime Provinces.

Amherst, N. S., Dec. 16—With representatives present from Halifax, Moncton, New Glasgow, Sussex, Sackville, Charlottetown, and Amherst, what will be known as the Maritime Independent Amateur Hockey League was organized here yesterday afternoon and last evening, with teams entered from Amherst, Halifax, Moncton and New Glasgow. Sackville and Sussex withheld from the deni[illegible] character, and Charlottetown refused to enter owing to the long jump between places which would be beyond their financial means to carry out. The league will be conducted on an amateur basis, but not according to the amateur definition as laid down by the C. A. A. U., the almost unanimous opinion of the delegates present being that this definition was impossible to live up to, and in reality nothing more than a farce.

There will be no salaried men in the independent league, and no importations will be allowed, but a man will be paid for the time he loses from his regular occupation during trips away, which is not allowed under the C. A. A. U. ruling. The Halifax club entering the league was the Imperoyal Club, one of the largest amateur athletic associations in the maritime provinces.

The officials of the Independent Amateur Hockey League are:

President—P. A. Belliveau, Moncton. 1st. and 2nd. Vice-President—John Twaddle, Amherst, and Frank Brown, Moncton. Secretary H. Purcell, Halifax. Treasurer—Chester Gregory, New Glasgow.

A set of by-laws and a schedule were drawn up at the evening meeting. The first game will take place between Moncton and Imperoyal on January 4.

A very strong sentiment in favor of an independent amateur athletic union for the maritime provinces was expressed by representatives of the different clubs, it being held that the three provinces could run their own sport far better than Ontario and the west, which provinces dominated the athletic situation in the maritimes at the present time.

An independent maritime amateur athletic union, with a set of repulations that are really workable was the slogan of the meeting.

THE SENTENCES ARE AFFIRMED

Conviction in States for Fomenting Revolution in India.

Chicago, Dec. 16—The United States court of appeals today affirmed the three year sentences of Heramba Lal Gupta, George Paul Boehm, Albert A. Wehde and Gustav H. Jacobson, convicted of fomenting a revolution in India and organising a military expedition against England.

The men were tried before Judge Landis.

GOVERNMENT IS WINNING OUT IN CZECHO-SLOVAKIA

Paris, Dec. 16—Attempts which have been made by communists in Czecho-Slovakia to overthrow the government and seize power in that nation have failed entirely, according to the latest despatches to the French foreign office.

The Czecho-Slovakia government, it is declared, is emerging from the turmoil of the last fortnight in a strong position. The communists leaders have been imprisoned, the advices state, and the communist newspapers have been suppressed.

HISTORIC VIRGINIA HOME BURNED DOWN.

Newport News, Va., Dec. 16—"Lansdowne" the country home of Lord Dunmore, last colonial governor of Virginia, was totally destroyed by fire yesterday. It overlooked the York River, near Penniman, Va., and was said to have been built in 1778.

SERIOUS PROBLEM NOW IN BRITAIN

Unemployment Has Been Steadily Growing

Nearly Every Trade Affected —Halt Million Idle in "Middle Class" Occupations, Million in Labor Circles.

London, Dec. 16—Unemployment in Great Britain which has been steadily growing, has created a serious problem, which during the last few days has become more urgent owing to the advent of severe weather. There is general anxiety over the situation, as nearly every trade in the country is affected. Unemployment is common among clerks and middle class occupations as well as among manual labors, and official statistics show that about 500,000 are without occupation at present.

It is admitted, however, that this is far below the real figure, as there are many without work who have not been reported by officials or other organizations.

Labor circles declare the actual number of men out of employment is fully 1,000,000. Upon a majority of these there are dependents, and the total number of persons suffering from the present conditions is placed at from 3,000,000 to 4,000,000, a large proportion being former soldiers.

There is a general tendency on the part of trades unions and local authorities to rely upon the government to solve the problem, but in several places, municipalities and other organizations have begun improvement works, the cost of which will be paid out of local taxes. The national executive of the Labor Party yesterday passed a resolution declaring the "present scandal of innocent starving persons cannot be allowed to continue" and calling upon the government to maintain persons for whom no work is available. The government is asked to pay each man forty shillings a week and each woman twenty-five shillings with additional allowances for dependents. This, it is asserted, could be done for ten weeks for "the modest sum of five million pounds."

In the meantime the government is giving close attention to the problem, and Thomas J. MacNamara, minister of labor, announced yesterday a plan expected to provide work for fifty thousand men. They would be employed in the construction of buildings and the scheme will be submitted to the Building Trades Union on next Monday for final acceptance or rejection.

CATHOLIC CHURCH PREY OF FLAMES

Loss of $100,000 in Westboro —Priest Driven Back by Fire as He Tries to Reach Altar.

Worcester, Mass., Dec. 16.—St. Luke's Catholic church in Westboro was totally destroyed by fire of unknown origin early today, entailing a loss of $100,000. When the fire was first seen at two o'clock the interior was a mass of flames and aid was called from Worcester. The Unitarian church on the opposite side of the street was endangered. This building caught fire several times, but was saved.

Rev. John D. McGenn, pastor of St. Luke's, was awakened in the rectory by the dense smoke, and hurried into the church, scantily clad, in an effort to save the sacred vessels and vestments from the altar, but was driven out by the flames. The church organ, one of the finest in New England, crashed into the basement after a hot air explosion that shook the surrounding buildings.

The interior of the Unitarian church and the rectory of St. Luke's were badly damaged by water used in extinguishing fires which started on their outer walls. St. Luke's was erected in 1888.

CLOSING EVENTS IN CENTENARY OF ST. MARY'S

Halifax, Dec. 16.—The festivities in connection with the centenary celebration of St. Mary's Cathedral were brought to a close last night with a banquet in St. Mary's Society's hall. The guests were the local and visiting clergymen and the officers of the society.

Among the distinguished guests were Archbishop Petro Di Maria, of Ottawa, the papal delegates; Right Rev. Monsignor Lavelle, rector of St. Patrick's Cathedral, New York and Right Rev. Monsignor Roche of Boston, and Archbishop Roy, of Quebec. Archbishop McCarthy of Halifax, presided.

Earlier in the evening there was benediction in the cathedral, at which the papal delegate gave the papal blessing and an eloquent sermon was preached by Bishop Morrison of Antigonish.

FIFTY HAVE CLOSE CALL IN A FIRE IN SYDNEY MINES

North Sydney, N. S., Dec. 16.—Nearly fifty people narrowly escaped a horrible death when a three-story wooden building owned by John McLeod at Sydney mines was totally destroyed by fire just after last midnight. The fire spread rapidly through McLeod's store on the ground floor, and the tenements above where several families were sleeping. The building was valued at $15,000, and was insured for $7,000.

As Hiram Sees It

"Hiram," said the Times reporter to Mr. Hiram Hornbeam, "I have lost another friend. He stood in this office but last week and we talked of his boy at college. He entertained high hopes concerning the youth soon to be a man, doing a man's work in a world that is in need of men. Now the father has gone from the school of this world's experience, and they whom he comforted in their dark hour, through years of helpful human service, will mourn the passing of a friend. He was more than all the children's friend," insisting on the right of every child to a fair start in life. A child's misery, so out of place in God's world, moved him to pity. But pity dries no tears, and he sought ever to remove the cause. The tasks were too great, and he is broken on the wheel. I have faith to believe his work and that of others who were also faithful unto death will yet bear fruit worthy of their vision and their toil. They themselves would ask no other guerdon of their lives."

"Mister," said Hiram, "we all hev our faults, an' mebbe that man had his—but I wouldn't like to think of a world without sich men—no, sir. The older I git the more I see that orto be done to even things up so's all the boys and gals 'ud git a fair start. It's the biggest job we got—an' half the people don't know a thing about it. I won't say they don't care—but sometimes it looks like that—yes, sir."

OLYMPIC HAS 2,300 ON HER CHRISTMAS TRIP

Seven Hundred Refused — Ship Brings 5,000 Santa Claus Packages.

Southampton, Dec. 16.—The White Star liner Olympic sailed for New York yesterday carrying 5,000 Christmas mail packages and 2,800 passengers. The company was compelled to refuse 700 applications for berths.

HERE'S TROUBLE BROUGHT ON BY A FORTUNE TELLER

Quebec, Dec. 16—Two American tugs on their way from Clayton, N. Y., to New York, via Detroit and St. Lawrence River, will be obliged to winter in Quebec, the crew having gone on strike because, at Detroit, a fortune teller told the men that one of the boats would not be able to reach the end of their journey.

British Parliament

London, Dec. 16.—(Canadian Associated Press)—The government is not likely to reintroduce at the present time the health bill which was rejects yesterday by the House of Lords and probably will not proceed with it at all without much alteration.

The House of Lords yesterday took the agricultural bill in committee and the House of Commons held a vigorous debate on the supplementary estimates of forty million pounds sterling for the army, criticism being specially directed to the cost of the Mesopotamian and Persian operations. The vote was, however, carried.

EXCHANGE TODAY.

New York, Dec. 16—Sterling exchange firm. Demand 3.48¾; cables, 3.49½; Canadian dollars 14⅞ per cent discount.

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WEATHER REPORT

Issued by authority of the Department of Marine and Fisheries, R. F. Stupart, director of meteorological service.

Synopsis—The disturbance which was centered over northern Ontario yesterday is moving slowly northward near James Bay and the other which was over the Bay of Fundy has disappeared. The weather is rather unsettled from the Great Lakes eastward, and fair in the western provinces.

Partly Fair.

Maritime—Moderate to fresh south and southwest winds; local falls of snow or rain, but partly fair today and on Friday, with stationary or slightly lower temperature.

Bulf and North Shore—Moderate to fresh winds, cloudy with light local snowfalls today and on Friday.

New England—Cloudy tonight and on Friday; little change in temperature; fresh to strong southwest winds.

Toronto, Dec. 16.—Temperatures:

	8 a.m.	Highest during Yesterday	Lowest night.
Prince Rupert	28	36	28
Victoria	38	44	36
Kamloops	28	32	24
Calgary	18	42	26
Edmonton	14	32	14
Prince Albert	22	26	16
Winnipeg	12	20	10
White River	12	26	10
Sault Ste. Marie	26	30	26
Toronto	28	35	28
Kingston	34	38	32
Ottawa	30	28	30
Montreal	30	38	30
Quebec	0	32	0
St. John, N. B.	32	44	32
Halifax	36	44	34
St. John's, Nfld.	30	32	26
Detroit	26	32	26
New York	34	44	32

England Stirred Over Future of The Navy

Lively Controversy Over Value of Battleships—What Britain and United States Are Building—"The House that Jack Built."

London, Dec. 16.—Questions put to the government show the deep interest that has arisen rather suddenly in the future of the British navy. Great Britain is building six destroyers and nine submarines, while the United States is building sixty-six destroyers and fifty-three submarines.

Lively controversy is raging in the newspapers on the value of battleships. The experiences of the war, and particularly in the battle of Jutland, have proved, it is held, that revolutionary changes of design are necessary, and some experts of high standing declare that it would be foolish to build any more b t leships at all in these days of air fig ting and submarines.

Vice-Admiral Sir Percy Scott has come out in support of the late Lord Fisher's "scrap the lot." He writes: "What is the use of the battleship? I cannot answer it, and I cannot get an answer from anyone yet. I am wrong. I did get one answer from a midshipman; he said: 'They are no damned good at all.'"

The case for the battleship is humorously put in the London Times, by an anonymous naval officer, who writes: "The capital ship is a ship that sinks the enemy's capital ship that protects the cruisers that sink the cruisers which protect the destroyers that sink the submarines that attack the merchant ships that bring the food that feeds the people who build the ships that transport the army that defends the house that Jack built—the British empire."

IRISH MATTERS IN HOUSE TODAY

Black and Tans Withdrawn From Cork

deValera Reported on Way to Ireland — British Labor Party Plans Campaign for Peace in Ireland.

London, Dec. 16—Amendments to the Irish home rule bill made in the House of Lords during the last two weeks were ready for consideration by the house of commons when it met today.

After the bill had been sent to the upper house and that body was found bent on making material alterations in the measures, intimations were given that any amendments made by the lords would be struck out by the commons, but there appeared to be sentiment in some quarters in favor of going as far as possible to meet any objections which developed during the debate of the bill by the house of lords.

There seemed to be a probability that the reappearance of the home rule bill might be made an occasion for a debate on the Irish situation generally. Liberal members of the commons have asserted that acquiescence by parliament should be secured before the government puts into operation such a serious measure as declaring martial law over a large section of Ireland.

Withdrawal of "Black and Tan" units from Cork has been completed, but the military commission investigating the origin of the fires in that city Saturday night and Sunday has not as yet made public its conclusions. Major-General Sir Edward Strikland is head of the commission and it seems the work of arriving at a verdict has been more difficult than was at first expected.

Eamonn De Valera, who bears the title of "President of the Irish Republic," is rumored to be on his way to Ireland from America, where he has been for nearly eighteen months. Tacit permission for his return to Ireland is understood to have been given by Premier Lloyd George in a letter to Rev. Michael O'Flanagan, acting president of the Sinn Fein.

NATIONAL CAMPAIGN TO BRING PEACE.

Discussion of a truce in Ireland, pending a settlement of difficulties there, is declared to be proceeding, but there is no indication that the negotiations have reached a definite stage. The British labor party has been called into conference for December 29, at which time it is planned to start a national campaign to bring about peace in Ireland.

Lloyd George yesterday sent a reply to a recent request by Rev. Michael O'Flanagan that time be accorded in which to consult with Eamonn De Valera and Arthur Griffith, founder of the Sinn Fein and now under arrest, respecting the endeavors being made to bring about a truce in Ireland. The premier informed Father O'Flanagan that facilities would be afforded him for seeing Arthur Griffith.

Regarding De Valera, the premier wrote: "The ordinary methods of communication with America are fully open to you."

Shooting of Canon Magner.

Dublin, Dec. 16—An official report today from Dublin Castle, on the shooting of Canon Magner, parish priest of Dunmanway, County Cork, says the priest, and the son of a farmer named Growary, were shot by a cadet, who is under arrest. The cadet is reported to be insane, says the official statement.

A London despatch of Wednesday, telling of the killing of Canon Magner, said that two civilians had been killed at the same time.

REPORT ON BUILDING WORK IN DOMINION

Toronto, Dec. 16.—Construction contracts awarded in all the cities, towns, villages and rural districts throughout Canada during November, 1920, according to figures compiled by MacLean Daily Reports, Limited, totalled $15,369,200, a decrease of $2,770,300, compared with the totals in the previous month. The total for the eleven months of 1920 was $246,859,000, an increase of $95,728,000, in comparison with the total in the corresponding period last year.

FARMERS' STORE IN AMHERST PLANNED

Amherst, N. S. Dec. 16—At a special meeting of the farmers of the Amherst district yesterday afternoon, it was unanimously decided to open a Farmers Co-operative Retail store in Amherst. Committees were appointed to solicit stockholders and see the present People's Co-operative Store about a scheme of amalgamation. In the event of the union not being effected, a site will be chosen and an opposition store established.

ADMIT WOMEN TO DIRECTORATE

Important Change to Constitution of United Farmers of Ontario.

Toronto, Dec. 16—At the seventh annual convention of the United Farmers of Ontario, which opened here yesterday, an important change was made in the constitution. The change was to permit of women being elected to the board of directors. Henceforth each federal electoral district will appoint both a male and female member of the board, instead of only male members, as has been the case.

One of the most interesting features of the business, from the standpoint of the delegates themselves, was the discussion and vote on the question of a reduction in the number of delegates to the conventions.

The present convention is composed of 2,400 delegates, made up by the appointment of one delegate for each twenty members in the provincial clubs. A resolution to reduce the number to one delegate for each fifty members was defeated at one stage, then voted upon again and carried.

The change was made owing to the increased cost of railway tolls, the delegates' transportation expenses being paid by the organization.

AT LAST IN PORT

The West Wauneke Towed to Boston After Many Difficulties.

Boston, Dec. 16.—The U. S. shipping board steamer West Wauneke, which for ten days had struggled against heavy seas with her engines dead, was brought here last night by the coast guard cutters Ossipee and Androscoggin.

The steamer left Antwerp on Nov. 19 for Baltimore. On Dec. 5 her fuel oil supply gave out. She was towed several hundred miles by the steamers Collingsworth and East Indian and the Ossipee finished the job, assisted on the last lap by the Androscoggin.

PROMINENT MEN OF C. P. R. IN CITY

Grant Hall, vice-president of the C. P. R. arrived in the city today in his private car Mount Royal, which was attached to the Boston train. He was accompanied by F. L. Wanklyn, general executive assistant, of Montreal, and J. H. Walsh, general manager of the Quebec Central Railway. Mr. Hall said that their visit was to inspect the terminals at West St. John and also other parts of the New Brunswick district. They will return to Montreal this evening.

A. Price, general manager of the C. P. R., arrived in the city this morning in his private car, which was attached to the Montreal train. He is here on an inspection trip.

MESSRS. BALLANTYNE AND McCURDY IN HALIFAX

Halifax, N. S., Dec. 16.—Hon. C. C. Ballantyne, minister of marine and Hon. F. B. McCurdy, minister of public works, arrived in the city today from Ottawa and will attend the launching of the S. S. Canadian Explorer at the Halifax Shipyards. Saturday. They will also welcome the Canadian naval flotilla, due at Halifax next Tuesday.

Attempt To Wreck Maritime Express?

Quebec, Dec. 16—The C. N. R. maritime express from Halifax, due at Levis at 2 p. m., was two hours late yesterday, having been held up near Montmagny, owing to beams being placed across the track. It is thought the obstructions were placed on the rails to wreck the train. The police are investigating.

SIX NEW MEMBERS OF NATIONS LEAGUE

Canadians Take Part in the Proceedings

Rowell's Resolution Expressing Hope That Wilson Can Save Armenia—His Stand Relative to Baltic and Caucasus States.

Geneva, Dec. 16.—Four new nations were made members of the League of Nations by the assembly of the League here today. They were Bulgaria, Costa Rica, Finland and Luxemburg. France and Australia abstained from voting when the admission of Bulgaria was before the assembly for decision. Austria was elected yesterday and China took Greece's place.

Rene Viviani, the head of the French delegation, declared today that it had no objection to Bulgaria as a member, but preferred not to vote in view of the incompleteness of the information given it regarding Bulgaria's fitness.

Thirty-five states voted affirmatively when the balloting took place, and Australia joined France in not recording her vote.

The committee reported unfavorably on the application of Armenia, Estnonia, [illegible]tvia and Georgia. It failed to recommend the admission of Ar[illegible]nia because authority over the entire territory of that nation was not being exercised by the government. The hope was expressed that Armenia might be admitted at an early date.

Canada, Switzerland, Sweden, Peru, Uruguay, Venezulea, Portugal and Salvador voted for her admission, but the votes of twenty-one other states were recorded against her.

The assembly passed a resolution presented by N. W. Rowell, of Canada, expressing the hope that President Wilson's efforts would result in the saving of Armenia and the establishment of a stable goverment so that she might be admitted to the league in the not far disant future.

I was learned today that during the consideration of the admission of Baltic and Caucasus states to the league by the committee, Mr. Rowell, served notice that Canada, as a Pacific ocean power, took a special interest in the question raised by the proposed relations between the league and the states carved out of the former Russian empire.

Although the Baltic states had the full sympathy of Canada she asserted the situation in Russia might change, and the league might find itself faced by a new government claiming access to the sea, in which event the league would incur grave responsibility.

EARTHQUAKE, "A SMASHER," WAS RECORDED TODAY

Unusually Severe Disturbance Somewhere Indicated by Instruments in States.

Washington, Dec. 16—An unusually severe earthquake, estimated to be 2,800 miles distant from Washington, was recorded early today on the seismograph at Georgetown University. The recording of the shock began at 7.25 a. m., the maximum intensity was reached at 8.07 a. m. and it still was in progress at 9.05 a. m.

The disturbance was described by Rev. Father Francis A. Tondorff, director of the Georgetown seismogogical observatory as the worst recorded here in years. He said the estimate of the distance was difficult to calculate.

Cambridge, Mass., Dec. 16—An earthquake that was termed a smasher was registered on instruments at the Harvard University seismographis station today. The gong in the station that is rung by a shock was started before 8 o'clock and the seismograph was still recording shocks of unusual intensity two hours later. There is so far no indication of the scene of the shocks.

Chicago, Dec. 16—An earthquake, the severest recorded here in two years, is registered on the seismograph at Chicago University.

The centre of the disturbance was estimated at 3,080 miles from Chicago. The quake apparently is centered in the Atlantic ocean.

Halifax, N. S., Dec. 16.—(By Canadian Press)—The series of quakes recorded at Dalhousie University, between the hours of seven and nine o'clock this morning, were considerably heavier than anything previously recorded here, including the Halifax explosion, according to Dr. J. H. L. Johnson, director of the seismograph observatory. He expressed the opinion that the disturbance was centered to the south of Halifax.

MASKED ROBBER STAGES HOLD-UP NEAR HALIFAX

Halifax, N. S., Dec. 16—A highwayman, with mask, a revolver and all, last evening held up Harry Hamilton, a negro, driving home along the St. Margaret's Bay road, and relieved him of his cash in hand—$6.80. County constables are searching for the bandit.