

FAST ATLANTIC SERVICE UP TO GOVERNMENT

Sir Montague Allan Declares That Company Is Prepared To Furnish Boats If Government Will Do The Rest.

THE PRESIDENT LEAVES FOR ABROAD

Special to The Standard. Montreal, Dec. 6.—That the near future will see important developments in the Canadian passenger steamship service across the Atlantic was made manifest today when Sir Montague Allan, who returned from England this morning, stated that when the company's mail contract with the Government expired in 1911 he hoped the Government would be prepared to call for a 21-knot service which would allow them to compete with the fastest boats from New York. The Atlantic Line was prepared to furnish these steamers.

Sir Thomas Shaughnessy. The second development was the departure of Sir Thomas Shaughnessy for New York, from where he sails on Wednesday for England. He will enjoy a short rest at some Mediterranean watering place and will then return to England, where he will meet other officers of the company and it is understood will take up the matter of placing faster boats on the Atlantic. Those who adhere in spite of the denials of the parties, that there is some understanding between the Allan and the C. P. R. had this impression strengthened from the fact that amongst those who came down to see Sir Thomas off was Sir Montague Allan, who arrived at the last moment and had a few words of conversation with the C. P. R. President, terminating the interview by handing him a document of some sort.

The third and perhaps the most interesting was the announcement that the Canadian Northern Railway had purchased the steamers Cairo and Heliopolis. They are twenty knot boats which have been in service on the Mediterranean between Marseilles and Alexandria. They have been on the market for some time and it is understood that they will have some alterations made and will be placed on the Montreal-Liverpool service. This is considered as being only a beginning for the Canadian Northern.

PORTLAND CARRIED BY REPUBLICANS

Seven Of The Nine Wards Swept By Republican Ticket—Chas. A. Strout Elected Mayor.

Portland, Me., Dec. 6.—The Republicans carried their tickets in seven of the nine wards in the city election today, electing Chas. A. Strout, well-known attorney at law, as mayor of the city, also seven of the nine aldermen and 21 of the 27 councilmen. Mr. Strout defeated Oakley C. Curtis, the Democratic nominee with a plurality of 951 according to official returns, the vote being 5,201 to 4,250.

POVERTY AND PRIDE IN SNEAK MYSTERY

What Miss Virginia Wardlaw Said Upon Engaging House—Police Scent Clue In Reference To Bath Tub.

New York, N. Y., Dec. 6.—"Poverty and family pride have been the reason for it all," said Franklin Fort, Jr., today, in defense of his client, Miss Virginia Wardlaw, who is held at East Orange, N. J., charged with the murder of her niece, Mrs. Osey W. N. Sneed. "You can get some idea of the force pride of these southern women, when I tell you that from last Tuesday till Saturday, Miss Wardlaw's sister and mother lived on loaves of bread until help was forced on them. When I found that John Wardlaw, Princeton, 77, was Miss Wardlaw's brother, she implored me in her cell not to seek help from his friends. "Don't," she begged, "let it be known that a sister of John Wardlaw was sent to jail accused of a crime." "Mrs. Henry S. Kane told the police today that Miss Wardlaw called at her house in answer to an advertisement and inquired about the terms of the rent and whether the house had a good sized bathtub. She wished to move in at night and insisted that none of the Kane family should visit the house after she had been given possession. The police think this information significant in view of the fact that Mrs. Sneed's body was found in a half filled bathtub. Nothing further has yet been learned of the whereabouts of Fletcher Sneed, the missing husband of Mrs. Martin, Miss Wardlaw's sister, and the mother of Mrs. Sneed.

MORE TROUBLE BREWING FOR PHOENIX COMPANIES

As result Of Finds Made By Superintendent Hochkiss, President Of Phoenix Insurance Co. May Be Prosecuted.

SHELDON REMOVED FROM OFFICE YESTERDAY

New York, N. Y., Dec. 6.—The Phoenix Insurance Company of Brooklyn is under investigation for irregularities which it is believed have impaired its surplus at least \$1,000,000 and have resulted in conditions which Superintendent Hochkiss of the State Insurance department laid before the State attorney today for possible criminal action. It is charged that the president has overdrawn his salary; that he had unpledged doubtful securities to the company and that he has used the company's assets as collateral to secure his own personal speculative accounts. Nor do the directors escape their share of censure. In a formal statement issued tonight Mr. Hochkiss says he does not believe the capital of the company is impaired and that thus far there is no evidence that its securities are not intact, but he admits that the present investigation is still uncompleted. George Sheldon, a member of the national board of fire underwriters, one of the best known insurance men in the country, has been president of the Phoenix since 1887 and it is charged that under his administration the annual reports of the company made to the insurance department during at least the last ten years and probably longer are false in more than one particular.

Once in Three Years. Under the present law the insurance department is required to examine all life insurance companies at least once in every three years, but until the present investigation, Mr. Hochkiss says that Phoenix has not been examined for nearly twenty-two years or since Mr. Sheldon became president. The insurance department finds that questionable securities originally sold to the company by Mr. Sheldon four years after year passed through "wash sales" by which they have been concealed in the annual report. Special accounts have been maintained by President Sheldon, according to Mr. Hochkiss, in at least one brokerage house and the assets of the Phoenix have been put up as collateral to cover his operations. For some years the president's salary account has been overdrawn and is now paid up in full to October 1, 1910. During the past seventeen years, it is charged that members of the State Insurance Department, whose duty it was to supervise the company, have accepted collateral loans from it, made to them by President Sheldon in amounts varying from \$40,000 to \$100,000.

In my judgment," said Mr. Hochkiss, "the size of the examining forces should be so increased that all insurance corporations, other than life insurance companies, should be examined at least once in every five years." The Phoenix Insurance Company of Brooklyn is incorporated for \$1,500,000 and is credited with a surplus of \$1,010,453. The directors are George P. Sheldon, Frank J. Logan, William J. Logan, John Cartledge, George M. Hays, Edward C. Converse, George Ingraham, Benedict J. Greenbut, and Charles F. Coster.

It was announced tonight that at a meeting of the Board of Directors held today President Sheldon was removed from office and that instead, E. W. T. Gray, former auditor of the Continental Insurance Company was elected president.

COALITION OF LABOR IMPROVE

Special to The Standard. Ottawa, Ont., Dec. 6.—The November issue of the Labor Gazette notes that a still further increase in general trade and industrial activity occurred in Canada during October. Labor was still more actively employed than in September, especially in the outdoor trades, in anticipation of the closing of the season of activity. Railway construction work, building and civic improvement work were especially active, and larger numbers were employed than in any previous month of the season. The threshing and marketing of the great crop proceeded rapidly causing market activity in the agricultural and transportation branches. The very favorable agricultural yields and the high prices obtaining therefrom, imparted a wide spread stimulus to the manufacturing and general trade. An advance in the interest rate bore testimony to the increasing demand for money. The lumbering and mining industries both reported more favorable conditions than in the preceding month.

UNPOPULAR DECISION. Memphis, Tenn., Dec. 6.—Abe Attell, champion featherweight fighter of the world, was forced to exert the utmost to gain a decision over Charlie White of Chicago in an eight-round contest before the Phoenix A. C. here tonight. The decision was unpopular.

MARITIME WINTER FAIR WINNIPEG IS NAMED FOR CONVENTION

His Excellency Declares That It Is Incumbent Upon Canadians To Make The Fair More Attractive As The Primal Foundation Upon Which The Hope Of The Nation Rests.

PROGRESSIVE POLICY OF NEW BRUNSWICK'S GOVERNMENT IN ADVANCING AGRICULTURE WITHIN THE PROVINCE ELOQUENTLY OUTLINED BY DR. LANDRY—NEW BRUNSWICK LEADS IN EXHIBITS SHOWN.

Special to The Standard. Amherst, N. S., Dec. 6.—The town of Amherst presented a gala appearance today, flags flying from every available flagstaff. The occasion was the opening of the ninth Maritime Winter Fair. The fair gives promise of being the most successful in the history of this great educational exhibition. The entries in all classes far surpass those of former years. This is especially true with poultry in which department alone there are over one thousand entries and the judges declare that the collection of birds is the finest ever shown in the Maritime Provinces.

An Attractive Feature. The fruit exhibit put in by the Government of New Brunswick under the management of S. L. Peters forms one of the most attractive features of the fair. There are exhibits from all the counties except Northumberland and Madawaska, and it is no exaggeration to state that the fruit specimens shown at the fair with perhaps a limited selection from Hants County, N. S. These were responded to by Hon. Dr. Landry, minister of agriculture for New Brunswick. He replied to the address of welcome in a singularly bappy speech. He outlined briefly the policy that the Government of New Brunswick was pursuing with regard to agriculture. He feared that in the past this industry had been somewhat neglected, but it was his ambition not only to have New Brunswick on a level with her sister provinces but to carry back the assurance to the west-ern members claim, will represent the voting power of Canada within fifteen years.

The recommendation will have to be ratified by caucus, which may not act finally upon it until after Christmas. After the time and place are decided the caucus will deal with the basis of organization and constitution of the convention. Another member, Henry Hodder, a fellow countryman of the unfortunate man who met his death, climbed up the furnace to the hopper but the gas was so thick he could not see anything. As soon as the air was clear enough Hodder jumped into the coke bell of the hopper and lifted the unfortunate man out to the platform and gave him help. Two other men climbed up to his assistance and carried the limp form of their comrade below. Costello, it was quickly ascertained, was beyond human assistance. The brave rescuers who at the risk of his own life had gone to the assistance of his fellow workman, was himself so overcome with the gas that he could not for a considerable time afterwards recollect what has actually occurred.

The coroner's jury rendered a verdict of asphyxiation by gas and passed a vote commending the heroic work of Henry Hodder, and the coroner submitted that he deserved the humane medal for risking his own life to save that of another. The Second Accident. The second accident was that where in Sylvania Broughton, a native of Lincolnshire, England, and who has been in the employ of the Dominion Iron and Steel Company constantly since the turning of the first sod for the construction of the plant, first as stableman during the construction period, and since as gatekeeper. For the past two years he has tended the gates during the night shift at the coke oven section of the plant, and it was while he was on his way to work between 5 and 6 o'clock this afternoon that he was struck by the big locomotive of the Coal Co.'s outgoing train. He was instantly killed and inquest will be held tomorrow morning.

The deceased was the oldest servant in the Steel Company's employ, and was a general favorite at the works. He was never known to be late for duty, and never lost a day from work. He was 65 years of age and leaves a widow and fourteen children.

ROSALIND REPORTED OFF ST. JOHN'S HARBOR

Red Cross Liner, Six Days Out Of Halifax For St. Johns, Reported By Wireless—S. S. Colonia Safe.

St. Johns, N. F., Dec. 6.—Fears for the safety of the Red Cross liner Rosalind, bound for St. Johns from New York, via Halifax, were dismissed tonight when the vessel, reported by wireless from Cape Race to be five miles off this port, hidden in the dense fog.

CAPITAL HAS DAD BLAZE

Special to The Standard. Fredericton, N. B., Dec. 6.—The only fire of any size which has taken place here for many months occurred tonight in the Cameron brick block, Queen street, in the very heart of the business section of the city. The fire started in the dark room of the ping pong photo studio, conducted by W. V. Jones on the second floor of the building and was discovered by passers-by who noticed smoke coming from the windows of the upper story. When the fire department arrived the flames had made considerable headway, but after three quarters of an hour work the firemen sounded the "all out" signal at 9.30 p. m. The damage to the building from fire was slight but water and smoke caused between \$500 and \$1,000 damage in the photo studio and on the lower floor. Al Delmont of Boston defeated "Big" McKay of Cleveland in the last round of a 12-round bout at Boston last night.

TWO DEATHS BY ACCIDENT AT STEEL PLANT

James Costello Overcome With Gas Is Asphyxiated At Top Of No. 1 Furnace—Sylvanus Broughton Killed By Train.

HEROIC ATTEMPT IS MADE AT RESCUE

Sydney, N. S., Dec. 6.—Two horrible accidents occurred in the city this evening and two homes have been plunged into the deepest sorrow in both instances the families being bereft of husband and father. The charge became overcome by one hundred feet from the ground. The man was overcome by gas and so met his death. His duty as topman was to support the dumping of the charge of ore, coke and limestone into the hopper of the furnace. Every fifteen minutes it is necessary to ascertain how much material is in the furnace. The charge became stopped and it is then that the topman has to climb up a perpendicular ladder some eight or nine feet to the top of the furnace where he manipulates the mechanism which operates the charge in the hopper.

At the extreme top of the gas escape and the character of this gas is particularly deadly. Costello evidently inhaled of these fumes and fell into the hopper below, where he was working. Another man, Henry Hodder, a fellow countryman of the unfortunate man who met his death, climbed up the furnace to the hopper but the gas was so thick he could not see anything. As soon as the air was clear enough Hodder jumped into the coke bell of the hopper and lifted the unfortunate man out to the platform and gave him help. Two other men climbed up to his assistance and carried the limp form of their comrade below. Costello, it was quickly ascertained, was beyond human assistance. The brave rescuers who at the risk of his own life had gone to the assistance of his fellow workman, was himself so overcome with the gas that he could not for a considerable time afterwards recollect what has actually occurred.

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OPENING OF U.S. CONGRESS

Washington, D. C., Dec. 6.—The two houses of congress convened today for the first regular session of the sixty-first congress, but the day's proceedings were in great part, of a social nature, and practically no business was transacted. Brief as was the Senate's thirteen minutes session, it was enlivened by an unsuccessful effort by Senator Bailey to defeat the passage of the usual resolution that the daily sessions begin at noon, his suggestion being that the Senate should convene at 2 o'clock. Mr. Bailey said he would like to see the Senate hold night sessions so that Senators might devote the day to individual business. No objection was offered when a similar resolution was introduced in the house and a joint committee was named by both houses to wait upon the President and to inform him that Congress was in session and ready for any business he might wish to lay before it. The President's response will constitute his annual message, the reading of which will consume practically all of tomorrow's sessions of the two houses.

TROUBLES OF A PRINCE.

Budapest, Dec. 6.—According to the newspaper Hirap, a syndicate of creditors is suing Prince Miguel of Braganza, who married Miss Anita McKay of New York, at Tullock Castle, Dingwall, Scotland, September 15 last, for \$1,000,000.

RECORD CITIZEN MAJORITY OF GOVERNMENT

House Stood 78 To 56 On Last Night's Motion To Adjourn The Lowest Since 1896—Aylesworth Wrathful.

BUDGET TO COME NEXT TUESDAY

Ottawa, Ont., Dec. 6.—That delightful man, Mr. Aylesworth, grows on one. He has the finest brand of back bench ferocity which the House has seen in the front seats for many long days. Mr. Oliver was querulous when he first became a minister, and would be peevish with a Conservative who asked him the time of day across the floor of the House, but responsibility and experience have mellowed him, and it is now an almost courteous minister of the interior who satisfies opposition curiosity. But Mr. Aylesworth's comic truculence goes on unlessered from one session even unto another. It is partly the amusingly savage things he says and partly the amusingly intense way in which he boils them forth. The House is not a petty sessions jury. Mr. Aylesworth has never fully grasped that fact.

Mr. King Objects. Continuing the debate this evening on Mr. Guthrie's motion, Mr. King cited the constitutional objection urged Mr. Guthrie to withdraw the resolution and to move the adjournment of the debate. The Department of Labor, he said, is collecting the information.

Mr. Borden at once protested. He contended Mr. King's eloquent appeal for industrial education with his conclusion. Mr. Guthrie's resolution would have been a lame and impotent conclusion to so strong a speech as the minister had made. He had expected that Mr. King would move an amendment to ask for definite and prompt action on the constitutional aspect of the motion. The Department of Labor could spend its money as it chose and it already did a good deal of work in education. He concluded by declaring his sympathy with Mr. Guthrie's motion and his readiness to support definite action at once.

After several additional speeches Mr. King's motion to adjourn the debate was put to the house. The opposition insisted on a vote and opposed it. The division was called in a thin house. To add to the discomfort of the Government three Liberal members who had spoken in favor of the resolution could not bring themselves to vote in opposition to their speeches, and bolted. They were Mr. Guthrie, the mover of the resolution, Mr. Fowke and Mr. Verville. Mr. Ralph Smith was not in the house and Dr. Morley Currie voted for the adjournment. The vote stood 78 to 56, giving the Government a majority of only 22—the lowest since 1896. The house adjourned at 11.35 p. m.

Today Mr. W. R. Smyth brought up the subject of the sending of Dominion police to look after the interests of the Laurier Government in the bush plots of Algoma. Mr. Aylesworth explained that three policemen went to the West and eight to east Algoma, none being sent to Thunder Bay and Rainy River or Nipissing. Question and answers then ran as follows:— Upon whose request and by what representations were such police sent into the ridings and for what purpose? Continued on page 3.

SITUATION IN ENGLAND QUIET

London, Dec. 6.—The London political situation was rather quiet today presenting no new or striking features. The Liberal leaders are still conspicuous by their silence in regard to the election campaign. Winston Spencer Churchill, president of the Board of Trade, who thus far has been the most active on the Liberal side, made another speech at Manchester tonight. He pointed out that the imposition of a tariff would exclude imports which the Manchester Canal was built to encourage, he instanced the quintupled value of the land in the vicinity since the canal was built, as a justification for placing the increment tax in the budget.

TO ASK FOR DISMISSAL OF FAMOUS ORDER

Washington, D. C., Dec. 6.—Before the Supreme Court of the United States tomorrow, attorneys for the American Federation of Labor will ask that the original anti-boycott injunction issued by Judge Gould in the now famous Bucks Store and Range Company case be dismissed. Samuel Compers, John Mitchell and Frank Morrison, the officers of the Federation who are now under sentence for contempt of court for violating the injunction are also parties to the appeal.