

ANOTHER ARREST ON ARSON CHARGE

Sensation at Amherst Caused by Apprehension of Charles Allen for Crime Committed in 1909.

Burning of Fine School Building Believed to Have Been Result of Sectional Feud.

Special to The Standard. Amherst, N. S., Dec. 21.—Another sensation was sprung upon the Cumberland public tonight by the arrest of Charles Allen of Port Greville, charged with setting fire to the school building in that place on the tenth of September, 1909.

NEW MEMBERS OF COMMISSION



DR. B. H. MEYER.

Wisconsin University Professor Goes to Inter-State Commerce Board—Once More Complete Body.

SUCCESS FOR BARGE CREW

Steamer North Star Passes Line to Drifting Craft But Is Parted In Gale—Stands By For Assistance.

Boston, Dec. 21.—In a wireless dispatch received tonight, the steamer North Star, New York for Portland, which at noon picked up the missing Consolidation Coal Company barge No. 15, reports having entered heavy gale, and the parting on two different occasions of the hawser by which the barge was being towed to Portland.

BENEVOLENT POLICY OF CHARLOTTE FIRM

Ganong Brothers Distribute \$3,000 Among Employees For Faithful Service—540 Boxes To Prov. Hospital.

Special to The Standard. St. Stephen, N. B., Dec. 21.—Ganong Bros. will this week distribute among their employees their special annual bonus for faithful services.

300 LIVES SUFFLED OUT IN ENGLISH COLLIERY

Second Great Mining Disaster of the Year Occurs Near Bolton—Entombed by Mysterious Explosion and All Thought to be Dead—Rescuers Abandon Hope.

Forty Bodies Found at Bottom of Shaft—Lifting Machinery Disabled and Rescuing Parties Were Delayed—Bishop of Manchester Conducts Impressive Service at Pit Mouth.

Bolton, Eng., Dec. 21.—More than 300 colliers lost their lives today in an explosion in the Little Hulton colliery which is located a short distance outside the city. The explosion occurred early in the morning, soon after the miners had entered the pit to begin work.

Some Hope Entertained. Late tonight the colliery fans were started again and the air was found to be fairly good. Arrangements were then made for relays of rescuers to go into the mine every three hours throughout the night.

No Cause Assigned. No explanation is given as to the cause of the explosion, which completely wrecked the mine. This is the second great mining disaster in England this year, an explosion having occurred in the Wellington colliery at White Haven, Cumberland, on May 12, in which 126 miners were killed.

HATTIE LEBLANC IS WELCOMED

Fisher Folk Abandon Nets For The Day And Literally Greet Returned Wanderer With Open Arms.

Special to The Standard. Halifax, Dec. 21.—There was great rejoicing in the little Cape Breton fishing hamlet of West Arichat today, when Hattie LeBlanc, the young Cape Breton girl, who was acquitted on the charge of murdering Clarence F. Glover, arrived back to the scenes of her childhood after a year in prison.

MURDER VERDICT IN 15 MINUTES

New York, Dec. 21.—It took just fifteen minutes today for a jury to find Charles Swinton, alias "Charlie Phillips," guilty of murder in the first degree. The whole case occupied but seven hours.

SCHOONER ASHORE

Rockland, Dec. 21.—The 166 ton schooner Alice P. Turner, of New London, Conn., went ashore today at Stonington, near the entrance to Swinton harbor, and was being towed by a tug.

EX-ALDERMAN TO BE RELEASED ON PARDON

Boston, Dec. 21.—Governor Eben S. Draper today signed the pardon of Former Alderman George H. Batts, who has been in prison since June 3, 1909, serving a three year term for the larceny of \$524 from the city of Boston.

AMHERST LIGHT

Amherst, N. S., Dec. 21.—At a meeting of the citizens held last night to hear the report of a special electrical engineer employed by the council to consider the future lighting of the town, it was unanimously recommended that the council enter into a ten year contract with the Maritime Coal Railway and Power Co. for the lighting of streets and public buildings.

AGAIN DISREGARD FARMERS' WISHES

Government Decides in Favor of Elevator Control by Commission Rather Than Direct Ownership.

Shift of Trade Commissioner to Argentina Gives St. John Man Step Upward.

Special to The Standard. Ottawa, Ont., Dec. 21.—The government has decided to turn down the request of the Grain Growers for the government ownership of terminal elevators.

SUE DUVEENS FOR \$600,000

U. S. Government Takes Action To Recover Proper Amount Of Certain Duties—Many Millionaires Affected.

New York, N. Y., Dec. 21.—The federal government filed nine complaints here today against Duveen Brothers, the international art dealers, in a series of civil forfeiture suits aggregating approximately \$600,000.

TRITES AGAIN ELUDES POLICE

Boston Youth With Record Proves Slippery Customer—Death Of Edward Hickson—Account Of Wedding.

Moncton, Dec. 21.—Trites, the Boston youth, who stole the horse, wagon, gun and other articles from the different parties in Moncton and vicinity some weeks ago, again escaped from Moncton lockup this evening, by prying off a bar in his cell and crawling through a very small hole.

SPIES ON TRIAL IN GERMANY

Leipzig, Germany, Dec. 21.—The trial of the British officers, Captain Trench, of the Royal Marines, and Lieut. Brandon, of the Royal Navy, who are charged by the German authorities with espionage upon the fortifications at Arkum was begun in the Imperial Court today.

CLAIMS ROOSEVELT OWES THE RAILWAYS

Washington, Dec. 21.—A determined fight will be made by Representative Rainey of Illinois, one of the Democratic leaders to bring the question of former President Roosevelt's travelling expenses squarely before congress.

OUTCOME OF STRIKE ORDER UNCERTAIN

Springfield, Mass., Dec. 21.—Although a strike of the Union men employed by the Adams Express Company in New England, who seek shorter hours and more pay, has been officially declared by F. G. Thayer, president of the New England division of the Railroad Expressmen's Union, to go into effect at six o'clock tomorrow morning, there is tonight much speculation as to what the outcome will be.

RELEASING ON BAIL

Boston, Dec. 21.—Treasurer John T. Traphagen was released later today on furnishing bail in the sum of \$3,000 the same bond formerly required of Rev. N. K. Plassa and Charles H. Brooks.

BODY IDENTIFIED

Montreal, Dec. 21.—A long distance telephone message from Jarvis, Ont., announced that Inspector Rodgers, of the Ontario Police, tonight arrested John McSorley in connection with the finding of the body in a barrel here today.

Eastern Securities Co., Ltd. INVESTMENT BANKERS. INVESTORS rarely have the opportunity of securing a BOND with a DOUBLE LIABILITY on the COMMON STOCK.

EASTERN S.S. CO. Reliable and Popular Route BETWEEN ST. JOHN AND BOSTON. Fares: St. John to Boston \$3.50, St. John to Portland \$3.00, State Rooms \$1.00.

Steel Steamship CALVIN AUSTIN. Complete, Wireless Telegraph Equipment. Leave St. John Thursdays at 9.00 a.m.

PICKFORD & BLACK LINE. ST. JOHN, N. B., TO DEMERARA. S. S. Oruro sails Dec. 11 for Bermuda, Montserrat, St. Lucia, St. Vincent, Barbados, Trinidad, Demerara.

MANCHESTER LINERS. From Manchester Dec. 10, Nov. 26, Dec. 3, Dec. 17, Dec. 24, Dec. 31.

HAVANA DIRECT. S.S. Benedick, sailing Dec. 15. Steamer January 15. And Monthly Thereafter.

N. B. Southern Railway. On and after SUNDAY, October 9, 1910, trains will run daily, Sunday excepted.

Furness Line. From London Dec. 26, Nov. 8, Nov. 19, Dec. 6, Dec. 20, Dec. 27, Dec. 31.

DOMINION ATLANTIC RAILWAY. S. S. Prince Rupert leaves Rennie Point Wharf daily at 7.45 a.m., connecting at Digby with trains east and west.

Ideal Vacation AT Low Cost \$70 - \$95. By fast class steamers "BORNU" and "SOKOTO" of Elder, Dempster Line.

SHIPPING MAIL

RAILROADS TO FRONT IN MARKET

New York, Dec. 21.—The course of today's stock market was governed largely by the meetings of the Lehigh Valley and Reading directors. In the case of the former, it had been generally believed that some action on the dividend would be taken, but such surprise was manifested when announcement was made in the early afternoon, that Lehigh common shares had been placed on a ten per cent. basis.

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CARRIAGE FACTORIES, LTD.

6 p. c. First Mortgage Bonds Due April 1st, 1940. Interest Payable April 1st, Oct. 1st. The \$500,000 bonds of this company are secured by assets and earnings much more than sufficient for the requirements of this issue.

J. C. MACKINTOSH & CO.

ESTABLISHED 1873. HOWARD P. ROBINSON, Mgr. Telephone, Maine—2329. Members of Montreal Stock Exchange. Direct Private Wires. 111 Prince Wm. Street, St. John, N. B.

Over \$2,000,000 in Profits HAS BEEN ALLOTTED IN 1910 TO POLICYHOLDERS BY THE CANADA LIFE

The increase in SURPLUS for 1910 amounted to \$1,200,000, the greatest gain in the Company's history. The large increase in surplus each year is the best evidence that Canada Life Policies will continue to be profitable.

JARVIS & WHITTAKER, General Agents, 74 Prince Wm. St.

The Union Bank of Canada

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING.

The Forty-Sixth Annual General Meeting of Shareholders of the Union Bank of Canada was held at the Banking House, in Quebec, on Saturday, December 17th, 1910. There were present—Hon. John Sharples, Messrs. Wm. Price, M.P., Wm. Shaw, Capt. Carter, C.M., Turnbull, John Shaw, A. J. Scott, E. J. Hill, J. G. Bennett, G. H. Balfour, H. E. Shaw, N. Kironac, T. C. Aylwin, H. Veasey, Arch. Laurie, F. E. Gilmore, E. R. Code, and Billings.

MONTREAL Morning Sales.

Table with columns: Commodity, Price. Includes Bell Telephone, Canadian Pacific Railway, Cement, etc.

LIST OF VESSELS IN PORT.

Table with columns: Vessel Name, Type, Agent. Includes Almore, Hesperian, Monarch, etc.

REPORTS AND DISASTERS.

London, Dec. 19.—A telegram received from Barbados, states that bark St. Croix, Matison, from Buenos Ayres, Oct. 28, from Philadelphia, has put in there leaky and with captain sick.

Shipping Notes.

Steamer Governor Cobb will leave Boston next Saturday for Key West, Florida, to go on the Havana route during the winter. Several St. John men are on board the steamer.

VESSLS BOUND TO ST. JOHN.

Table with columns: Vessel Name, Origin, Destination, Date. Includes Monmouth, Sardinian, Lakonia, etc.

THE WEATHER.

MARITIME:—Strong winds and moderate gales northerly to westerly turning decidedly colder. Local snow falls at first then clearing.

Table with 2 columns: Location and Temperature (Min., Max.). Rows include Winnipeg, Port Arthur, Parry Sound, Ottawa, Quebec, St. John, Halifax, and Below.

AROUND THE CITY

Police Called In. Yesterday morning Policeman Semple was called into Hugh Bush's house in the North End to eject a man who was not wanted there.

E. Dawson Wins Pipe. At the drawing held by No. 1 Wellington Hose Company, last evening, ticket No. 1903, held by E. Dawson, of St. James street, won the prize of a fine calabash pipe.

Meeting for Men. There will be a grand Christmas meeting for men in the Unique theatre on Sunday evening at 8:30 under the Y. M. C. A. auspices.

Teamster Hurt. Winslow Hutchinson, teamster, was thrown from his wagon while driving on Charlotte street about 10:30 o'clock yesterday morning.

Two Arrests For Assault. John Mullin was given in charge to the police last night for beating his wife in their house on Queen street.

Partridge Island School. School inspector William McLean visited the school on Partridge Island yesterday in the course of his inspection duty.

The Landsowne Busy. The government steamer Landsowne will leave today for Point Lepreau to replace a buoy there which has been out of place for several days.

Heavy Travel. The Boston Express was about forty minutes late in arriving last night. The cars were all snowed up and showed that there has been quite a snow storm west.

Anti-Tuberculosis. A meeting of the executive of the Society for the Prevention of Tuberculosis was held in their new quarters yesterday afternoon.

Change of Business. Geo. J. Barrett, who for the past few years has conducted The Maritime Phonograph Co. and Gasoline Engine business, is selling out.

Pratice Boys' Officers. The annual meeting of Union Jack Lodge, P. A. B. No. 55, was held in their rooms Simonda street last night and there was a large attendance.

True Blue Lodge Officers. True Blue Lodge No. 11, L. O. A. last evening elected the following officers: Worshipful master, Wm. J. Smith; deputy master, Thos. Ferguson; chaplain, Wm. Williams; recording secretary, N. P. McLeod; financial secretary, R. J. Anderson; treasurer, Geo. A. Kirkpatrick; lecturer, W. A. Cunningham; deputy lecturer, Joseph Taylor; D. C. S. Ferguson, P.M.; committee, Ezekiel McLeod, P. M., foreman, John Maxwell, James Jack, John Rose and Edwin Tippett; inside tiler, David Maxwell; outside tiler, Fred Campbell. The installation of officers was conducted by Neil J. Morrison, grand secretary.

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REV. W. R. ROBINSON VINDICATED; CHURCH EXPELS DEFAMERS

Report of Committee Exonerating Ludlow Street Pastor Unanimously Adopted, While Vote for Expulsion of Girls Responsible for Circulation of Scandal Stood 106 to 5.

At a meeting of the Ludlow street Baptist church, last evening, Rev. W. R. Robinson, concerning whose conduct there have been stories in circulation which have been the subject of investigation by the deacons, was unanimously exonerated.

The section of the report exonerating the pastor was adopted by an unanimous vote, while the resolution that the names of Misses Ethel and Jessie Crossley be dropped from the church membership was adopted by a vote of 106 to 5.

First Serious Accident of Winter Port. Scandal - Skull Fractured in Fall Down Hatch.

George Peer, a longshoreman residing in Prince street, West End, met with injuries at Sand Point yesterday afternoon, which it was feared at a late hour last evening would result fatally.

It is thought that he struck on his head, as when he was picked up he was unconscious and on examination it was found that the base of his skull was fractured.

GOVERNMENT WILLING TO MAINTAIN SEWERS

Mayor Frink Receives Word from Ottawa That This Will be Done in Exchange for Foreshore Rights.

Mayor Frink received a communication from Ottawa yesterday, notifying him that the federal government would undertake to maintain the sewers running into Courtenay Bay.

The matter of the transfer is now in shape for submission to the council, and will probably be dealt with at its next regular meeting.

on record as having the utmost confidence in him as a Christian gentleman, and a true minister of Jesus Christ.

Further, we find that Miss Ethel Crossley and Miss Jessie Crossley, in giving circulation to these reports, have not lived up to their church covenant by absents themselves from the meetings of the church, leaving the vestry while the pastor was speaking, and doing all in their power to hinder his work in connection with the cause of Christ in this place.

RULING DOES NOT REDUCE FISH PRICES

The announcement that the railway commission had ordered a reduction in the freight rate on haddock from Digby to St. John, from 20 cents per hundred to 8 cents per hundred for car lots and 11 cents for smaller lots, created the opinion that this would result in a reduction in the price of the fish on this market.

The hopes of householders who had seen in the reduction a possibility of decrease in the cost of one item of food are consequently blighted.

PERSONAL

Gordon McInyre and Robt Johnson, students at McGill University, arrived on the Montreal express yesterday to spend their vacation in this city.

Miss Daisy Sears, of the Montreal Hospital, has been ordered to remain in St. John for a month convalescing after her recent attack of diphtheria.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred J. Lewis, of West Side, will leave this morning on a brief visit to Boston and New York where they will spend the Christmas holidays with friends.

His Lordship Bishop Casey, accompanied by Rev. Father Porlier, of St. Martin's, and Rev. Father McMurray, of Woodstock, arrived in the city on the Boston express last night from Harvey Station.

Invited to Coronation. Hon. J. D. Hazen has received a letter from Earl Grey conveying an invitation from the Right Honourable L. Harcourt, secretary for the colonial government to attend the coronation ceremonies and festivities in connection with the Coronation of King George V. which will take place on June 22, 1911.

Advertisement for Painless Dentistry. Teeth filled or extracted free of pain by the celebrated "HALE METHOD." All branches of dental work done in the most skillful manner. Boston Dental Parlors, 527 Main St., Tel. 653. DR. J. D. WAHNER, Proprietor.

OUR LAST CHRISTMAS At These Stores Here's a Christmas Bargain Present for our Customers APPLIQUE PILLOW SHAMS regular \$5.00, quality. Sale price - 17 1-2c. each. F. R. Patterson & Co. Cor Duke & Charlotte Sts.

Some Pretty Boots For Women \$4.00 a pair



Women's Patent Colt Button, Black Cloth Top, Goodyear Welt, Made on the Latest High Top Low Vamp Last, Cuban Heel. The Same Boot with Dull Kid Top.



Women's Cadet Calf, Blucher Cut, Lacod Boots, Best American Make, Newest Shaped Lasts, Low Cut Vamps, Goodyear Welt, New Cuban Heel. The same Boot in Button.

WATERBURY & RISING, King Street, Mill Street, Union Street. Three Stores

Specials For Christmas Pineapples, Bananas, Grape Fruit, Tangerine Oranges, Navel Oranges, Spy Apples, Sweet Cider. Order From The Willett Fruit Co. Ltd. Wholesale Fruits, ST. JOHN, N. B.

Let Us Do Your Christmas Engraving. We engrave on all kinds of metal. Brass Initials Supplied, New Designs in Greeting Cards, Calendars, etc. Printing Carefully Done. C. H. Flewelling, 85 1-2 Prince William Street

Fireplace Fittings. We have a wonderfully attractive stock of Brass and Black Fenders, Fire Irons, Fire Sets, Fire Screens. Nothing will improve the appearance of a room more than a nice looking fireplace. W. H. Thorne & Co., Limited, Market Square and King Street, St. John, N. B.

Here is a Saving. We are offering you a chance to save a dollar or two just now, and at the same time get an overcoat for the boy or man of your family. The overcoats we have in stock are all new and up to date, but we have cut the price of every coat in stock so as to give you a chance to buy something in this particular line at a substantial saving during the Xmas season.

Sleds and Framers. We have a large stock of Sleds and Framers of all styles and sizes. Toboggans \$1.50 to \$8.50 each. EMERSON & FISHER, Ltd., 25 Germain St.

Christmas Gifts for Men and Boys in Clothing and Furnishings Depts. All M. R. A. Stores Open Evenings Until 10 o'clock. NECKTIES, new goods never displayed until today. FANCY BORDERED HEMSTITCHED HANDKERCHIEFS, each, 50c. to \$1.00. HALF HOSE, CASHMERE, new colors and fancy stripes, pair, 35c. to 75c. FINE SILK HALF HOSE, plain colors and fancy stripes, gift boxes special value lot, per pair, 75c. Other qualities up to \$1.65 pair. GLOVES, unlined, in all reliable makes. Kid, Cape, Suede, and Reindeer, pair, \$1 to \$4.00. Fleece wool lined kid, Cape and Mocha, 90c. to \$1.75. Reindeer, Fleece wool and seamless knitted linings, pair, \$1.50 to \$4. Mocha and Reindeer, fur lined, pair, \$2.50 to \$5.75. Grey Buck, fleecy wool and blue fur lined, pair \$2 to \$3.75.