

## FATAL EXPLOSION NEAR BERLIN

## WILLIE TO PAY VISIT TO EX-KAISER

Will Likely Try to Reconcile Their Differences.

VISIT PLANNED FOR JAN. 26

Ex-Kaiser Will be Sixty Seven on That Date.

(Special cable to The Daily Mail by the British United Press.)

Doorn, Holland, Jan. 18.—The former German Crown Prince plans to visit his father, ex-Kaiser Wilhelm, here on the occasion of Wilhelm's 67th birthday Jan. 26th, it was learned today.

This meeting will partake of the nature of a reconciliation between father and son, it is believed, for relations between them have been reported strained ever since the Prince made his spectacular trip from his Holland exile to his estates in Oels, Germany. Since that time there has been no visit between them.

## SAYS HOME LIFE WILL END BY YEAR 1976

Liverpool, Jan. 18.—That years hence home life will have disappeared and people will virtually live in restaurants and hotels is the prediction of Prof. A. M. Low, well known as a scientist.

The professor prophesies that in 1976 present-day types of ships will be replaced by giant hydroplanes which will skim along the surface of the water at terrific speed. Passengers wishing to cross the Atlantic will use air-planes and keep in touch with their homes by wireless.

Regarding clothes, the professor is of the belief that 50 years from now cotton, silk and wool textiles will be replaced by cheaper and more durable forms of vegetable fibre. The wardrobes of women will not be so large as now "because women, being by that time almost civilized, will not be swayed by every passing wave of fashion."

Prof. Low also sees an era of ugly factories built underground. There will be no more chimneys belching forth smoke, and factory hands will be better educated, as all the rough work then will be done by machinery.

## A DEAF MAN WAS RUN OVER BY A TRAIN

Moncton, Jan. 17.—Sydney Baker, 35, candy-maker in Bidens, Limited, here, a native of Amherst, was cut to pieces in the Canadian National Railway yard at 5.20 this afternoon when he was run over by a shunter. Baker, who was stone deaf, was walking through the yard at the time, presumably being on the way to Bidens' factory. The wheels of a box car passed over the man's body cutting him in two.

Switchman M. Bourgeois, seeing the man's peril, attempted to reach him in time to avert the catastrophe but failed by a few seconds.

Mr. Baker was married and his widow resides at Fenwick, N. S. He had been employed with Bidens here since May, last, having previously worked in the United States for five years and also in Amherst.

An inquest will be held tomorrow.

## DENIED HE WAS CAUSE OF DEATH OF YORK CO. GIRL

Dr. Edmunds on Stand at Bangor in Own Behalf.

DEFENSE HAS RESTED CASE

The Doctor Admitted He Had a Call From Miss Stairs.

Bangor, Me., Jan. 17.—Dr. Charles D. Edmunds, wealthy Bangor physician, on an indictment for murder by causing the death of Miss Anna Vivian Stairs, 20, of South Waterville, N. B., by an illegal operation on Jan. 14, 1925, made a general denial of the charges Saturday afternoon. The defence rested at adjournment, and it is now expected that the case will reach the jury Monday.

Dr. Edmunds said that Miss Stairs visited his office about Jan. 1, 1925, and wanted an examination. No operation of any kind was performed. On Jan. 13, she called with Edward Gilbert, whom Miss Stairs later declared was responsible for her condition. Dr. Edmunds said the girl had a note signed by "Mrs. Gilberts," requesting an operation. He made an examination and told the girl to go home and see a physician, that he would not operate. He said that the next day the girl and Gilbert called again and urged an operation. He consulted with them and again refused any operation.

On cross-examination Dr. Edmunds denied that he gave the girl any pills or anything else or took any of her money except \$3 for a office call. He denied absolutely performing any operation. Asked if the girl operated upon herself, Dr. Edmunds replied "I certainly think she did."

Much medical testimony has been presented by both sides in contention of the question as to whether the condition of the girl as shown by the autopsy with a virulent development of gas bacillus could have been possible in the elapsed time. Witnesses for the State including Dr. McGrath, of Boston, have declared it possible while defence witnesses have considered it doubtful.

## TELEPHONE RECEIVER FOR DEAFNESS

Chicago, Jan. 16.—A tiny telephone receiver, weighing only half an ounce and fitting into the outer ear, an artificial larynx, and an audiometer for measuring hearing were described today by Paul B. Findley of the Bell Telephone Laboratories of New York, to members of the Electric Club here.

For severe cases of deafness, the speaker explained a two-stage amplifier is provided. A microphone picks up the speech. The artificial larynx, he said, was a device that would artificially produce and feed into the throat and mouth sounds which were molded into syllables and words.

## His First Court Here.

Mr. Justice Byrne of Bathurst, judge of the King's Bench Division is to preside here Tuesday at the York sittings of that division. This will be his first court here since elevation to the bench and will be marked. The suit of Coleman vs Monahan is expected to be in the docket also the case of Munro vs Pinder Lumber and Milling Co. for new trial.

Mr. R. B. Hanson K. C. M. P., who spent the week end at his home here returns to Ottawa this evening.

## England's Seven Lean Years of Depression Drawing to a Close

The Army of Unemployed Has Steadily Decreased—Strong Belief That the Gain Will be Maintained—The Coal Situation is Not Encouraging—Big Profits Derived From Rubber Sold to the United States.

(Special to the Daily Mail by the British United Press)

LONDON, Jan. 18.—England's "Seven lean years" of postwar depression are ending, if unemployment statistics are a criterion. On August 31 last the army of unemployed numbered 1,354,100, but by December 21, this figure had been decreased to 1,102,400, and it was expected to be well under the 1,110,000 mark with publication of the January figures. An official of the ministry of labor told the United Press today that he deemed it a good omen that approximately 250,000 more persons found employment during the last four months of the year just closed. Statisticians of the ministry admitted they could not predict whether the bible prophecy of seven full years following seven lean ones would be fulfilled, but they felt confident that the gains would be largely maintained, and that 1926 would show further improvement of the labor situation.

## Less are Unemployed

In any event England started the new year with 17,000 more persons employed than at the start of 1925, and with 231,000 more than on January 1st, 1924. "This shows cotton, textile, leather and other industries are all working on nearly full time schedules," said an official of the labor ministry. Orders on hand should keep them busy until spring, before which time it is hoped, large additional orders will have been received.

## The Shipping Industry

The shipping industry throughout the year experienced an exceedingly severe slump but there were indications at the close of the year that the coming months might see an improvement. Barring unforeseen developments the outlook for 1926 is on the whole decidedly favorable.

## Coal Situation Gloomy

The coal situation however is gloomy. The subsidy granted to prevent a strike last year at a time when 300,000 miners were out of work, will expire in April. This subsidy has cost England \$50,000,000 and may cost another \$50,000,000 or \$75,000,000.

"Unless the government commission now working on the problem of cheaper production of coal finds satisfactory solution England may be faced again in April either by a giant strike or a lockout. On the other hand with rubber at \$1 or more a pound and tin at \$1,435 a ton compared with \$795 in 1922 business is reaping a great harvest from these sources. It is estimated that the profits on rubber sold to the United States would be sufficient if prices were maintained to pay off Britain's debt to America in four years.

## TABBY CATS SLEEP ON COW

Wainfleet, Ont., Jan. 18.—There are no lions to lie down with the lambs in this part of the world, but there are two yellow tabby cats that go to sleep on the comfortable broad back of a Jersey cow every night on the farm of Raymond Swayze, R. R. No. 1, Wainfleet. Frequently they alternate on twelve-hour shifts; one prowls, while the other stands guard over the food supply. And the cow, which is a shade lighter than its feline friends, seems to enjoy the attention.

## DENTAL CLINIC PERFORMED VERY VALUABLE WORK

Report Prepared by Dr. W. H. Steeves—Many Extractions Were Necessary—Valued Aid Received.

Dr. H. H. Steeves, chairman of the Dental Clinic conducted in connection with the Victoria Hospital, has prepared a report of the activities of the clinic from July 6th to December 31.

The report states that in the period 1915 children including some from Marysville were examined. Operations number 117 classified as follows:—70 chloroform cases, 40 local cases, 40 fillings.

Fifty-eight extractions and twelve fillings were sent to city dentists being able to pay for services.

Thanks are tendered to the Hospital Board for placing two rooms at the disposal of the dental clinic also to the Regent, Anagwakade, Victor Hatheway and Sir Howard Douglas Chapter I. O. D. E. and Golden Rule Circle of the King's Daughters.

Miss K. Stewart was a member of the clinic staff.

## U. S. WOMAN CAME TO LIFE

Clarke's Harbor, Cape Sable Island, N. S., Jan. 17.—Mrs. Amasa Ross, 80 years old, and totally blind who was pronounced dead Thursday after a long illness, "returned to life" while being prepared for burial by the undertaker, according to advices reaching here today. It was stated tonight that Mrs. Ross was again at the point of death. News of her death had been published in provincial newspapers.

H. M. Mullen of St. Stephen is in the city today.

A. M. Fuller of Moncton is in the city today.

## STORM SWEEPS SOUTHERN PART OF ENGLAND

A Two Foot Fall of Snow Has Been Reported.

BIG THAW IN LONDON

Fears That the Thames May Go on the Rampage.

(Special to the DAILY MAIL by the British United Press)

London, Jan. 18.—While southern coast of England was lashed by one of the worst blizzards in years with a downfall of two feet or more of snow, a thaw set in around London today, causing fears for a renewal of the recent floods.

The Thames controversy board warned lock keepers and others to take the utmost precautions. At many places, roads are blocked with a heavy overnight snow. Brighton reports the fall there had been the heaviest in 30 years.

## ST. DUNSTAN'S PARISH SHOWS BALANCE

A Financial Statement Presented to Congregation on Sunday by Very Rev. Dean Carney, V. G.

The twenty-fourth annual statement of receipts and disbursements of St. Dunstan's Parish was presented to congregation by Very Rev. Dean Carney, V. G. on Sunday.

The statement was as follows:—

Receipts.  
From Special Sources .....\$1,490.62  
From Ordinary Sources ..... 7,157.49  
From Rentals ..... 880.00

Total receipts for 1925 .....\$9,528.11

Disbursements.  
Special .....\$3,450.43  
Ordinary ..... 4,064.49  
Sanctuary Purposes ..... 218.07  
Sundry Expenses ..... 867.25

Total Disbursements for year 1925 ..... 8,600.24

Balance on hand, December 31, 1925 .....\$927.87

Statistics.

Statistics of the parish are as follows:—families, 305; parishioners including 121 students, 1,519; communicants 1,332; number of communists, 27,371; number of confessions, 11,303; sick calls, 129; visits to sick 433; baptisms, infants 27, adults 2; marriages, 5; deaths 17.

Summary of Missionary Efforts.

Foreign Missions .....\$ 455.98  
Home Missions, Collections .....\$944.00  
Mass Stipends ..... 411.00

Total .....\$1,810.98

## DULL IN THE SPUD MARKET

Houlton, Jan. 17.—A rather dull week in the Aroostook potato mart closed Saturday with a weak market and prices sagging to \$6 and \$6.25 a barrel, or \$3.35 a hundredweight cash at loading stations for Green Mountains No. 1's. Sales continued particularly small and those who own large holdings of table stock appeared to be waiting for a later and expected better market. Shipments held up all week around 160 carloads a day. The weather is favorable for handling.

## NINE LIVES LOST IN AN EXPLOSION

Benzine Tank in a Tenement Building Blew Up.

PEOPLE HURLED FROM BEDS

Nine are Reported Dead and Thirty Three Injured.

(Special to the DAILY MAIL by the British United Press)

Berlin, Jan. 18.—An explosion early today of a benzine tank in a corner store of a four story tenement building in the Moabit suburb hurled tenants from their beds with the force of an earthquake. Up to noon nine were reported dead and thirty-three injured. Of the latter thirteen were in a grave condition. Besides these casualties a number of persons were reported missing.

## SOME TROUBLE OVER ESTATE OF H. D. YERXA

Shediac, Jan. 17.—Word has been received from Cambridge, Mass., that family differences have arisen over the settlement of the \$335,000 estate of the late Henry D. Yerxa, of Boston a native of York county. Judge Chas. W. Harris, of the Middlesex County Probate Court, has granted a petition brought by Mrs. Marion S. Barnard of Brookline, Mass., for the removal of her brother, Herbert E. Yerxa, as trustee of the estate of their father. The court appointed Arthur Snyder, of Boston, to replace Herbert Yerxa, and the First National Bank of that city trustee to succeed the late Sarah Yerxa.

Mrs. Barnard set forth in her petition that her brother's health had become impaired and that he was no longer fit to administer the estate.

Mrs. Helen Youngman, wife of State Treasurer Youngman, and a daughter of the late Henry Yerxa, contested Mrs. Barnard's petition and may appeal from Judge Harris' decision to the Supreme Court.

Henry D. Yerxa left York County when young, having little money. He entered the grocery business as delivery boy, and died a member of the firm of Cobb, Bates & Yerxa, for years one of the largest wholesale and retail grocery houses on the North American continent.

## BIG SEIZURE OF CHAMPAGNE AT LORNEVILLE

Saint John, Jan. 18.—Officers of the Inland Revenue seized 136 cases of champagne on the Bay of Fundy coast near Lorneville on Thursday afternoon. As a result of a message that liquor was being unloaded from a schooner the officers were despatched by car to a cove off the Manawagonish road at a point opposite Taylor's Island.

On their arrival they found that the champagne had been taken from the schooner and piled on the beach evidently to await the coming of trucks to take it away. The vessel which brought it had disappeared and there was no one about the spot.

The officers secured a truck and the champagne was brought to Saint John where it is being held in bond. No arrests have been made in connection with the seizure.

The officers who made the seizure were Messrs. Nice, Wright and Armstrong.