

CITY RECOVERS QUICKLY FROM SUNDAY STORM

Wire and Service Trouble Is Eliminated Rapidly Here.

The storm of yesterday left its trace in this city only slightly today. Slushy street conditions, some congested sewers, delayed freight and passenger service on the railroads, and boats tied up in the harbor, caused inconvenience.

On the New Haven road, which today is bearing towards Bridgeport thousands of passengers in excess of the regular quota, trains, on an average, were half an hour late.

While railroading was accomplished under hazy conditions yesterday, repairs of wires have brought some communication into this city and it is hoped soon to resume normal traffic.

The trolley lines were operating slowly to normal today. There was practically no interruption yesterday other than that caused by falling trees in Fairfield and on the Stratfield line yesterday these were soon removed by the street cleaners.

In the harbor, no serious consequences were noted, almost all shipping having reached port before the snow began yesterday. One house boat, warped to the Mohawk Yacht club, broke from her mooring yesterday and was in danger of being stove against the Stratford avenue bridge yesterday but was saved by the presence of many pedestrians who made the boat fast when mooring lines were thrown to them.

The telegraph and telephone companies suffered slightly in their toll line service but not locally. The Telephone Co. reports the loss of 40 lines up-state which are being restored quickly. A few of the Postal and Western Union Telegraph lines were blown down but they also are being repaired.

High tide today caused water to back up in several sewers in the low lying sections of the city, but little damage was caused.

Official Views of World's War FRENCH

Paris, Dec. 27.—The following statement was issued this afternoon at the war office: "There were no events of importance last night except in Lorraine, where our artillery bombarded the positions of the enemy in the vicinity of Bloncourt and Grémecy, southwest of Chateau Salins."

WALTER STAPLETON III. Walter Stapleton, former fire commissioner, is ill at his home, 58 Sanford avenue, with rheumatism.

DEED. CHURCH.—In this city, December 27, 1915, at the home of his mother, Mrs. Anna M. Hawley Church, No. 749 Wood avenue, Howard S. Church, aged 17 years.

HINDERER.—In this city, Dec. 25, 1915, Mary Frances Hinderer, widow of Henry F. Hinderer, aged 71 years. Friends are invited to attend the funeral at her late home, No. 65 Vernon St., on Tuesday, 28th at 3:30 o'clock p. m. Burial in Lakeview cemetery.

HAWLEY.—In this city, Dec. 26, 1915, Catherine I. Keane, Dec. 26, 1915, Friends are invited to attend the funeral from her late residence, on Wednesday, Dec. 29, at 9 a. m. and from St. Rose's church, Newtown, at 10 a. m. Interment at St. Rose's cemetery, 727 b.

SMITH.—In this city, Dec. 25, 1915, Margaret Porter, wife of the late John Glover Smith, of Stratford, aged 84 years. Funeral service will be held private at the residence of her daughter, Mrs. Philip L. Holzer, No. 1071 Tranlatan avenue on Tuesday, Dec. 28 at 2 o'clock p. m. Kindly omit flowers. New Haven papers please copy. Burial in Union cemetery, Stratford, Conn. V.

MAYER.—In this city, Dec. 24, 1915, Rosa, beloved wife of Gustave A. Mayer, aged 66 years, 6 months, 26 days. Funeral service will be held from the mortuary chapel of Walker & Banks, 212 Fairfield avenue, on Tuesday, Dec. 28 at 3 p. m. Burial in Mountain Grove cemetery.

WHELAN.—In this city, Dec. 25, 1915, Roderick J. Whelan. Friends are invited to attend the funeral from the residence of his grandson, James W. Wren, 120 Clinton avenue, on Tuesday, Dec. 28, at 3:30 a. m. and from St. Peter's church at 9 a. m. Interment at Meriden, Conn.

LOVE.—Twenty dollar bill, this morning between West avenue and 598 Myrtle avenue. Reward if returned to 598 Myrtle avenue. a p

LOST.—Dec. 24, Cameo breast pin, while going from 861 Myrtle avenue, through West Lavery street to 120 Black Rock avenue, returning through Broadway street. Liberal reward. Mrs. Susan A. Olds, 861 Myrtle avenue. T27 b

WANT TO SELL.—Hume Baby Grand Piano. Bargain for cash. Call evenings. 243 Maplewood avenue. T 27 b p

DON'T MISS THIS OPPORTUNITY! A three family, 15 room house, built two years, with all improvements except furnace, rents for \$57 per month. Price \$6,400; \$500 cash required. Positively the biggest bargain in Bridgeport today. Act at once. Inquire of Leopold Welas, 1432 Main street. Phone 2742-3. a p

MARGARET SMITH. Margaret Porter, widow of John Glover Smith, died at the residence of her daughter, Mrs. Philip L. Holzer, 1071 Tranlatan avenue. The deceased was 84 years of age. Mrs.

Disorganization of Help in Freight Terminals is Blamed For Congestion

(Continued from Page 1.) whose work hasn't been done efficiently since he left. Several of the clerks, who worked for years at the local houses, have left for other places. Many men have because they are laid off when things are slack and they lose several hours in their weekly "time."

Not long ago, freight congestion was so heavy that all the gangs in the Whiting street houses were put to work to clear a path through the freight so that transfers could be moved. It took them all of one morning.

On the floor of the Whiting street house it was customary in the days when freight was moved for 26 cents, to have a man or two with each gang, sorting freight and thus improving speed. This has been done away with.

It is admitted that conditions are abnormal, but it is claimed that the conditions are not such as should cripple the system.

Officials put in a bonus system at the freight houses soon after the strike. Some of the men got as much as 10 cents a week extra, for moving more freight than usual.

Twelve miles of freight trains are said to be stalled at the terminal of the Central New England. Engines are being hired by the New Haven at the rate of \$25 a day and all available engineers from other roads are being "broken in" on the New Haven lines. They must have one or two months training before they are allowed to pilot a train.

The Ontario & Western and the Delaware & Chesapeake & Western systems are leading engines and men to the New Haven. Although men have been paid 24 hours pay for a day's work during the last two weeks, under "out-lay" rules, the congestion due to the storm of Dec. 13 hasn't been eliminated.

Friday, Saturday and Sunday were bad days for passengers on the New Haven owing to the holiday rush and the storm of Sunday. The Federal express yesterday was late. At Stratfield the fireman misread written orders and the train was stopped while the crew crawled under the train looking for them.

Passengers awakened at New Haven hotels in time to catch the 4:45 to New York discovered that the train was temporarily discontinued while heavy express trains of 29 cars each were loaded to be sent out with late Christmas gifts. They waited many hours.

Near West Haven the Federal express encountered a tangle of heavy feed wires that snarled and held the train to the fourth car. The wire was climbed the poles and with pliers cut the wreckage free.

At the west side of Washington bridge wires were found down and the train encountered a freight train with a broken coupling bar. The trip to Bridgeport was made from that point with extreme slowness while a section of the freight train was pushed into the East End freight yards for repairs.

It was declared here today that interpretation of the embargo announcement of the New Haven, made last night, is that no perishable goods, live stock and coal may be received from points west of Harlem river for points in Eastern Connecticut.

Forty more men were imported today from New York for the local freight houses.

HOWARD S. CHURCH. Howard S. Church died this morning at the home of his mother, Mrs. Frank P. Church, 749 Wood avenue, after a two weeks' illness with pneumonia. He was only 17 years of age. His death has come as a severe shock to his family, including his grandfather, George E. Hawley, of the firm of Hawley, Wilmot & Reynolds, who started west on his vacation yesterday, and has had to return. Mr. Church had been working at the Acme Shoe Co. He attended High school a few years ago and was popular, enjoying a wide circle of young friends. He is survived by his mother, his brother, Hawley Church, a sister, Miss Eleanor Church, and his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. George E. Hawley.

MARY POWERS. Mary, widow of John Powers, of 15 Jackson street, died yesterday morning at St. Vincent's hospital, following a brief illness. Mrs. Powers, who was a well known older resident of the city, is survived by her son, James Powers, who resides with her.

MARY F. HINDERER. Mary F., widow of Henry Hinderer, died on Christmas eve at the family home, 55 Vernon street, following five days illness with pneumonia. Her husband was engaged in the meat business for many years. The family was well known to the older residents. Mrs. Hinderer is survived by one daughter, Mrs. William R. McGovern, Mrs. William P. Parrott of Stratford, and two brothers, Edward and George Holster of this city.

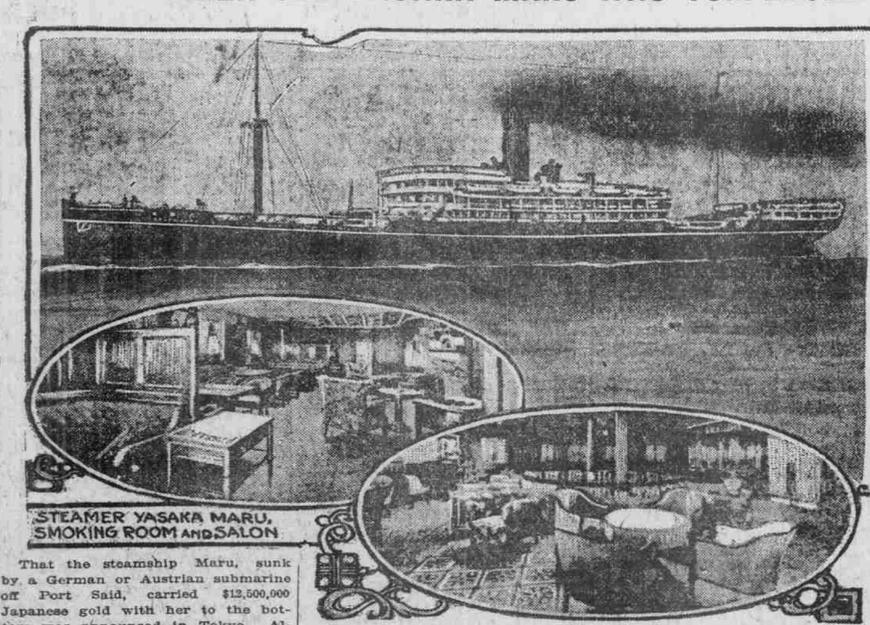
AMANDA E. COX. The funeral of Amanda E., widow of Dennis V. Cox, was held from the home of her daughter, Mrs. E. C. Cox, 2949 Fairfield avenue at 2 o'clock this afternoon. Rev. Henry C. Woodruff, pastor of the Black Rock Congregational church, conducted the services, which were attended by many friends of the deceased. The bearers were members of the family and interment was in Lakeview cemetery.

JAMES MCCARTHY. The funeral of James McCarthy was held from his late home, 724 Railroad street, at 2:30 this afternoon. Rev. Michael Denovan, Patrick Curran, David Broderick from the Holy Name society of the church, and Henry Kennedy, Frederick Kiley and Andrew Higgins from the Second District Republican club. The bearers were Bernard Lee, James Mullaney, Thomas Speers, Michael O'Connor, Lawrence McGough and George Deane. Interment was in St. Michael's cemetery.

THOMAS RECKORD. The funeral of Thomas Reckord was largely attended at 8:30 this morning from his late home, 283 Main street and a half hour later from Sacred Heart church where the mass of requiem was sung by Rev. Matthew Judge. At the offertory, the choir sang "Ave Maria" and after the mass "Beautiful Land on High." Among the handsome floral tributes was a huge broken circle from the Second District Republican club. The bearers were Bernard Lee, James Mullaney, Thomas Speers, Michael O'Connor, Lawrence McGough and George Deane. Interment was in St. Michael's cemetery.

MARY A. CORR. The funeral of Mary A. Corr was held from the residence of her brother, John J. Corr, in Stratford, at 8:30 this morning and from St. James' church, Stratford, at 9 o'clock, where the Rev. Michael O'Connor sang the mass of requiem. At the offertory, Miss Catherine Russell sang "Ave Maria" and after the mass, "Face to Face." The services were largely attended and there were many beautiful floral pieces. Interment was in St. Michael's cemetery. The bearers were Patrick and William Kelly, Joseph and John Day, John and Henry Carr, and Miss Cora. She is survived by three brothers, John J., William F.

\$12,500,000 IN GOLD WENT TO THE BOTTOM WHEN THE YASAKA MARU WAS TORPEDOED.



That the steamship Maru, sunk by a German or Austrian submarine off Port Said, carried \$12,500,000 Japanese gold with her to the bottom was announced in Tokyo. Although the new 11,000 ton vessel was almost hurled out of the water by the force of torpede and sank in forty-nine minutes, the commander maneuvered with such skill that every person on board was in the small boats before the steamship turned turtle and disappeared from view. A French gunboat, cruising near picked up the passengers and crew at midnight and landed them at Port Said.

On the passenger list were fifty-one men, fifty-four women and fifteen children, most of whom were British subjects. W. J. Leigh, the only American citizen on board, was born in China. His father was a resident of California. Mr. Leigh has passed most of his life in China, but recently has lived in England. He was returning to China on board the Yasaka Maru to take a position with a business house. The insurance on the vessel amounts to 5,600,000 yen \$2,800,000. The Nippon Yusen Kaisha, owners of the Yasaka Maru, are discussing the feasibility of abandoning the Suez canal route for future voyages of their vessels in favor of a route around the Cape of Good Hope.

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Mr. Terry says he has prepared his resignation on a basis of normal work for a city of 135,000 inhabitants. The resignation is \$2,000 more than was allowed last year.

Terry Asks \$20,700 For Engineering Work. City Engineer A. H. Terry has asked the board of apportionment to provide \$20,700 for the expenses of his office for the next fiscal year. The request provides for increase of \$2 a week for three employees.

ROMANCES OF THE RING True Tales Of Hard-Hitting Heroes Of The Past And Present (WRITTEN FOR THE FARMER)

PRIVATE JIMMY BRITT. Name: James Edward Britt. Home: San Francisco, California. Occupation: Actor. Age: Thirty-six. Nationality: American. Height: Five feet six inches. These were doubtless some of the statistics set down by the Australian recruiting officer when Jimmy Britt, the dandy of American pugilism, was pulled up for enlistment in His British Majesty's colonial army. Although an American to the core, Britt has spent many years in England and imbibed a fondness for English speech, clothes and customs which have been markedly in evidence in recent years. When the former pride of the Pacific coast was pulling his "cultured monologue" in American theatres last year, informed his friends of his acceptance of an offer to tour Australia. Arrived in the Antipodes the former lightweight champion was shocked to find that the English had a desire to slay Teutons and Turks. Somewhere in Europe—most likely in the Near East—Private Jimmy Britt is probably beginning another and possibly a tragic phase of his variegated and romantic career. The life story of James Edward Britt had its beginning on an Autumn day in 1879. He was born in San Francisco, and spent his youth in the district known as "South of the Slot," which has produced more first class fighters than any other section of the same size in the world. The Britts were not wealthy, and, while Jimmy and his brothers received a fair education, they soon had to get out and hustle for themselves. Jimmy decided that the plumbing trade offered opportunities for acquiring wealth, and as a boy he set out to master the art of making two leaks where only one was before. He was getting along nicely in his trade when an accidental meeting in a saloon changed the whole course of his existence. 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