

# HALIFAX WANTS 4000 COFFINS FOR DEAD

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# SUB SINKS AMERICAN DESTROYER; 60 LOST

## Policeman Injured In Auto Crash

Auto in Which Policeman is Riding is Sideswiped and Overturned—Culprit Avoids Responsibility for Accident.

Traffic Policeman Jacob Grossman, of 1020 Hancock avenue, suffered painful injury and experienced a narrow escape from death, while on his way to report for duty at 8:45 o'clock this morning, when an automobile in which he had been given a lift by a friend, was sideswiped and overturned at Fairfield and Colorado avenues.

Bleeding profusely from numerous cuts about the face and left arm, Grossman was picked up by a passing motorist and hurried to the Emergency hospital, where he was given first-aid treatment by Dr. J. F. Keegan. Examination revealed no more serious injury than bruises and lacerations, and he was sent home.

Burt Papp, of 730 Ellsworth street, in whose machine Grossman was riding, received a sprained wrist, and was also treated by Dr. Keegan. Neither name nor number of the driver whose machine struck Papp's was obtained, the man continuing on at a high rate of speed after the accident, as though nothing had happened. Search is now being made for him by the police.

Grossman reported at headquarters that the unknown machine was traveling east behind his car. The driver tried to pass Papp on the road, and running alongside, caught his rear wheels against the first car's forward wheels, spinning the machine around so quickly that it turned turtle, burying its occupants underneath.

## FORLORN HOPES FOR VICTIM OF SHOOTING FRAY

Benjamin Parsons, of 584 Connecticut avenue, a trolley motorman, lies dangerously wounded in the Bridgeport Hospital, today, and is expected to die; and Charles Brown, of 188 Smith street, is in the same institution with a bullet in his neck, both men being victims of a crime which suddenly came over John Williams, aged 25, also of 188 Smith street, when he went on rampage after having drunk too much liquor, last night.

Williams, detectives learned upon investigation, today, had been drinking heavily, and when he entered into an argument with Brown, in their boarding house, early in the evening, became so excited that he lost his mind. He tore a revolver from his pocket and after shooting Brown in the neck, ran out into the street, where he threatened two boys; ran into a drug store and threatened people there, then darted out into the street again and shot Parsons, who was standing at Newfield and Stratford avenues, waiting for a car.

Both Williams and Brown are negroes. Their argument, it is said, started over a bit of tomfoolery. After he had done with his shooting, Williams went into a drug store to buy strychnine, and had only drunk a small bit of it, in the presence of the clerk who sold it to him, when the employe dashed the bottle from his mouth.

Connecticut: Snow tonight with rising temperature; Sunday, clearing and colder; increasing east winds.

## 20,000 HOMELESS IN STORM-BOUND CITY OF HALIFAX

(LATE DISPATCH)

AMHERST, N. S., DEC. 8—AN ESTIMATE OF 4,000 PERSONS DEAD IN THE HALIFAX DISASTER IS CONTAINED IN A PRIVATE TELEGRAM RECEIVED FROM THE STRICKEN CITY TODAY. THE MESSAGE ASKS THAT 4,000 COFFINS BE SENT FORWARD TO HALIFAX AT ONCE.

St. John, N. B., Dec. 8—Halifax is isolated in her desolation today. Stormbound, the devastated city has been cut off from virtually all communication with the outside world.

With every building in Halifax and Dartmouth more or less damaged by the explosion and fires, men, women and children huddled together as best they could and passed a night of suffering. The chilling wind whistled through smashed windows; there were scarcely blankets enough to cover wounded and many were unable to obtain food. Fires were almost out of the question and the only lights obtainable were from oil lamps or candles.

Out of the chaotic conditions rich and poor have rallied gallantly to their duty of caring for the injured and homeless and accounting for the dead. The citizens' finance committee estimates that there are 20,000 destitute persons in the devastated area, the majority of them from the poorer classes. Nearly 4,000 dwellings were destroyed, the committee declares, leaving at least 15,000 homeless, and the actual losses and the estimated cost of temporary maintenance will approximate \$30,000,000.

Intermittent communication by telegraph, uncertain and hesitating, in the early hours of the day, was followed by complete suspension so far as could be learned here. The fate of the sufferers from the explosion of Thursday is causing the greatest concern, as temporary quarters for the homeless are limited and supplies of window glass and roofing paper that might make damaged buildings again habitable are still

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## GUILTY CONSCIENCE ENDS REIGN OF STEEL THEIVES OPERATING IN REM-ARMS

Arousing suspicion by his peculiar actions of the past ten days, Robert Lindsay, of 92 Whitney avenue, a tool inspector in the employ of the Remington Arms Co., unwittingly gave detectives a clue which enabled them to arrest him and two companions today, for the theft of \$2,000 worth of high-speed steel and approximately \$350 worth of leather-belting from the factory.

Together with Lindsay in custody are Irving Block, of 303 Poplar street, driver of one of the Remington trucks, and William Gibbs, of 558 Warren street, an assistant foreman in the plant. All three are under \$3,000 bail, charged with conspiracy and theft, and Lindsay and Gibbs admit their guilt. The police claim to have conclusive evidence against Block, however.

Gibbs, it appears, was the mastermind who originated the plan under which the operations were conducted. He found his opportunity late in summer, but intended first to go into a legitimate business, and organized the Metal Products & Refining Co., establishing offices at 408 Old South building, Boston. Lindsay went into business with him.

The method he employed since August was to take a shipment of steel tools, parts, etc., and upon inspection, reject one or more as unfit. These rejected cases he made no entry of, but turned over to Block, who carted them in his machine to a garage the company had rented, at 533 West avenue, for the express purpose of using as a

store-house. Some of the stolen goods were also shipped to Lindsay's home, where they were concealed in his cellar.

The firm, which early in its career Lindsay took complete charge of, entered into negotiations with big corporations in various parts of the country. Some goods were sold to the Ridgeway Steel Refining Co., of New York; to Lowe & Sons Co., of this city, and the Locomobile Co., here, was one of the firms with which Lindsay got into communication. He transacted all business through his Boston office, mail directed to him being sent there, and then returned from Boston to his home in this city. The leather beltling was sold to a firm in St. Louis, Mo.

For all that the "firm" had sold up to today, it had received \$1,091, and of this \$42 was paid to Gibbs, and \$150 to Block, his share being fixed at from \$50 to \$75 per trip for whatever he carted away. The balance of the money was held by Lindsay, to be used as working capital for the firm. Block's denial of guilt is refuted, the police say, by the fact that cancelled checks with which he was paid by Lindsay are held in evidence.

Lindsay's conscience drove him into unconsciously exposing his guilt. Fearing detection at any time, he took, recently, to loitering about the office of Captain R. M. Davies, of the Remington police, to watch what was going on.

## Big Coal Cargo Is Received

Federal Fuel Administrator Takes Steps to Relieve Situation in Bridgeport, Siemon Is Informed—Needy To Be Served First.

As the result of appeals to Fuel Administrator Garfield at Washington, 4,000 tons of anthracite coal arrived in the harbor today to relieve Bridgeport's domestic shortage. Notice that this amount was being sent to this city was received directly from Washington today.

Chairman Carl F. Siemon, of the Bridgeport fuel committee, states it arrived a few hours after the notice was received. "With this shipment and others that have been received during the last two days," said Siemon, "the local situation is greatly relieved."

The committee will confine its efforts to distributing hard coal to families, who are practically without fuel. Persons found hoarding coal, it was reported today, will be severely dealt with by the committee and it is expected they will be blacklisted by the retail dealers when the normal supply is resumed. Many cases of family hoarding have come to the attention of the board and precautionary measures are being taken to see that they do not procure further supplies.

A committee to investigate and recommend a standardized measure for street pedlars was appointed at a meeting of the committee yesterday. It includes Richard S. Terry, of the Berkshire Mills Co.; A. J. Sprague of the Sprague Ice and Coal Co., and Joseph W. Ziegler of the City Ice and Coal Co. City Sealer Dennis Kelly met with the committee and dealers yesterday and discussed the situation. The committee will adopt a standard bag immediately and it is expected will make a report to the dealers, who will meet at 4:30 o'clock Monday afternoon.

## TEACHER AND PASTOR HEAD DRAFTED MEN

Meriden, Dec. 8.—The novelty about the departure of 51 selective draft men for Camp Devens today was that Francis L. Bacon, principal of the high school, was in charge of them, assisted by Philip Jones, assistant pastor of the First Congregational church. Both men had been drawn and neither claimed exemption from military service. Ivan G. Smith, assistant principal, takes charge of the high school, and the parish gives Jones a leave of absence. Meriden has only six men to send to camp to fill its quota of 262.

## BOLSHEVIKI DISARMS GUARD ABOUT TSAR

London, Dec. 8.—The guards surrounding Nicholas Romanoff, the former Russian emperor, near Tobolsk, Siberia, have been disarmed by Bolshevik soldiers and sailors, according to advices received in Petrograd and forwarded by the Exchange Telegraph Co. The Bolshevik leaders intend to remove Nicholas to some other place, fearing that he might be lynched.

## RUMORED ESCAPE OF FORMER CZAR

Washington, Dec. 8.—The American consul in Tiflis reported a rumor that the former Tsar of Russia has escaped. The message contained no details and made it clear that there was no confirmation of the rumor.

## MOST OF CREW IS LOST; REPORT 37 LIVES ARE SAVED

Washington, Dec. 8—Torpedoed in a night attack, the American destroyer Jacob Jones, one of the newest and largest submarine hunters of her class, was sunk Thursday night in the war zone and two-thirds of her crew were lost. The disaster brings to the American people the first naval loss of great consequence since the country entered the war.

Thirty-seven of her officers and crew were taken off in life rafts. The rest are not accounted for in today's dispatch from Vice Admiral Sims, who forwarded the names of 10 of the survivors.

The names of the 10 survivors reported follow: Lieut. John K. Richards, Ensign Nelson N. Gates, Assistant Surgeon L. L. Adamkievich, Charles E. Pierce, fireman; Timothy Edward Twomey, seaman; John C. Johnson, seaman; Henry A. Stutzke, chief machinist mate; Edward F. Grady, fireman second class; John J. Mulvaney, seaman; and Myron Flood, seaman.

Lieut. Commander David Worth Bagley, brother of Mrs. Josephus Daniels, wife of the secretary of the navy, and whose brother was the first American officer to give his life in the Spanish war, does not appear in the list of survivors. As Admiral Sims names junior officers among the survivors and does not mention Bagley, it is feared that he went down with his ship.

The complement of the Jones in peace times was five officers, five petty officers and 87 men. Undoubtedly this had been increased. From first reports it was indicated that the loss would be upward of 60 men.

The ship was torpedoed at 8 p. m. in the rolling, icy seas of north Atlantic. The submarine probably had plenty of time to take aim.

The submarine had come upon the destroyer patrolling her course in the dark and had all the best of it.

No details were contained in today's report, but it has been the case heretofore that when a submarine gets a hit on a destroyer it is more due to a chance meeting and good opportunity than fighting skill on the part of the submarine.

The large loss of life would indicate that the torpedo, with its deadly charge of high explosive, made a fair hit plump on the destroyer's thin hull, and that the submarine hunter probably was blown fairly in two. That she went down quickly is evidenced by the fact that nothing is said of survivors getting off in lifeboats. Those saved got off on rafts, which probably floated off the sinking ship as she plunged downward in the icy darkness.

## PREDICT HEAVY SNOWS TONIGHT IN NEW ENGLAND

Washington, Dec. 8.—Snow throughout the northeastern part of the country today caused discomfort and traffic delay today. A continuance of the snow tonight and tomorrow throughout most of that section was predicted by the weather bureau with warmer temperature in New England.

The center of the storm was over Kentucky this morning, having developed greatly in the last 12 hours. Widespread snow in the north and thunder storms in the south accompanied the disturbance. About 15 inches of snow fell in the Ohio valley in 12 hours since 8 o'clock last night.

A cold wave which has been advancing from the west has overspread the south, reaching the Gulf coast with freezing temperatures, although it has made little progress east of the Mississippi.

## LAYTON HELD CRIMINALLY RESPONSIBLE

David Layton is held responsible by Coroner J. J. Phelan for the death of Hazel Waterman of 905 Noble avenue in a handing handed down today. Layton is confined in the county jail serving a sentence of six months for taking without leave the automobile which was wrecked and from which Miss Waterman was thrown and killed early in the morning of Dec. 2 while returning from New York. The accident occurred at Nash's corner in Westport.

At the time of the accident the automobile was occupied by Layton, Mrs. May Allen, and Edward Cowen of 260 Horace street, and Miss Waterman. They went from Bridgeport to New York, and left New York at 11:10 to return to Bridgeport, and reached Westport at about 1:30. Layton in his testimony before the coroner said at the time the machine left the road and struck a telephone pole, it was going not less than 40 miles an hour.

Coroner Phelan finds that Layton culpably allowed the automobile to get beyond his control so he was unable to take the curve safely.

## Consider Best Aid To Roads

President Undecided As to Whether to Take Over Operation of Railroads, Or to Assist Them Financially—Decision Soon.

Washington, Dec. 8—President Wilson was devoting all his attention today to the railroad problem with the intention of making a quick decision on whether the government shall operate the railroads for the war emergency or whether it shall extend financial aid.

It was said that one of the chief difficulties in the way of choosing government operation was that of finding a railroad administrator. One of the principal questions that the president is considering, it is said, was whether it would be better to choose a railroad man or some highly developed administrator from some other line of business.

Railroad executives are eager to avoid government operation by having congress permit the practical unification of all the roads by suspending of the anti-trust and anti-pooling laws and further having the government by loans or guaranty of securities provide the roads with about a billion dollars for road and terminal equipment.

## REPORT ANOTHER DYPHTHERIA CASE

Another well-advanced case of diphtheria came to the attention of local health authorities, today, when William P. Griswold, aged 55, a lodger in the Commercial House, Water street, walked into the Emergency hospital and asking treatment for a "bad case of sore throat," was found by Dr. J. F. Keegan to be suffering from an acute attack of the dread malady.

His is the second case to have been found here within the past two days. Joseph Alves, aged 35, of 307 Fairfield avenue, being the first victim. Alves, a motorman, who came here from Boston only three weeks ago, also walked into the emergency hospital with a sore throat, as he supposed, and after receiving anti-toxin, was sent to the isolation hospital.

## ENGINEER HELD FOR MAN'S DEATH

Seymour, Dec. 8.—Absence of counsel brought delay until Wednesday of the arraignment of Howard C. Armore, a locomotive engineer, held by Coroner Mix as criminally responsible for the death of Daniel Atlasjuk, at the local station on Nov. 12. The man was about to board a train for Westbury when Armore drove his express past the station and Atlasjuk was drawn under the wheels. The claim is made that Armore should have slowed down outside the station.

## REVOLT BREAKS OUT IN LISBON

Madrid, Dec. 8.—A revolution has started in Lisbon, the capital of Portugal, according to a dispatch received here by way of Oporto and Tux. Outbreaks also are said to have occurred in Oporto.

## ECUADOR BREAKS WITH GERMANY

Guayaquil, Ecuador, Dec. 8.—Ecuador has severed diplomatic relations with Germany, according to an official announcement by the government today.