Several Score Of Deaths Mar U. S. Christmas

Fires, Guns and Traffic Accidents Exact Heaviest Casualties. Severe Cold Adds to Menace.

Sick Boy Dies Trying To Save His Toys

Fire, Caused By Kerosene, Also Cost Lives of His Mother, Brother, Sister.

(Associated Press.)

Death cut through the ranks of Christmas celebrators Tuesday, striking down several score victims in the United States. Fires, guns and traffic accicents exacted the heaviest casualties.

A Christmas tree blaze resulted in the deaths of a mother and three children at Sedalia, Mo., and the critical injury of two other persons. Three youngsters and their mother lost their lives and the father and another child suffered serious burns when flames destroyed their home at Joplin, Mo. Fires also took the lives of a man and woman at Chicago, and of a farmer near Madison, Minn. A four-year-old girl succumbed to burns at San Diego, Calif.

Huey Crawford, 11, was killed at Shreveport, La., by a playmate who accidentally fired a rifle he had received as a gift.

Baby Strangled.

Rene Kat, six months old, strangled at Little Rock, Ark., when his sleeping suit twisted about his neck while his parents were preparing a reception for Santa Claus.

These fatalities were directly associated with the observance of the holy festival. But death took no holiday from its more routine rounds.

A prowler was shot to death at Chicago. Three persons died in two Alabama gun fights. A bank looter was slain by possemen in Nebraska. Crowds hunted a negro youth alleged to have shot to death W. B. Souther, chief of police at Ellaville, Ga. Authorities at Port Jefferson, N.Y., sought to dispel the mystery raised by the finding of the body of Mrs. Loretta Wilson, 19, in a thicket. A boy was killed in a Mississippi hunting accident, and another in an accidental shooting in Missouri.

Five persons committed suicide on the gala feast day — one in New York, two in Georgia, one in Louisiana and one in Kentucky.

Traffic accidents resulted in the following fatalities: Arkansas 10 (since Sunday); Missouri, nine; Michigan, 14 (since Sunday); Texas, five; Washington state, five; Oklahoma, four; Louisiana, four; Georgia, three; California, four; Ohio, three; Texas, two; Illinois, two; Massachusetts, two; and one each in North Carolina, Florida, Alabama and Kansas.

The bodies of three children and a pilot whose plane crashed in ugly weather on the frozen desert were brought to Elko, Nev.

Travel encountered new hazards as freezing weather held on in most northern states. The fire menace increased.

Three persons suffered burns when flames razed a home at Belding, Mich., and four were injured in a New York blaze caused by a short circuit in a Christmas tree lighting system. Three were hurt in an explosion and fire which levelled a tenement at Newport, R.I.

A severe cold wave moved over the Rocky Mountain region, forcing the thermometer down to 18 below zero at Havre, Mont. Forecasters predicted the invasion would extend over virtually the whole mid-continent before Thursday.

FOUR OF FAMILY PERISH.

(Associated Press).

JOPLIN, Mo., Dec. 25.—A sick boy, six years old, died trying to save the toys hidden away for his Christmas surprise from a Christmas Eve fire in his home which also cost the lives of his mother and brother and sister.

Only two of the six occupants of the modest home of Everette Crume, 28-year-old miner, escaped death from the flames and smoke following an explosion resulting when Crume sought to kindle a heating stove with kerosene. They are Crume and five-year-old Jeannie Crume, both recovering from severe burns.

The dead were Mrs. Opal Crume, 26; the infant Jimmy Crume; Frances, three, and six-year-old Buddy.

As the joyously lighted house turned into a flaming inferno, Buddy dashed from his sick bed to a second storey bedroom to rescue the toys he knew had been stowed away for him. Firemen found him suffocated to death.

FOUR PERISH IN FIRE.

(Associated Press.)

SEDALIA, Mo., Dec. 25.—Explosion of a match-head at a Christmas party started a fire which cost the lives of three children and their mother and severely injured two other persons today.

The dead were: Mrs. Virginia Miller, wife of Judson Miller; Barbara, seven; Jack, six, and Virginia, three.

Miller, head of a Sedalia oil company, and Mrs. Thelma Williams, guest at the Miller home, were in a critical condition in hospital.

Henry Gumm, employe of Miller and guest at the party, struck the faulty match in lighting a cigaret. A spark ignited the Christmas tree.

Conquering Contract

—By P. Hal Sims—

FOUR-CARD SUIT RESPONSES TO ONE-NO-TRUMP.

If the bidding goes one-no-trump, two spades (or two hearts), three-no-trumps, you must read the meaning of this jump rebid differently according to your position.

If You Had Already Passed.

If you had passed, you can have no reason to put in another bid over the three-no-trumps. The opener is merely assuring you that game in no-trumps is safe in view of your first response, and that he requires no further information about your hand, and does not wish the opponents to acquire any further knowledge of it, as they might if you were given another intermediate opportunity to bid. If he aspires to slam after you have passed, and wishes to ascertain whether your hand contains around two and a half to three tricks, or ranges between one and a half and two and a half he can bid four-no-trumps as a mild slam try. This you would pass unless you had almost enough to open the bidding originally. If you have enough to accept the slam try, bid five-on-trumps, not five in your second suit. Do not give him the impression that you have a real 5-5 two suiter. To bid six over four, you would have to hold the most with which you would pass a defensive hand—ace-king and ace, plus a jack, or ace-king and ace-10-9.

If the No-Trumper Was Bid by Dealer or Second Hand.

In this situation, when the bidding goes one-no-trump, two spades or two hearts by you, three-no-trumps, you may read this as a mild slam try, since the opening bidder does not know how strong your hand may be (short of an immediate suit force) because you have not had the opportunity to bid or pass. Lacking a five-card suit, you must respond in terms of your high cards, not your suits; generally your alternatives are to pass or to raise in no-trumps. The exception would be if your second suit were headed by A Q or K Q, and your first suit also was headed by some better combination than K J.

Accepting a Slam Try.

You now have the virtual assurance that no trick will be lost in either of your four card suits, as your partner's jump bid proclaims one at least of the top three honors in the suit you have bid, and presumably three aces with strong supporting honors. Thus it seems certain that eight tricks will be taken in your two suits; consequently if you have about a trick in secondary form in the other two suits together—say king-10 and queen or king and queen-jack, accept the slam try by bidding four no trumps.

With a worthless doubleton in the hand, the total strength being adequate, accept preferably by bidding four in your second suit provided it is suitably headed. With so powerful a responding hand, it is desirable to play for a slam in whichever suit the opener can raise to, failing this, in no-trumps.

When to Make a Slam Try Yourself.

With 4-4-3-2 distribution, the responding hand should only make a slam try if able to do so in terms of no-trumps, on the lines already laid down for hands which contain no biddable suit. For the responding hand to initiate slam tries by means of four-card suits is absolutely unsound because it is almost sure to deceive the dominant opening hand, the assumption always being that slam tries in terms of suits on the part of the responding hand indicate suit length and distribution.

The case is quite different when the opening hand makes the slam try, and the responding player thereupon mentions a second good four-card suit because this information appears more informative than a raise in no-trumps. A short-suited responder must always play a subsidiary role unless his high-card strength is so impressive that he can take command of the bidding in terms of no-trumps.

Mr. Sims will answer all enquiries on contract that are addressed to this newspaper and are accompanied by a self-addressed stamped envelope.

Enjoy Christmas Cheer In Arctic

Ptarmigan, Fish, Fresh Potatoes and Onions Available at Coppermine

Christmas cheer at Coppermine away up on the Coronation Gulf was described in a communication from the government station, one of the farthest north of Canada's radio sentinels in the Arctic.

"Three hours daylight, fresh southwest winds" and 22 below under an overcast sky was the Christmas setting. Both missions held special services for white and native adherents followed by lunch and an entertainment for the children. Numerous natives from outside came in for the festivities, and celebrated with dancing while white residents spent the day visiting.

The radio message reported provision for Christmas dinners excellent with ptarmigan, fish, fresh potatoes and onions all available. At Letty Harbor the crew of the vessel Margaret caught last fall were "Christmas guests."

Sends Message To Crippled Poetess

Sir Robt. Borden Sends Christmas Greetings to Audrey Alexandra Brown

One of Sir Robert Borden's first messages of Christmas greetings this season was to a young Canadian poetess, Audrey Alexandra Brown, of Nanaimo, B.C.

Recipient of good-will wishes from world statesmen, the war-time prime minister of Canada had a thought of good cheer for the 30-year-old writer of poems.

"No school after 12, practically self-educated, crippled, like many another genius this wonderful girl has burst the bounds of circumstance" was the description Sir Robert applied to her Monday night.

The University Club of Ottawa has associated itself officially as an admirer of Miss Brown.

An Englishman, her grandfather was one of the original "forty-niners" in the California gold rush whose futile quest for gold led him along the Cariboo trail and other parts of British Columbia in its early days.

Two Horses Killed

Two horses owned by Theodore Lavigne, Old Chelsea, had to be destroyed following a collision which occurred at 7.15 o'clock on Saturday evening on the Mountain Road. The horses hitched to a sleigh were driven by Mr. Lavigne and were proceeding south on the road when a truck driven by Marius Montsion, 111 Leduc street, Hull, and owned by Charles Leduc, 39 Vaughan street, Ottawa, collided head-on. Constable A. Leonard was despatched to the scene of the accident and the two animals were so badly injured that he had to destroy them. Both drivers escaped uninjured.

Token of Esteem Given P. D. Ross

Gift and Address Presented By Ottawa Hydro Commission Employes.

P. D. Ross, formerly a member of the Ottawa Hydro-Electric Commission, under the chairmanship of J. A. Ellis, with the successive mayors of Ottawa as the third member, was the recipient on Christmas Eve of an engraved address and an inscribed wrist watch from the staff and employes of the commission. Since the inception of the commission 18 years ago, it was stated, there has never been a moment of friction or indecision between the members and the staff.

The address was as follows:

"P. D. Ross, 17 Blackburn Ave., City.

"Dear Mr. Ross:

"For some time it has been the desire of the employes of the Ottawa Hydro-Electric Commission to arrange for a favorable occasion on which to confer with our commissioners to express to them our goodwill and our appreciation of their interest in the staff and their repeated kindnesses to us in the past. However, when plans were suggested, there seemed that some unfavorable circumstances would arise that prevented the consummation of our desire.

"In view of the happy relations that have existed between us in the past, we trust you will accept the accompanying little gift as a slight expression of the esteem and affection in which you are held by every employe.

"As the Christmas season is now approaching we desire to take this opportunity to convey to Mrs. Ross, as well as to yourself, our sincere wishes that the Christmas season and the coming New Year may bring you very much happiness and that you may enjoy many happy returns of the season.

"THE EMPLOYES OF THE OTTAWA HYDRO-ELECTRIC COMMISSION."

The wrist watch, bore the inscription:

"A token of esteem from employes of the Ottawa Hydro-Electric Commission."

Christmas Observance In Lutherville

(Associated Press.)

In the Lutherville, Md., — Japanese and city, children officials today said were held on knowledge of the respecial Christmas of two Chinese from were also in Soviet territory, yes-congrega

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In Star Role

a Chearer heads the cast of Barretts of Wimpole Street Braz at the Rideau Theater the w. Miss Shearer won the mer nated by the Motion Picture Stato of Arts for her portrayal quar film.

Eugene L. Chevrier Father of Ottawa M.P., Died Tuesday

Was Formerly Prominent In Civil Service and Was Noted in Sports in His Youth.

Eugene Louis Chevrier, former postmaster of the Department of Interior, father of E. R. E. Chevrier, M.P. for Ottawa, who lived in the Capital the greater part of his life, died early yesterday morning at his home, 451 Rideau street. He had been in ill health for the past six months but for the past week had seemed much better and high hopes were held for his recovery. On Monday evening, shortly after he retired, his condition became serious and he died Christmas morning.

To his many friends in the Capital who knew him as Eugene Chevrier and to the residents of Sandy Hill, old and young alike, who knew his affectionally as "Dad" Chevrier, the news of his death will come as a great shock, and citizens of the city in every walk of life will join with his family in deeply mourning his passing.

The late Mr. Chevrier was born at Rigaud, Que., June 16, 1860, son of Alexandre Chevrier and his wife, Matilda Gauthier, of that village. He came to Ottawa with his parents when a young boy and with the exception of several years spent in Hull he had lived in the Capital all his life.

The late Alexandre Chevrier, his father, started a well known hotel at 229-231 St. Patrick street which was a popular place for bushmen during the latter part of the last century.

In Government Service

Eugene Louis Chevrier received his education in the old LaSalle Academy of the Christian Brothers and later attended St. Joseph's College, now Ottawa University. Later he entered Rigaud College from which he graduated with honors. He then entered the government service in the Post Office Department and in 1883 was made a permanent employe of the post office branch of the Department of Interior. He rose from this until from 1912 to 1931 when he was retired, he was postmaster of the Department of Interior.

Mr. Chevrier was twice married. His first wife was Delia St. Jacques, sister of F. X. St. Jacques, at one time owner of the old Russell House. She died in 1892. Some time later he married Caroline Morias of Kamouraska county Quebec, who predeceased him in 1911. By his first wife four children were born, Regine, who died in 1918, Lionel, who died in 1910, another son who died when a baby, and E. R. E. Chevrier, M.P., who is the sole survivor of the family. The other survivors are a sister, Mrs. Eva Champagne, widow of the late J. A. Champagne, of Hull, and a sister-in-law, Mrs. Agnes Chevrier, who in her childhood danced with the Prince of Wales, later King Edward VII. Another sister, Mrs. L. N. Champagne, wife of the late Judge Champagne of Hull, died several years ago. Three brothers, Alexandre, Noe, and Rodolphe, predeceased him some years ago.

A parishioner of Sacred Heart parish he attended the same church for the past 44 years and had lived in the house in which he died for the same number of years. During his many years in the Capital he saw many changes here and never tired telling stories that he had heard from the lumberjacks during his boyhood. He was a keen reader of "The Old Time Stuff" in the Saturday Citizen and frequently told his listeners further details from some of the stories printed.

Was Noted Sportsman.

In his earlier years, Mr. Chevrier played lacrosse and hockey and was also a good handball player. In the old days at the Racquet Court, he once defeated Patrick Duffey, Canadian handball champion. Since his retirement from active participation in sport, Mr. Chevrier was a devoted follower of Ottawa teams in hockey and often lamented the decline of the "grand old Canadian game," lacrosse. He was also a sprinter of note some years ago.

In Catholic fraternal and benevolent societies he was very active. For a number of years he was president of St. Jean Baptiste Society and also of L'Institut Canadien Francais, and a life member of the social club of St. Anne's parish. Mr. Chevrier also was active in the sporting activities of Le Club Mirand, where he encouraged the younger members in their games.

Intimate friends of Mr. Chevrier held great respect for his political judgment and often said that during their many years' friendship with him, he had seldom been wrong in his decisions.

The funeral will be from his home, 451 Rideau street, on Thursday at 7.45 a.m. for requiem high mass at Sacred Heart church. Burial will be in the family plot in Notre Dame cemetery.

OBITUARY

MRS. HAROLD MUNRO.

Mrs. Harold Munro, formerly Veronica Flanagan, and well known among the congregation of St. Joseph's parish of which she was a member, died Monday at a local hospital following an illness of two days' duration.

Born in Ottawa 30 years ago, she was a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Flanagan and was educated at St. Joseph's school and at Lisgar Collegiate. Two years ago she was married to Harold Munro, superintendent of the civic employment bureau. She was a member of the Junior Catholic Women's League and the Children of Mary.

Surviving are her husband and parents, one son, Alan, an infant daughter; three sisters, Mrs. T. Phillips, Mrs. M. Downey, Mrs. L. St. John, two brothers, Thomas and Edward Flanagan, all of Ottawa.

The funeral will be held from her late residence, 152 Goulburn avenue on Thursday at 8:30 a.m. to St. Joseph's church for requiem high mass at 9 o'clock. Burial will take place in Notre Dame cemetery, Hull.

MRS. A. WHITEHEAD

Death occurred yesterday at her residence, 230 Gladstone of Mrs. Whitehead, wife of Archie Whitehead, office manager of the National Groceries, Co., Ltd., following four months' illness.

Mrs. Whitehead was born 27 years ago in Montreal and as a child moved to Cobalt with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Short, where she spent the greater part of her life. She lived for some years in Toronto and following her marriage in 1930 to Archie Whitehead she came to Ottawa. Mrs. Whitehead was well known in Toronto as in recent years she had made frequent visits to her parents who are residing there.

Surviving besides her husband and parents are one son, David, and a daughter Elizabeth (Betty), one brother, Harry Short, Jr., New Liskeard, Ont.

The body will leave Ottawa today at 2 p.m. Funeral service and burial will be held at Toronto.

MRS. CHARLES TANNER.

MONTREAL, Dec. 25.—Mrs. Charles Tanner, widow of Rev. Charles A. Tanner, for several years principal of St. Francis College, Richmond, Que., and mother of Rev. J. U. Tanner, Lancaster, Ont., superintendent of missions for the United Church of Canada, died here today.

Mrs. Tanner, who was 89, is survived by two daughters and six sons, including Mrs. Heber Budden, Niagara Falls, Ont., and Dr. Louis Tanner, Toronto.

ORVILLE A. JARVIS.

MONTREAL, Dec. 24.—Orville A. Jarvis, well known in business circles throughout the country, died in hospital here today.

A native of Smiths Falls, Ont., Mr. Jarvis had been associated at various times with Murphy Gamble, Co., Ottawa; Robert Simpson, Company, Toronto and Regina, and Henry Morgan and Co., Ltd., Montreal.

Mrs. Jarvis, formerly Greta Tobin, and one son survive. His mother, Mrs. Janet Jarvis and two sisters, Mrs. R. Janner and Mrs. A. Hardage live at Smiths Falls. A brother, Harry Jarvis, resides in New York city.

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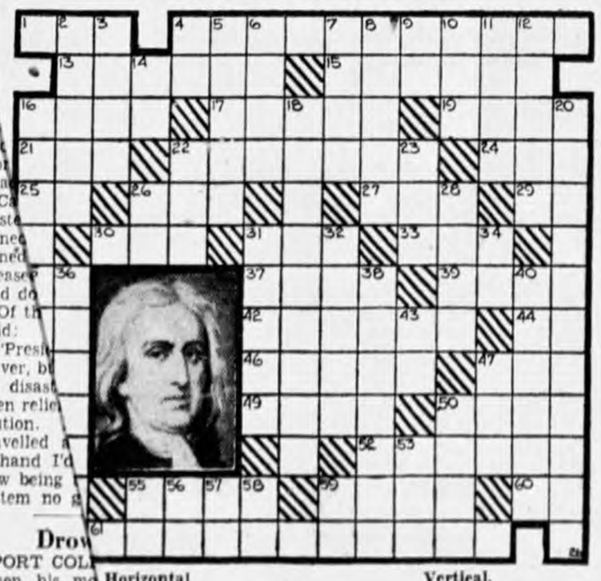

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57 Exclamation of pleasure.
58 Second note.
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Today's Answer on Page Four.

Soothsay Holds No ce.

Predict Monarchy Also Downfall Finally Accept

(Associated Press.)

PARIS, Dec. 25—French papers, following a customa tice, quoted soothsayers' pred in abundance today, most of agreeing the future holds no danger of war.

One alleged authority said French government will find strength bolstered in the near ture, with Pierre-Etienne Flan the retaining office as premier and

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Boys' two buckle cashmerette. Pair 1.89

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