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A MERRY CHRISTMAS TO ALL

THOUSANDS IN LARGE CITIES OUT OF WORK

Twenty-Five Thousand Out in Montreal and Eighteen Thousand in Toronto.

TAKING STEPS TO AID UNEMPLOYED

In West Only Work Available is to be Found in the Woods.

Montreal, Dec. 23.—At a large meeting of those interested in the unemployment situation of this city held today, E. R. Decary, chairman of the administrative commission, stated that the number of unemployed in Montreal this season was twice the number in previous winters.

There are now nearly 25,000 men looking for work in this city, stated Mr. Decary. As a result of the meeting, a committee was formed to seek a solution of the situation.

Winnipeg Takes Action
Winnipeg, Dec. 23.—Prompt attention to Winnipeg's unemployed will be given by both civic and provincial authorities. Reports showing that a serious situation exists not only in the city, but to a certain extent in Manitoba rural centres also, has aroused officials to interested action.

No Work in City
Outside work consists mostly of the bush and for the most part, packing of construction work has shown hundreds employed in the building trade out of employment.

Situation in Toronto
Toronto, Dec. 23.—The central relief station reports today that 18,064 individuals in the city are without work.

Several thousand workers, men and women, this afternoon attended a demonstration in Queen's Park, where they were addressed by J. Harry Flynn of the G. A. U. V. and various labor leaders.

WIDOWS LIVING TOGETHER DIED AT SAME TIME

When First Had Passed Away Doctor Turned to Find Second Dead on Couch.

Digby, N. S., Dec. 23.—The town was startled this morning to hear of the sudden death of Olive, widow of C. S. Aymar, and Alma, widow of Capt. Burkett Roney, which took place in the same room at the same moment about three o'clock. Both made their home with Mr. and Mrs. Byron Roney, Byron being the only son of Mrs. Roney, and his wife the only daughter of Mrs. Aymar. The latter, who had reached the age of 79 years, had been ill for several weeks but her condition was not serious.

Shortly after two o'clock this morning she was taken with a serious turn and the younger Mrs. Roney aroused her mother-in-law and summoned the doctor.

On the latter's arrival he saw that Mrs. Aymar was in extremis and the older Mrs. Roney volunteered to call Stanley Aymar who lived only a short distance away. She did so and returned to the house immediately. A few minutes after Mrs. Roney took off her coat and hat and went to the sick room where she took a seat on the edge of the bed. She was there only a few minutes when she fell to the floor. She lay down. Mrs. Aymar was just breathing her last when a peculiar sound from the lounge caused the doctor to return to Mrs. Roney and found that she too had passed away.

THREE FIREMEN HURT.
Montreal, Dec. 23.—Firemen Leo Lapere and Captain Arthur Ferron were injured, and Fireman A. Langevin had a narrow escape from a 30-foot fall when fire destroyed the premises of the Dominion Wine Distributing Co., early this morning, also causing damage to the premises of a cigar manufacturer and an Italian restaurant.

Irish Plot With Huns Published In Few Days Now

Incriminating Documents Captured in Raid to be Before House of Commons.

London, Dec. 23.—Sinn Féin documents, showing complicity in a German plot of 1916, will be made public in a few days, Premier Lloyd George informed the Commons today.

The incriminating literature was captured in the recent raids on Sinn Féin leaders, he said. Reports have been received here of dire threats being made against citizens of County Kerry in reprisal for the disappearance of three British officers.

HOLY SEE WARNS THE CATHOLICS AGAINST Y.M.C.A.

"It Corrupts the Faith of Youths" is the Message of the Order.

Y. M. C. A. DECLARES CHARGE NOT TRUE

Rome, Dec. 23.—The Holy See office issued a decree today asking Catholic bishops to watch "an organization which, while professing absolute freedom of thought, in religious matters, stills indifference and apathy to the Catholic religion in the minds of its adherents."

The decree mentions the Young Men's Christian Association, by name. The decree says it is upheld by many Catholics who do not know its real nature, and that "it corrupts the faith of youths."

CRIME WAVE HITS MONTREAL

Bandits Attack Family as it Starts to Enter its Own Apartment.

Montreal, Dec. 23.—The hold-up crime wave is beginning to affect Montreal, and last night, Peter Rubincovich, of 222 Ontario street, with his wife, had just stepped into the court yard of the Berthelet apartment, where he lives, when three men jumped on him, ordering him to hand over his money. He gave fight and called for help, as did his wife. They were rescued by the captain of a nearby fire station and a chauffeur. When they arrived the hold-up man jumped into an auto and sped away. They gave chase and the men stopped their car and ran away in different directions. Their machine was found to be a stolen car which had been reported earlier in the evening.

WHITE MAN LYNCHED


Furt Worth, Texas, Dec. 23.—Tom W. Vokery, a white man, held on a charge of murder, in connection with the killing Monday night of Policeman J. C. Couch, was taken from the court by a mob shortly after midnight by a mob and hanged. Several shots were fired into his body.

GUEST OF CLUB

Halifax, N. S., Dec. 23.—Captain Henry G. H. Adams, C. B. E., and of ficers of the new Canadian navy were accorded an enthusiastic welcome by the business community of Halifax at today's Commercial Club luncheon.

TURKEYS VERY DEAR

Fredericton, Dec. 23.—As high as 85 cents a pound was paid for Christmas turkeys in the country market this morning, although most of the birds were made up of 20 cents.



I have always thought of
=**CHRISTMAS**=
as a good time; a kind,
& forgiving, generous,
pleasant time; a time when
men and women seem by
one consent to open their
hearts freely and so I say
God Bless Christmas.

—DICKENS

ONLY PART OF MEN INVOLVED

Railway Brotherhood Official Denies Story of General C. N. R. Trouble.

Ottawa, Dec. 23.—The statement from Sydney, N. S., that the employees of the Canadian National Railways would refuse to handle freight of any kind to or from the Dominion Steel Corporation and the Nova Scotia Steel and Coal Company after December 28, does not involve all the employees of the National lines, A. R. Mosher, grand president of the Canadian Brotherhood of Railway Employees, which organization has a large membership among the freight handlers, shipmen and other C. N. R. workers, stated this morning that no instructions had been issued to the members regarding shipments to and from the two companies.

THIEF QUITS JOB; HE MILKED MULE IN COW'S STALL

Raleigh, N. C., Dec. 23.—A terrific racket last night in the barn of A. Johnson, a farmer near here, announced that a milk thief had milked the mule in the stall of a cow which the thief had been milking at night.

STATE BANK CLOSED; CASHIER ARRESTED

Pleasanton, Mont., Dec. 23.—The Sheridan County state bank at Pleasanton is closed and Chester J. Belcher, the cashier, is under arrest today, charged with making false reports to the state bank department.

STOLE CHRISTMAS PRESENTS

Chicago, Dec. 23.—Christmas presents said to be valued at several thousand dollars were stolen today by three armed bandits, who drove away with a delivery truck from a large department store after robbing the driver of thirty dollars.

WORLD NEWS TODAY

CANADA

Meeting in Montreal and Toronto plan assistance for thousands of men who have no work. Winnipeg strike leaders, who hoped for freedom from jail by Christmas have to stay in prison yet.

S. S. Sussex, that went aground in St. John port was released at high tide last night and is undamaged.

UNITED STATES

Crime wave still sweeps New York and Toledo; many petty Christmas thefts are reported from many places.

THE BRITISH ISLES

The situation in Ireland remains unchanged with hopes yet for a truce.

EUROPE

A state of war exists between Italy and D'Annunzio, and entanglements are being erected all along the Fiume border.

MEANEST THIEF IN THE COUNTRY IS DISCOVERED IN ATLANTA, GA.

Atlanta, Ga., Dec. 23.—Atlanta's meanest thief broke into All Saints' Episcopal church last night and defaced a big Christmas tree of all gifts, even carrying away ribbons and decorations. Most of his loot was boxes of candy or other goodies, ready for the children's Christmas celebration.

STOLE THE DECORATIONS

Seranton, Pa., Dec. 23.—New currency displayed on two illuminated Christmas trees in windows of the First National Bank at the most prominent business corner of the city, attracted thieves just before daybreak today. They hurled stones through the windows and gathered up the bills and currency to the burglar alarm: loudly clearing over their heads.

RECORDED REPEATS SENTENCE IMPOSED UPON THREE MISCHIEVOUS YOUTHS

West Orange, Dec. 23.—Recalling the days when he too was a boy, bent upon pilaging jam tarts and mother's pies, set out to cool, Recorder John B. Lander heart softened today and he issued an order that brought joy to three East Orange youngsters.

Hailed before the recorder, a trio of mischief makers were sentenced to receive no Christmas presents, to take no part in yuletide celebrations and go to bed at 6.30 o'clock each night for a month.

Citizens enraptured, protested that the punishment was too severe. Tonight the sentence was suspended over Christmas eve, Santa Claus was notified.

THREE KILLED IN BIG FIRES

Two Firemen Lose Lives in St. John's and One in Texas Blaze.

St. John's, Nfld., Dec. 23.—Two firemen were killed and four injured in a fire which destroyed the Star Theatre today. One of the walls collapsed burying the six men under a mass of debris. The loss was placed at \$50,000.

This was the latest of several recent fires in the city. On Sunday the government's infectious diseases hospital was burned, with a loss of \$30,000, and last week the buildings of a large bakery concern in the suburbs were destroyed, causing a loss of \$100,000.

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Christmas Freedom For Winnipeg Strike Heads Refused By Ottawa

Application for Their Release Was Made Recently to the Minister of Justice.

Winnipeg, Dec. 23.—The five strike leaders confined in the provincial jail for activities in connection with the 1919 general strike, will have to spend Christmas in jail.

Application made on their behalf to the Minister of Justice for parole has been refused, according to information from Ottawa received by Sheriff Col. Hincks. The men are the Rev. William Ivens, John Queen, W. A. Pritchard, George Armstrong and R. J. Johns.

NO REFUNDS FOR ANY CANCELLED LUXURY STAMPS

Others Will be Redeemed at Face Value by the Federal Government.

WILL BUY BACK CANCELLING MACHINE

But Merchants Who Have Cancelled Stamps in Advance Will be Losers.

Ottawa, Dec. 23.—The government will not redeem any cancelled luxury tax stamps, but only those unused and uncancelled. This was stated in a circular being issued today by the department of inland revenue instructing merchants how they may secure refunds.

Merchants are instructed to make out a list showing the total number of uncancelled and unused stamps of each denomination in their possession and add up the same in money value. The list should then be forwarded to the local collector of customs who will in turn forward it to the taxation offices of the Dominion Government. When these returns are verified checks will be issued to the merchants.

THINK THEY SAW BALLOON LIGHTS

Glens Falls, N. Y., Dec. 23.—Reports that residents of Long Lake, Hamilton County, saw the lights of a balloon passing northward late on the night of December 13, were received today by Lieuts. Beau and Johnson, United States army aviators, who have been searching for the missing naval balloon A-5598 and its three officer passengers.

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"TEDDY BEAR" HELD IN ICE TWO WINTERS

Arctic Explorer Did Not Hear War Was Over For One Year.

NATIVES TOLD OF FRANKLIN TRIP

Captain Barnard Back in Ottawa After Hard Trip to North.

Ottawa, Dec. 23.—After spending four winters in the Arctic, having been frozen in the ice of Coronation Gulf for more than 24 months, and being unaware that the war was over until a year after the armistice, Captain Joseph Barnard, skipper of the little gasoline schooner, Teddy Bear, reached Ottawa last night on his way to his home in Tignish, P. E. I. Captain Barnard's ship, was a trader, and his life in the Far North was his choice of making a livelihood. He has been located in the north since 1901, but only since 1909 did he take to trading in the Canadian Arctic, fitting the "Teddy Bear" and sailing up to the icy desolation of Victoria Island, King William Land, and Coronation Gulf. He is now in Ottawa renewing acquaintances with members of the Canadian Arctic expedition which set sail in 1913.

CHRISTMAS CARGO COMES TO GRIEF WHEN LAW APPEARS

"Dora" Likely to Prove Total Loss on Rocky Ledge in Pacific.

Seattle, Dec. 23.—Stranded on the east shore of Vancouver Island as a result of striking a rocky ledge extending into the channel from Nelson Dutch Harbor, the little steamship Dora, famed as the "bull-dog" of the North Pacific, lies in a precarious position should a storm arise before she can be floated.

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CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY

Washington, Dec. 23.—The Senate and House recessed today for Christmas. Both are to meet again Monday.

E. J. SEEGER IS DEAD

Fredericton, Dec. 23.—Edwin J. Seeger, for more than twenty-five years a doorkeeper at the New Brunswick legislature, is dead here after a long illness aged seventy years.

NO STANDARD ON CHRISTMAS DAY

Tomorrow, being Christmas Day, there will be no issue of The Standard.