

YORK'S CHOICE

OVER HUNDRED THOUSAND POOR FED IN NEW YORK

Charitable Organizations Looked After the Unfortunate Christmas Day.

THE SALVATION ARMY LED ALL.

"Spugs" Practiced Their Teaching—Heirs of Big Tim Sullivan Provided Dinners for 5,000 Persons.

New York, Dec. 25.—Well attended church services, and the distribution of Christmas dinners to nearly 100,000 of the city's dependants, were the features of New York's observance of the Day of Nativity. The day broke with the gentleness associated with Indian summer, clouded up threateningly about noon, and then ended in showers and drizzles.

The Salvation Army led in the distribution of Christmas cheer. In addition to issuing 5,000 Christmas dinner baskets, each of them containing food enough for six, the organization entertained 3,500 children with a Christmas tree party.

Commander Eva Booth presided at this and personally distributed the presents.

One thousand baskets were given by the Volunteers of America, and 5,000 dinners were served by heirs of "Big Tim" Sullivan. Congressman Lott's donation amounted to 1,500 dinner baskets. A complete Christmas dinner was given each.

Various public and charitable institutions were also well remembered. Turkey dinners were served in all of them, and entertainments were given. More than 3,000 were fed at the City Home, 1,900 at the New York Children's Hospital, 3,000 at the Metropolitan, and 1,350 at Bellevue Hospital, 1,500 at the Municipal Lodging House, 4,800 at the Manhattan State Hospital, and 2,500 at the Catholic Protector.

Inmates of New York's prisons were not overlooked, though in most cases the usual Christmas party, a turkey and some turkey dinners were served to more than 500. The penitentiary on Blackwell's Island provided an exceptional Christmas party for 200, and those detained at the various police courts fared also in accord with custom.

One of the notable events of the day was the celebration organized by the "Spugs," or Society for the Prevention of Useless Giving. Over 11,000 adults and children, rich and poor, attended its Christmas tree party, at which presents of coffee, cake, sandwiches, and candy were distributed.

FOURTEEN KILLED BY EXPLOSION IN FIREWORKS FACTORY

Building Collapsed and Victims Were Buried in the Wreckage—Dead May Number Several More.

Rome, Dec. 25.—The explosion of a fireworks factory today at Torre Annunziata in the province of Naples, resulted in the death of many persons. The buildings collapsed, burying the victims in the wreckage. Fourteen dead and five injured were taken from the ruins, and it is believed that many other bodies are covered by the debris.

FRISCO'S ARMY OF IDLE NUMBERS THOUSANDS

Co-operative Employment Bureau Feeds Many—Churches Thrown Open to Afford Shelter to the Homeless.

San Francisco, Dec. 25.—Nobody out of work need have gone hungry in San Francisco on Christmas day. At the Co-operative Bureau of employment, the tables were set for all that would come, and thousands did. Ten cooks were busy from three o'clock this morning until noon.

Many churches are throwing open their doors to give homeless sleeping places. "All who apply will be given food and shelter," said Mayor Rolph. "Every man can have a roof over his head, and plenty to eat until Monday, when the supervisors will announce a plan to provide employment."

The number of idle men is estimated at 20,000.

HOLIDAY TRAGEDY

SEVENTY-FOUR LIVES ARE CRUSHED OUT IN A FIRE PANIC IN CALUMET, MICH.

Hon. Mr. McLeod Chosen as Candidate for Federal Seat.

The Victims, Mostly Children of Striking Miners, Were Attending Christmas Tree Entertainment Prepared for them by Friends of Families.

FALSE ALARM BY WOULD-BE JOKER RESPONSIBLE FOR THE CATASTROPHE

Scene of Joyousness Converted to One of Terror in a Moment—Weaker Ones Trampled Down by Stronger in the Mad Rush to Safety—Children Snatched from Arms of Their Parents.

Calumet, Mich., Dec. 24.—Four score persons, mostly children, were killed tonight at a Christmas celebration by copper mine strikers in an Italian hall, because of a needless panic caused by a false alarm of fire.

While several hundred miners and their wives looked on, the children pressed eagerly towards the stage to receive Christmas presents. In an instant a man put his head in at the door of the hall and yelled "fire."

The cry was taken up by those in the hall. Everyone started for the doors. The weaker were thrown to the floor and those behind tried to climb over those ahead of them.

The stairway and other avenues of egress were blocked so effectively that those inside could not get out, and those without could not get in to aid the panic stricken crowd in the hall. It was some time before the panic subsided.

The principal exit was a narrow stairway at the back of the hall. When this had been cleared of the bodies that filled it the top, and a quick accounting had been made, it was found that twenty-four corpses had been piled up beside the hall building. It is thought a dozen others were carried away by friends.

The dead include thirty-seven girls, nineteen boys, thirteen women and five men. The excited women stood about the building, some dazed by the sudden change from holiday festivities to tragedy, others calling hysterically for a missing child, and a few even threatening violence to the rescuers for keeping them back from long rows of bodies.

There was not much work for the many doctors who hurried to the scene as soon as the alarm was spread. For those who were not killed in the first rush were held upright and safe by the very forces of the anguish toward the exit. Only three injured persons were taken to hospitals, and a few went home with the assistance of friends.

CARDINAL'S WILL IS NOT FOUND YET

Belief is that Later Document than One Discovered Exists—His Apartments to be Sealed Up.

Rome, Dec. 25.—The apartments occupied by the late Cardinal Rampolla have been sealed up in consequence of a request made by Mgr. Di Bisognio, administrator of St. Peter's. This step was urged by Cardinal Merry Del Val, papal secretary of state, simply to guarantee the safety of documents of great interest to the church. The possible loss was suggested by persistent reports regarding the disappearance of Cardinal Rampolla's last will and testament.

A will was executed by Cardinal Rampolla bearing a later date than the will found is considered almost certain, because the cardinal left a key with a tag attached, on which was inscribed in his own hand writing the statement that the key would open a box containing his will, and those close to the cardinal think it incredible that he would not alter his testament of 1889, explaining that his estate had grown four-fold since that date.

The box referred to has not been found, and so far no one has come forward to say he has absolute knowledge of the existence of the testament reported to be missing. There is no evidence that it was stolen, and no claims have been set up by anyone that he has sustained damage by the loss of the will. The authorities are not in a position to take action, because, according to the Italian law in such cases prosecution could only be possible if some interested party had officially submitted charges. As the situation stands, the authorities cannot institute an investigation.

WIDOW OF FOUNDER OF RECORD FOUNDRY

Moncton, Dec. 25.—Mrs. C. B. Record, aged 88 years, native of Moncton, died Wednesday at the residence of Hon. H. R. Emerson, Dorchester.

She was the widow of C. B. Record, founder of the Record Foundry and Machinery Company of this city. A. E. Record, Boston, is the only surviving member of the family.

Funeral at Moncton, Friday afternoon.

MONCTON HOCKEY PLAYER WILL JOIN HALIFAX TEAM.

Moncton, Dec. 26.—Marcel Belliveau, left this morning for Halifax where he will make a try for the Crescents. He is a young amateur player, and with a little experience ought to make good, but he will not be fast enough for this year's Crescents.

HOLIDAY TRAGEDY

74 Suffocated in Xmas Eve Panic

BUCTOUCHE LAD BELIEVED DROWNED

Miles Wheaton, Fifteen Years Old, Started Across River on Skates and Has Not Been Seen Since.

Moncton, N. B., Dec. 25.—Miles Wheaton, aged fifteen years, son of Miles Wheaton, station agent for the Moncton and Buctouche Railway, at Buctouche, is missing from his home and it is almost certain that he was drowned Tuesday night by skating on a hole in the ice on the river near his home.

Tuesday night young Wheaton skated across the river about two miles to the home of Col. Sheridan, M. L. A. Two of Col. Sheridan's sons and Wheaton went spearing eels, and about twelve o'clock young Wheaton started for home on his skates alone. His companions watched him from the river bank as he set off for home. He carried a lantern and they saw him some distance on his journey. That was the last seen of Wheaton alive.

Search was made today but the storm of Wednesday obliterated all trace of the skates. A hole in the ice was found and it is taken for granted that young Wheaton skated into this and sank beneath the ice at the point where the lad is supposed to have been drowned.

The sad tragedy cast a gloom over Buctouche and surroundings Christmas Day.

FINDS DEAD MAN IN HIS WOODSHED

Ontario Man Makes a Guesstimate—Discolored Face Points to Foul Play.

Hamilton, Ont., Dec. 25.—When Nathaniel Jones, who resides at 70 1-2 Napier street went into his woodshed this morning, he found the partly undressed body of a man lying there with his overcoat and waistcoat lying beside him. As the face was discolored he feared that the dead man might have been the victim of foul play and notified the police. The body was taken to the morgue where Dr. Rennie examined it. Shortly after the body was taken to the morgue a man identified it as that of James Murphy, a bartender. An inquest will be held.

ONE DEAD, FIVE INJURED IN CALIFORNIA RIOT

Los Angeles, Calif., Dec. 25.—Rafael Adams, a Mexican, was killed, and five policemen were injured today in a riot at the Plaza, when the police started to break up a meeting of several hundred unemployed and hungry men. Twenty of the rioters were arrested.

DEATH TO ALL FEDERALISTS, IS VILLA'S ORDER

Tells His General to Take no Prisoners, Sweep the Border and Drive Them Into the States.

Chihuahua, Mex., Dec. 24.—Forty-two hundred rebel cavalrymen with ten cannon and six machine guns have left Chihuahua to begin the long delayed attack on the Federalists at Ojinaga, opposite Presidio, Tex. The rebels, commanded by Gen. Ortega, have been ordered to exterminate the Federalists or drive them across the United States border.

"Sweep the border clear of Federalists and do not take any prisoners," was Gen. Francisco Villa's order to Gen. Ortega. "There must not be a Federalist left alive on this side of the border."

Gen. Villa said if the Federal general, Orozco and Rojas, are captured they are to be shot as traitors.

Loaded in six trains, with large supplies of ammunition, the Ojinaga expedition left here, purposing to travel as far as Hermosillo, and thence to march overland to Ojinaga. Gen. Villa witnessed the departure of his soldiers and expressed confidence over the outcome, saying the Federalists either would be driven across the border or broken up into small bands.

The bottling up of the Federalists in the city of Torreon, 200 miles south of here, the occupation by the rebels of parts of the city and the rebel capture of Laredo and Gomez Palacio, important adjoining towns, were confirmed in reports received today. Gen. Monclovia Herrera, however, was not wounded.

The rebel despatches said Gen. Herrera now had Torreon practically controlled, with little loss of life, and that he would await further reinforcements before attempting a rout of the Federalists under Gen. Refugio Valesco.

Despite Gen. Villa's statement to the United States government that he is not detaining wives and children of men who have left the country, it is known here that he has denied them facilities to leave. The demand for trains for military purposes was given as a reason for not providing means to transport the Mexican families who wish to leave.

One million pesos in rebel money has been issued under the seal of the State of Chihuahua. This greatly increases the financial situation brought about by the lack of small currency.

INDIANS MAKE BOGUS DOLLARS

Three Red Men Had Counterfeiting Plant for Making Good Imitation—Rounded Up by Police.

Aberdeen, Wash., Dec. 25.—Frank Walton, Cleveland Jackson and Linley Fowler, all Indians, were arrested last night at Tahola, capital of the Quinal reservation, charged with counterfeiting. They were brought here today and bound over by a United States commissioner, bail being fixed at \$20,000 for each. They will be taken to Tacoma tonight, to await trial.

The Indians, it is alleged by United States government officials, had a counterfeiting plant in a shed and were manufacturing counterfeit silver dollars of fair quality.

THOUSANDS OF REFUGEES SUFFER IN BULGARIA

London, Dec. 26.—The Soda correspondent of the Times makes an appeal in behalf of 200,000 refugees scattered throughout Bulgaria, the majority of whom are totally destitute and suffering terrible privations. The government has done its utmost to relieve the refugees, but its means are limited. In one district alone, where there are 5,000 fugitives, it is officially reported that from thirty to forty are dying every week.

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"I will favor to the utmost any act of the parliament of Canada that will make possible the connection of the National Transcontinental Railway at Napadogon with the St. John Valley Railway at Fredericton, so that the traffic of the National Transcontinental Railroad may be carried to the port of St. John over the Valley Railway, thus making for the upbuilding of this good country, as well as providing freight to be handled in the great Atlantic port of the province.

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