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Trades and Labor Congress Demands Laid Before Ontario Government
Masked and Armed Bandits With Stolen Cars Busy on Toronto Streets

FLOOD OF NOMINEES FOR CIVIC HONORS IN ONTARIO TOWNS

H. C. Nickle is Elected Mayor Kingston by Acclamation.

RECORD IN ST. KITTS

Canadian Press Despatch.

Kingston, Ont., Dec. 23.—H. C. Nickle, brother of W. F. Nickle, ex-M.P., was today elected Mayor of Kingston by acclamation. R. F. Elliott and G. Y. Chown, retiring members of the utilities commission, were also returned unopposed.

A big bunch of aldermanic candidates were nominated, the veterans, labor men and business men each having slates. Following were the nominations, three to be elected in each ward:

Ontario: R. E. Kent, C. Graham, Randolph Crocker, Frances King, Norman Smith, J. B. Phillips, T. J. O'Connor; Sydenham: Dr. F. O'Connor, Wm. H. Craig, Herbert Robertson, Chas. Anglin, Robt. J. Rodger; St. Lawrence: Henry Edward Pense, Wm. Y. Mills, W. J. B. White, Benj. N. Steacy; Catarqui: Isaac Cohen, Thos. Angrove, Jas. Norris, Albert Simmons, W. A. Stroud; Frontenac: James B. Angrove, Samuel S. Corbett, W. P. Peters, Wm. Patterson, Isaac Cohen, Jas. W. Smith, J. G. Evans; Rideau: Fred M. Glow, E. W. Skinner, D. Couper, N. G. Jones, W. R. Chgston, R. G. Armstrong, S. F. Metcalfe, Thos. A. Clugston; Victoria: Thos. Henry Sargent, Percy B. Chown, H. W. Newman, John W. Litton, W. A. Twigg.

The following were nominated for the board of education: Sydenham: Frank Smythe, B. D. Minnes; Ontario: A. W. McLean, by acclamation; St. Lawrence; for two year term, Jos. G. Elliott, by acclamation; for one year term, L. T. Best and Rev. Robt. J. Wilson; Catarqui: S. V. Moore, E. T. Cain: Frontenac: Francis R. Anglin, John H. Jarvis; Rideau: John W.

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DRURY OUTLINES HIGHWAY POLICY

Tells, at Warden's Dinner, He Favors Distribution of Expenditure.

OTHER MINISTERS SPEAK

Hamilton, Dec. 23.—(Special.)—That he was not opposed to good roads, but was opposed to a heavy expenditure on one good road, at the expense of other roads, was a declaration made here this evening by Hon. E. C. Drury, premier of Ontario, when speaking at the annual warden's dinner at the Royal Connaught Hotel. The host of the occasion was Hon. F. C. Biggs, warden of Wentworth, and minister of public works for Ontario. The premier said the highway policy of his government, as worked out by Mr. Biggs and Mr. McLean, the deputy minister, and in which he heartily concurred, contemplated not the construction of one fine highway and allowing that to deteriorate while or before others were undertaken, but to maintain while they constructed good roadways. The policy of the government was to extend the good roads system to township and county roads, thus while benefiting the rural communities bring advantages at the same time to urban centres. He felt that in Mr. Biggs the people had a minister who would carry out this progressive good roads policy efficiently and for the benefit of the whole province.

Other Ministers Heard.

Mr. Drury was speaking to the toast, "The Province of Ontario," and was followed by Hon. C. H. Nixon, provincial secretary; Hon. Walter R. Rollo, minister of labor, and Hon. Beniah Bowman, minister of lands, forests and mines, each of whom promised an honest effort to make good, Mr. Rollo stating that the existence of the U. F. O. and the I. L. P. depended upon their making good. To the toast "Canada" Dr. J. F. McQueen, ex-M. L. A., and O. C. Garden, president of Hamilton board of trade, responded. J. F. Vance, county clerk, acted as toastmaster.

THE EXCHANGE SITUATION

British pound ($4.86) in New York $3.83; discount, 21.19 per cent.

Canadian dollar in New York, 92c; discount 8 per cent.

DINEEN'S JANUARY FUR SALE

Begins today—The most wonderful event in the history of the fur trade. In addition to Dineen's own manufactured stock, which is very heavy, they purchased from one of the foremost manufacturers of high class furs in Quebec the whole of their surplus stock of Hudson seal coats, trimmed and untrimmed, ladies' musk ox coats, ladies' marmot coats, ladies' Hudson Coon coats, as well as fine Canadian musk capes and muffs, Ermine sets, mole and fox sets, etc. This stock with our own will be on sale today at tremendous reductions. This is an unusual opportunity to make a Christmas gift of furs. Dineen's store will be open until 10 tonight at 140 Yonge street.

PRESIDENT WILSON WILL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR A SEPARATE PEACE WITH GERMANY

Former Premier of France Says His Stubborn Refusal to Accept Reservations May End in Adoption of Lodge Resolution.

By Alexander Ribot, ex-Premier of France.

Special Cable to Toronto World.

Paris, Dec. 23.—France regards with the gravest misgivings the Knox peace resolution, which, if adopted, will shelve the peace treaty permanently, according to the general belief here. President Wilson's stubborn refusal to listen to reason and accept the inevitable reservations proposed in the United States senate which are now favored by the allies, has apparently created the impression among the American people that peace will never be obtained by the peace treaty and must, therefore, be negotiated separately.

The Knox resolution adopted, peace will be proclaimed between the United States and Germany, and the responsibility for the grave consequences following America's separation from the allies will fall upon President Wilson.

The recent decision of the United States supreme court on the liquor question, in which it is pointed out, incidentally, that "a treaty is only a proposal until approved by the senate" is legally sound, as everyone in Europe knows. Nevertheless, the European precedent has always been to ratify treaties signed by the representatives of the contracting nations, in spite of the most glaring flaws.

The continued refusal threatened by President Wilson to accept ratification of the peace treaty with reservations will not receive approbation of the allies.

LIQUOR POLICY IS CAUSE OF FLUTTER

Temperance Leaders and Liberty Leaguers Visit Ontario Cabinet.

There was considerable commotion and excitement in and around the council room of the Ontario cabinet yesterday afternoon consequent upon the announcement made that a bone-dry state of affairs was likely soon to obtain in the province.

The first breeze blew when a deputation of the Citizens' Liberty League was ushered into the seats of the mighty. It was given out that the object of the visit was nothing more serious than a request for a recount of the referendum ballots and this statement must, of course, be accepted in good faith. Still it would be surprising if "the topic of the hour" was not discussed, and if also the mission of the liberty lovers should turn out to be a mere coincidence. The opportunity appeared too good to admit of such astute men passing it by when, as they claim, "the liberty of the subject is being threatened."

Temperance Advocates Too

The next move on the scene was the arrival of such distinguished men in the temperance world as J. D. Flavelle, chairman of the Ontario license board, Rev. Dr. Grant, "the fighting parson," and a few others of the water persuasion. They were taken in tow by Hon. H. C. Nixon, provincial secretary, who is the nominal head of the license department, and were soon within the charmed circle. What they said and did could not be dragged either out of them, the premier or any of his ministers. The visit certainly had nothing to do with finding seats for the three politically homeless ministers, and was far more likely to have had some reference to the threatened dry-bone situation. However, they came and went and outsiders were none the wiser. Only conclusions were drawn.

The liquor situation was again discussed by the members of the cabinet upon whom it is safe to assume that considerable pressure is being brought by both sides. The premier was non-committal beyond stating that the whole question will be taken up again today and a further announcement made before the public eat their Christmas dinner.

It can be stated that absolutely nothing has been decided as to "limiting the liquor a person may have in his house"—and this also does not convey that no limit will be fixed. There may, of course, in view of the pressure brought to bear, be some modification of the bone-dry proposal, but it can be repeated that it is the present intention of the government "to tighten up the O. T. A."

CONTINUE TALKS ON PEACE TREATY

Republican and Democratic Senators Confident Agreement Will Be Reached.

Washington, Dec. 23.—Altho Republican and Democratic senators continued their conferences today on peace treaty reservations, there were no concrete results and the leaders said they expected none for some days. There was a general feeling of confidence, however, that by the time the holiday recess ends on January 5 the basis for an agreement will have been reached.

Drafts of proposed changes in the reservations framed by the senate majority at the last session were talked over by Senator Lodge of Massachusetts, the Republican leader, and Senator Lenroot, of Wisconsin, a leader of the mild reservation group of Republicans. They said the conference was of a general nature and that no final agreement on phraseology was reached.

It was emphasized in all quarters that the negotiations still were in a nebulous state and that many suggestions from many sources would be considered before there was any attempt to make a binding agreement.

EIGHT DOLLARS MINIMUM WAGE

Henry Ford Said to Be Considering Raising of Scale of Pay.

Special to The Toronto World.

Detroit, Mich., Dec. 23.—Altho no official sanction is given the story it was definitely stated here today that Henry Ford has under consideration a plan for increasing the pay of his 50,000 employes to $8 a day minimum with a maximum of $12. The present scale is $6. Ernest G. Liebold, private secretary to Mr. Ford, when asked concerning the reported wage increase today stated, "There is nothing to say at this time." He would not deny the truth of the story, however.

In order that he might not be hampered by interference from any of the minority stockholders in the Ford Motor Company, Mr. Ford early last summer negotiated a loan of some $75,000,000, later increasing the amount to $100,000,000, the money being used to purchase outright the holdings of the other shareholders in the Ford Company. This loan will have been repaid with interest within a year, and the business will belong wholly to himself and his only son, Edsel Ford.

Details of the plan contemplate, it is said, not only price reduction of the Ford car, but the continued turning back of profits into production.

ICE JAM AT MONTREAL.

Montreal, Dec. 23.—The mild weather is so pronounced here that the ice in the river is breaking up and jamming down the river. Low wharves in the lower river are flooded.

TO STABILIZE VALUE OF CANADIAN SILVER

Detroit, Dec. 23. — Detroit Clearing House Association, at a meeting today, took action in the effort to stabilize the value of Canadian silver coins in Detroit by adopting a rule that on and after Friday, Canadian silver will be accepted for deposit in Detroit clearing house banks only at a uniform discount of 10 per cent. from face value.

James T. Keena, chairman of the Clearing House Association, believes the action taken by the association will check exorbitant discount charges reported to have been made by some Detroit business places. The discount charge is said to have been as high as 20 per cent. in some instances.

MANITOBA G.W.V.A. MAKE BIG VENTURE

Incorporate for Plan of Aiding Disabled With Half Million Dollars.

Winnipeg, Dec. 23.—Announcement of the application of the Great War Veterans' Association for a charter incorporating the association in a venture to assist disabled men to the extent of $500,000 was made today by Lieut. Leo Warde, chairman of the executive committee of the Great War Veterans' Association.

Mr. Warde announced that the charter will permit establishment and operation of a factory in Winnipeg for the employment of disabled men on woodwork and kindred trades.

"Reforestation" of Manitoba's wooded territory and "a more progressive highway policy" are among the objects the associaton is setting out to oring about, Mr. Warde declared when interviewed today.

BOLO PASHA'S WIDOW IS AGAIN MARRIED

Nice, France, Dec. 23. — Madame Henriette Soumaille, widow of Bolo Pasha, who was put to death in April, 1918, for treason, was married today to Alexander Prat. Madame Soumaille is 52 years of age and M. Prat 62. He is said to be wealthy.

Took and Sold Five Tons Of G.T.R. Coal, Say Police

Furnace coal sold at $14 a ton at the majority of the yards yesterday, but an Italian on Edward street got a bargain when he purchased five tons for $45 Robert Peil, 575 East Dundas street, the person alleged to have sold it was arrested last night by Detective Roster on a charge of theft. The police stated Peil drove a team waggon to a G. T. R. siding Tuesday night and loaded five tons from one of the railway cars and drove away. The coal was delivered yesterday, but the police took possession of it last evening and it will be carted back to the Grand Trunk yards.

MOTOR HIGHWAYMEN MAKE FREE WITH CITY

Armed Robbers Carry Out Three Hold-ups in Three Hours by Means of Stolen Cars—Delivery Driver and Two Others Suffer.

Three armed motor bandits dashed around the city last night in stolen motor cars holding up people and robbing them of their money under threat of shooting them. From 6.30 last evening these daring masked robbers sped thru the streets and held up three different people and robbed them within less than three hours time. As quickly as their operations were made known to the police detectives and plainclothesmen were ordered into police motor cars and they drove up and down streets in hopes of getting a glance at the numbers of the stolen cars. Up until a late hour this morning no arrests were reported, but abandoned stolen cars used by the thugs were picked up by policemen on their patrols.

Driver Held Up.

A driver for a downtown departmental store was delivering parcels to a house near the corner of Dalton road and Lowther avenue at 6.30 last evening. When he was returning to mount his wagon, three masked men surrounded him, and, directing revolvers at the driver, instructed him to stand perfectly still and not attempt to call for help or they would "fill him with lead." Two of the bandits kept the delivery man covered with their revolvers, while the third searched all of his pockets, stealing all the delivery receipts, amounting to more than $200. The three men did not steal any of the goods from the wagon, but cautioned the driver to stand alongside of his rig until they got away, as a fourth man, they said, was in hiding to guard the driver. The three then entered a motor car, which they had left a short distance away, and drove east along Lowther avenue.

Another Victim.

The driver immediately telephoned to the police and gave a description of the fugitives. Traveling several blocks they drove along th ecurbstone and left the car and stole another one. They drove to the east end, and turning on to Langley avenue, two of them stepped from the running board and pointing a pistol at Gordon Harron, 131 Langley avenue, took hold of Harron and held him while the driver of the motor car got out of the machine and went thru Harron's pockets. They stole $40 in money from Harron. The robbery happened about 10 o'clock and took place within half a block of the victim's home.

Too Quick for Them.

Driving west again, the gunmen came to East Richmond street, where they left the second car and stole a machine owned by Charlie Querrie, manager of the Arena Gardens. They drove it to Queen and Crawford streets, where they again attempted to hold up a citizen. The third victim was south of Queen on Crawford and when two of the thieves ordered him to throw up his hands they were not quick enough in covering him. He fled preciptately in the direction of Queen street. They made no attempt to stop him and as far as could be learned no shots were fired. The frightened man went to Claremont street station. He told of the affair and was at once taken in a motor car with plainclothesmen. At 2 o'clock this morning the officers, who had this man's name, were still working on the case.

Car Stalled.

After attempting the third hold up, the car owned by Querrie either broke down or ran out of gasoline. In all events it stalled and the robbers left it standing on the street. From here the police lost track of the daring gunmen.

These men are believed to be those who held up Joseph Badkin near his home, 415 Brock avenue, Monday night, and after roughly using Badkin, robbed him of $8. On this occasion the robbers were described to the police as wearing masks and driving h. a motor car.

During the evening, eight cars were stolen—five within the city limits and three outside.

WORKERS' CHANCES IMPROVED FOR OBTAINING LEGISLATION, IS MINISTER OF LABOR'S VIEW

Annual Pilgrimage to Queen's Park — Ask Forty-Four Hour Week—Plead Case for Police Unions, and Ask Better Conditions on Farms

"It is unreasonable to suppose that you will get all you ask for. It is reasonable to suppose that with the composition of this government you will get a great deal more than you formerly received. My advice to you is to get in touch with the other side; get in touch with the employers, lay matters before them and secure their co-operation." Thus did Hon. Walter Rollo, minister of labor, address his fellow organized workers who paid their annual visit to parliament buildings yesterday and presented to the cabinet the resolutions passed at the recent trades and labor congress at Hamilton.

"Do not expect too much legislation this coming session," was the gentle warning given by the premier, who added: "It is going to be difficult for the government to do everything in bringing down its legislative program. You can, however, look for every consideration." The other members of the cabinet present were Hon. Manning Doherty, minister of agriculture; Hon. F. C. Biggs, minister of public works; Hon. H. C. Nixon, provincial secretary; Hon. W. E. Raney, attorney-general, and Hon. Beniah Bowman, minister of lands and forests.

Improvement on Farms.

Tom Moore, president of the Trades and Labor Congress, who had with him thirty thoro representatives of labor, ably presented the case to the cabinet, made a bold home thrust when he recognized the argument that better conditions and shorter hours in factories might draw men away from the farms, but, he added, they might also bring about some improvement in the work on the farms, the hours of which were all too long. If the better farm conditions made higher prices necessary then they would have to be paid, but he did not believe that would obtain. He thought it was possible for the farmer to get more without the consumer

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CANNOT AGREE TO GENERAL AMNESTY

Attorney-General Will Consider Any Special Case of Returned Men.

"Frankly, the government does not see its way to grant a general amnesty to offenders as appears to be suggested by you in your letter of Monday last," wrote Hon. W. E. Raney, attorney-general, to Mayor Church last night relating to the release asked for of returned men now in prison under the O. T. A.

"Such action," Mr. Raney adds, "would create a dangerous precedent, but if, as I have already indicated there are cases which for any reason call for special consideration they will receive prompt attention on being brought to the notice of the government.

Mr. Raney points out that twelve such cases were dealt with last month and that the fact that a man was a returned soldier always bulked largely with those in authority.

SIR SAM HUGHES SIZES UP CABINET

Thinks Raney Would "Fill the Bill" in North Victoria.

Lindsay, Ont., Dec. 23.—"Did you hear of the rumor that Hon. Mr. Raney was getting a seat in North Victoria?" a reporter asked Sir Sam Hughes this morning.

"Yes," he replied, "and I think he would fill the bill just as well as the present member. I have known Mr. Raney for a long time and always found him very reliable. It is only fair to give the government a chance, and to my mind they would have a fair show if they could only get rid of E. C. Drury or have him realize his position. If Mr. Grant had been chosen leader it would have been a good thing for the province. The Nixon family are very able, and I predict that Hon. Mr. Nixon will make good. So will Biggs. Indeed, once these fellows get over their impossible fads they should settle down and make fairly good administrators."

"What objections have you to Drury?"

"Well, he is a man of one idea. He is not a broad man. He is carried away by fads and fancies. He always and I am afraid always will be that type of man. Still he may possibly improve with experience."

High Cost of Living at Home Drives Italians Back to U. S.

New York, Dec. 23.—Several hundred disillusioned Italians who returned to their native land after the signing of the armistice with the idea of living on their savings, arrived here today on the liner Patrie. They reported that the high cost of living was a worse problem in Italy than in the United States and that they had come back to stay.

AUTOMATIC PHONES COMING IN TORONTO

Montreal, Dec. 23.—L. R. McFarlane, president of the Bell Telephone Company, in an interview today, stated that the company would shortly be opening new branches in Toronto and Montreal, and was considering the advisability of installing automatic telephone systems in each, since "the present system will be scrapped in a few years."

Mr. McFarlane added that the average business life of a telephone girl was 2 1-2 years, and that it would take that time to have the new equipment made.

FRENCH CHAMBER VOTES CONFIDENCE

Listens With Approval to Clemenceau Outline Program of Policies.

TO CRUSH BOLSHEVISM

Paris, Dec. 23. — The chamber of deputies today voted confidence in the government—458 to 71. The vote, which carried approval of Premier Clemenceau's program, was taken after the chamber had listened to the premier's declaration of the determination of the allies to crush Bolshevism, his confidence in the Anglo-Franco-American pacts, his prediction of a solution of the Fiume problem, and his understanding with Premier Lloyd George of Great Britain.

M. Clemenceau told the chamber that Great Britain and President Wilson had offered military pacts. Certain points in the peace treaty had been questioned, but there were no serious objections to the military agreement.

The premier added that the latest additions were that the Fiume situation would be solved, and "then only can we breathe freely."

M. Clemenceau appealed to the chamber to work hard and talk little. He said the cabinet at the end of the remaining weeks of its tenure of office would give its resignation to the president, and added:

"It will not be an exit by one door to enter by another."

Asked by the socialist deputy, Marcel Cachin, if he ought not to give an unquiet country explanations of the treaty and the Anglo-American military pacts, M. Clemenceau said:

Guarantees Were Offered.

"I did not ask for these military guarantees. They were offered by Great Britain and President Wilson. I do not believe they will be questioned. Altho certain points of the treaty have been discussed, there is no serious objection to the guarantees."

During the discussion on the London conferences, ex-Premier Barthou questioned M. Clemenceau on Russia, and the premier said Russia had been discussed previously, but added: "I will tell you the two principal decisions we have taken. Not only will we not make peace, but we won't compromise with the government of the soviets. We have decided that we will be the allies of all peoples attacked by Bolshevism."

Clemenceau added that the allies would maintain a barbed wire around Russia, notably by aiding the Poles, Rumanians and others along the frontiers.

Resuming his discussion of the London conference, M. Clemenceau said:

SOLDIERS' RELIEF IS BEING RUSHED ALL OVER CANADA

Toronto Uses Up Five Hundred Cheques—Thousand More on Way.

FLOOD OF APPLICATIONS

Canadian Press Despatch.

Ottawa, Dec. 23.—Good progress is being made in the payment of unemployment relief to returned soldiers and their dependents in some of the eastern cities. In others where the cheques are not yet available, it is simply a matter of delay owing to the delivery as all forms were sent from the Ottawa headquarters of the Patriotic Fund at the same time. It is expected that as far east as Fredericton and as far west as Winnipeg, payments will be under way by Christmas morning to relieve any cases of actual need.

Toronto office, it was said today, had used up all the forms sent there, some five or six hundred, and wired back for more. Another shipment of several thousand is going forward tonight so that it is anticipated that any relief payments held up for lack of forms will be made as soon as they are received and checked.

Issue Special Cheques.

Relief cheques were being issued, it was stated at headquarters, at Toronto, Montreal, Ottawa, Hull and Kingston, and it was expected that the payments would be under way in Hamilton, London and other cities equally distant by tomorrow. Some of the forms necessary could not be delivered in time. Among these the special cheque which is to be used for the purpose, but where there was actual need these formalities have been overcome and relief has been extended as soon as it was found that the applicant was worthy.

Make Christmas Happier.

Married men and families are being cared for first, stated Brig.-Gen. Ross, who is in charge of the distribution, and while it is likely that before any further payments are made there will be a close scrutiny of the needs of all applicants, the tendency at present is to give the man the benefit of the doubt and do what is possible to make his Christmas happier.

Some complaints are already reaching the head office, but it is felt that in the main these are due to a too great anxiety, as the forms for dispensing the relief will be in the hands of every local branch as soon as the mails can get them there and the fund will be distributed in the most equitable manner possible.

SINN FEIN FUNERAL FOR DEAD ASSASSIN

No Arrests Yet Made for Attempt Against Life of Viscount French.

Dublin, Dec. 23.—There are still no arrests for the attempt against the life of Viscount French, the viceroy. No demonstrations occurred today when the body of Savage, killed in the attack on the viceroy, left Dublin for Sligo.

A despatch from Belfast says that Irish volunteers acted as bearers today at the funeral of Savage at Ballysodare, Sligo, his native place. The Sinn Fein colors were over the coffin. The graveyard was surrounded by police, but nothing untoward occurred.

Lisduff, County Cavan, Ireland, Dec. 23.—A band of armed men raided the railway works here today, taking the sentries by surprise. The stock of the explosive gelgnite at the works was seized by the raiders.

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS FESTIVAL IN NEW YORK TURNED INTO RIOT

Thousands of Uninvited Youngsters Joined in Mad Scramble for Presents, and Police Were Helpless Before the Onrush.

New York, Dec. 23.—Thousands of uninvited children, for whom no gifts were provided, crowded their way into the 71st Regiment Armory tonight, and threw New York's "largest children's Christmas festival" into a riot. During the height of the uproar, 14,000 youngsters were in a mad scramble for their share of presents, which were stacked upon tables for distribution to 7000 needy "kiddies" who had been invited.

Police reserves from six precinct stations, aided by the armory detail of soldiers, were unable to check the wild onrush. Several women fainted, and scores of children, some of them on crutches, were bowled over as the youngsters rushed about the floor.

No semblance of order was obtained until thousands of the youngsters had been rushed into the street, where, separated from their chaperones and mothers, many of them hungry and without gifts, tearfully clamored to be taken to their homes. Less than 50 per cent. of them managed to get a gift package in the melee. The trouble started when clowns made their appearance on the armory floor. Children who had been assigned to places in the building rushed out on the floor in mass formation and crowded about the funmakers. A few took advantage of the disorder to help themselves from the gift table, and in a minute the rush was on.

The policemen present were literally swept off their feet; additional reserves were summoned, and a bugler sounded the assembly call, bringing to the rescue the uniformed armory detail. Children fought and scratched each other for the possession of dolls and other toys in the packages of presents. One freckled, red-faced youth, wearing an abbreviated army coat, was seen to carry away eight packages under his arms. Order was not restored until thousands of the children had been driven into the street by main force. The juvenile festival was staged by the People's Liberty Chorus and the police department to provide Christmas entertainment and gifts for needy children.