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## BRIDGE WORKS EMPLOYE SUFFERS BROKEN BACK

### Wm. Karney Terribly Injured—Preparations For Ald. Hopkins' Campaign—Happenings.

HAMILTON, Dec. 24.—(Special.) — William Karney, 29 East Wood-street, was injured by an electric crane this morning at the Hamilton Bridge Works Company's plant. At the hospital it was found that his back was broken.

Jos. Mitchell, who shot himself Tuesday evening, took a turn for the worse to-night.

**Mayoralty Meeting Monday Night.**

The speech-making for the mayoralty campaign will start Monday evening at the Twentieth Century Club, 194 South Locke-street. T. J. Stewart, M. P., Allan Studholme, M.L.A., and others will speak on behalf of the candidate for cheap light and power, Ald. Dr. Hopkins. The hydro candidates for aldermen and board of control will also speak.

The hydro campaign committee has not selected a slate for controllers, but as it will be necessary for the supporters of the enemies of the power ring's monopoly to concentrate their efforts behind four candidates, it is likely that a slate will be chosen Tuesday. There are ten hydro and three Cataract candidates for the board. One of those sure of a place on the hydro ticket is Ald. A. J. Wright. He is one of the few aldermen who came to the front last June to work hard for the hydro bylaw. Hydro power compelled the Cataract company to cut its price for street lighting from $82.50 to $47.50 a lamp per year, thus saving the city over $22,000 a year.

"What we have done for the city, we are going to do for the citizens," said Ald. Wright this afternoon. "We cut the city's bill for street lighting in two, and we are going to cut the power and light bills of the citizens in two."

**Dr. Lyle Resigns.**

Rev. Dr. Lyle, pastor of Central Presbyterian Church, and moderator of the general assembly, will retire from the ministry next June. He has been connected with the Central Church for 32 years.

William Karney, 29 East Wood-st., was seriously crushed by an electric crane at the Hamilton Bridge Works Company's plant this morning.

The various benevolent societies made their annual distribution of Christmas cheer this morning. There were fewer applicants than usual.

**Nomination Day.**

Monday will be nomination day. The nominations for mayor and aldermen will take place at the city hall at 10 o'clock. The nominations for aldermen and school trustees will take place at 12 o'clock at the following places: Ward one, Stinson-street School; ward two, Queen-street School; ward three, Caroline-street School; ward four, Hess-street School; ward five, city hall; ward six, police court; ward seven, Victoria-avenue School.

There were 63 new cases of measles reported this week, and the health authorities are relieved because the schools are closed.

Rev. F. E. Howitt has been appointed an honorary canon of Christ Church Cathedral.

**Travelers' Certificates.**

Commercial travelers' certificates for 1910 can now be had from Fred Johnson, Room 5, Federal Life Building. ed

The World carriers to-night were the guests of The World agency at a theatre party at Bennett's. The boys greatly enjoyed the splendid bill offered by Manager Appleton.

## A MILLION LETTERS

### Toronto's Share of Christmas Mail Keeps the Post Office Hustling.

Ninety extra wagons will be called into requisition by the postoffice authorities to deal with to-day's mail delivery.

It is estimated that 200 men are at work, helping in the delivery and sorting department, and all hands are working at high pressure.

Nearly a million letters and parcels were received in Toronto yesterday; the British mail being a long way the heaviest on record, necessitating the use of four teams to draw it from the station to the postoffice.

The interior of the postoffice yesterday bore a strong resemblance to a departmental store on a bargain day, or a Toronto street car during the rush hours. The stamps counter was besieged from early morn till late in the evening, and the staff had all they could do to cope with the immense crowds.

No surer indication of the return of good times can be afforded than by this unequalled business activity in the postoffice.

## 2000 DROWNED.

VANCOUVER, B.C., Dec. 24.—The Empress of China brings word of recent disastrous storms in Japanese and Korean waters, resulting in the loss of hundreds of small craft and the drowning of over 2000 natives.

**Wm. Rockefeller's Gift.**

TARRYTOWN, N.Y., Dec. 24.—William Rockegeller distributed gifts to-night to his 60 employes at his home here at the rate of $5 for every year of service. Three men received $100 each. The total exceeds $2500.

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## CHRISTMAS SPIRIT ABROAD IN TORONTO

### Many Societies Give Practical Demonstration of "Peace and Good Will to Men."

Christmas tide is a period when social status and diversity of rank in the world is forgotten. Human nature shows herself at her best and in the City of Toronto it may well be doubted if many have fallen short of the ideals associated with the aniversary of the birth of the Prince of Peace.

As evidence of the Christmas spirit prevailing in Toronto Christmas cheer was yesterday, and will be to-day, extended by various charitable institutions, churches, religious organizations, societies and individuals. It is not doubted for a moment, however, that comparative good times have made the need for the distribution of Christmas cheer this year less than last.

St. George's Society probably takes the lead in the number that were extended Christmas greetings and good cheer. At their hall on Elm-street yesterday morning, dinners were handed out to 500 different families, 2700 people in all. Besides the allotment of 1500 loaves of bread and three tons of beef, other things were given out in proportion. After the assembling of the people in the hall, Rev. T. D. Owen, assistant rector of Holy Trinity Church, offered up a prayer and President Rufus S. Hudson bid all welcome and extended the season's greetings. The distribution was made by the past presidents of the society, the steward and the committee. A concert was also provided, the talent being voluntary.

The other societies doing similar work are: the Irish Protestant Benevolent Society, the City Mission, the St. Andrew's Mission, Ramses Temple of the Mystic Shrine, the Society of St. Vincent de Paul, the West End Y.M.C.A., which is giving a Christmas breakfast to fifty boys.

In the various hospitals a Christmas tree is the chief feature. At Grace Hospital a gift was given to each of the nurses and patients, and the same character of cheer will be demonstrated at the General Hospital to-day. The Western will also have a Christmas tree. At St. Michael's, all the patients, nurses and sisters connected with the institution, about 350 in all, will partake of a special Christmas dinner. Nearly 150 children at the Hospital for Sick Children were made happy yesterday when Santa Claus visited the institution and handed a number of good things to each of them.

At the House of Providence, the jail and the Central Prison, Christmas dinners are being served to-day.

## XMAS IN NEW YORK

### $11,000 Given to Employes of Stock Exchange.

NEW YORK, Dec. 24.—New York went home early to-day bundle-laden and happy in the prospects of the merriest Christmas in many years. Yuletide for the past two years was affected by the panic of 1907, but this year's celebration was clearly indicative of the better industrial conditions.

Wall-street made a record mark this year for generosity. The stock exchange to-day distributed a purse of over $11,000 among the employes. The banks and trust companies were good to their working forces. The Central Trust Co. gave each of its employes 50 per cent. of his annual salary, while numerous other companies gave their men a 25 per cent. bonus.

J. Pierpont Morgan does not make his Christmas gift until the day before New Year's. In past years the banker has presented each employe with a full year's salary.

The U. S. Steel Corporation sent along yesterday $1,200,000 in cash as a bonus to employes who made marks for high efficiency.

The "other half" of the east side of town will be made happy with dinners by various organizations. The Salvation Army will feed 25,000 persons. Even the dismal bread line at the Bowery Mission, which gathers at midnight, is to have music to cheer the hungry.

## THE CHRISTMAS SPRITE.

There's music in the air,
And roundabout and everywhere
Nature humming lullabies;
And thru the silent snow,
Caressing all the earth below,
Come silv'ry, tinkling rhapsodies.

And swift as Jove's own son,
The winged-footed speedy one,
The Deities' fleet messenger,
Came rushing antler'd steed,
Before a sled of childish needs,
And one round, jovial passenger.

All thru the night he goes,
This great all-wonderful who knows
All childish young frivolity;
And makes each wee heart glad,
And drives out all the gloomy sad
From older minds, with pollity.

And sends a message 'round
Of old rejoicing, yet new-found,
Of peace to all poor mortals;
Of new-born happiness to each
Who strives, with might and main to reach
Of love the massive portals.

And then, thru all the year
Wide spreading fellowship and cheer
A monument of mystery,
He moves with stealthy stride,
But veiled, secret, seeks to hide
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3 p.m., The People's Platform: Mrs. M. M. Hurlburt on "Woman in the Home."
Soloist—Mrs. A. B. Warnock, "Katherine Hale."
8.15 p.m.—The People's Social Hour. Happy Holidays to All!

Canadian Temperance League
Massey Hall, Sun., Dec. 26, 3 p.m.
Speakers: McCoombe Brothers—The Irish Evangelists.
Singer—Dewi Michael of Cardiff, Wales.
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## Municipal Campaign

More civic baths are talked about.
Now, does this fact denote
Controller Harrison is out
To get the floating vote?

The mayoralty struggle will be officially resumed Monday night, when Controllers Hocken and Geary will hold several meetings. The pace has been warm and both are glad of the holiday truce.

During a mayoralty campaign, so say students of municipal affairs, tides of public sentiment seem to ebb and flow. From apparently reliable sources comes the information that the present outlook is that both Joel Marvin Briggs and Robert Buist Noble are in serious danger of defeat.

Altho the citizens appear unconscious of it, Toronto was rescued from a grave danger just a year ago. It was the hand of ex-Ald. Thomas Davies, which reached out and dragged the city back from the verge of a yawning abyss of uttr ruin. Mr. Davis is himself authority for the statement.

"You see, Toronto was threatened with an outbreak of socialism, and I checked it," explained Mr. Davies. "When Lindala, the socialist, ran three years ago, he polled over eight thousand votes. It looked as if the socialists were going to get the upper hand, but I squelched them last year, when I ran and Lindala got only 1600 votes."

As the socialists are not running a ticket this year, they have apparently not begun to recover from the blow yet.

Controller Harrison is sure to be elected controller again. His work in the council board has been eminently satisfactory to all progressive citizens. He is a man of large views, untiring energy and wide capacity for public affairs. The electors of Toronto will do well to see that Controller Harrison is well up to the front on the vote.

A. R. Williamson, the popular candidate for alderman in ward four, is known all over the city as "Williamson the Grocer," because he was in business as a grocer for nearly a quarter of a century. He is a progressive business man with a keen sense of the needs of the citizens for economical government.

**Cardinal Satolli's Condition.**

ROME, Dec. 24.—The condition of Cardinal Francis Satolli became suddenly worse to-day, thru the complication of blood poisoning with the nephritis from which he has suffered.

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### Will Be Called the Wireless—Organ of Suffrage Movement.

NEW YORK, Dec. 24.—The Wireless, is to be the name of a new woman suffrage daily. Prominent suffragists are planning to bring out the first issue early in the new year.

The establishment of a daily has been under consideration for some time by the national board, which concluded its three-days' session here today. The present organ of the cause will be brought to this city from Warren, Ohio, and converted from a staid and conservative monthly to an up-to-date metropolitan daily.