

PITY SORROWS OF POSTAL WORKERS

Christmas Mail Very Heavy, But Peak Expected to Be Reached Today.

NEW DEPOT FACILITIES

Hard Task of Men in Efforts to Render Public Efficient Service.

It does not require a great deal of imagination to picture the delight with which the arrival of the postman is received at Christmas. Eager fingers tear away the covering to glimpse the contents of bulky letters and parcels, and, as is usual, all gifts must be compared when the first fine edge of excitement wears off. But few people realize the amount of labor entailed by the postal employees in their efforts to render efficient service, and very few ever give a thought to the strain under which these men work.

Down in the city sorting department the men are working at top speed shooting parcels and letters into expected mass of mail bags hanging on the racks in front of them. Their movements are mechanical, and to expert eyes they rarely, if ever, does a letter go into the wrong pigeonhole or bag. However, one must not get the impression that they are contented with their lot. A question put to one of the sorters elicited the information that it was a dog's life.

"We have taken on 240 men as assistant letter carriers," said E. Westman, assistant postmaster, "and 100 men have been distributed among the other branches. Our third and fourth class matter is being handled on Front street, opposite the new Union Station, where station 'A' was, and, also, we could do with more assistants. The mail is not very far behind with our parcel matter. The Christmas mail is heavier than usual, this year, and the British parcel mail is particularly responsible for the extra work entailed in distribution."

"Newspapers and heavy stuff for city delivery," Mr. Westman continued, "are handled in the new station, as in the re-arranged quarters will occur. I am unable to say when the next move, which will include the city sorting, city registration and letter carriers' department, will occur. The quarters in the new station are being rapidly fitted up and we hope to change early in the new year."

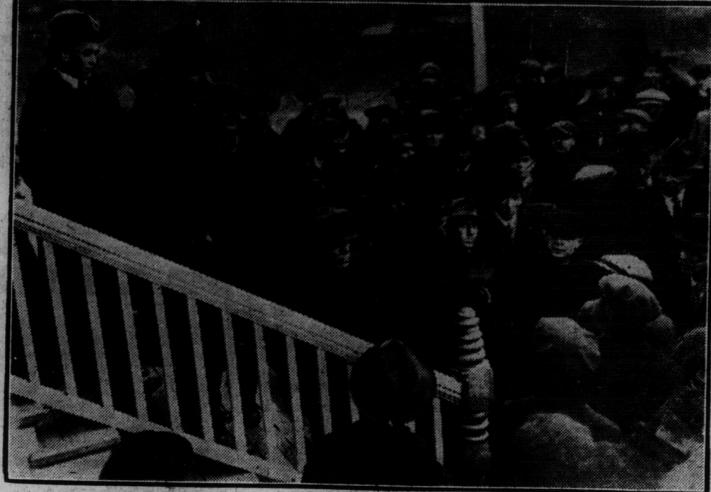
Work on New Quarters
Carpenters are working hard to have the new quarters ready as soon as possible. The greater part of the third floor in the station is filled with furniture, and when everything is in readiness there will be much more room to work in than in the old quarters. The railway mail services have been in their new offices for some time and a surprising amount of mail is handled in a day.
"We are glad that we were moved," said George Murray, "the income tax people were raising a fuss over more room where we were before, and we were hurried down here."

MEN YOU HEAR OF Seen as Their Friends Know Them



MR. CLARENCE ROBSON, manager of the Regent and Strand Theatres. Mr. Robson, who is a Canadian by birth, has traveled widely, and has been connected with amusement enterprises during the past twenty years in New Zealand, Australia and South Africa, as well as in Canada.

UNEMPLOYED MEN MUSTER IN QUEEN'S PARK



The photograph, taken at the bandstand, which was the rallying point yesterday, affords an interesting study in expression. The faces are, for the most part, sombre as might be expected since to be jobless two days before Christmas is a trial for the most optimistic spirit, but here and there are faces which indicate a hopeful outlook on life.

As one official put it, a man was not giving 100 per cent. efficiency if he worked over eight hours a day, and nothing would be gained in the end. The peak of the rush will be reached today, and if the average person were able to see the dispatch with which piles of bags are sorted, loaded on the trucks and delivered at their various destinations it would be a revelation and would call forth sincere sympathy for the poor postal employe.

THINKS TORONTO GOT GOOD BARGAIN

Sir William Mackenzie Also Says Beck Was Shrewd Negotiator.

Sir William Mackenzie, who has just returned from England, in an interview yesterday stated that Toronto got a genuine bargain when it bought out his electrical interests. He stated that they were all paying propositions, and that he should have received \$35,000,000 for them. He said that the first price asked was \$18,000,000, but after being asked to name the very lowest price that he would accept brought it down to \$35,000,000. However, the final sale price was \$32,735,000.

Sir William would not say why he had accepted a further lopping off in price, other than that the Hydro had everything else electrical in the province except his interests and that they were needed, too.
"I pay tribute to Beck," Sir William said, "the chief and most shrewd negotiator on the other side was Sir Adam Beck. He had only a few meetings with Sir William and a considerable portion of the negotiating was done by cable."
Sir William, in referring to the city's notice to take over the Toronto Railway Company, made a prophecy. The city would not find it possible to operate, as is contemplated, at the present fares, if labor and materials did not come down to a point pretty near the pre-war level.

Sir William does not begrudge the city the control of the street railway. "It is a necessity for the city to give accommodation and absolutely in the interest of the city as a whole. The people have a right to get into the heart of the city on a single fare," was his view of the local transportation situation.
"Will the city make a success of its venture?" Sir William was asked. "There is no question about it. All they require is good management." At the present fares, Sir William said, "No, not unless prices of materials and wages come down close to pre-war prices. They will have to charge an increased fare, the same as they should have allowed us to do."

Separate School Candidates Elected by Acclamation

J. G. Hall, secretary of the separate school board, officially announced yesterday that the trustees elected 1921-2 are as follows: Ward One, Joseph P. Bernier; Ward Two, Very Rev. Dean Hand; Ward Three, Robert Fitzpatrick; Ward Four, J. M. Landy; Ward Five, David A. Carey; Ward Six, J. W. Danaher; Ward Seven, Albert Honsberger; Ward Eight, Daniel G. Pizzardi.
In Wards Four, Six and Eight, an election was to be held, but the following candidates having failed to file their declarations of qualification according to the act, were disqualified: Ward Four, Harry De Luca, Wallace J. Baker; Ward Six, Francis J. Reed; Ward Eight, William Fox.

ELECT LODGE OFFICERS.

The following officers were elected and installed by Red Cross R.B.P. 1021-2 as follows: Ward One, J. M. Landy; Ward Two, Very Rev. Dean Hand; Ward Three, Robert Fitzpatrick; Ward Four, J. M. Landy; Ward Five, David A. Carey; Ward Six, J. W. Danaher; Ward Seven, Albert Honsberger; Ward Eight, Daniel G. Pizzardi.

GET FIVE-YEAR TERMS.
Sentences of five years' imprisonment were passed by Judge Crummie in the county judge's criminal court yesterday, on P. Morris, manœuvre, John Small, John Kerrigan and Lloyd Groh for breaking into the shop of Morris Strome, 483 Danforth avenue.

HOSPITAL PATIENTS WELL ENTERTAINED

Kiwanis Club Give Christmas Party to Soldiers at Davisville.

It is very doubtful if anybody but Kiwanian Lawrence A. Taylor could have put on such a program as the one in the Davisville Hospital auditorium last night. From start to finish there was not a moment when every patient was not enjoying himself to the utmost. Over 1,000 people were present, including 325 outpatients. As the 75 bed patients could not be transported to the auditorium, many of the artists performed in the wards. Clowns, tramps, Chinese and policemen circled thru the audience during the entertainment, scattering confetti, streamers, dogtags, chocolate, etc., and during intermission a regular carnival took place, which would do credit to any movie cabaret scene. All of the evening's entertainment was given by the Kiwanis Club, which was headed by James Cowan, Archie Green, Fred Treves, Frank Madden, George Green, and Jack Robinson. The Kiwanis Club would do everything possible to insure another such Christmas as this one.

Miss Vera McLean, accompanied by Miss Alexander, Mrs. H. P. Qua, the Misses Edythe and Violet Welsh, and Miss Cecile Clark, were enthusiastically applauded and were presented with huge bunches of roses, as were Mrs. Stark and Mrs. Colebrook as an appreciation of their services.
In "The Student," a dramatic sketch, Jack Cowan showed both finish and quality, and George Green in a skit called "The Nightwatchman," brought down the house.
A somewhat similar report was made three years ago, and the new report constitutes a criticism of the board of education for allowing these defects to remain so long unremedied.

CRITICIZES TRUSTEES ON SCHOOL CONDITION

The inspector of the division of housing and industrial hygiene again condemns in a report to the medical officer of health, the ventilation and closets of the Queen Victoria School on Close avenue, which he says for the sake of the modesty of the children should be remedied.

LOLLO GEORGE AND HARDING INVITED

Asked to Address Coming Baptist Young People's Convention.

Premier David Lloyd George, of Great Britain, and President-elect Harding, of the United States, have been invited to address the coming international Baptist Young People's convention. A notification of the invitations has been received by the Toronto B.Y.P.U. convention delegation committee.
The communication says that the two statesmen are now regarded as the greatest Baptists in the world.
A project by Canadian Baptists three years ago to invite Premier Lloyd George to Canada was dropped owing to European conditions.
The invitations to the B.Y.P.U., which will be held next July at Cincinnati, are regarded as complimentary so far as the British prime minister is concerned, but there is some hope that the new president of the United States may accept.
Canada is to be represented among the program speakers by Rev. G. A. C. Edmondson, a graduate of McMaster University.
Toronto is expected to send a large B.Y.P.U. delegation to the Cincinnati convention.

RODEN G.W.V.A. HOLD BIG CHRISTMAS TREE

Roden branch, G.W.V.A., held their Christmas tree celebration in Roden School night school, at 12:30 today. The children whose fathers had been killed in the war, and accompanied by their widowed mothers, were present, and all received a present.
On entering the room in which the tree stood, every child was presented with a bag containing oranges and apples, and a reading by Chas. Downey.
Musical numbers were given by the Roden Band. Comrades Maguire, Bullen and Tomlinson acted as Santa Claus.

VETERANS REPRESENT NINE THOUSAND VOTERS

The parliamentary committee which met on Wednesday night at the Labor Temple was that of the Grand Army of United Veterans and not of any labor party or other labor affiliation. Mr. Flynn stated to the World yesterday afternoon that those who endorsed the slate for Mayor Church and the other candidates noted represented at least 9000 voters in the city, and that all the 9000 voters could be relied upon to vote as suggested by the endorsement since all the delegates to the parliamentary committee, which met in conjunction with the Dominion executive of the association, had full instructions from their membership, 15 branches, whom to endorse.

ROTARY CLUB LUNCH OF CHRISTMAS NATURE

The regular weekly luncheon of the Rotary Club will be held in the Pompadour room at the Hotel, at 12:30 today. The dinner will be of a Christmas character. The menu will consist of selections by the club under the direction of Dr. Fricker. Christmas carols and a reading by Chas. Downey.

EXCELSIOR OFFICERS ELECTED.

Branch Excelsior Juvenile, A.O.F., elected the following officers for the ensuing year: Chief ranger, Alex. Thompson; sub-chief ranger, A. E. Cleveland; senior woodward, N. E. Thompson; junior woodward, J. I. E. Davis; sector beadle, W. E. Snow; junior beadle, J. W. Haynes. Refreshment was served and a game of carter ball was played.

CHRISTMAS FESTIVITIES AT GENERAL HOSPITAL

Among the Christmas festivities of yesterday were gifts to 240 boys in the outdoor department of the General Hospital. Seventy mothers were included in the delightful party by invitation of the social service department of the hospital. A Christmas tree, a Punch and Judy show, refreshments and a "stocking," which in many cases included clothing, were all included in the program. Mrs. R. B. Hamilton for a number of years has been engaged in this work.

JEWELRY RECOVERED ON ARRESTED BOYS

Police Believe They Have Gang Who Robbed Court Mansions.

With the arrest last night of four youths and a juvenile by Detectives Tuff and Johns, the police are believed to have caught the gang who broke into the Queen's Court Mansions on Tuesday night and stole \$700 worth of jewelry. The names of the three youths are: Charles McRadden, 43 Sullivan street; James Robinson, 222 Sedgewick street; and Angus Brown, 441 Galt, Ont. The juvenile, Sholer, of Almore street, will appear in the juvenile court this morning. With the arrest of the four the detectives recovered part of the stolen jewelry, but much is still missing, also they hope to secure it all in time. Two of the young men told the detectives, it is understood, that they had hidden their loot and someone else found their hiding place and stole it.

FELL FROM CAR.

Falling from a street car at College street near Palmerston avenue last night, T. Atina, 448 Church street had several ribs probably fractured. He was taken to the General Hospital in the police ambulance. In falling from the car Atina was dragged for a short distance before his plight was noticed.

JUDGMENT BY CONSENT.

Judgment by consent has been signed in favor of J. S. Fry & Sons, Limited, against Harold Woodley, of Toronto, for \$15,000 and \$50.20 costs, with interest from Nov. 20. The claim was for moneys alleged to have been received by Woodley for the plaintiffs.

PRINCESS-TONIGHT 8.30

GRACE LA RUE "DEAR ME" MALE HAMLET "DEAR ME" An Optimistic Comedy With Songs. Mat. Tomorrow—Best Seats \$2.

NEW YEAR'S WEEK

"IT'S TWIN SISTER TO COMPANY 'THE SWEETHEART AND UP TO YOU' CHORUS OF 80 TO SEATS SELLING 'YOU'"

LOEW'S

THIS LONG ST. THEATRE THIS WEEK "WINTER GARDEN" END BENNETT "IN HER HUSBAND'S FRIEND" RULOFF-RULLOVA BALLET

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Even. and Xmas. Mat. \$5c to \$1.50. Wed. Mat. \$5c to \$1.00.

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MASSEY HALL XMAS TO NEW YEAR'S (INCLUSIVE)

AFTERNOONS 2.30 EVENINGS 8.15

NEW CENSOR BOARD HAS BEEN CHOSEN

Two Women Are Among Members to Be Appointed.

The Ontario government yesterday announced the personnel of the new board of moving picture censors as follows:
Major A. S. Hamilton (chairman), Mrs. E. Phillips, newspaper writer; Miss Velma Hammill, school organizer; L. J. O'Connor, London, and J. C. Boylen, secretary to the minister of agriculture.
The salary of the chairman will be \$2500, while the remainder will receive \$2500. The old board, with Chairman Armstrong, has been abolished, and with it the appeal board. Three of the new members of the commission are returned soldiers.
The appointments are provisional, and are for three months only.

CHILDREN ENTERTAINED AT WESTERN HOSPITAL

The Western Hospital entertained about 40 kiddies of the out-patient department to a Christmas tree last night. Chicken supper was served and games and singing were indulged in during the evening. Dr. A. MacLennan acted as Santa Claus and distributed Christmas gifts.

CHARGE ASSAULT.

Fred Bayko, 41 St. Patrick street, was arrested last night on a charge of assaulting and beating Florence Braisher. Detective-Sergeant Leavitt made the arrest.

ALEXANDRA—Mat. Sat. 3 p.m.

William Harris, Jr. Presents THE CHINESE COMEDY SENSATION EAST IS WEST

NEXT WEEK—Sats Today

THE BLUE FLAME In Thrilling Spoken Drama. Prices: Nights, \$5c to \$1.50. Mat., \$5c to \$2.00.

SHEAS VICTORIA ST.

HYAMS AND MONTYRE DUNBAR'S Maryland SINGERS HARRY AND ANNA SEYMOUR ED MORTON MULDOON, FRANKLYN & ROSE Sully and Mack; Tomal Doo; Mc. Rae and Clegg; Sheas' News Revue.

HILFEZUMME TERAULEY ST.

TOM MIX "THE TEXAN" shown at 1:30, 4:15, 7:45 p.m. Tonight: The Follies Girls; Follies (Follies); The Richards; "The Malacca"; Sunshine Comedy; "The Dog-gone Wedding"; Hippodrome News Revue.

PANTAGES VAUDEVILLE

NOW PLAYING DORIS CELEBRITIES "SOMEWHERE IN FRANCE" RAY & FOX Alice Manning; Van and Emerson; Manning and Lee.

WILL ROGERS "HONEST BUTCH."

Get ready to SMILE with "THE LIFE OF THE PARTY."

Regent THIS WEEK

"THE PALACE OF DARKENED WINDOWS" A story of thrills and surprises; of lavish settings and the mysticism of the Orient—with a great cast. FAMOUS REGENT COMEDY.

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ONE DUTY

Flume, Dec. 24.—Captain D'Annunzio has refused any further communication with Italian officials outside of his own office.

Most of D'Annunzio's troops are in the hands of the Italian and the situation in the Adriatic is becoming more serious.

Pope Intervenes Rome, Dec. 24.—Pope deeply concerned over the situation in the Adriatic, has instructed Constantino to use all means possible to prevent a conflict.

By-elections in West

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THREE CANDIDATE

Ottawa, Dec. 24.—(E Press)—The by-election in Westport, the contest vacant by the resignation of Burnham, shortly after last session, will be held on February 7, 1921. Writs today, it was announced, will take place in advance of the election.

Situation in Obas

Paris, Dec. 24.—Sixty-toned by the children will be distributed in the Alps and in Rhineland.

China is starving

China is starving. The affected districts of the province of Szechwan are receiving relief from the League of Nations.

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Following telegram from His Excellency the Governor-General, the Hon. J. M. MacKenzie, Moderator.