

Friday, December 24

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Given that the list to be sold for arrears of taxes in the city of Toronto...

COADY, City Treasurer, Toronto, Nov. 24, 1909.

NOTICES TO Alexander McRobert, 1897, Cap. 129, S. 38...

EVERY GIVEN THAT...

EXCELLENT WAREHOUSE FOR RENT Front, near Yonge; 5000 square feet; steam-heated, passenger and freight elevators.

PROBS: Strong easterly winds, with snow or sleet. Sunday—Fair and cold.

Senate Reading Room Times 10—15:41

EXPLORERS' CLUB EXPEL DR. COOK

Had First Received Report of Investigating Committee Discrediting Mt. McKinley Ascent.

NEW YORK, Dec. 24.—The board of governors of the Explorers' Club met today in executive session and, standing in silence, voted with bowed heads...

The committee's recommendation was based on its findings that "Dr. Cook repeatedly made statements that have not been in accord with the facts, and that he had entered into agreements which he has failed to keep...

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MARRIAGE REPORT A HOAX

Marguerite Clark Denies Story Published in New York. It is emphatically denied by dainty Marguerite Clark, at present delighting the audiences at the Royal Alexandra Theatre...

FULL OF LIVE FEATURES.

Owing to Saturday being a holiday The Sunday World will be published earlier than usual this evening, and will be on sale and available for agents at 4:30 p.m.

The Toronto World

Extends To Its Tens of Thousands of Readers the Season's Compliments

The March to Childhood Town

Today we march to Childhood Town—away, away we go. The little lady old and gray, the child on sippy, The granddaddy with the trembling hand, the maid of rosy youth...

Bairns' Banquet Fund

Table listing names and amounts for the Bairns' Banquet Fund, including Harold A. Wilson, K. B. S., and others.

Additional Fruit for Our Monster New Year Tree.

Harold A. Wilson Co., 200 hockey sticks for boys and presents for 100 girls.

Watch Us Grow.

Shall we get the \$1000 necessary to feed 4000 kids? Yes we will if the readers of this paper observe the following custom, which is Scriptural.

DOZEN MEN BLOWN TO BITS

Explosion of Locomotive Scattered Bodies for Blocks.

OKLAHOMA CITY, Dec. 24.—A dozen or more men were killed at Shawnee, Oklahoma, near here to-day, when a locomotive exploded in the repair shop of the Chicago, Rock Island and Pacific Railroad, during the noon hour.

FATAL FALL.

LONDON, Dec. 24.—(Special.)—H. A. Gibbs, supposed to be of Stratford, fell from a window in the Griggs House at midnight and died a few minutes later.

ZELAYA'S GRAFT ALL-EMBRACING

Deposed President of Nicaragua Has Had His Hands in Many Profitable Ventures.

CORINTO, Nicaragua, Dec. 24.—Former President Zelaya arrived at Corinto on a special train to-day from Managua, whence he departed at 9 o'clock this morning on a boat to Motomonte and there took a special train for this place. He was accompanied by a guard of fifty men with a maxim gun.

GOVT. NOT BOUND TO PAY G.T.P. BOND'S DEFICIT

Supreme Court Gives Judgment in Peculiar Claim Over Guarantee For Cost of Construction.

WHY THEY LOST THEIR JOBS

Say They Failed to Help E. T. Congdon's Campaign.

WAS HER OWN SANTA CLAUS

But Detective Black Interfered With the Festivities.

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VOTED MORE THAN ONCE

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HIS CHRISTMAS TREE.



UNCLE SAM: A good deal hangs on it.

MAIL AND EXPRESS CAR IS CONSUMED BY FIRE

Flames Noticed While Train Was in Transit on T. & N.O.—Xmas Parcels Destroyed.

PETITION FOR CONNAUGHT

Calgary Canadian Club Leads Way in Laudable Plan.

ALFONSO TO UNDERGO ANOTHER OPERATION

Report to Paris Paper Declares That His Health is Creating Gravest Anxiety in Court Circles.

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A Merry Christmas To All H. H. WILLIAMS & CO. 26 Victoria Street, Toronto.

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EVERY ONE LIKE 'TAKE NEXT CAR' A JOKE

Impossible to Serve Public With Present Means of Surface Transportation—How Much Will the Public Stand?

Half-an-hour's observation at the corner of King and Yonge during the evening rush hour will do much to bring home to the public-minded citizen the need of a radical change in the present conditions of street railway transportation.

If, as General Manager Fleming claims, every available car has been placed upon the tracks in order to deal with the rush, then it becomes obvious that the service of the street railway company is entirely inadequate for the needs of Toronto's citizens.

Main Artery. King-street is one of Toronto's main east and west arteries, a street on which thousands of workers have to travel to and from their homes, and at its intersection with Yonge, in the heart of the downtown section, presents one of the chief problems which the street railway company has to face.

Let us see how it copes with this problem. A long string of cars, extending almost to York, crawl slowly down to the expectant throngs at the corner. But long before they have reached Yonge, they are packed with living freight as only Toronto street cars can be packed.

Along comes one, with every inch of available space filled. Three travellers have sought refuge outside the rear extremity of the platform, clinging, as sailors say, with feet and eyes.

Wait for the next car! says one official. As well wait for the millennium, each succeeding car is as tightly wedged with struggling, aching humanity as its immediate predecessor.

Recently, a judge stated that overcrowding was the fault of the people. Perhaps if that judicial dignitary were a working man, his remarks would be wholly different. He would choose the crowded car in preference to leaving his job, for that sort of an excuse is not always tolerated by employers.

Time Means Money. One of the trio on the back of the platform, who, dinner pail in hand, clung desperately to his precarious perch, was a business man. He would have better accommodation would mean an hour's delay in getting to his employment. That being the case, the blame scarcely falls on the street railway.

But let no one envy those inside—seated or standing. Wedged this way and that, pushed ruthlessly aside to make room for some one seeking an exit or climbing on—for a Toronto street car has always room for one more.

As soon as a passenger boards a car and becomes a unit of this homogeneous throng, he is in a constant turmoil of vicissitudes which it is his duty to endure. To attempt to appeal to the conductor would be as futile as absurd, for the conductor is there to collect fares, to see that the passengers look after the comfort of the passengers. One of the first rules dinned into the minds of the employees of the street railway company is to trip after the "bawbees" and let the passengers look after themselves.

Dividends Its Consideration. In a nut-shell, the street railway company, under the astute guidance of Mr. Fleming, is out for dividends, the accommodation of its patrons being a secondary desideratum, and the service which it provides is the best proof of that fact.

How long will the citizens of Toronto be content to endure the immoral and unsanitary conditions of the present abominable overcrowding of the street cars?

THE VERY CENTRE. It is said that the new Central Prison site is at the centre of the original population of Ontario. Joe McHanna mean Joe Downey?

[For a Christmas thought: Beware of the Ice Age!]