

The Times Wishes Its Many Readers a Merry Christmas

FIVE MEN KILLED IN CHRISTMAS FIGHTS.

Man Looking For Trouble Got Killed.

Love Affair Ends In the Death of Negro.

120 Bodies Recovered From Darr Mine.

New Orleans, La., Dec. 24.—Five men killed by pistol or knife in Louisiana and Mississippi during the last twenty-four hours is the record up to date of Christmas week fights in this section.

At Covington, La., Henry Route, a negro, entered the front yard of a Mr. Bradley, white, inviting the latter to settle a money matter by "coming out to shoot it out." Bradley killed the negro.

At New Albany, Miss., Ed. F. Hillhouse, a section foreman, shot and instantly killed Martin Arnold, also a sectionman. Both are white.

Vaiden, Miss., was the scene of a terrible fight, which cost the lives of both participants, Maurice Davis, white, and Wm. Sphinx, colored.

A love affair at Greenville, Miss., caused Ed. Smith, a negro railroad man, to seek out and kill Jim English, another negro.

Darr Mine Tragedy.

Jacobs Creek, Pa., Dec. 24.—Searching parties at the Darr mine to-day reached entry No. 27, where they found 74 bodies in a heap. With the 46 bodies which have already been brought to the surface the total number recovered to-day is 120.

To-day was funeral day at the mine. Twelve identified bodies were taken from the temporary morgue and placed in a line along the tracks of the Pittsburg & Lake Erie Railroad. The last sad ceremonies were conducted in the open with hundreds of friends, relatives and sight-seers as spectators. The resultant scenes were extremely pathetic. Following the services the bodies were placed on a train and taken to Conneville, Pa., for burial.

McLEAN 26.

Majority of the Liberal Candidate in Centre York.

Markham, Ont., Dec. 24.—Election returns received this morning show that Mr. MacLean's majority in Centre York is 26, and not 9, as reported last night. In sub-division 5, Markham Township, the figures remain as at first reported, showing a majority there for MacLean of 25, but in sub-division 9 Mr. MacLean's majority is increased by 7, the figures now being reported as MacLean 79, Wallace 21.

The pupils of the Caroline Street School have sent a Christmas gift of \$8 to St. Hilda Chapter, Daughters of the Empire, for the benefit of the Hamilton Sanitarium.

JAKE SUNFIELD TOLD THAT HE MUST GO TO GALLOWS.

Took the Information Coolly—His Counsel Is Very Much Surprised.

At noon to-day Jake Tamillo, alias Sunfield, who is under sentence of death for the murder of Andrew Radzyk last July, was informed by his untiring solicitor, Mr. J. L. Counsell, that the Minister of Justice had declined to grant a new trial, and that the Cabinet had decided to permit the law to take its course, and that, unless something very unexpected happens within the next two days, he will be hanged on Friday morning. The prisoner received the information very coolly and proceeded to discuss the case with his legal adviser.

Mr. J. L. Counsell is much disappointed, to put it mildly, at the refusal of the Attorney-General to order a new trial. To-day he made known the contents of five affidavits that were made by officials at the International Harvester works, and which were filed with the Minister of Justice. He said that the information in some of them was given voluntarily to Sheriff Middleton the day after the trial, when they read of the evidence of Wm. Walsh, who swore at the trial that Radzyk just before he died said that "Jake" shot, and that there was no use going for a doctor. Mr. Walsh also made a statement to the effect that Sunfield told the officers to take him, that he was the man they wanted. In the affidavits filed, both these statements are contradicted. In his affidavit, Mr. Andrew Johnston, superintendent of the Harvester Co.,

Held Up Saloon.

Chicago, Dec. 24.—Four masked men entered the saloon of Wm. Wright last night and obtained \$400 in money, eight gold watches and four revolvers. The watches and currency were secured from sixteen patrons of the saloon. The men were playing cards at tables when the visitors, each presenting a revolver, entered. The players were persuaded to stop their game for the moment and line up at the bar, where two of the quartette accepted their contributions while the other stood at present arms. After this ceremony one of the collectors went behind the bar and divested the cash register of its contents. Then the four left the saloon and escaped.

TWO TEACHERS OF NORMAL TRAINING.

APPOINTED BY THE BOARD OF EDUCATION COMMITTEE.

Three New Policemen to be Appointed on Thursday—Hardly Likely That Detective Vacancy Will be Filled.

The Internal Management Committee of the Board of Education last night appointed A. E. Wilcox, of Guelph, and J. A. Painter, of Stoney Creek, teachers for the new manual training centres to be opened in the Wentworth and Caroline street schools. The salary will be \$800 a year each. Burton & Baldwin were given the contract for furnishing the equipment. Out of a dozen applications for the position of sewing teacher, it was found that only two were qualified. There was some mix-up about the applicants and it was agreed to advertise again for teachers. It is necessary to have a properly qualified teacher to secure the Government grant.

The Police Commissioners will meet at noon on Thursday to appoint three new men to fill vacancies on the force. It is very likely that the Commissioners will take any action in appointing a man to fill the vacancy caused by the retirement of Detective Miller, now of the Provincial force. They will likely leave the matter of trying out the plain clothes men in Chief Smith's hands.

It is expected that the Radial bill, which the city has decided to fight, on the ground that it would not have the same control if the company were under Dominion jurisdiction, comes up at Ottawa the week beginning January 6th.

HIS HOLINESS

Exchanged Christmas Greetings With the Cardinals.

Rome, Dec. 24.—The Pope was present in the Sacred Colosseum to-day for the exchange of Christmas greetings with the Cardinals.

Addresses were made, but the Pontiff conversed familiarly with each cardinal, speaking of modernism and the revision of the Vulgate. With Cardinal Gasparri he spoke at some length on the codification of the canon law.

TO BREAK WILL.

Mrs. Bradley After Senator Brown's Wealth.

Salt Lake City, Utah, Dec. 24.—By their guardian, Mrs. Magdison, mother of Mrs. Anna Bradley, Arthur Brown Bradley and Martin Montgomery Bradley, yesterday filed suit to break the will of former Senator Brown, whom their mother shot to death in Washington. It is contended that Brown had so frequently acknowledged the children that the disavowal of the will proves an abnormal state of mind and this abnormality is attributed to the complaint to habitual intoxication. The Brown estate is valued at \$50,000.

SCARCITY OF BARLEY

May Close a Thousand Saloons in Chicago.

Chicago, Dec. 24.—"One thousand saloons will have locked their doors and gone out of business in this city by May 1 next," said Adam Orseifen, President of the McAvoy Brewery Co., during a talk last night on the scarcity of barley, which is seriously crippling the large breweries and the malt houses and may mean a probable raise in the price per barrel of beer within a few weeks.

Both breweries and malsters for several weeks have been bidding almost to the hilt for the barley, the margin of profit in order to get a few carloads of barley that arrive in this market each day.

ROBINSON CRUSOE.

Castaway Sailors Who Lived a Life Like His.

New York, Dec. 24.—With a tale of hardship and privation that adds another chapter to the romance of the sea, Mate Donald Morrison, of the long lost barque Alexander Oubis, has arrived at his home in Southampton, L. I., in time for Christmas. The vessel was wrecked in the Pacific, near the equator, and the crew put off in two boats. One of the boats, in which was Mate Morrison, reached an uninhabited island, where he and nine others remained for five months, until they were rescued by a ship manned by the sailors who had put off from the barque in the other boat, and who finally reached the mainland. During this time they lived on turtles and lizards, and all the water they had was from a small brackish spring.

WENT DRY

For the Sake of Getting a Gift From a Millionaire.

Chicago, Dec. 24.—A despatch to the Record-Herald from Hudson, Ohio, says: Because of a gift of \$200,000, supposedly made by J. W. Ellsworth, a millionaire New York coal man, which promises to make this town a model village provided that the sale of liquor ceases before the money is paid over, Hudson voted out saloons yesterday by a vote of 266 to 188. The town sentiment is overwhelmingly "wet" but the chance to get municipal light and gas plants and the remodeling of the old western reserve college at a cost of \$1,000,000 overcame the saloon sentiment. The "drys" give all the credit to Ellsworth, who offered to permit the sale of beer. No law being found to exempt beer selling from the operation of an oyster vote the amber beverage was sacrificed as well.

FIRE ON VESSEL.

Kobe, Japan, Dec. 24.—Fire has broken out on board the American steamer Minnesota, Captain Austin, in this harbor. Both the vessel and her cargo were damaged. The Minnesota is from Seattle for Hong Kong via Yokohama, etc.

Your Chance

To get a good case of Ebony goods at very low prices, just because our ebony goods came in so late that we are sacrificing them rather than carry them over. Don't forget to send that box of Huyler's candies that are so fresh and delicious. Parke & Parke, Druggists.

Smokers' Christmas Presents.

Fine French briar pipes, with gold or silver mounting and genuine amber mouthpieces, in handsome cases, are sold at peace's pipe store. Select a nice Christmas present at the headquarters, 107 King street east.

Go to the Right House for your last minute Christmas needs.

TRIED TO MAKE THEM HAPPY.

Distribution of Cheer Was Very Large To-day.

Societies Sent Out Hundreds of Filled Baskets.

The Salvation Army Also Did a Large Share.

The benevolent societies of the city are very busy to-day distributing the ever welcome cheer to the needy and worthy poor of this city. Rigs have been on the go all day and by night it is expected that everything will be pretty well distributed.

St. George's Society had its quarters at 62 King street east, and the committee in charge was kept busy all day. Something in the neighborhood of 275 baskets of cheer were given out, or sent by messenger boys and wagons throughout the city. The baskets contained roast beef, currants, raisins, tea, sugar, flour, oranges, bread and cereals. The committee in charge was the Board of Management of the Society, as follows: C. W. Cartwright, J. J. Evel, H. H. Champ, C. A. Murton, J. H. Collinson, G. C. Copley, S. F. Washington, C. D. Blachford, J. T. Gillard, H. N. Kirtson, J. Gadsby, W. A. Spratt and P. W. Gates. They were all assisted by Wm. Stroud and others. The society was given excellent assistance by a boys' brigade from the Highfield School, composed of the following: C. B. and G. E. Tingle, H. H. and L. P. Washington, N. Dalley, N. Y. Bartlett, D. L. and J. P. Bankier, Guy Evel, F. Close, Roy Fitch and A. Crerar.

The Irish Protestant Benevolent Society quarters were at 2 King William street. There were about 200 baskets filled with beef, sausages, bread, rice, oranges and candies, tea and sugar, rolled oats, flour. Special efforts were made by the committee to see that the baskets were put in the homes where they would be most appreciated. The committee in charge was: Joseph Ross, Chairman, C. H. Peables, Dr. R. J. Husband, James Connors, T. W. Lester, J. O. Callaghan, James Hastings, J. E. Bull, D'Arcy Martin, Thomas Hobson and R. H. Miller.

St. Andrew's Society has been busy with its distribution for the past week, among the Scotch poor of this city, and has accomplished splendid results. The committee in charge was Messrs. Scott, Cameron and Lyon. The custom of the society is to give orders on grocers in different parts of the city. The orders have been heavier this year.

The Salvation Army has its hands full all day. Over 100 baskets were sent out containing beef, potatoes and cabbage, tea, sugar, oranges and apples, nuts, candies and bread, and clothing if needed. Major W. Green was in charge of the distribution. The Vincent de Paul Society looked after its deserving poor in the different parishes throughout the city, by the conferences in the parishes.

NO DISSENTION.

Only a Little Criticism Which He Referred to.

In connection with the affairs of Sherman avenue Presbyterian Church Rev. Roy VanWyck explains that there is no dissention in the congregation. There has been some criticism and he desired to check this, lest being indulged in indiscriminately, it might lead to something more serious. In his remarks on Sunday he intimated that those who had been indulging in criticism should attend the congregational meeting and express their views or else hold their peace. He states emphatically that the next end revival had nothing to do with the matter.

POOR LITTLE BABE

Died of Starvation in Time of Christmas Cheer.

St. Catharines, Dec. 24.—(Special)—A pitiful case of starvation in the midst of Christmas rejoicing came to light yesterday, when High Constable R. E. Boyle was called to Merriton, where, on Turner street, in a home that bespoke the direct poverty on every side, was found the dead body of a babe, the victim of starvation. The parents, David and Mrs. Strong, will be removed to the Industrial Home.

"SHOOT AGAIN,

You've Missed," Says the Man Shot at.

Adrian, Mich., Dec. 24.—George B. Mann finished eating a midnight lunch in "Doc" Scholer's Stag Hotel, then wheeled on his stool and fired a pistol point blank at Charles Camburn, night clerk, behind the office counter.

"Shoot again; you've missed," said Camburn. "Oh, you're brave, ain't you? You've been out west," replied Mann, and walked away. Camburn will not prosecute. A disagreement over a business deal is said to have been the instigation of the shooting. Both are well known.

The Man In Overalls

The Man in Overalls wishes all his readers

A MERRY CHRISTMAS.

And no unpleasant after effects.

Last day of Christmas shopping.

Santa Claus will be around to-night. What do you expect?

How about your sidewalk? Are you acting the good Samaritan part?

Never mind what the Tory Executive insists upon. You can be an aldermanic candidate without its permission.

The Citizens' League is not meeting with much success in its legal efforts to improve the morals of the citizens. What's the trouble?

Now, children, get to bed before Santa Claus gets around.

Young fellows, draw it mild—to-morrow.

Don't forget church in the morning.

Let us have a happy, but a sober, Christmas.

GREATEST EVER.

Hamilton Post Office Business Sur-

passes All Records.

The work at the Post-office this Christmas is far beyond what it ever was. The last parcel post from Great Britain brought 2,000 parcels for the Hamilton office. It required 100 of the large hampers to convey them and besides these there were 600 sacks of other mail matter. Since yesterday morning 1,200 sacks have been despatched. The entire staff have turned night into day and worked like heroes to overtake the work and have done it. There has been no congestion. The letter carriers had a hard job of it yesterday in all the rain but they got through. They were loaded down to-day but, having extra help and teams besides, they will manage to deliver everything.

GOING TO TORONTO.

Rev. R. J. Treleaver Accepts Call to Carleton St.

Rev. R. J. Treleaver, pastor of First Methodist Church, has received a unanimous call to Carleton Street Methodist Church, Toronto, to succeed Rev. Dr. Rankin, when the latter's four-year term expires there, and Mr. Treleaver's expires at First, in Jun, 1909. He has accepted, subject to the approval of the Transfer Committee. Mr. Treleaver followed Dr. Rankin at Parkdale Methodist Church six or seven years ago, and came from there to this city. He has become very dear to First Methodist people, and they will all be glad that, when the time comes that he must leave, he will go to such a strong and influential Toronto church.

NEVER SAW HIM.

Wingham Young Woman Goes West and Takes a Chance.

Wingham, Dec. 24.—Miss Maud Robertson, who recently resigned the position of public librarian here, surprised her friends recently. She went west, and word has been received to the effect that she has been married to a man whom, it is said, she had never seen. Mr. Boland, of Everett, Washington Territory. Mr. Boland was to have met her at Calgary, but having been in the hospital for some time was unable to make the journey to Calgary. However, he sent a gentleman representative, who safely piloted the lady to her destination, where the marriage was consummated. Mr. Boland is a widower with two children, and no doubt was anxious to secure one of Wingham's far-famed young ladies.

CHRISTMAS GIFT THINGS.

Many Reductions at Right House For To-night's Shoppers.

The Right House is superbly ready to supply every Xmas gift need of the thousands of Xmas shoppers who will be out to-night. Take your last minute needs direct to the Right House and you will save time, worry and money. Many reductions on handsome and desirable gift things all over the store. These will be displayed and telebated for easy selection. Don't fail to visit the Thomas C. Watkins store to-night if you would save much.

SAFETY DEPOSIT BOXES.

To rent at \$2 a year and upwards, for the storing of deeds, bonds, stocks, wills, silver and other valuables.

TRADERS BANK OF CANADA.

BANK CLOSED.

Memphis, Tenn., Dec. 24.—The Memphis Savings Bank failed to open its doors this morning. A notice posted on the door said that the bank had been placed in the hands of a receiver. No statement has been issued.

COL. GIBSON MAKES AN EXPLANATION.

Sals' Dinners.

New York, Dec. 24.—More than 125,000 people will eat Christmas dinners in New York to-morrow furnished by the Salvation Army. The dinners are being put up in baskets for families of five and six, and will be distributed on Christmas morning. Each basket will contain a five-pound chicken, in addition to vegetables, coffee, tea and bread, as well as plum pudding. In addition to its great Christmas dinner, the Salvation Army is collecting money for its regular winter relief work, and 100,000 appeals sent to New Yorkers through the mail have brought more than \$3,000 into the coffers of the army.

Interviewer Did Not Fairly Report Him, Says President of Catelect Company.

Speaks on Municipal Lighting Idea.

The correspondence which appears herewith needs no comment or explanation.

Hamilton, Dec. 24th, 1907.

To the Editor of the Herald:

Dear Sir,—I am enclosing you a copy of a letter sent by me to the Editor of the Herald newspaper, which I would ask you to kindly publish in your paper.

Yours truly,

J. M. Gibson.

December 23rd, 1907.

To the Editor of the Herald:

Dear Sir,—Perhaps your reporter had better not hereafter come to me for interviews. The gentleman who came to me to-day probably means all right enough, but I know he is not a free agent, and as too often is the case, one's real meaning is not given to the public. It is a very simple matter to say that Mr. Gibson or any one else made certain statements and, by omitting other statements made at the same time, lead the public to believe just the opposite of what was meant. I did say that, in my opinion, the Council thought the arc lighting could be done for between \$40 and \$50 a lamp, and that, as the Catelect Company would not get down to anywhere near those figures, if the city was bound to go into the business we would supply power for the purpose, even flat rate power, at a lower figure than the Hydro-Electric power at \$17.50 per horse-power per annum, and that they would take our plant and use our poles and incur comparatively little expense.

Nothing that I said justified your prominent heading, "Colonel Gibson is in Favor of Municipal Street Lighting System."

It did not say "I think the city should have its own lighting plants." It certainly did not remark that the "desire for a municipal plant seemed to be general," and you had no warrant for the statement in your editorial columns that I am "in favor of the installation of a civic street lighting plant in Hamilton." It is very like your own editorial that the company in connection with the present rates of street lighting, though these rates were fixed by an agreement entered into by the city.

I am willing to go quite a length in the matter of municipal ownership, but as to many public utilities the way to get the poorest results, financially and otherwise, is by municipal operation.

Yours truly,

J. M. Gibson.

MORE PEOPLE BUT LESS MONEY.

THAT SUMS UP CHRISTMAS BUSINESS IN NEW YORK.

Cheaper Articles Being Purchased—Push-Cart Men Doing Land Office Business—Diamond Merchants Slack—Lots of Christmas Cards.

New York, Dec. 24.—That the Christmas business this year will be smaller than it was last year is admitted by most dealers in New York. The crowds are larger than the oldest dealer has ever seen, but the people are spending less money. Cheaper articles are being purchased, and the push cart men in the down town streets are doing the greatest business they have ever done.

Very expensive articles are not being bought in large quantities. Diamond merchants say that trade has fallen to less than half what it was last year, and dealers in furs, who look upon Christmas as the great harvest season of the year, state that there is practically no business in their line. In the big department stores it is said that the stock of fancy articles are being passed by, and that by far the greater part of the Christmas buying runs to things that are mostly "useful presents."

It is said that the call for Christmas cards is much more than double that of last year, a fact which is said by the dealers to show that people are not spending as much money for presents as they did last year.

Conservative dealers estimate that the business during the Christmas rush will not approach last year's business by 20 per cent.

LIGHTNING KILLS.

House Wrecked, Girl Killed, and 15 Persons Hurt.

Reids Station, Ga., Dec. 24.—Sedora Bryant, the ten-year-old daughter of J. D. Bryant, was instantly killed last evening by a stroke of lightning which wrecked the house and injured fifteen other persons, but none seriously. There was a gathering of neighbors at the Bryant home, twelve miles south of Macon, on the Southern Railway, and the evening was being spent in a song service when the house was struck by the lightning.

HERE'S A GO!

Chattanooga Saloons to Close on Christmas Day.

Chattanooga, Tenn., Dec. 24.—For the first time in the history of the liquor business in Chattanooga all the saloons of the city will be closed tight on Christmas day. This is neither the result of law, ordinance or outside influence, the saloon men having some weeks ago agreed to observe the day. This action has aroused much favorable comment.

HARRY'S LITTLE ROMANCE

LANDS HIM BEHIND BARS.

Laborer of 53 Years Does Some Shooting In Home of Girl He Was Visiting.

Harry Rushbrook, 53 years of age, a laborer living with his wife at 61 Vine street, was arrested by Constable Elliott last night in the apartments of Miss Agnes Davis, above 106 King street east, charged with shooting at her with intent to do her bodily harm. The story seems to let a little light upon an affinity romance. Some time ago Rushbrook met the young woman he tried to shoot last night, and ever since then has been trying, according to the information gathered by the police, to force his attentions on her, leaving his wife entirely in ignorance of his doings. Last night Rushbrook got rather full and went to the house of the complainant, where her brother and her mother were also living. He saw the girl there and after speaking two or three words produced a revolver and fired a shot at her. The bullet flew wide and Miss Davis' brother rushed into the room where they were and took the revolver from Rush-

brook. Constable Elliott, who was passing, was called in and arrested Rushbrook and took him to the cells, where he was locked up for the night. This morning the prisoner was charged with the offence and said, "I am not guilty of shooting at Miss Davis." The Crown Attorney put the complainant into the box, but after a few questions decided he would have to review the case, and asked for a remand till next Thursday, which was granted. The bullet hole has not yet been found, and the Crown Attorney will put a detective on to hunt up particulars.

The theory in the case, as provided by Chief Smith, is that the man went there with the extent of exterminating the family and then putting a bullet in his own head, as he did not think he could persuade the girl he is said to have attempted to shoot to go away with him. His wife was in court this morning and cried bitterly as her husband was taken out of the dock and sent back to the cells.

Louis Levy, Barton and Caroline streets, was fined \$5 for assaulting Isaac Glass, who, he said, called him a "thief and a murderer."