PRICE TWO CENTS

A Very Merry Christmas to All

SIX MEN WERE BADLY INJURED BY EXPLOSION OF A BOILER

A Threshing Engine Used at a "Buzz" Near Lambeth Blew Up Without Warning, Scalding and Maiming Workmen.

OUTFIT IS A COMPLETE WRECK

Parts of It Were Hurled Hundreds of Feet Away-Six Miraculous Escapes From Death-No Cause Can Be Found for the Accident-Victims Will Likely Recover.

RESULT OF THE EXPLOSION

WM. SCHRAM, Westminster Township, several scalp wounds, skull slightly fractured, face and upper part of body fearfully scalded, condition

WM. NIXON, Westminster Township, face and upper part of body badly scalded, leg badly fracturedat ankle, condition very serious.

IOS. POOLE, Westminster Township, bad scalp wounds and other injuries, will recover.

GEO. POOLE, Westminster Township, badly burned on upper part of body, injuries very painful but not serious.

HENRY WOODS. Delaware Township, face and shoulders badly scalded, not serious.

ARTHUR PORTE, Westminster Township, shoulders and face budly scalded, will recover.

CAUSE OF ACCIDENT-Explosion of a threshing TIME-Shortly after two o'clock yesterday afternoon.

A threshing engine exploded yesterday afternoon at the farm of Mr. Henry Woods, Delaware Township, about two miles and a half west of

Lambeth, seriously inturing six men. Two of them are not expected to recover, while the others are painful-

ly injured, although not very seriously. How any escaped instant death is a miracle.

Dr. Routledge was called, and is attending to the injured men. Yesterday morning, Mr. Wm. Nixon, of Delaware, moved his threshing engine to the farm of Mr. Henry Woods, to "buzz" wood.

The saw was placed in the morning, and it was decided to begin to saw wood after dinner. About 2 o'clock the men left the house and began making preparation

Mr. Nixon and his hired man, Mr. Arthur Porte, began getting up steam A good fire was put into the fire-box, and the men began to chat until

Mr. Jos. Poole was not with the rest, but was busy getting wood ready, at the big pile, ready to "buzz" into small stovewood.

The other five had taken their positions at the end of the tongue in front of the boiler, and were patiently waiting to get ready to start, A TERRIFIC EXPLOSION.

Suddenly there was a terrific explosion, and the whole six men were thrown violently to the ground. Mr. Poole, who was at the woodpile, was thrown under a flying mass of

All were completely stunned by the terrific explosion, and lay almost

Neighbors heard the explosion, and came rushing over from all sides Mr. George Poole was the first to recover consciousness, and began fooking for his father.

Mr. Woods also rushed out and called to the neighbors for help.

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George Poole found his father lying under a mass of timber and wood. Although badly scalded and painfully hurt he dragged his father out officers and men of the Seventh were and to confess the continuance of a from under the wood and got him to the house.

By this time the neighbors had arrived, and the other injured men were carefully taken to the house.

DOCTOR ON THE SCENE.

Dr. Routledge, of Lambeth, was hastily summoned, and arrived on the scene shortly after the accident. He dressed the wounds of the injured men, and had them all sent to

their homes, except Mr. Nixon, whose injuries are so serious that he cannot The escape of the men from instant death is little short . of miracu-

fous. Five were standing within ten feet of the boiler when it exploded.

The front end of the boiler was the first to go. It lifted over the heads of the men, pouring scalding water over everything. Fragments of iron and twisted steel went screaming through

The impact threw the men to the ground. As they lay there unconscious the steam and hot water of the boiler poured over them, scalding

Mr. Jos. Poole was out of line of the steam, but still some of the hot daylight, that they might steal to the water reached him, and although his scalds are not so serious as the others, they are indeed painful enough.

Not a scrap of the boiler remains. Fragments of it were found many hundreds of yards from the scene of with great joy.

The major portion of it was lifted clear over an orehard, and fell on the

The orchard is riddled with flying splinters. The front wheels are all that remain intact, and they are the only monuments of the old engine. The big rear wheels were lifted bodily and hurled two or three hunfred feet back into the orchard. The wreck was most complete.

INJURIES OF THE VICTIMS. Of the injured, the most serious are Wm. Schram and Mr. William mas time are without some present In the Children's pavilion of Vic- renewed tomorrow, but for the time

Nixon.



London Generous With Poor Churches Dealt Prodigally With All

Be Held on Christmas

That Londoners are not behind when member Christmas, 1907. t comes to distributing gifts of clothing, food and other things to deserving families and gladdening their hearts the congregation got together and colat Christmas time every pastor in Lon-

ticles of all kinds with them. Parties were selected in many in-

Some of the Services Which Will stances who went around through certain sections and with their gifts brought joy and comfort to many a person who otherwise would have passed unremembered. The aged, the sick, the little child-

> Collected \$100. At Askin Street Methodist Church

Continued on Page Eight. Hugh McGurdy Has Narrow Escape Struck By a Street Car and Injured

Trolley.

Hugh McGurdy, a more or less fam- McGurdy's body. et his intentions get the better of him. was attended by Dr. McArthur. He Early in the evening Hugh had ac- was conveyed to the jail in the police cumulated quite a cargo of whisky and ambulance.

notice a street car coming. until it was too late to stop and the

front of the car came in contact with iliar figure in the police court started skin missing from the man's head and the day may be imagined. n the old fashioned way, but evidently He spent the night in jail where he

Turkeys To Their Employes

Wm. Stevely & Son distributed The McCormick Manufacturing Christmas turkeys to all their em- Company gave a turkey to every mar- port in January. ployes, besides makining other gifts. ried man in the company's employ, a The Carling Brewery Company gave \$1 bill to all others, besides a 2-pound scheme as chartered the Kumeric, which each of its employes a turkey, and box of candy. The firm also sent 800 sent turkeys and other gifts to all its boxes of biscuits to the hospitals and keepers who were in the Kumeric scheme charitable institutions.

The Buffalo Officers Send Greetings are already possessed of passports, and each will be furnished with the necessary which he cannot land on

Col. Frank Reid, of the Seventh | "I am directed by the board of of-"Buffalo, Dec. 23. 1907.

Regiment, received the following ficers of the Seventh Regiment asduring the visit to that city in August. friendly relation between the Eagle and the Maple Leaf. To Col. Frank Reid, Seventh Regi-(Signed) FRANK H. HAGGERTY,

TWO HUNDRED

Fire Razes a Village and Tor- Members and Officers From seants from the barracks, the battery and the cavalry. rent Cuts Off From Civilization.

Victoria, B.C., Dec. 24.-Two hundred inhabitants of Bulkley Valley in received here today says fire has completely gutted the store of Broughton & McNeill, where are located all the provisions to last the little scattered was spent. community until the opening of navigation. The estimated damage is \$10,-000. The Skeena River, the only possible route to civiliation, is a raging

GOTHAM BROKERS

No Christmas Celebration on Diocese of Huron: Stock Exchange and Little Business Done.

[Special to The Advertiser.]

Christmas celebration on the stock exchange after the close of business today. The usual Christmas tree, the Seventh Regiment Band and the push ren, each one received something to reball game, that have been the features of the brokers' observance of the holiday in past years, were missing.

The members just quit business at at Christmas time every pastor in Lon- lected nearly \$100 in eash, and how far abandoned was lack of initiative on that money went and how many people the part of those who have usually tions, nothing else was done in the In addition to this a number of the line of raising funds. Nor were the members in so gay a mood for celebration of Christmas this year, it was

A similar course was followed on the Consolidated. Both organizations, however, distributed the usual amount of Christmas funds to employes.

The transactions in stocks today were but 159.000 shares, the smallest Was at His Old Tricks and was in such a hilarious mood that, when trying to cross at the corner of made on June 24, when but 142.000 King and Ridout streets, he did not shares were bought and sold, and save on the occasion named today's business local detectives, aided by scores of and dozens of persons have paid The motorman did not notice Hugh was the smallest of any in the last 21/2 detectives from other cities throughout tribute, under fear of death. Pittsburg the beadquarters of the dealing today were concentrated in the first hour of business, the dullness of what is supposed to be the headquarthe market during the remainder of

MAY SHIP THEM HERE

Another Attempt to Divert Honolulu Japs to the Dominion

Victoria, B. C., Dec. 24.-Mail advices from Honolulu state another strong effort is being made to divert Japanese labor from there to Canada. A steamer has

been chartered and will leave for this brought 1,200 Japs to this coast. The hotelare in this.

All the yellow men who will be sent

TODAY IN LONDON. Bennett's-Good vaudeville bill. Grand Opera House-Uncle Tom's

Skating-Simcoe, Jubilee, East End, and Victoria Rinks.

Bowling-Ideal and Liberal Club Curling-Thistle Club, president and

Christmas Day Is the Day for the "Kiddies" Vigil for Santa Claus Ceased With Break of Day

days during the year that have a pe-Christmas Day.

All the night long they dreamed for the children. their dreams of Santa Claus, waking fitfully by times to see if it were yet fireplaces to see what Santa Claus had

All efforts were bent towards mak- who will distribute presents to all the ing the day attractive to children, and boys and girls. to learn that these efforts have been

successful, it is only necessary to look into the laughing eyes of a myriad of youngsters who today are happy beyond compare. This is the "kids" day. have made the same provision. All Are Happy-

Few homes in this city this Christ-

This is the "kiddies" day. There is tions. Wherever there was a child not get out, as their healthy brothers none other like it. There are other who needed a toy, somebody was good and sisters can do, have not been forenough to send him or her some little gotten. culiar significance to children, but should know, say there will be few token of Christmas time. Those who there is no day after all that can equal homes, indeed, in this city without a real Christmas dinner, and something

A Real Santa.

The friendless and parentless voungsters have not been forgotten. The Protestant Orphan Home to-After that, sleep was banished, and day will give a real Christmas dinner the day of all days was ushered in to the little ones, followed by a real Christmas tree, and a real Santa Claus

The Children's Aid Society has made ample provision for those under that well provided for. All the other homes

Victoria Hospital.

for the youngsters. Christmas cheer toria Hospital, there is a Christmas being, let everybody and the "kids" was distributed by many organiza- tree, and the boys and girls who can- have a good time.

The Aged, Too.

Nor have the more unfortunate older persons been forgotten on this day of peace and good will. The Aged People's Homes, both Protestant and Catholic, have made

their charges. The Salvation Army will feed a number, not so large a number, perhaps, as in some less-favored cities than this, but yet quite a number In other words, it is the day of helpfullness and it is not being forgotten,

provision for the entertainment of

The children are out for a time. Forget old age and responsibilities and ver, 33-44; Kamloops, 30-40; Calgary, 14cares and politics and everything else. 16; Regina, 6-22; Winnipeg, 10 below-4; Get out and have a romp with the Parry Sound, 28-34; Toronto, 28-36; Otta "kids." Holler, if that will help any. Wa, 30-32; Montreal, 30-32; Quel Have a good time. The fight will be St. John, 34-46; Halifax, 38-52.

7th Sergeants Hold an "At Home" Pleasant Time at the Armories

Other Corps Were Present.

The sergeants of the Seventh Regi-Northern British Columbia are in im- | ment held their annual "At Home" in inent danger of starvation. A dispatch their messrooms at the armories last evening. There was a very large attendance of the sergeants and their friends, and a most pleasant evening

> The messrooms were very prettily decorated for the occasion. Among the visitors were the

Sergt. Fink, of the Royal Grena. diers, Toronto, represented the Queen City soldiers, and was given a good time by the London boys.

Among the guests was Corp. Woodliffe, of the South African Cavalry. He has lately returned from South Africa, whither he went with the first contingent, afterwards seeing service

with Gen. Baden-Powell. There was a splendid musical programme, in which Sergt. Ridge, Sergt .-Major Shergold, of the Engineers' Corps, and Sergt. Roberts, took part. The affair was one of the most successful ever given by the sergeants.

Changes Announced By the Bishop

IN GLOOMY MOOD was made yesterday by His Lordship tioned at Morpeth, will take charge of the parishes of Pinkerton and Carabout the middle of January the followinig changes will be made in the lowining changes will be made in the limit Blenheim, and Rev. T. G. Lawrence,

An announcement of much interest, Rev. E. Softley, who has been staof Florence, will be moved to Delhi.

Couldn't Get Work and Tries Suicide

New York, Dec. 24.—There was no the inability to secure employment ger. According to the medical exseemed to have caused a man to atprobably no hope of bettered condi- must have become

Ottawa, Dec. 24.—Once more has volver over his heart, pulled the trigtempt suicide. Yesterday, between and in their opinion the only thing the hours of 4 and 5 in the afternoon which prevented the man from car-Harry Simmons, an Englishman, 35 rying out his intentions to the full, years of age and unmarried, after a and which saved his life, was that at period of enforced, idleness, and with the critical moment Simmons' hand unsteady. tions, locked himself in his room in a bullet entered right above the heart, placing the muzzle of a 32-caliber re- narrowest margin.

In nearly every city church yesterday many of the members gathered it made happy only those who had charge of it. Other than taxing the members a small sum for decoration decoration and the members a small sum for decoration and the small sum for decoration and th Find School for Teaching Murder

Pittsburg Detectives Round Up deathblows, through the Black Hand's Big Batch of Desperate Criminals.

[Special to The Advertiser.]

the country, this afternoon raided has become the headquarters of the

Pittsburg, Pa., Dec. 24.—A squad of Several murders have been committed

favorite weapon, the stiletto.

prison at Central station.

All of the nineteen men in the place

and the lookout were arrested after

a severe struggle, and are now in the

For months Pittsburg has been ter-

rorized by lawless Italians, who styled

ters of the Italian Black Hand in this tectives, Edward M. Cough, learned section of the country. At the head-that the organization had its headquarters the police found, when the quarters here and that a school was in raid was made, seventeen young existence, where younger members Italiane receiving from two teachers were taught the use of weapons and

instructions in the art of dealing the methods of the organization. The Englishman Resented the Slur

To make, with his fists, five able- "Gunner" Moir, the English pugilist. bodied men take to their heels, on Black dodged that remark, but when bodied men take to their neels, on another inebriated one added that no Dundas street, is the record of a Englishman was any good, the trouyoung Englishman, whose name is ble started. said to be Black.

It seems that Black, who is a mold-Christmas time last night by imbib- that time the other three decided that ing quite freely, and he was feeling discretion was better than valor, and quite fit to tackle the Canadian pugi- speedily retired from the scene of ist, Mr. Thomas Burns.

The five men attacked Black in a body. But one of them struck the was celebrating the gladsome walk. Then another followed. About

Consequently when he met five par- The other two also made their esties equally stimulated there was cape from the infuriated Englishman with the hard fists just as Officer It appears that one of the quintet Tommy Fish hove in sight. made some slurring remark about No arrests were made.

CHARGED WITH ARSON

by Provincial Detective Mahoney.

Sandwich, Dec. 24.—Provincial De-Shanklin, a negro in Sandwich South, shortly after the workmen employed in

THE WEATHER. TOMORROW SNOW.

week for trial.

Observatory, Toronto, Dec. 24-8 p.m. Pressure changes are occurring with great rapidity at present. A disturbance which was over Montana this morning is now centered over Minnesota. much colder weather has taken place over the Western Provinces. Fair weather has been general throughout Canada today, except that light snow has fallen in parts

of Alberta and Saskatchewan. Minimum and maximum temperatures Dawson, 8 below-zero; Atlin, 2-12; Port Simpson, 36-46; Victoria, 42-46; Vancouwa, 30-32; Montreal, 30-32; Quebec, 30-32;

FORECASTS. Lower Lake and Georgian Bay: Strong

WANTED TO GO TO JAIL

South Sandwich Negro Arrested Recent Arrival From England Hurle Brick Through Window.

sandwich, Dec. 21. The sandwich is sandwich, Dec. 21. The sandwich is sandwich, Dec. 21. The sandwich is sandwich in the sandwich in the sandwich is sandwich in the sandwich in the sandwich is sandwich in the sandwich in the sandwich in the sandwich is sandwich in the sandwi on a charge of attempted arson. It is Joseph Blake, a recent arrival from said that Shanklin attempted to set England, threw a brick through the fire to the big saw and feed mill owned large plate glass window at the Singer by John P. Plant, of Sandwich South, Sewing Machine Company's office, on the place had deserted it for the night. George street, last night. Blake was Shanklin was today remanded for a arrested. He has been in Peterboro three days, arriving here from Toronto

CENTER YORK TO HAVE A RECOUNT

Toronto, Ont., Dec. 24. - There will e a recount of the ballots cast in the Center York by-election yesterday. Capt. Tom Wallace, the Conservative candidate, telephoned Mr. J. S. Car-1 stairs, the organizer, this morning, asking that preparations be taken for a recount and scrutiny of the vote. It is alleged that at Mount Joy, subdivision 8, of Markham Township, there were five or six rejected Wallace bal-

BUSINESS CHANCES. Reported at. From .New YorkNew York

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