

# CHRISTMAS ROYALLY OBSERVED IN NEW YORK

## Charity Distributed With Lavish Hand and Thousands of Poor Made Happy

### Schools Had Their Carols and the Usual Exercises Were Carried Out--Helen Gould Was Santa Claus for 1600 Immigrants and Harry Thaw for Tombs Inmates--Boston's Hungry Fed, Too.

New York, N. Y., Dec. 25--Anyone who imagined that New York was in any way depressed need only have spent the day in the metropolis to have had that idea dispelled. From the Bronx to the Battery and over into Brooklyn to the point where Coney Island points its nose into the sea, there was merry-making that must have satisfied the jolliest soul and those who had no cheer of their own were bountifully supplied by those who had enough to spare.

These in a position to know say that never before have the good things been distributed with so lavish a hand or so many of the less fortunate made happy by gratuitous gifts. The Salvationists, Volunteers, Y. M. C. A., and a hundred other public and private humanitarian organizations vied with each other in supplying to all who would accept, beautiful presents, surprise gifts of clothing and toys, with music and bright lights and well-lit walks.

In fact the good cheer could not be dispensed within the traditional twenty-four hours and by noon yesterday Christmas festivities were in full swing. Even at the Stock Exchange, the scene of recent financial disaster for many, the walls were hung with holly and mistletoe and the brokers proved that they were not broke by making a pool of \$12,000 for the 300 exchange employees.

### Santa Claus in the Schools.

Nearly every public school had its Christmas programme and the old, old story was sung again just as though there never had been such an ado over sectarian differences. Nothing of the sort troubled the children and the cutest Santa on the east side, it is said, was a properly gotten-up little Heckles who visited the Christmas eve filled the restaurants and cafes, as always, but it also filled every sabbath hall in the city where the strong were made up of every element found in the metropolis. Band concerts, chorus singing, Christmas trees and vaudeville turns made up the programme. The opera houses and high class theatres were crowded but a score of places were given up to free entertainments for the crippled children, the newsies and thousands of others without the price of admission.

Christmas day, though without snow, was as beautiful as the sentiment it engendered. Clear, crisp and cool, the weather filled the parks and squares with ever spectacular parades on Fifth avenue. Harry Thaw the Tombs Santa Claus.

Down at the Battery, Captain Davey Roach of the tug E. M. Timmins, made his annual distribution to his employees of 85 gold pieces of the same weight and fineness of those of the employees of Central Park, received from the hand of Mrs. Russell Sage. On Ellis Island, 1,600 immigrants in a babel of tongues, thanked Miss Helen Gould for their first Merry Christmas in America. There was a toy for every child and a pink carnation for each adult. The Christmas spirit pervaded the streets and the "home" dinners were served. It found its way into the Tombs where Harry Thaw furnished cigars for the keepers, handkerchiefs for the matrons, and smokes and chocolates for his fellow prisoners. It blocked the streets at a hundred points where gift over-stocks of millinery and toys were piled and big policemen peered over their heads in frantic efforts to keep the blizzard in different parts from beneath the wheels of street cars and automobiles. The police

were lenient, too, and the push-cart men with anything from paper Christmas bells to Teddy bears for sale, pushed their wares with immunity into the sacred precincts of Fifth avenue. One roving dealer who occupied a dollar's worth of real estate at the corner of 14th street and Broadway, declared that he had been there for 48 hours. "It is the Christmas spirit," he explained, "that's why the cop hasn't made me move. I gave him a rubber monkey for his kid. It cost me six cents at wholesale--but one must be generous at such times."

### Green Christmas in New England.

Boston, Dec. 25--Christmas in New England was a green one. The ground except in the northern part of Maine and New Hampshire was beneath a blanket of snow, while the day itself was like one that comes from the Indian summer, or brought on from next spring. Similar conditions obtained two years ago.

With such unusual weather, customary holiday sports, such as skating, ice hockey, coasting and similar winter amusements were impossible, so that the football of the baseball was brought out again and the golf clubs once more swung over the links.

Ordinary business was given up entirely for the holiday spirit. Yet there were many who worked hard, notably the members of the Salvation Army and others connected with similar organizations. Thousands of people were given good dinners for the first time in months, and many children who never knew the meaning of Christmas were made glad with small presents.

The work of the Salvation Army extended throughout New England while local charities helped to make the day a happy one for many a poor family.

Up to six o'clock tonight no accidents had been reported, but the pleasure of the day, and the Christmas of 1907 in New England was undoubtedly one of the most enjoyable in many years, despite the business depression.

### Many Hungry Fed at Montreal.

Montreal, Dec. 25--Special--More charity Christmas dinners were given in Montreal today than for a score of years past, owing to the number of Montrealers who are out of work, and the large number of immigrants who have recently arrived in the city. At the Old Brewery Mission, a big meal, more than twice as many as ever before. Most of these were new arrivals, all nationalities, and seemed very hungry, considering the time of year. They had been in the city for a few days, and were a mob of hundreds of famished half-starved men fighting for first places. It took more than three hours to get them all fed.

### Christmas Cheer for Moncton's Poor.

Moncton, N. B., Dec. 25--The absence of snow for sleighing and with nothing doing at the skating or curling rinks, Monctonians spent rather a quiet Christmas. The feature of this Christmas was the interest taken by the churches and charities in the less fortunate of the city. A Santa Claus wagon, provided by the popular subscription, visited some of the poorer sections and distributed Christmas cheer. This was a new departure, and brightened many a face. For the first time in thirteen years there was no skating in Victoria rink, although the rink was furnished this afternoon sport.

The weather was so mild that a few enthusiasts played golf during the afternoon. The island boat, which is still running to Point de Chene, brought over a very heavy cargo of freight today. The freight from the Point de Chene route.

Joseph, a black man, fell off a 104 train near Shediac last night and broke his leg.

# TRAGIC WRECK AROUND THE HORN

## Ship Atlas Arrives at Frisco, 275 Days from Baltimore

### FATAL COLLISION

#### Sunk Norwegian Barque Viking During Trip and Captain and Wife Perished--Lost Three Men and Had a Mutiny Aboard During Long Passage.

San Francisco, Cal., Dec. 25--The American ship Atlas, dropped anchor here last night, 275 days out from Baltimore. It made a voyage of the most extraordinary kind, attended by the sinking of another vessel, the drowning of the ill-fated craft's captain and the captain's wife, mutiny on its decks and death among its crew.

On June 6 at 6 o'clock p. m., the Atlas struck the Norwegian bark Viking, Captain Peterson, bound from Hamburg to Callao. Both were badly damaged by the contact, but the bark fared worse. In the terror of the night, thirteen of the crew of the Norwegian bark boarded the American ship, crawling over tangled shrouds and dangling booms, but Captain Peterson and his wife were not among those who made the dangerous transit, but it was too dark to render aid, though the Atlas stood by during the night and next morning the Viking had disappeared.

The Atlas put into Rio de Janeiro for repairs, leaving badly. On the way to this port, a mutiny took place among the crew, over some trouble with the mate, but it was easily quelled.

Before the collision off Cape Horn, the Atlas was carrying a cargo of coal for the United States government. The vessel had been 120 days from Rio de Janeiro and was overdue. Reinsurance had been ordered at 10 per cent.

The Viking was a new bark of 2,541 tons. Nothing has been heard of her since it began its last voyage until the Atlas brought in the tidings last night.

# GREAT INCREASE OF DEATHS FROM HEART DISEASE IN NEW YORK

### GOLDFIELD MINE OWNERS TO ASK AID OF COURTS

#### Allege That Striking Employees Are a Lawless Band and Have Created a Reign of Terror in the District.

New York, Dec. 24--Astonishing increase in the mortality from heart disease, among the statistics made public yesterday by the Department of Health, were discussed last evening with much earnestness by the Goldfield mine owners.

According to the report of Dr. W. E. Guiffroy, registrar of the bureau of vital statistics, the increase of the number of fatal cases of heart disease for the first eleven months of this year in Manhattan and the Bronx over the same period in 1906 was 1,248 or, if the ratio is maintained, 1,800 for the year. This would mean an excess of twenty-seven per cent.

Dr. Thomas Darlington, president of the board of health, said that comparisons of the first ten months of this year with the first ten months of 1906, showed that the statistics of the department were not in error. Infant mortality is steadily increasing, and there is a marked increase in the number of deaths in the early years of life, and contagious diseases are well represented. Infant mortality is steadily decreasing. The average age of man is steadily increasing, and were it not for the increase of heart diseases, pneumonia and Bright's disease, the death rate of New York would be remarkably low.

Increase of heart disease is due to the stress and strain of modern life, and I have no doubt that the recent financial flurry has been a factor in some of the recent deaths. But after all it must be borne in mind that the pace at which modern life has been steadily accelerated. Long hours, nerve tension, lack of outdoor exercise, neglect of rest and amusement, constant hurry and effort, all these must be considered, and these things have not just developed with the winter of 1907.

"I think overeating also has something to do with such a condition. The grippe, which has been prevalent lately, causes a severe heart strain and the heart, which is weakened by a life of worry and stress, will naturally be the first to give way. It is time for Americans to adopt the simple life and to slow down, instead of constantly subjecting themselves to the constant effort to maintain high standards of living. The Englishman as he advances in years gradually retires from the activities of business, but the American does not seem so disposed, and when there comes a great strain upon the older men they are likely to succumb."

### WOODSTOCK MAN FELL DOWN STAIRS BREAKING HIS NECK

Woodstock, N. B., Dec. 24--At 10.30 last night James Sanderson, who with his son, John, constitute a well known firm of painters, fell down stairs at his residence and broke his neck, dying instantly. Coroner Hay decided that an inquest was unnecessary.

Deceased, who was fifty-three years of age, came here some years ago from Pennsylvania. He was an American soldier, a member of Custer's regiment, and a pensioner. His wife died some years ago. One son, John, survives.

### Two Years for Amherst Thief.

Amherst, N. B., Dec. 24--H. Dryden, aged eighteen, arrested on Saturday night, charged with stealing, was brought before Magistrate McKenize today and sentenced to two years in Dorchester penitentiary. Dryden has already served a term there. Stealing from families has been going on for some weeks. The police arranged to catch the offender, and Dryden was caught. His

# CARTER WOULD, BUT HESITATES

## Prospective Kent Candidate With Puckered Brow Ponders Over Substance and Shadow

### STORM GATHERING

#### Urban Johnson Feels Party Managers Are Slighting Acadians--Government's "Candidate Committee" Find Obstacles Throughout Province Over Financing Battles of the Men for the Breach.

Moncton, Dec. 25--Froth complications are following the official announcement that Hon. James Barnes will retire from the field in Kent county. Among these disturbing elements is the report that W. D. Carter has not yet consented to take a place on the government ticket as his future is causing him some uneasiness. He wants either to hold his present federal appointment, which he cannot continue to do if he runs or to be assured of something more lucrative in the likely event of defeat.

Politicians here who are acquainted with the situation are convinced that the removal of Mr. Barnes in the manner in which it was brought about and the circumstances which attended it have made the task of pulling the government out of the hole an impossible one either for Mr. Carter or anyone else.

Urban Johnson is reported to have complained bitterly to his friends and followers of the treatment accorded him by Messrs. Barnes and Goggin in arranging for the next government ticket, and he said to have characterized their conduct to him as "an insult to the whole Acadian people."

It is now believed in Kent county that Mr. Johnson will use his influence with the Acadians in a way that will be decidedly unpleasant for the government ticket when finally completed.

Urban Johnson here to the effect that at the last meeting of the government before the advent of Dr. Pugsley, it had been decided to call on the electors in the near future and the premier, Messrs. McKewen and LaBelle were made a committee to carry out the necessary work. Nothing has since been heard of the province assigned to him in which he was to add the finishing touches to the government's preparations. It is said however that Dr. Pugsley arrived these gentlemen were compelled to confess that they had encountered difficulties, one explanation being that they had been unable to obtain the necessary guarantee that their campaign would be liberally financed without it being necessary for them to deplete their own pockets. They are of belief that the government is alarmed because of the discovery that so much difficult work remains to be done.

### MONTGOMERY TOLD OF OVERDRAFTS

#### Hamilton Bank Officer Admitted to Grand Jury That He Destroyed Evidence.

(N. Y. Herald, Dec. 24.)

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Goldfield, Nev., Dec. 25--To carry the case into the federal courts, the next move of the Goldfield Mine Owners Association. Tomorrow a suit will be filed in the circuit court of the district of Nevada asking for an injunction against picketing and interfering with, but for the final dissolution of the Goldfield Mines.

The complaint sets forth the alleged vast extent and richness of the mining interests involved and the large number of persons holding shares in the mines in the Goldfield district. It is alleged that the Goldfield mine is a "criminal society" and an "injunction against boycott is also sought."

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# SHUFFLE DEAD BEFORE HER SONS

## Tragedy Occurred Just as Family Were to Sit Down to Dinner

### VICTIM NOTED SINGER

#### Dr. Walter R. Amesbury, of Milford, Mass., the Murderer--Fired Two Shots Into Woman's Breast--Family Troubles and Threatened Divorce the Reason.

Hyde Park, Mass., Dec. 25--Dr. Walter R. Amesbury, of Milford, shot and instantly killed his wife, Anna, aged 40, a teacher of music in Roxbury College, Danielville (Vt.), and widely known as a singer, in the presence of his mother-in-law and two sons, as the family were about to sit down to their Christmas dinner at the home of Mrs. Jennie Rees, mother of Mrs. Amesbury, at 220 Metropolitan avenue, here, today.

The shooting was the result of family troubles which have been going on for some time as a result of which it is claimed that Mrs. Amesbury was intending to begin divorce proceedings.

The family were about to sit down to their dinner shortly after 12 o'clock, when the shooting took place. Dr. Amesbury shot twice with the caliber .38 revolver, and both shots took effect in the right breast of his wife, who dropped dead.

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# LEMEUX LEAVES TOKYO TODAY

## Thinks Mission Will Have Satisfactory Results--Belief That Japan Will Stop Labor Emigration to Canada.

Tokio, Dec. 25--Rudolph Lemeux, Canadian minister of labor, who concluded his negotiations with the Japanese government regarding the regulation of immigration to Canada, said to the Associated Press:

"My lips are sealed on the subject. Any statement I have to make belongs first to the Canadian government. My mission will be completed only after my return to Ottawa. I have every reason to believe that a solution of the difficulty will soon be reached and I am pleased to say that my negotiations with the Japanese foreign office were conducted in the friendliest spirit."

The Associated Press is in a position to state that the situation is identical with its previous forecast. Mr. Lemeux and Sir Claude M. MacDonald, the British ambassador, fully agreed with the terms of the memorandum, whereunder the Japanese government outlines its plans for future control of immigration, the announcement of which will probably be made when a similar arrangement is outlined to the Japanese government.

It is understood that the foreign minister, Viscount Hayashi, throughout the conference with Lemeux, constantly declined to sacrifice any treaty rights or to set any limit on the number of Japanese which might be permitted to land in Canada monthly.

Minister Lemeux and party will sail for home on the Empress of China tomorrow, December 28.

# P. R. STEAMER SAVED HAND OF DIGBY MAN

## Ring Saved Hand of Digby Man

Digby, Dec. 24--Wm. Cahoon, one of Digby's tinsmith artists, had his hand saved by a ring on his finger yesterday afternoon. He was coming down Prince William street carrying a circular saw on a small pole or stick over his shoulder, when he slipped and fell on the ice. The saw came down on his hand and struck the ring with such force that it drove the gold through to the bone, saving the hand.

Chief of Police Bowles, who saw the accident, ran out of his house and cut the ring which somewhat eased the pain. Had the ring not been there the hand would have been taken off.

### Football Player Killed by Trolley.

Fall River, Dec. 25--While chasing a football with which he and other boys were playing today, Joseph Laposa, aged 16, of 155 Shove street, ran in front of a trolley car on the Newport and Fall River line and was fatally injured. His death occurred at the hospital.

# SUSSEX RAIDS MAKE DRY CHRISTMAS LIVELY

## Women Cheer as Large Quantities of Holiday Liquors Are Seized

### Big Consignment Marked "Glassware" Taken from Express Wagon--Many Search Parties on Christmas Day--Say the Crusade is Going to Be Kept Going--The Mayorality Contest.

Sussex, Dec. 25--Following somewhat lively raids on three liquor sellers on Dec. 24, Sussex passed about the driest Christmas in its experience. The raiders found a stock of wet goods so large as to indicate that the saloon men had made great preparations to dispense Christmas cheer of the bottled variety, but when Christmas eve arrived the barrels, kegs and bottles were locked up in Medley Memorial hall, under guard of several stalwart constables.

Many thought the seizures made yesterday would be followed by a lull in the crusade, but it was not so. Christmas was not only dry, but it was enlivened by an extended search for liquor conducted by the inspector and several constables. They visited Lorenzo Bardoni, J. McArthur, the Royal Hotel, John Morrison and Frank Myers. McArthur, Morrison and Frank Myers were suspected of storing the stuff, not of selling it. No liquor was discovered in any of these cases.

This morning an incident occurred that may cause a legal tangle. Five cases of stuff marked "glassware" arrived by train and was taken to Doherty's place. The man there would not accept delivery, and as the team was leaving Inspector Casca and his men seized the goods and removed them from the express train. Some are questioning their legal right to do this, but that point will soon be cleared up.

The cases to come up before Magistrate Hornbrook this morning are: Sylvester Madden, on two charges; George Doherty, Daniel Rose, and Harry Wilson, the latter of Hampton. There is evidently a lively time ahead if further attempts are made to sell liquor, for the crusaders declare they are going to keep the town dry at any cost.

The raids aroused unusual public interest, and while one was in progress yesterday afternoon the street was thronged by hundreds of people who shouted and applauded as the liquor was removed. This popular George Jones Aprouin, and a crowd of whom there were many, were especially demonstrative.

The next place was Doherty's. This was raided during the afternoon when the town was filled with visitors and the shopping rush was at its height. The harvest in this place included twelve barrels and kegs of whiskey and beer and twenty-six cases of mixed liquors. The third raid was at Rose's place. As Constable Ship entered a man at the bar was about to pour a drink out of a bottle, and the constable took the bottle out of the astonished victim's hand. In some cases the rear doors were forced in order to obtain entrance, and in some instances a few citizens who were seeking a quiet "nip" and who did not know what was up, were caught suspiciously close to John Barleycorn.

The mayorality contest is exciting interest. Walter Mills and J. A. McArthur are the candidates to succeed Mayor Murray. Mr. Murray is talked of as an opponent candidate for the legislature. The choice is generally thought to be between him and Mr. Pierson. Both are well qualified, and the popular George Jones Aprouin, and Jewelling are also mentioned as likely to be on the opposition ticket.

# MAN ALSO DYING OF INJURIES-- BOTH RUN OVER ON COLUMBUS AVENUE, BOSTON.

Boston, Dec. 25--While shopping for Christmas gifts shortly after 10 o'clock last evening, Elizabeth Skinner, thirty years old, of Yarmouth street, and her seventeen-year-old son, Robert, were run over by a trolley car on Columbus street, were knocked down and run over by an automobile, the former receiving injuries which resulted in her death about an hour after she was taken to the City Hospital, has little chance for recovery. The accident happened on Columbus street, almost directly in front of the Back Bay hotel and was witnessed by hundreds of persons.

The automobile, which is estimated to have been moving at more than fifty miles an hour, continued on its journey. Several officers and citizens, who were on duty, gave aid, but the car disappeared in the direction of Roxbury.

Up to an early hour this morning no arrests had been made, but it is anticipated that arrests on the charge of manslaughter will follow some time this afternoon.

Miss Skinner did not recover consciousness after the accident.

Thompson and his fiancée, when opposite the Back Bay hotel, started across the street. Thompson saw the automobile, which was moving south. He stopped and pulled his sweater with him, but an instant later the car struck them.

The automobile, according to a number of witnesses, contained a party of five or six persons, who, according to others, were only two in the machine. Patrolman G. Stevens, within a minute of the time the accident happened, was in a racing machine, and he stopped and pulled the car to a halt. Patrolman Vincent, who was in a patrolman's car, was also in the vicinity.

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# DENIAL THAT STEVENSON HAS QUIT FORESTERS

Toronto, Dec. 24--W. H. Hunter, supreme counselor of the Independent Order of Foresters, contradicted the published report that G. Stevenson, supreme chief ranger, had tendered his resignation on Saturday, and had been succeeded by Henry Collins, supreme treasurer. Mr. Hunter said he was in attendance at a meeting of the executive council on Saturday and Mr. Stevenson had not resigned nor was there anything of the kind in contemplation. Mr. Stevenson, he added, held his position at great personal sacrifice, but was prepared to continue in office as long as he could render any service to the order. Henry Collins, when spoken to, also denied the report.

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