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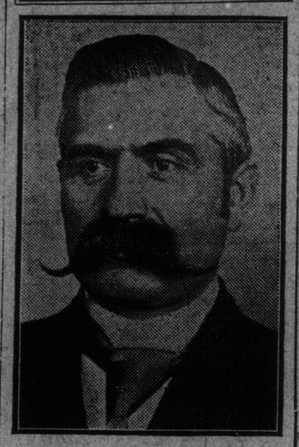
WALTER DUNCAN SHOOTS HIMSELF AT PRACTICE

Ex-Inspector of Detectives Injured at Target Practice Yesterday Afternoon and Is Brought From Port Credit—In General Hospital With Revolver Bullet in Leg.

Walter Duncan, ex-inspector of detectives, lies in the General Hospital with a bullet imbedded in his leg below the knee. He accidentally shot himself yesterday afternoon at Port Credit while indulging in target practice. The accident occurred about four o'clock and he was quietly removed to the hospital suffering terrible pain. An X-ray examination of the wound will be made this morning and an operation will likely follow to extract the piece of lead.

The ex-inspector spent Christmas Day with some friends at Port Credit. During the afternoon the party decided to have a shooting match with revolvers. A target was placed on a tree in a vacant lot nearby. After peppering at it for some little time, Mr. Duncan, while reloading his revolver, touched the trigger and the discharge entered his leg. He was brought to Toronto by train and rushed to the hospital in A. W. Miles' ambulance.

Former Detective Who Accidentally Touched the Trigger



WALTER DUNCAN.

CELEBRATE THEIR GOLDEN WEDDING

Moses Unger and Wife of Preston Are Honored by Legion of Descendants.

BERLIN, Ont., Dec. 25.—(Special.)—A happy event took place at Preston, Ont., this afternoon, when the children and grandchildren of Moses Unger and wife gathered to celebrate with them their golden wedding day. It was a unique event, as their 12 children are still living, as well as the 22 grandchildren. The children are: John H. Unger, Plum Coulee, Man.; Mrs. M. B. Richert, Mrs. A. W. Hilburn, Berlin; Mrs. J. B. Richert, Buffalo; Mrs. John Ford, Seattle, Wash.; Mrs. C. G. Ott, Worcester, Mass.; Mrs. Charles P. Wilkins, Chesley; Mrs. W. Hurst, Winnipeg; Joseph, New Westminster, B.C.; Mrs. James Thomas, Preston; Miss Verda Unger, Toronto, and Mrs. Hudson James, Fort William.

Mr. and Mrs. Moses Unger received a congratulatory address and a purse of gold from the children.

A reception was held between 7 and 8 tonight, at which many friends extended congratulations.

Mr. and Mrs. Unger have spent their married life in Waterloo County, Mr. Unger now holding the position of Dominion fruit inspector. Among the guests were the bridesmaid and groomsman of 50 years ago, Mrs. Shants and Jacob Bechtel of Waterloo.

PERK BULL IN LONDON

He Tells the British Public All About Our Garden Cities, Our Trains and Our Motor Roads.

W. P. MAY RUN FOR THE IMPERIAL PARLIAMENT

Our old friend W. P. Bull of the Jersey herd at Brampton, of the Assyrian museum whiskers, and of Cuba orange groves, is back in London again selling Red Deer lots to the British public. Red Deer is one of the coming cities of Canada. But W. P. is known in the London papers as "Mr. W. Perkins Bull, K.C., of Toronto," and in The London Standard as "Mr. Perkins Bull." Up at the exhibition they called him Jersey Bull.

Perk is handing out some great stuff to the British public, and we reproduce the article of The Standard of Nov. 30 last:

Stupendous Changes in Canada.

Mr. W. Perkins Bull, K.C., of Toronto, has just returned to England after a four months' visit to Canada. Interviewed on the remarkable development of the Dominion, he said:

"My country has changed as much during the last decade as has Kingsway itself. The pioneering stage has been passed. Upwards of 100 years ago, my forefathers, after months of travel, reached what is now Toronto. In process of time, after hardships, toil and privations, they brought to their own doors, in a measure, the luxuries of an older civilization.

"But," said Mr. Perkins Bull, "the newcomer to Canada finds a different state of affairs today. All thru the great wheatfields and farming districts of western Canada railroads are connecting towns and cities, and opening up in advance for the settler new farming areas.

"Thru many of the smaller Canadian cities and towns radial electric lines carry passengers, goods, express, and even his majesty's mails, and extend many miles in various directions into the rural and less populous districts, much as your outlying tram lines here in London.

"More money will be spent during the present five years on improving and extending the general rural highways of Canada than has been spent in all the previous years of Canada's existence. Why, even the far outlying

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100 MEN WORK 24 HOURS SORTING HEAVY MAIL

Christmas Day One of Tedious Toil With Only Few Stops For Food For Regular Men of Postoffice Staff—Work Was Double That of Last Year.

Christmas is always the busiest day in the year for the mail clerks, but yesterday it was almost a "killer" for the employes of the Toronto Postoffice. With the quantity of matter to be handled almost twice that of last year, it is not to be wondered that 100 men worked the 24 hours of Christmas Day with scarcely a break. Some got out for half an hour at meal times, but the majority only stopped long enough to eat light refreshments and coffee sent in by order of the postoffice department. The men who passed Christmas in this strenuous way comprise the three regular sorting staffs. One hundred extra hands were put on for the rush, but these could never have stood the strain. Only those who have been trained to the wearisome, tedious task of sorting the handwriting of thousands were equal to the 24 hours' shift, during nearly the entire time of which they were obliged to be on their feet.

The World learned last night that no additional pay is given for this extra service, but that, instead, the department grants each "Christmas rush" employe an extra week's holidays at midsummer.

The work done by the Toronto postoffice yesterday may well be counted as double that of last Christmas. According to Assistant Postmaster W. E. Lemon, the quantity of letters handled is fully 100 per cent. more than a year ago. Foreign mail matter has been 40 per cent. heavier. In order to dispose of it all, 225 extra men were employed, 125 as assistants to the over-burdened "posties" and 100 to relieve the men inside. On the heavier routes, wagons had to be put into service to enable postmen to transport the huge loads of presents and tidings of goodwill. Besides this deluge the postoffice has had to collect all the mail matter posted for delivery within or outside the city. On Tuesday letter and parcel boxes filled up in a very short time and extra collections were made from every box. In fact, extra collection service has been employed since Saturday.

Mr. Lemon stated last night that the officials of Toronto Postoffice have noticed a very marked tendency this year towards sending cards and letters instead of more bulky remembrances. The personal greeting card idea has gained great favor, and he believed this was one of the influences tending to reduce the volume of Christmas mail matter.

Postoffice officials were unable last night to hand out any definite accurate statement of the number of letters handled over Christmas. Such figures, they said, could only be estimated. The World man, who was allowed to go "in behind," took some time, by the aid of one of the officials, to get an approximation of yesterday's letters. There are 28 sorting cases for incoming letters, each of which has a table in front two yards wide. Using these facts as a gauge and also the knowledge that the tables were laden every thirty minutes and that 200 letters placed side by side take up a foot space, the general reckoning was made that the total number of incoming letters handled in Toronto Postoffice yesterday, if placed side by side and edges up, would extend from Yonge street wharf to Bloor street and would range in number from one million to a million and a half. In addition to this, there was also disposed of almost an equal amount of outgoing letters, many tons of parcels and the usual number of papers.

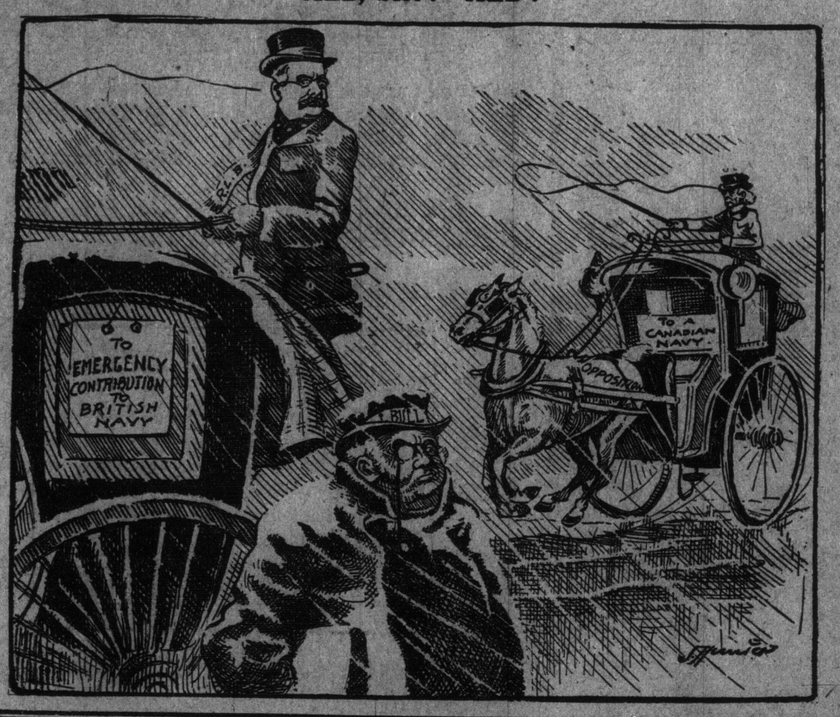
THE FUR SITUATION.

Good furs are an investment. You may look for a thirty per cent. increase in prices by next season. If you are intending to buy furs soon do so now. They will never be any better or cheaper. W. and D. Dineen Company, Limited, manufacturing furriers, corner Yonge and Temperance streets.

Seat Sale for New Year's Week.

The advance sale of seats for "The Old Firm," the new comedy-drama, which comes to the Princess next week, will open this morning at the theatre. The noted English actor, William Hawtrey, and a company of English players present the new play.

KEB, SIR? KEB?



DYNAMITE TRIAL NEARING FINISH

Fate of Forty Labor Officials Will Be in Jury's Hands Tomorrow.

INDIANAPOLIS, Dec. 25.—(Can. Press.)—The cases of the forty labor union officials, accused of promoting the McNamara dynamiting plots in the ironworkers' strike against employers of non-union labor, will go to the jury within 36 hours, or possibly sooner.

At the close of all argument to-morrow night or on Friday morning Federal Judge Albert B. Anderson will instruct the jury. It is understood that the court's outline of the law as to what testimony shall be applied to certain defendants will require about an hour.

The jurors then will retire to deliberate as to the men who, headed by Frank M. Ryan, president of the International Association of Bridge and Structural Ironworkers, were brought here 3 months ago from cities scattered from Boston to Los Angeles to figure as defendants in what is said to be the most important trial of its kind ever held in a federal court.

The jury, to be asked to return a separate verdict for each defendant, is composed entirely of farmers or merchants from rural districts of Indiana.

Penalties Cumulative.

The fact that the jury must vote on each defendant after considering the testimony, the court holds applicable to him, is the basis for a belief that verdicts will not be returned in less than a day. There are 26 counts against each defendant, 25 of which provide a maximum penalty of 18 months' imprisonment and one which provides a maximum imprisonment of two years. The government contends that the penalties for the offences charged are cumulative in the discretion of the court, or a total possible penalty of 39 1-2 years.

The room in the federal building in which the jurors have been kept under guard for almost three months today was ready for the mass of exhibits to be turned over for reference during the jury's deliberations.

Few Signs of Christmas.

Christmas found the forty men listening to attacks upon themselves by District Attorney Chas. W. Miller.

Toys which some of the defendants' children trundled into the federal building and sprigs of holly in the coats of the men charged with dynamiting were the only outward tokens of Christmas.

Once only was Christmas mentioned before the jury—that was when District Attorney Miller referred to an explosion which Ortie E. McManigal said he caused in an ironworks plant at Los Angeles on Dec. 25, 1910, and which the government alleges Olaf A. Tveitmoe, San Francisco, acknowledged in a letter to J. J. McNamara as "a Christmas present to the Pacific Coast."

A GROWING FEAR OF AUSTRIA'S DEMANDS

Montenegrin Delegates Are Greatly Disturbed Over the Rumor That Austria Will Seek to Prevent Scutari's Being Absorbed or Will Insist on Retention of Strategic Position.

LONDON, Dec. 25.—(Can. Press.)—The expedition with which the Turkish Government has decided upon counter peace proposals leads to the assumption that they will be equally wide from what are likely to be the eventual terms of the peace treaty as were the demands of the allies, and that there is still a prolonged process of bargaining to be gone thru before the conference is ended.

Austria's failure to demobilize, how-

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THE MORRISBURG CLOAK-COAT.

Jaff: Is that ye John?

John: Merry Christmas senator. Wee York'll eat some goose and turkey today. I wonder if Billy got any?

Jaff: Didna we twa lookit gran' in our Morrisburg coats in th' picture Th' Ward had o' us wi' Sir Jeems. We lookit maist distinguished.

John: Are ye goin' to reproduce it in Th' Globe like you did th' ither one.

Jaff: Nane o' yer jokes, John. But I'll let ye intil a secret. Maister Flemmin' is haen yin made. He's found out who Sir Jeems' tailor is.

John: He'll fill th' coat so he can't get into one of his street busses.

Jaff: An' I'll tell ye anither secret: Sir Jeems is gaen till rig out his hall caibinet wi' they Morrisburg cloak-coats. Maister Hanna an' his lamp-lights will look braw; tho he'll hae til pit on th' top hat.

John: But how'll Jimmy Duff look?

Jaff: Th' wee manule 'll jes hae til toddle along in yin as best he can.

John: Jim Foy can wear it all right.

Jaff: An' I'll tell ye anither secret aboot Sir Jeems, and why he is doon on the Southam chiels o' Ottawa an' Hamilton. Th' Southams were great freens o' Maister Gibson's in th' Cataract deal in Hamilton an' they workit thegether aw' th' time. Th' Southams, the professin' til be Tory, really pit John in th' twa last times he got in for Hamilton. If it hadna been for that, Sir Jeems would hae been in power six years before he got in.

John: Is that so, senator?

Jaff: Aye, John, it's th' God's truth. An' that's why th' Southams are justly sae sair on Sir Jeems. They own great blocks o' Cataract, an' they dinna like Awdam Beck wi' his hydro-electric abomination.

John: But I'm for Adam Beck.

Jaff: So ye sae, John. But ye canna be fer him if ye are wi' Maister Flemmin' an' me in nae given votes til power users an' straipholders wha only pay taxes.

John: That's where you get me crazy. I'm goin' to hire a lawyer an' see how to get out ov this muddle. I'm fer hydro-electric, and fer Adam Beck, an' fer th' peepul, an' I buy soft demykrat hats, an' you got me travelin' with landlords, wearin' Morrisburg coats an' plug hats—an' I don't know where I'm goin'—

Jaff: I'll take ye til Egypt, John, where ye can walk on th' sands o' th' desert, an' I'll shew ye Solomon's temple at Jerusalem, John—

John: Now don't go so fast. Can't you wait till I see my lawyer.

Jaff: On, John, on, dinna ye hear th' pibroch o' Hiram Abiff soundin' deep o'er th' mountain an' glen?

BAD COLD KILLS CAFE MANAGER

Strangulation and Throat Trouble Cause Death of Thomas Steir, Manager of Childs' Restaurant.

Thomas Steer, managing Child's Restaurant since it was opened in Toronto, passed away suddenly at his home, 17 Leuty avenue, yesterday, death being caused by strangulation, brought on by a severe cold, with throat trouble. He had gone home from work at 7.30 Tuesday morning, apparently not seriously indisposed, but within 24 hours he took a bad spell and practically strangled to death.

Mr. Steer, who was in his 50th year, was an Englishman, but he had obtained his experience in the restaurant business largely in New York and Pittsburg. He was steward of the Pittsburg Club until its abandonment some time ago.

He was a Mason and member of the Royal Arch Masons. A widow and one son, Thomas, 17 years old, survive.

BEAVERTON MAN BEATEN AND LEFT TO DIE

Discovery of Ernest Reilly's Body Behind Water Tank in Station Yards Disclosed a Tragedy That Followed Christmas Eve Celebration—Fight With Companions.

BEAVERTON, Dec. 25.—(Special.)—Helped off by quarreling companions from the Lindsay train Tuesday night, and found huddled behind the water tank in the station yard, dead, Ernie Reilly's mysterious death gave this town today a tragic Christmas tale.

The young man, with a dozen companions, had gone to Lindsay from this place, which is a local option town, and their return on the Grand Trunk train which reached here at 9.45 p.m., was boisterous in the extreme. Reilly was assisted from the train by a couple of his companions and a brakeman. A little group, Reilly among them, hung around the station platform until the train pulled out, and then scattered. That was the last seen or heard of him until, at 8 a.m. today, a G. T. R. sectionman came across his body behind the watertank 25 yards away from the station.

Kicked to Death.

Deep cuts on the head and face, a broken arm and wrist, and many bruises told plainly of rough and brutal treatment. The police say he was kicked to death. The man's overcoat, undercoat and vest were missing, one sleeve of his shirt was ripped off and the remainder of the clothing badly torn.

Those who examined the body say the man had died but a very short while before being found, and he probably lay there dying, a hundred feet from help, thruout the frosty night. Those at the station heard neither the noise of fight nor appeals for assistance. People enjoying Christmas Eve in the nearest house, 50 yards distant, knew nothing of what was going on; crews of trains that passed and stopped there during the night were unaware of anything uncommon.

The local police have several of Reilly's train companions under surveillance, but nothing exciting has developed. An inquest has been called by the coroner for Friday morning. The young man, who was 23 years old, lived and has several relatives here.

NO ONE IN NEW YORK ALLOWED TO SPEND A HUNGRY CHRISTMAS

Civic and Private Philanthropy Was Generously Extended to Provide For Needs of Tens of Thousands—In All the Jails and Hospitals Holiday Celebrations Gladdened Hearts of Inmates.

NEW YORK, Dec. 25.—(Can. Press.)—The Christmas spirit ruled New York today and multitudes of the poor felt the beneficent effects. The municipality and private philanthropic organizations joined in extending charity, and the tens of thousands of the city's hungry were fed and clothed and in other ways made to feel that they were sharers in the general celebration.

The Salvation Army, caring for 300,000 persons thruout the country, provided for 25,000 here. At the Ninth Regiment Armory 5000 baskets of food were presented to representatives of as many families. Each basket held a four-pound chicken, a loaf of bread, a can of soup and a can of beans, potatoes, apples, oranges—enough to feed five persons. Clothing and fuel will be exchanged in return for tickets handed to the 5000. Dolls and toys were given to thousands of children after the hungry had been fed.

Congressman "Big Tim" Sullivan, beloved of the Bowery derelict, gave his customary Christmas dinner to 5000 homeless men. When they had broken fast with food, such as most of them had not tasted in months, pipes and tobacco were given, together with a ticket which will bring each man, shoes and socks on February 6. "Big Tim" himself spent Christmas ill in bed in a sanitarium.

Other unfortunates were entertained at the city's expense at the Municipal Lodging House. At Blackwell's Island, the Tombs and other prisons and jails the inmates also dined sumptuously at the city's expense. At city hospitals, physicians disguised themselves as Santa Claus and surprised the children with gifts. Adults and children alike were given Christmas dinner treats. At homes for the poor and at waterfront missions thousands more were similarly entertained. At Ellis Island 2000 immigrants enjoyed their first American Christmas. In Madison Square Park the municipal Christmas tree again glittered tonight for several hours and crowds stood near it to enjoy the sight and the Christmas music provided. From early morning until late tonight services were held in churches all over the city.

The Christmas heart of one city magistrate prompted him to discharge all prisoners arrested for intoxication.

TORONTO'S POOR NEVER SO WELL LOOKED AFTER

Christmas Cheer Liberally Extended by City's Many Charitable Organizations and Movements to All Known to be Needy—Contributions Were Greatly Increased.

The most prosperous Christmas in the history of Toronto was marked yesterday by the fact that no one in this city of nearly half a million population who was willing to make a need known went without all that goes to make Christmas the one day of the whole year when good cheer reigns supreme. This season several thousand families that might otherwise have wanted for Christmas cheer were made happy by the generous distribution of abundant baskets by the various charitable organizations of the city. More than a thousand such baskets were delivered among the poorer families of the city yesterday morning by the Salvation Army and St. George's Society, the work also being undertaken to a lesser extent by other similar organizations. Twenty-two hundred kiddies were looked after in big-hearted fashion by World Good Fellows.

Many spent the day in visiting sick friends in the hospitals. All tre public institutions of the city tendered the inmates a special dinner for the occasion, among which were the House of Industry, the Aged Men's Home, the Aged Women's Home, the Industrial Refuge for Women and the Home for Incurables. The various orphanages thruout the city distributed gifts among their small wards in addition to special dinners given.

Even the prisoners were made aware of the day. At the Central Prison the 325 sat down to a Christmas feast of roast beef and plum pudding. At the Mercer Reformatory a special dinner was also enjoyed. At the Queen street asylum Christmas was by no means forgotten. A roast turkey and plum pudding, dinner, followed by candy, nuts, fruits and other delicacies. In the morning Rev. Canon Greene conducted a special Christmas service. About sixty of the patients were taken home to spend Christmas with friends.

Half Green Christmas.

Toronto's Christmas was mild, and few outdoor sports were enjoyed by the younger element of the population. Some of the rinks were open and were very well patronized, as were also the city theatres, even the moving picture shows doing a capacity business.

The fact of the license law closing hotel bars on Christmas Day resulted in very little drunkenness being seen on the streets.

The contributions to the cheer pots that have been held out at the various street corners, even in most severe weather, by Salvation Army lassies during the past couple of weeks enabled six hundred families to partake of a bountiful Christmas dinner who might have spent the day on meagre rations.

Fully a thousand dollars more was collected by the Salvation Army this Christmastime than was the case last year, when $4500 was given. This may be assigned to three causes—the added population and greater prosper-

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No More Coupons Will Be Sent by Mail After December 28th. See Page 2.