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VERY SAD IS THIS BIG LABOR WAR

Over Bodies of Little Ones in Calumet Peace May be Declared.

(Canadian Press Dispatch) CALUMET, Mich., Dec. 27.—While separate investigations of Calumet Christmas tree disasters in which 73 persons, most of them children were killed, were being made to-day and a dispute was being waged as to who should bury the dead, peace-makers were at work in a supreme effort to bring about an end to the copper mine strike in this region.

Over the bodies of the little ones the leaders of the peace movement hoped to see an end to the labor strife which has torn the Calumet copper district for several months.

United in their grief over the snuffing out of so many young lives the warring factions—mine operators, guards and strikebreakers, and the stricken union miners and their friends gave no thought to the big labor battle that indirectly is blamed for the most gruesome horror in the history of Calumet. There was still

a dispute over whether the offer of the citizens alliance, an organization that has been considered hostile to the strikers to defray all the burial expenses would be permitted. Officers of the Western Federation of Miners declared that the offer would be spurned.

"We will care for our own dead," was the response to the Alliance. The feeling of hostility was not so marked to-day when it was seen that the citizens of Calumet and other cities in the mine district were in earnest in their efforts to raise funds for the stricken families. Almost unlimited amounts of money were pledged by mine-owners and merchants, who have been opposing the strikers. The committees representing the operators went from house to house to-day comforting the surviving members of families whose dear ones were taken from them in the unnecessary panic.

Following these committees went others and suggestions that peace be declared between the forces representing capital and labor were diplomatically expressed. After the funeral of all the victims, which were to be arranged for later to-day, it was expected by many that the spirit of fight will have been interred with the bodies of the innocent children and wives of the strikers and that peace will prevail where, had the disaster occurred, a lasting labor war might have continued indefinitely.

Montreal is seriously suffering from a water famine, owing to a break in the intake pipe.

Damage estimated at \$250,000 was done by fire at the M. C. R. depot in Detroit.

GRAND VIEW RATEPAYERS

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What Parkdale Had One.

The chairman brought up the question of statute labor. The Reeve said that in Parkdale, overseers had been appointed, a grant had been given by the council and the work done in that way. Grand View should do this, then. If the money is not spent properly it would not be the fault of the township.

Mr. Woods thought this a very good way.

Would Form Police Village.

School Trustee Eastcott said that the school trustees had been fairly treated by the councillors. It was thought by the speaker that the forming of a police village would be a step in the right direction. Mr. Eastcott drew attention to the lack of sidewalk levels; here was also a necessity of improving the grading of the streets. At the Parkdale meeting, there had been quite a little talk over a sidewalk which was always getting out of repair. It had been stated that boys on Hallowe'en night had torn up the walk. He was of the opinion that someone should be appointed to look after the boys—not that they were bad, but for the purpose of curtailing their pranks. A great deal of the money that was spent from the district, was believed by the speaker, should be spent in the district. Because of the district being in the immediate vicinity, there was need of more light and sidewalks. Mr. George Laughton said that the boys who had torn up a certain sidewalk in Grand View did the district a good turn.

Ex-Councillor Herbert Batson made a few remarks, and stated that he was in the field for councillor honors.

Mr. Symington Again Speaks.

Mr. John Symington was again called upon. He then explained how Parkdale had made out with reference to the appointing of overseers. A meeting had been held and the districts laid out, the sections later choosing their own overseer. Work was started and much was accomplished. Some would think because he had been brought out for councillor that the district of Parkdale was not so; the district had received the best of treatment from the councillors. When Councillor Scace was running for councillor last year the Parkdale residents had pledged to support him, the residents of Grand View could retaliate when Parkdale brought out a councillor.

Councillor Greenwood.

Councillor Greenwood, the outgoing, stated that he was out for second deputy reeve honors. He had been pleased to listen to what the residents had said and he had gathered that there were few kickers. He favored the appointing of a man who would spend his whole time looking after the needs of the township. Before coming out for councillor he had asked experienced men if he was qualified for such an office, and he had received an answer in the affirmative. He then asked for the support of the ratepayers.

Councillor Scace.

Councillor Scace, the electric councillor had been asked to deal with the electric light question. He therefore promised to devote a portion of his remarks to the subject. He came before the meeting in the position of one who had come to report. At the last election the support of the ratepayers had been almost unanimous. During the year his efforts had been devoted to a great extent to the district, but he had been told that he had not neglected the outlying sections. The district was close to the city and therefore its needs were different from the outlying sections. Few of the residents had conveyances therefore sidewalks were needed and lights to enable the pedestrian to see where he was walking. The district should have these conveniences if they were willing to pay for them. He then outlined the work which had been done towards the securing of Hydro electric for the outlying districts. The service could be secured by the city supplying and charging the township, the township appointing a man to collect the accounts. The city could extend its line and collect from the consumer. The minimum cost for street lighting would be \$12 and for house lighting, 4 cents per kilowatt. The lighting question would have to be taken up by the residents at the beginning of the year.

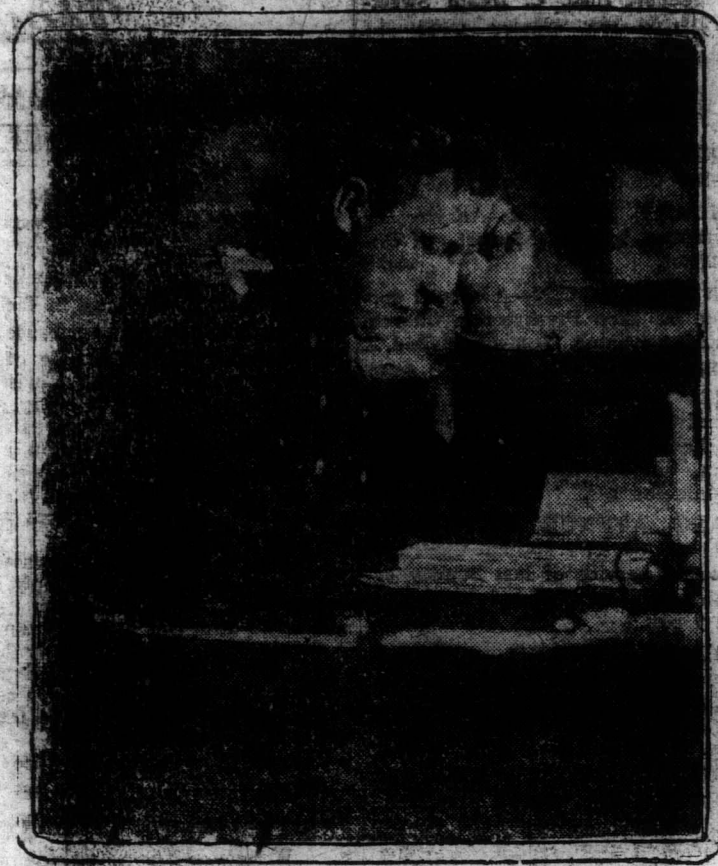
There were a series of deep holes on the hill which required attention and the Councillor promised that he would look after this matter. With regard to the lighting question, he further pointed out that the residents would have to bear the entire cost of lighting the streets. The cost of installation would be borne under the local improvement plan and the residents of the country sections should bear a portion of the cost of the lights because they were benefited. Councillor Scace promised to generally look after the drainage problems.

Councillor Greenwood said that water was a great problem throughout the district and had caused the expenditure of a large sum of money.

Mr. Harris stated the farmers seem to think that Grand View should not receive so many favors. He asked the reason of this and Councillor Scace replied that the reason was the farmer did not get at the root of the question.

Mr. Harris said that the statute labor from the district had amounted to over \$1,400 and of this amount

ABBET, THE INDUSTRIOUS KING OF THE BELGIANS



King Albert of Belgium, following the example of his uncle, King Leopold II, puts in many hours at his desk every day. He familiarizes himself with the work of his administration to minute details. This picture would suggest that he has just run his fingers through his hair in an endeavor to solve some particularly knotty problem of state.

only about \$400 had been spent on the district. Mr. Harris wanted to know the reason of this.

Mr. Arthur Howling wanted to know why the farmers would not deliver produce from the market to Grand View. The district was helping to keep up the township roads therefore, he believed that the produce should be delivered to the district.

Mr. Wood, the chairman, who was a farmer believed that the strife between the farmer and Grand View was purely a misunderstanding. Councillor Scace blamed the bad

Military Santa Was a Success

Last evening proved a memorable night in the history of the 38th Battalion, Dufferin Rifles of Canada, when the first Christmas tree for the children of all members of the Regiment was held. The affair was financed through the regimental funds in which every member of the regiment has a part, so that the event was of general interest throughout the battalion.

In the centre of the drill hall was a magnificent Christmas tree, about 25 feet in height, beautifully decorated with flags and Christmas tinsel and electrically illuminated. The crest of the regiment with the figures "38" outlined by tiny electric lights, was in a commanding position on the tree, which was laden down with presents, and on tables surrounding it candies and oranges were piled high, and made many a young mouth water and the owners of the mouths get very impatient for Santa Claus to appear and distribute the good things.

Around the tree in a semi circle were arranged the chairs. In the seats on the main floor, as well as in the officer's gallery, which was decorated with bunting and numerous flags, were seated many interested spectators who heartily enjoyed following the proceedings. Four large Union Jacks hung from the beams near the tree.

At about eight o'clock there was assembled a large, good natured crowd which was mainly made up of expectant youngsters, who curiously eyed the good things displayed so temptingly in front of them. Lieut. Col. Howard welcomed the large number present, stating that this is only the second time anything of this nature had been attempted in Canada, and that it was the wish of those who had the matter in charge, that no child of any member of the regiment should not receive a present. The Colonel said he thought he heard Santa coming, and sure enough as he uttered those words Santa Claus entered through the north door of the hall seated in a sleigh drawn by a reindeer, or a horse that was made to represent a reindeer by the ad-

dition of horns, and made his way to the tree where he started to distribute the presents, in which work he was assisted by Capt. E. P. Ballache, Major Genet, Mrs. Geo. D. Watt and Mrs. P. P. Ballache, who took the things from the tree, and a number of other ladies who distributed the gifts to the little ones who came forward for them as their names were called. Over 400 little ones were the recipients of gifts. Sergt. Major Oxtoby acted as Santa Claus, and he certainly made a good one.

During the distribution of the presents free coffee and cakes were served from a booth in a corner of the hall, which was well patronized, and kept several men busy. The regimental band was present and rendered several numbers during the evening, and was heartily applauded. Great credit is due to the Daughters of the Empire, who had the matter in charge, and attended to the details of the affair, and their untiring effort to make it the success that it was, is appreciated by every member of the regiment. The affair proved one of the most delightful ever held in the armories for some time, and will long be remembered.

Nuptial Notes

WARD-BURDETT.

The marriage of Mr. William Chas. Ward and Miss Elsie Louise Burdett was solemnized by Rev. Mr. Kelly, pastor of the Congregational Church, at the home of the bridegroom's mother, 156 Eagle Ave., on the afternoon of Dec. 25th. Joseph Ward acted as best man and Gertrude Ward as bridesmaid. The bride was given away by Mr. Thomas Wm. Sharon. About 30 friends were present at the ceremony, after which they sat down to a sumptuous wedding breakfast, and when all had partaken of a hearty repast, congratulatory speeches were delivered, and a very enjoyable time was spent by all. The happy couple will reside on Emily street.

A clash between miners and others in Calumet has prevented the distribution of \$25,000 to the needy. Prompt work of a policeman may have saved the life of a young man who attempted suicide at Toronto.

A SALE OF HOUSEHOLD NEEDS

Now that the hurry and worry of Christmas is over and the personal wants of your family have all been satisfied, is it not reasonable that one should turn to the wants of the house. To make buying easy we are devoting our efforts, commencing Monday, to a sale of household needs, and we feel that the values offered are particularly seasonable

Towels and Towelling at Particularly Attractive Prices



White Terry Bath Towels, heavy loop, hemstitched, a lot of comfort, size 24 x 50 inches.....50c each
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American Bath Mats, fancy Greek key border, assorted colors, size 24 x 40 inches, at.....\$1.50 each
Fancy Close-made firm loop Bath Mats, size 20 x 30 inches.....75c each
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Half Bleach Washed Dish Towelling, ready for use. 18 inches at.....12c 22 inches at.....15c

Table Linen

Odd Table Cloths at Reduced Prices—These are of good quality and desirable pattern, but have no Napkins to match. They are priced regularly at from \$4 to \$10, and the sizes are 2 by 2 1/2 and 2 1/2 by 4. They are reduced as follows:

\$4 value for.....\$3.25
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A Lot of Napkins that have no cloths to match. A dozen—
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Cloths and Napkins to Match, new medallion patterns, the Cloth 2 by 2 1/4, and one dozen 22 in. Napkins for a set, \$7.50
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5 pieces All-Linen Crash Towelling, 16 in. wide, a worth-while bargain, at.....6c a yd.
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Remnants

The extra selling finds us an accumulation of interesting ends of Sheetting, Pillow Caseing, Flannelettes, Flannels, Satens, Prints, Gingham, Cottons, Vestings, etc.

15 pcs. 32 inches wide Dark and Light Stripe Flannelette, soft finish, good weight.....8c yard
4 pcs. Bleached Tabling, all linen, Greek Key and Spray Border, with appropriate body pattern. Reg. 79c. For. 55c yard
Pillows, full down, Ventahelth, fancy featherproof Art Ticking, size 21 x 28 inches, odorless.....\$5.95 pair
Pillows, all feathers, featherproof Art Ticking, ventilated, size 20 x 27 inches, at.....\$3 pair
Pillows, all feathers, size 18 x 27 inches.....\$1.10 pair
Heavy Linen Finish Circular Pillow Cotton, widths from 40 to 48 inches, the kind that is worthy of hemstitching and embroidery.....40c yard



10 pcs. "Obralco" highly mercerised White Vestings, new patterns, good weight, 35c yard, for.....25c

New Fancy Madras and Cambric Shirtings, light ground, fine fast colored stripe, 32 inches wide, will laundry like fine linen, at.....20 and 25c yard

22 White Satin Bed Spreads, new patterns, medium weight, size 80 inches by 96 inches.....\$2.45 each

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