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PROBS—Strong n. and n.w. winds; colder, with light local snowfalls at first, then fair.

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Federal Inquiry Into Calumet Disaster is Demanded—... Two Killed in Boiler Explosion at Buffalo FOSTER'S BOASTED FRUGALITY HAS SAVED MANY DOLLARS—FOR FOSTER

GLAD CHRISTMAS IN HOMES OF TORONTO

Rich, Poor and Medium Alike Were Happy on the Day of Festival—Gloom Caused by Lack of Work Was Lightened When Christmas Baskets Came.

With just enough frost in the air to make things pleasant, Toronto's '13 Christmas cheer off all the traces of the '12 hoodoo and witnessed a holiday with nothing to mar it and a big supply of Christmas cheer to round the day out. "The more the merrier" also applies to Christmas and with an increase in Toronto's family of nearly thirty-five thousand over last year the holiday in this city passed off well indeed.

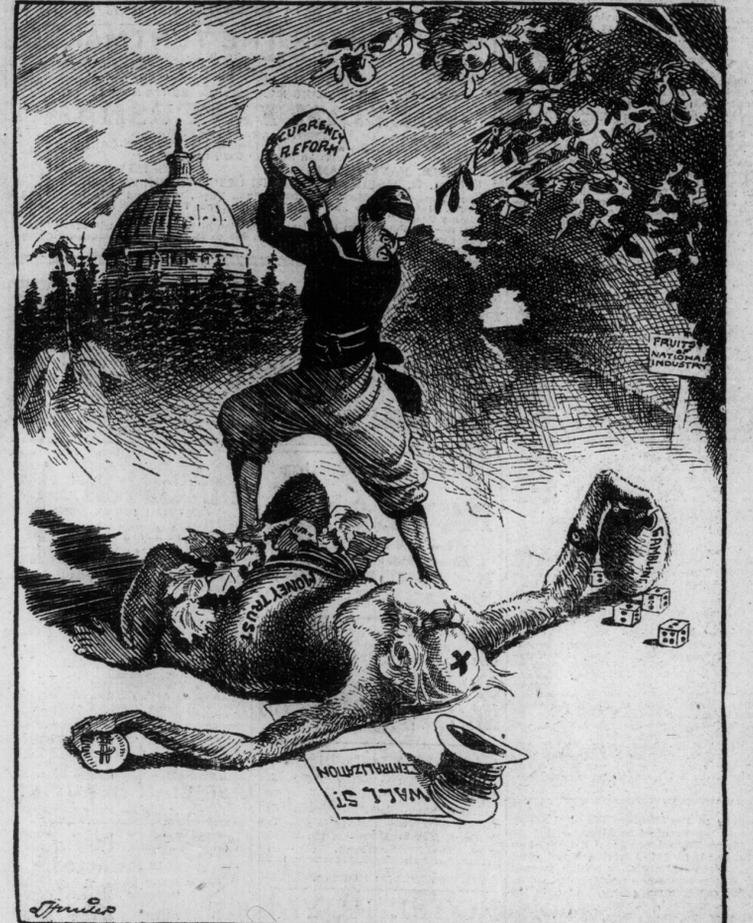
The weather was perhaps too mild to suit the fancy of the fuel men, "but it's an ill wind that blows nobody any good," and the householder doing his best to fight back at the high cost of living chuckled to himself to think that for once he had the laugh on one of the big factors.

It was a day when aquatic sports could have been pulled off on Toronto Bay without steamers or ferries being in the way, no sign of ice yet appearing on its surface, but the water was a little too cold to make swimming attractive.

There was no need for any family to go without a Christmas dinner yesterday. If thru circumstances they did not possess the necessary means of providing themselves with it they had only to make their wants known and one of the organizations distributing Christmas cheer supplied the necessary victuals.

Dinners for Many. The leaders in this work were the Salvation Army, and the holiday morning saw 602 S. A. good cheer banquets, always has performed from a great height.

SINBAD WILSON BUMPS HIS OLD MAN OF THE SEA.



NONE IN SAN FRANCISCO ALLOWED TO BE HUNGRY

Thousands Enjoyed Free Meals—Sleeping Quarters Provided by Churches.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 25.—(Can. Press.)—Nobody out of work need have gone hungry in San Francisco on Christmas day. At the co-operative bureau of employment the tables were set for all that would come, and thousands did.

RIOT IN LOS ANGELES HAD A FATAL ENDING

Police Attempted to Break Up Meeting of Unemployed Men.

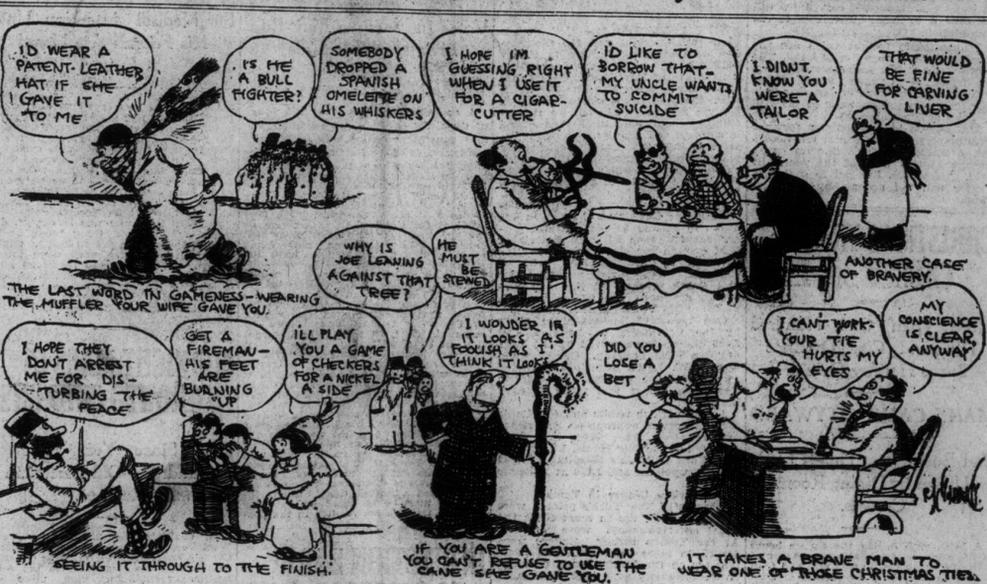
LOS ANGELES, Cal., Dec. 25.—(Can. Press.)—Rafael Adams, a Mexican, was killed, and five policemen were injured today in a riot at the Plaza, when the officers started to break up a meeting of several hundred unemployed and hungry men. Twenty of the rioters were arrested.

BEACHEY "LOOPED LOOP" FIVE TIMES AT FRISCO

American Aviator Broke Another Record by Performing Double Loop.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 25.—(Can. Press.)—Lincoln Beachey celebrated Christmas today by breaking a world's record, looping the loop five consecutive times from a height of 750 feet and landing in a narrow street on the Panama Pacific Exposition grounds.

The Real Test of Friendship Comes the Day After Christmas



Fourteen Killed in Explosion

ROME, Dec. 25.—(Can. Press.)—The explosion of a fireworks factory at Torre Annunziata in the Province of Naples, resulted in the death of many persons. The buildings collapsed, burying the victims in the wreckage. Fourteen dead and five injured were taken from the ruins and it is believed that many other bodies are covered by debris.

DEATH OF MRS. STEVENSON

BLOOMINGTON, Ill., Dec. 25.—(Can. Press.)—Mrs. Adlai E. Stevenson, wife of former Vice-president Stevenson, died early tonight. She had been ill for several months. Mrs. Stevenson was 70 years old, and is survived by her husband and three children.

PRESIDENT OF MINERS' UNION SAYS THAT FOE OF STRIKERS STARTED MAD PANIC IN HALL

While Calumet Citizens Show Earnest Desire to Ameliorate Sufferings of Bereaved Families, Sinister Reports Are Stirring Up Bitter Feeling—Seventy-Two Bodies Identified.

FEDERAL INQUIRY NOW DEMANDED

President Wilson Asked to Have Investigation of Calumet Disaster Begin at Once.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 25.—Secretary of Labor Wilson received the following telegram today from Chas. H. Moyer, president of the Western Federation of Miners, who is directing the copper strike at Calumet and vicinity, demanding federal investigation of the Christmas eve tragedy. The telegram dated last night was as follows: "While striking miners with their wives and little ones were arranging for a Christmas tree in a hall at Calumet, Mich., tonight, the door was opened by a person who gave a false alarm of fire. In their effort to get out of the hall seventy people lost their lives. The circumstances surrounding this terrible occurrence demand immediate investigation by the government. I see him and urge immediate action." Secretary Wilson said he would communicate with the president as soon as possible, but that he did not know whether the government would have jurisdiction in such a case.

TWO KILLED WHEN BOILER OF LOCOMOTIVE EXPLODED

Fireman James Thorpe of Fort Erie and Gustave Spang of Buffalo the Victims—Six Others Injured by Escaping Steam and Flying Debris—Engineer Curran's Narrow Escape.

ST. THOMAS, Dec. 25.—(Special.)—Fireman J. Thorpe, of Fort Erie, and an unidentified man were killed this morning when the boiler of a G.T.R. Wabash engine exploded. The accident happened about six o'clock while the locomotive was returning light to the Buffalo yards. Engineer Nicholas J. Curran, of St. Thomas, had a miraculous escape. He was thrown from the cab, but while severely scalded is expected to be all right again in a few days. F. Clark, brakeman of St. Thomas, and W. R. Cameron, of Windsor, were injured by escaping steam, and W. Lohr, A. Schultz, and W. B. Bartell, switchmen on the Erie Railway, who were close by, were hit by flying debris. The unidentified man was riding on the engine at the time of the accident. BUFFALO, N. Y., Dec. 25.—(Can. Press.)—The name of the unknown man killed in the boiler explosion this morning along with Fireman Thorpe, turns out to be Gustave Spang, night-watchman of the Buffalo Crushed Stone Company. Spang was about to step onto the tender when he was struck by the flying crown-sheet and carried over 150 feet. Thorpe was standing on the tender. The force of the explosion tilted the rear of the engine upward and when it came down Thorpe, who had fallen between the engine and the tender, was crushed to death. Engineer Curran had his shoulder dislocated, while Brakeman Clark sustained a fractured ankle.

WATCHDOG'S BITE POISONS CIVIC EMPLOYEES

Controller Foster Has Kept Salaries Low at the City Hall and Uses His Hold on the Treasury Purse Strings for His Own Advantage.

There are some facts in connection with the nominal assessment of Controller Foster's property that will enlighten the taxpayers on the possible perquisites of a controller who is crafty. The most significant fact is that Controller Foster is relentless in his attacks upon any members of the city council who try to get fairer salaries for civic employees. A large number of the civic employees are underpaid. Few members of the council have the courage to insist upon fair pay to civic employees, as there are so many inconsiderate voters who would take up Controller Foster's cry of "Extravagance!" Thus Controller Foster holds the civic employees at his mercy. They all detest him for it, but cannot help themselves in playing his crafty game. It is by this means he gets a nominal assessment of his large amount of property, and pockets perquisites that total a goodly amount of cash. In return he occasionally consents to a slight increase in salaries of civic employees. It is detestable, but it has escaped judicial investigation so far, and has been going on for years. Another fact is that the assessment of all properties is not checked up each year by the heads of the assessment department. It would be a physical impossibility. One conspicuous assessor is all that Controller Foster has had to deal with. To Controller Foster it was like getting money from him. All he has had to do was to cry "Extravagance!" and a big block of his land, that he could get over \$50 a front foot for today, is kept on the assessment roll year after year at 25c and 50c per front foot. And many a judicial investigation, True to His Nature. The Telegram, with its blood-hounds on the scent night and day for victims for judicial investigations, financed Controller Foster as "the watchdog of the treasury" all these years, and Controller Foster could always be depended upon to eat out of the Telegram's hands. Another fact is that the sanitary inspectors had until this year been kept by Controller Foster in year of his cry of "Extravagance!" Here he gathered in more perquisites. His numerous shacks had been allowed to add to the slum area, while other owners of shacks had been compelled to equip them with sanitary appliances or have them torn down. Only when indignant citizens clamored against such outrageous discrimination did Controller Foster let go of the perquisites he had been forcing from the department of health. How Many More? There are some of the perquisites of his "controllership." How many more there may have been may be awaiting the report of a judicial investigation, or the report of the civic research bureau. Yet he has the nerve to appeal to the electors to keep him in the board of control, where his usefulness is concentrated upon frightening civic employees into allowing him to advantage himself. Controller Foster knows that he will have the support of The Telegram so long as he eats out of The Telegram's hand, and the electors are now tumbling to the fact that The Telegram will support no one except those who will continue to eat out of The Telegram's hand. It is a great game. Eat out of The Telegram's hand and you may take any advantage you can at the hands of hounded civic employees.

A Sober Christmas

Christmas Eve, Nos. 1 and 2 police stations took in 72 drunks between them, exactly 36 each. The prisoners in No. 1 station totaled 87, and there were nearly that many in No. 2. All day yesterday, with the bars closed all day, the two stations had only 8 drunks between them; three at each station. Toronto spent the most sober Christmas in the memory of the oldest sergeant on the force.

TO BUY PARDON AT HEAVY PRICE

Son of "Loan Shark" Tolman Ready to Surrender Half Million in Notes.

NEW YORK, Dec. 25.—(Can. Press.)

That Elmer E. Tolman, son and business successor of Daniel H. Tolman, a money lender now serving a term of six months, is ready to surrender without reserve notes amounting to \$500,000 and go out of business to secure a pardon for his father, is the statement made tonight by Benjamin F. Spellman, counsel for Tolman's Application for a pardon for Tolman was made to Gov. Glyn Tuesday. Mr. Spellman said that Elmer E. Tolman was willing to meet any condition that the attorney-general might wish to impose. In addition to surrendering the notes without reserve of any kind, he is prepared to have the state attorney draw up the papers in the case should those which he had submitted fail to meet his approval. Mr. Tolman Jr., moreover, engages to close as many of his places of business as possible by Jan. 1, and all of them by May 1, 1914. Should further evidence of good faith be desired, the applicant would be willing to have the pardon made conditional upon the performance of all promises made. The notes in question affect 25,000 people, it is said, and most of them represent loans of about \$20. This indebtedness would be canceled in each instance. Daniel Tolman was well known in Toronto, he having for some years maintained a loan office in the city.

Furs For Visitors to Toronto.

At this season when the town is freely visited by residents from the outlying districts, it is worthy of note that the old established Dineen Company, 140 Yonge street, is offering exceptional values in quality furs. The good weather will not be long delayed, and the prices marked on the Dineen stock are lower than ever before at this season. Furs should be bought where confidence can be placed. The Dineen Company has an unassailable record of 49 years behind it. This is surely a safe guarantee of pure values. You are cordially invited to pay a visit of inspection today.

KITTENS AN' TOMMIES.



Jeff: Is that Ye, John? Moo's yer two majority candidates, Mc'Brien an' Burgess? John: I only got one. I was stringin' two fur fear I'd have none; but soon's our Johnny that Mc'Brien was th' best I sh'ld be tickled that when you've got too many kittens some must go in th' pill-an' 'twere where Burgess is, an' why he's squealin'. Jeff: Are ye gaen t' pit any o' yer Tommy kittens in th' pill? John: Sometimes some falls in themselves, but our Tommy kittens is all cats.