



FOUR SCORE XMAS CELEBRATORS MEET WITH A HORRIBLE DEATH

Needless Panic Caused by False Alarm of Fire Ends in Shocking Disaster—Parents and Children Dash for Hall Exits—Many Suffocate in Crush, Others Knocked Down and Trampled Over Before Learning There Was No Fire.

RESCUERS CARRY BODIES TO STREET

Women and Men Crowd About Temporary Morgue and Almost Fight With Police to Learn If Any of Dead Are Theirs—Many Tales of Fierceness of Panic Are Told—Over Fifty of Killed Under Ten Years of Age.

Calumet, Mich., Dec. 25.—The entire copper mining district is today stunned over the disaster of last night which cost the lives of many persons, most of them children, in a panic after a false alarm of fire during Christmas exercises arranged by the Women's Auxiliary of the Western Federation of Miners.

Nearly three score strikers' homes have been desolated. All during the night hundreds of persons gathered in and about the city hall and undertaking establishments where the bodies have been taken. It was not until late this morning that the work of preparing the bodies for burial had been completed.

The bodies of a woman, a girl and a boy remain to be identified. The authorities are of the opinion that all of the dead have been accounted for. Tomorrow an inquest will be held to investigate the cause of the disaster. It seems to be well established that the alarm of fire was raised by a man who came up the stairs, opened the door of the hall and shouted "fire."

Witnesses describe the man as being poorly dressed. He wore a beard and the efforts of the authorities he has not yet been found.

Firemen and policemen called to the hall were unable to stem the rush of the panic stricken.

Ladders were raised to the windows on the second floor and firemen began dragging women and children from a heap of humanity which packed the stairway. Other persons were injured in their mad scramble toward the single doorway leading to the street. So closely did the bodies pack the stairway that entrance by this means was impossible. Other rescuers, however, made their way into the hall by means of a small fire escape at the rear of the building.

Many Heroic Rescues.

Many instances of heroic rescues are being told today. One boy thirteen years old carried a little companion down a ladder to safety. He started back for another boy whom he had seen trampled on but firemen prevented him from returning to the hall.

A woman and her little daughter were among the first to be pushed down the stairs by the crowd. Both of them were killed. The son of this woman managed to fight his way out of the throng and was not injured.

Most of the men in attendance at the entertainment acted bravely. The men, however, were in great minority. One man who sought to stay the rush of the crowd was crushed to death. Little children were the first to suffer. They could not get out of the arms of the elders and dozens of them were trampled to death.

It was only when persons from the outside fought their way into the hall that the panic was checked. Bodies of some of those who were killed were at once carried away by fathers and mothers. But later these were taken to the city hall for better identification.

the Red Jacket village hall, which was transformed into a temporary morgue.

For hours the streets were crowded with women calling for their children. Both men and women crowded about the building and almost fought with the police to get a view of the dead in an effort to learn if any of their relatives were among the number. Few of the corpses bore marks of injury.

Many tales of the fierceness of the crush during the height of the panic were being told today. One man was seen to stoop to pick up his little daughter only to be pushed on and forced to trample her beneath him. A woman who ran to the aid of three small boys was crushed to death with them.

Women Try to Quiet Crowd.

When the rush began a woman went quickly to the piano and began to play. Another woman stood in the center of the stage on which the Christmas tree had been erected and started to sing. Their efforts to quell the panic were futile as they were not heard above the tumult.

Matti Kotjarvi, his wife, and two daughters were all killed. Christian Klarich, and his two daughters were crushed to death, but Mrs. Klarich escaped. John Heikkinen and Henry Manley and their children were all killed together. Mrs. Henry Isola, who is believed to be dead, held her little son and daughter by the hand when the panic started. The boy was torn from his mother and escaped, but the little girl was killed. A large number of families lost two or more children. More than fifty of the dead were under ten years of age.

President Sends Message.

Boston, Mass., Dec. 25.—When informed of last night's tragedy at Calumet, Mich., Quincy A. Shaw, president of the Calumet and Hecla Mining company, sent the following telegram to James McNaughton, superintendent of the mines:

"In some way through the local papers you will convey our sympathy to the men and women to whom the loss is a personal one, and to the whole community which has to face such a dreadful calamity.

"I feel sure that when this message reaches you, you will have done everything in the company's power financially and with our hospital services, to render assistance to the victims and their families in this frightful accident."

COLORADO PLANS HAPPY CHRISTMAS

Industrial Strife Is Forgotten and Good-will Reigns Throughout the State.

Denver, Colo., Dec. 25.—Colorado gave itself over to the observance of the Christmas holiday today. Even in the coal mining districts, where several thousand men have been on strike since September 23, the industrial strife was forgotten and Christmas good-will was in evidence. Christmas exercises were held in each of the strikers' tent colonies. In some the festivities centered around huge trees, gaily decorated and loaded with gifts for the children. The United Mine Workers of America, provided more than 8000 baskets of candies, fruit and sweets for the children.

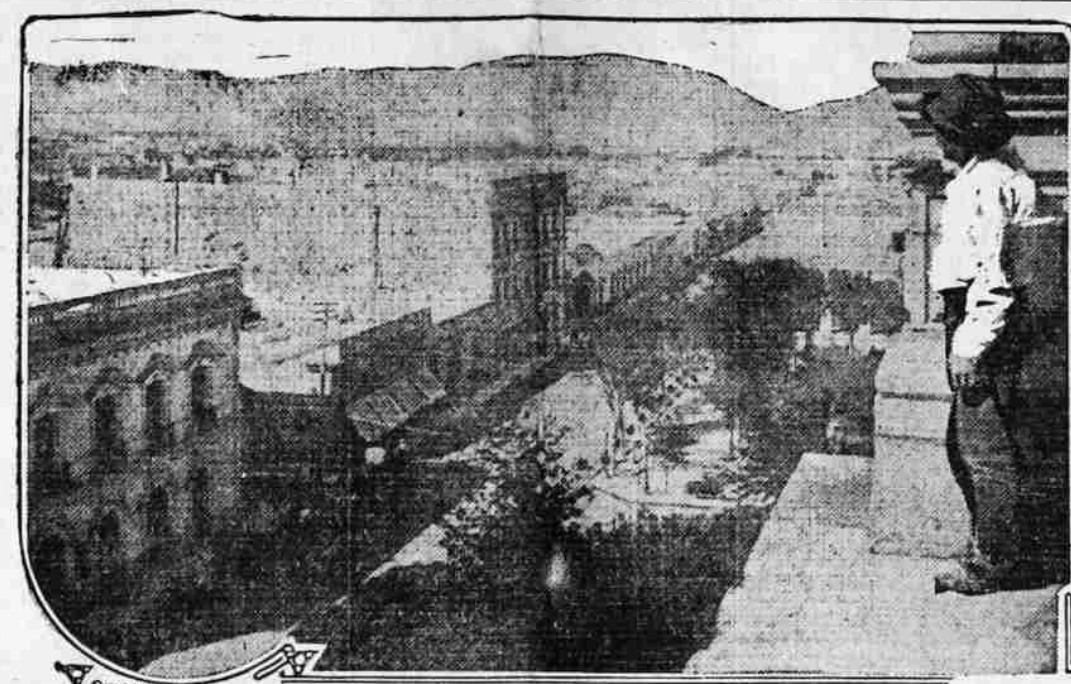
Christmas decorations were lavish in the militia camps in the strike zone and holiday boxes from home enhanced the pleasure of the militia men's festivities.

NEW COPPER MINE SHOWING UP WELL

Salt Lake, Dec. 25.—J. R. Walker, president of the Walker Copper company, has just returned from the property in Plumas county, California, with favorable reports as to the progress of development work.

The vein, which is a large one sixty feet in width, dips at an angle of about sixty-five degrees and development has been made by sinking a shaft above it at such distance as to strike the hanging wall something like forty feet from the surface. The surface showings in the vein were not very favorable, the values on the footwall side being as low as one and one-half per cent, but when it was opened by the shaft it was found that next to the hanging wall there was a streak of nine feet that assayed 7

BILLION DOLLARS IN PROPERTY IN CHIHUAHUA SEIZED BY VILLA; VAST HOLDINGS OF CREEL FAMILY AMONG THOSE TAKEN



Chihuahua, Mexico.

All property held by the Creel and Terraza interests in Chihuahua, totaling more than a billion dollars, has been ordered seized by General Villa. The land holdings alone include nearly two-thirds of the state of Chihuahua and important interests in the city of Chihuahua.

Included in the order is the property of Enrique Creel, former governor of Chihuahua and later Mexican ambassador at Washington, as well as the property of his brother, Juan Creel. The Creel property consists of banking interests in Chihuahua and mining and railroad holdings.

HEAVY FINE FOR LUMBER TRUST

Twenty-five Companies Ousted and Aggregate Sum of \$436,000 Is Assessed.

Jefferson City, Mo., Dec. 25.—Twenty-five lumber companies were fined an aggregate of \$436,000 and ousted from Missouri by the supreme court of the state yesterday, as the result of anti-trust proceedings which have been pending several years.

Eleven of the companies are ousted entirely. Judgment against the thirteen others was suspended on the condition that the fines be paid within thirty days. Failure to pay within that time will make the ouster in their cases also absolute.

The companies which must pay their fines immediately conclude their business in Missouri and withdrew from the state, follow:

Bowman-Hicks Lumber company of Kansas City, \$19,000.
Bradley Lumber company, St. Louis, \$50,000.
Calcasieu Long Leaf Lumber company, Kansas City, \$50,000.
Central Coal and Lumber company, Kansas City, \$50,000.
George W. Miles Timber and Lumber company, St. Louis, \$100,000.
Grayson McLeod Lumber company, St. Louis, \$50,000.
Long-Bell Lumber company, Kansas City, \$50,000.
Lufkin Land and Lumber company, Kansas City, \$8000.
Missouri Land and Lumber Exchange company, Kansas City, \$6000.
Missouri Lumber and Mining company, Kansas City, \$50,000.
Chicago Lumber and Coal company of Iowa, \$50,000.

The twenty-fifth concern, the W. R. Pickering Lumber company of Louisiana was fined \$1000. As this company left the state in 1909, no ouster was necessary.

XMAS GIFTS FROM THE WHITE HOUSE

Two Automobile Truck Loads of Food and Toys Sent to Poor Families.

Washington, Dec. 25.—Christmas Day in the national capital passed quietly and without any public celebrations. The absence of President Wilson, Vice President Marshall and some of the cabinet, with the holiday recess of congress, depleted official circles. Those cabinet officers and members of the diplomatic corps who remained in town spent the day in the usual holiday observances.

Practical Christmas gifts from the White House brightened many a poor home. Two automobile truck loads of food and toys were delivered late yesterday and early today at the direction of the president and Mrs. Wilson, to a carefully selected list of deserving cases which had been investigated by Mrs. Wilson and her daughters.

Secretary McAdoo, the ranking cabinet officer, left in town and therefore acting president, spent much of the day working on the details of organization of the new currency system.

DEER MEAT IS SENT TO POOR FAMILIES

Council Bluffs, Ia., Dec. 25.—A feature of the Christmas observance in Council Bluffs was the killing of two deer that have been kept in the public zoo by the park commissioners and the distribution of the meat, over 1000 pounds, to the poor of the city. The municipality gave more attention to providing Christmas cheer for the needy this year than ever before, and was warmly seconded in its efforts by the various charitable societies.

DISSATISFIED NEGRO SHOOTS ATTORNEY

Jabel, Okla., Dec. 25.—George W. Bratcher, a city official here, was shot and killed early today by a negro who was dissatisfied with Bratcher's response to a request that he arrest a band of men who were observing Christmas noisily near the negro's home.

After Bratcher had promised to investigate the complaint, the negro shot him through the abdomen and then escaped. A posse started in pursuit.

MANY CHILDREN SEE UP-TO-DATE OLD SANTA CLAUS

A real live Santa Claus visited the Eagles home last night where about 200 children were assembled. This Santa Claus was an up-to-date old fellow and was well up on the latest styles for he left his reindeers at home and carried his presents to the children in a baby carriage. Each child present received a present besides a sack of candy and nuts, after which all joined in a most enjoyable dance which followed. Prof. L. St. Louis with his seven-piece orchestra furnished excellent music.

A short program preceded the distribution of the presents, the following persons taking part:

Miss Della Williams, vocal solo, accompanied by Miss Vida Stewart.
Leo Austed, recitation, accompanied by Miss Vida Stewart.
Ray Wright, vocal solo, accompanied by Miss Vida Stewart.
Henry Wright, piano solo.
Charles Blair, vocal solo, accompanied by L. Saville.

The following children were present:—also many others whose names were not registered on the roll provided by Santa Claus.

Genevieve Estelle Sypers, John Roach, Fay Wright, Myra Wright, Paul Wright, Ray Stimster, Ralph Smith, Leona Engelke, Nora Engelke, Karl Engelke, Ted Welch, Kenneth Welch, Nellie Welch, Florence Bird, Glen Bird, Blanche Bird, Violet Bird, Leona U. Harrington, Wilda Harrington, William Stoddard, Cora Stoddard.

WIDOW OF TITANIC VICTIM REMARRIES

New York, N. Y., Dec. 25.—Mrs. Daniel W. Marvyn, who was made a widow by the Titanic disaster, will be married in this city today to Horace de Camp, a local merchant.

Mrs. Marvyn's husband went down with the Titanic while the couple were returning from a honeymoon trip. Mrs. Marvyn was Mary Graham Farquharson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Farquharson of this city.

ATTORNEY COMMITS SUICIDE.

New York, N. Y., Dec. 25.—George F. Parker, an attorney, formerly of Brookline, Mass., who was connected with the law office of Alton B. Parker, committed suicide today by inhaling gas. He was not related to Judge Parker. His friends here could assign no reason for the act.

MAJOR SMITH DEAD.

New York, N. Y., Dec. 25.—Major Clinton H. Smith, secretary of the board of park commissioners, died at his home here last night after a long illness. He had been in the service of the park department for over 34 years.

MAN SHOTS WIFE AND SELF.

Indianapolis, Dec. 25.—In the presence of their 12-year-old daughter, Laura, James T. Karney, 52 years old, shot and killed Mrs. Karney today and killed himself.

PRISONER GOES HOME FOR XMAS

Gray-haired Father Allowed to Spend Holiday With His Eight Children.

OFFICER IN CHARGE

United States Secret Service Agent Foregoes Own Holiday for Counterfeiter.

Chicago, Dec. 25.—So that a gray-haired father, who is confined in the county jail, might celebrate Christmas at home with his eight children, Captain Thomas I. Porter of the United States secret service today gave up the joys of a Christmas at home.

Early today he went to the county jail and gave his personal word to Jailer Davies for the safe return of Edward Westcott, who was arrested yesterday while making counterfeit bills. The secret service agent accompanied the prisoner to his home and spent the day with the family. This evening he will return Westcott to his cell.

The sight of a Christmas tree and numerous presents when he was searching the Westcott home yesterday for hidden counterfeit money led Captain Porter to determine to forego his Christmas. Westcott, who was a member of the notorious Wood Westcott-Brown band of counterfeiters, who flooded the country with spurious \$5 bank notes in 1908, was arrested in company with Otto Allen, who has served a penitentiary term for the same offense.

PRESIDENT HAS A RESTFUL DAY

Mayor of Pass Christian Welcomes Nation's Executive to Winter Capitol.

CHRISTMAS GREETINGS

Group of Villagers Wait From Early Dawn to Say "Merry Christmas."

Pass Christian, Miss., Dec. 25.—President Wilson's Christmas day was spent here in the restful quiet of a spacious cottage fronting the waters of the Gulf of Mexico. The president and members of his family occupied themselves getting settled in the house where they will live for the next three weeks.

Although the president's special train reached here before sun-up, the party remained on board until 8 o'clock. Mayor Sauter boarded the train and welcomed the president to his "winter capital."

"I see you have had a storm here," said the president, looking at the wet ground.

"Yes, that's true," replied the mayor, "but it was merely to get things nicely washed up for your arrival!"

The president laughed.

Mr. Wilson was assured that care had been taken for his complete quiet isolation during his vacation here. The president expressed his gratitude and introduced Mayor Sauter to the members of his party.

As the president left the special waiting for the waiting White House automobiles, shipped here in advance, there was a hearty cheer from a group of villagers who had awaited in the chill since dawn to greet the distinguished visitor.

"Merry Christmas, Mr. President!" they shouted and doffing his hat, the president smilingly said:

"Thank you, I wish you the same."

The morning was cold and gray and the damp air penetrating. The party was warmly dressed for the short motor ride. President Wilson wearing a heavy gray coat. At the Herndon cottage, the party was given welcome by Mrs. Herndon and her daughter, Miss Alice Herndon. In addition to President Wilson, the party included Mrs. Wilson, Misses Eleanor and Margaret Wilson, Miss Helen Woorooor Bones, the president's cousin; Dr. Carey T. Grayson, U. S. N., the president's physician; Charles Swan, Mr. Wilson's personal stenographer, and four secret service men.

BOARD OF EDUCATION WORRIED OVER EVICTION

Speaking of the rather troublesome question of the school board moving its quarters, President Hiram Pingree of the board stated this morning that he is at a loss to know just what to do.

The next regular board meeting will not be held until next week, and it is a question whether the board members would care to be disturbed in their Christmas festivities by meeting in special session.

However, President Pingree says, something must be done and he is of the opinion that as soon as he can he will not care to get into legal entanglements. He then had hopes of getting the city hall building remodeled so as to make room for us there, but that has not materialized. So what are we to do?

"The city is determined that we shall move and I guess we will have to do so, but where are we going to locate?"

This is a question that I cannot answer. It seems to me that the city hall might be remodeled so as to furnish plenty of room for the city board of education as well as other departments of the city government. The ceilings are exceptionally high and, by reducing some of them, would furnish about one-third more room than at present."

Mr. Pingree stated further that it is absolutely necessary for the school board to have commodious quarters and that the board desires to reduce the cost of supervising school affairs to the minimum, which is accomplished to a great extent by obviating the necessity of paying rent. It has been suggested by some of the schoolmen that the commissioners' chamber is larger than is needed for that body and that by cutting off the north end of the hall three good rooms could be provided for the board of education.

CAROL SINGERS GET MONEY FOR CHARITY

St. Louis, Dec. 25.—More than \$1200 was collected today and last night by carol singers who toured the resident parts of St. Louis and sang before every window where a lighted candle shone. The money will go to charity. Every person who placed a candle in his window signified that he was willing to contribute to the fund which the singers sought.

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WHITE CHRISTMAS IN NEW ENGLAND

Boston, Mass., Dec. 25.—Snow, deep-drifted over mountains and valleys, brought the traditional white Christmas to northern New England, but in the southern portion the ground was bare, rain clouds were lowering and the temperature was spring-like. More community observances than ever before marked Christmas eve in the section where in Puritan days the celebration of Christmas was a criminal offense, but the holiday itself was essentially a day of home festivities.

ARRESTED FOR ARSON

Kansas City, Dec. 2.—John Burkhardt was arrested here today by the sheriff of Ochiltree county, Texas, in connection with an attempt alleged to have been made to burn the town of Ochiltree, Tex., last October. According to the sheriff, Burkhardt confessed and announced his willingness to return to the Texas county without requisition papers.

AUSTRIAN MINISTER DEAD

Merano, Austria, Tyrol, Dec. 25.—The death occurred here today of Wenzel Ritten Von Zaleski, Austrian minister of finance, who had been a member of the cabinet since November, 1911.

LIGHT ENGINE IS BLOWN UP

Two Killed and Six Injured by Disaster on Erie Railroad.

Buffalo, N. Y., Dec. 25.—Two men were killed and six injured when a Washburn railroad engine, running light, blew up on the Erie railroad near the northern city line today. The dead are:

John Thorpe, fireman, Fort Erie, Ontario.
Gustav Spang, night watchman, Buffalo.

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BOMB EXPLODES BENEATH BED

Mother and Daughter Are Fatally Injured and Home Is Wrecked.

Des Moines, Ia., Dec. 25.—An explosion of dynamite, which probably fatally injured Sophronia Johnson, colored, and her daughter, aged 11, wrecked the Johnson home here early today.

The police learned that the dynamite bomb had been placed under the bed, occupied by the mother and daughter, and exploded by means of a fuse 75 feet long, which ran from the bomb through the bedroom window out into the alley. Detectives failed to get trace of the perpetrator early today.

At the hospital where Mrs. Johnson was taken, it was said that amputation of both feet would be necessary.

NETHERLANDS TRAIN IS WRECKED

Groningen, Netherlands, Dec. 25.—A son of Premier P. W. A. Cort van Der Linden, and four other passengers were killed and twelve injured today in the wreck of a holiday train which jumped the track near this city.