

Lake Erie and Lake Ontario, and through which the entire trans-Atlantic trade from the Great Lakes reaches the St. Lawrence and the Atlantic. Acting under orders that may be said to have come straight from the White House, the two men were arrested by agents of the department of justice.

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### KILLS WIFE IN QUARREL OVER CHRISTMAS PRESENTS

Detroit, Mich., Dec. 22.—Following a bitter quarrel over Christmas presents for their two children, Robert, 5, and Treffe, 2, Frank Jennison, a fireman on the Wabash railroad, early today slashed the throat of his wife with a razor and then ended his own life in the same way. The bodies were found by Miss Mabel Schultz, a roomer, who was attracted by the cries of the baby. The child lay in the blood soaked bed beside its mother.

Mrs. Jennison, aged 22, returned to her home late last night from a shopping tour, bringing many Christmas presents for the two children. Neighbors reported today that a violent quarrel between husband and wife followed.

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### GREATER OPTIMISM SHOWN IN AUSTRO-U. S. CASE

Washington, Dec. 22.—Greater optimism was evidenced today by officials regarding Austro-American relations. Last American note on Ancona incident was to be delivered today to Vienna foreign office by Ambassador Penfield. Hope of a more conciliatory Austrian attitude was based particularly on the United Press interview with Count Tisza. His declaration that Austria will use every means to avoid a break with U. S. is believed here to reflect sentiment of Emperor Franz Josef.

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Of course there's a Santa Claus. No one knows this better than the fellows who pay the bills.

### RAILWAY TERMINAL BODY TO USE OWN SMOKE PLANS

The railway terminals committee of the council discarded the Association of Commerce's half-million dollar smoke abatement report and started things "on its own hook" yesterday.

Ald. W. O. Nance who, in the council, urged the aldermen to pass up the association's report because it didn't give the smoke question a square deal appeared before the committee and asked that the Association of Commerce report be sent to the terminals commission.

That body then will be instructed to produce plans toward electrification of Chicago's railroads, the committee decided upon motion of Ald. C. E. Merriam.

Men who figure in the fight to make the railroads use electricity and free the city of the enormous annual losses suffered from the effects of soot say that the action of the committee indicates that the expensive report of the Association of Commerce will be used only for what the aldermen see it worth and not as a guide.

This report prepared at the expense of the railroads and fostered by big business men of the city decided that the railroads should electrify, although they did not cause much of the city's smoke. It recommended that electrification be put off for some years because the railroads are not in condition to stand the cost at present.

Ald. Nance, when the report of the Association of Commerce was sent to the council, told his fellow aldermen that the whole investigation was a stall for time and that the smoke question had been pulled around by the ears since 1908 by just such means as the Association of Commerce's investigation.

Actual loss every year from the smoke nuisance, according to Nance, is \$19,738,288. Forty per cent is caused by railroads.