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MICHIGAN CENTRAL BADLY DAMAGED

(Canadian Press) DETROIT, Dec. 26.—Fire in the Michigan Central Depot to-day, did damage to the extent of many thousands of dollars and threatened to destroy the entire building.

MURDERED WIFE ON CHRISTMAS DAY

(Canadian Press) CHARLESTON, W. Va., Dec. 26.—Thomas Ellis was brought to jail here to-day charged with the murder of his wife on Christmas Day.

REMEMBERED BY SANTA CLAUS

Whether or not man's antediluvian progenitors ever revealed in the generosity of any invisible earthly benefactor might be a debatable point, although it is immaterial to the purpose of this paragraph, except perhaps that they were only exceedingly the worse off if they did not; but mankind of to-day, through Christianity, is blessed in the possession of a magnanimous patriarchal relative is a fact which nobody has the audacity even to attempt to question—a certainty which comes home to most people with tangible assurance at Christmas time.

REVOLUTIONISTS DESTROY TRAIN

(Canadian Press) WASHINGTON, Dec. 26.—Word reached the State Department to-day that a large force of revolutionists on the National railway, sixty miles east of San Luis Potosi, Mexico, destroyed a Federal convey train Thursday, killing thirty-four Federals.

NEW YORK BARGE ON THE RAMPAGE

(Canadian Press) NEW YORK, Dec. 26.—A heavily loaded New York Central railway barge broke away from its tow in New York harbor in a heavy storm early to-day and went on the rampage.

BRAKEMAN KILLED BY RUNAWAY TRAIN

(Canadian Press) CUMBERLAND, Me., Dec. 26.—Breaking away from the engine after reaching the top of a grade near here, a train of sixty-six loaded cars tore back down the hill.

A HAPPY RE-UNION.

HARRISON, December 26—Geo. Kett, a Great Lake sailor, given up for lost by his parents, since the great storm of November 9th, walked in on them Wednesday night. It was a happy Christmas re-union.

AGED VETERINARY DIES SUDDENLY.

TORONTO, Dec. 26—Dr. C. H. Sweetapple, personally connected with the Ontario Veterinary College, for the last fifty years, died suddenly last night.

WILL SELL HIS ESTATES.

LONDON, Dec. 24—The Earl of Kintore is to sell the greater part of his Scottish estates about twenty thousand acres by auction next year.

THE WEATHER, THE TEMPERATURE TIDE, MOON ETC

The highest temperature recorded yesterday was 36 compared with 35 the previous night; at 9 a. m. yesterday it was 35 and at 9 p. m. 36. THE WEATHER.—The weather yesterday was exceptionally dirty and slushy. The tide will be high this morning at 11, tomorrow at 11.52 and Monday at 11.39. It rises tonight at 9.57, tomorrow at 10.47 and Monday at 11.35. The sun sets this afternoon at 4.22, tomorrow at 4.23 and Monday at 4.24. It rises tomorrow and Monday morning at 7.41 and Tuesday at 7.42. The moon sets this afternoon at 4.09 and tomorrow at 5.19. The last quarter of the moon was on Saturday, Dec. 20th at 12.16 p. m. There will be a new moon on Saturday, Dec. 27th, at 10.59 a. m. The length of today will be eight hours and forty-one minutes.

SEVENTY-TWO MEN, WOMEN AND CHILDREN WERE KILLED

Cry of Fire Raised During Progress of Christmas Tree Entertainment and Frightful Panic Followed—The Victims, Mostly Little Children, Were Trampled to Death in the Wild Rush for the Exits.

CALUMET, Mich., December 25.—On the day, which throughout all Christendom is set aside as a day of rejoicing over the birth of the Saviour, Calumet, stricken to the heart by an almost unbelievable catastrophe, stands mourning by the side of its dead, the seventy-four victims, most of whom were children, of the frightful panic on Christmas Eve in the Italian hall. This panic followed a false alarm cry of fire during the progress of a Christmas tree entertainment arranged for families of the copper strikers.

The principal exit was a narrow stairway at the back of the hall. When this had been cleared of the bodies that filled it to the top, and a quick accounting had been made, it was found that seventy-two corpses had been piled up beside the hall. The dead included thirty-seven girls, nineteen boys, thirteen women and five men. The excited women stood about the building, some dazed by the sudden change from holiday festivities to tragedy, others calling hysterically for a missing child, and a few even threatening violence to the rescuers for keeping them back from the long rows of bodies.

supposed to have started the panic which led to the fearful crush in the stairway and caused the death of nearly four score men, women and children. There seems to be little hope that he will be apprehended. The other theory that the cry of fire originated within the hall was substantiated today by Matt Saro, a striker, who lost his son in the disaster. He declared the cry came from a group of men and women toward the front of the hall.

TRAGEDY CAUSED BY FALSE CRY

The children were killed tonight at a Christmas celebration by copper mine strikers in an Italian hall, because of a needless panic caused by a false alarm of fire.

There was not much work for the many doctors who hurried to the scene as soon as the alarm was spread, for those who were not killed in the first rush were held upright and safe by the heavy force of the onrush toward the exit. Only three injured persons were taken to hospital and a few went home with the assistance of friends. Policemen and firemen hurried to the building, to find the hall congested. Several officers climbed the fire escapes and entered by the windows. In a short time the uninjured and the faint had been pulled from the tangle of human beings and placed in front of the hall. Other men began pulling the bodies of the dead and helpless from the stairway and lay them in a row beside the building.

700 PERSONS IN THE HALL.

Of the seven hundred persons in the hall, more than three-fourths were children, many of them having gone without parents. Parents soon rushed to the scene and added to the confusion. They did not understand what had taken place.

THE TOLL OF DEATH AT THE HALL EXIT.

The authorities have so far been unable to trace the man who is said to have gone up the stairs of the hall and raised the cry of fire, which is supposed to have started the panic.

UN MAUVAIS QUART D'HEURE.

Officer Walker of the local Police Force had an "Un Mauvais quart d'heure" on Christmas Day. Four men, apparently under some influence foreign to natural passions, but rather prevalent at this festive period, called at Mr. Walker's residence and on the Officer appearing in response to their call viciously set upon him. Officer Walker defended himself valiantly and succeeded in vanquishing his opponents signally. He called his "billy" into effective play, to the detriment and discomfort of two of his assailants, who retired from the fray with cracked polls. Their retreat left the others with little stomach to continue the contest and as soon as they conveniently could they also "did a bunk," caring little that they left in more haste and disorder than they came. The two casualties required some attention from Dr. Ralph, who bandaged up their broken pates. But their troubles have not ended there. Summonses were taken out for their trial on a charge of assaulting Officer Walker, and though one fellow has up to the present succeeded in "pussing, the other was arrested yesterday and comes up for trial this morning before Mr. Stipendiary Martin at the City Magistrate's Court.

CONDENSED ADS TOO LATE FOR CLASSIFICATION

One cent per word each insertion is this column. Cash must accompany order. Minimum charge twenty-five cents. **The first class in the Automobile school is filled and the second is now being formed. Classes start the first full week in January. 3486-12-22M51. **The type of man needed to teach the Automobile school will cost the committee nearly fifty dollars per week. He is worth it. Send in your application at once. 3486-12-22M51. **Arnold's Moving Picture Company opens engagement at the following places: St. Peter's, Dec. 29; Morell, Dec. 30th; Mt. Stewart, Dec. 31st. *Attacks on the SMITH PREMIER are advertisements for the Smith PREMIER. If it were not so good it would not be used as a basis of comparison for other Typewriters. A Milne Fraser, Halifax, N. S. 3559. **A GENEROUS GIFT.—Mr. Pictou C. Brown has given his pony, carriage and harness to the Charlottetown Hospital. It will be disposed of at their annual show on Easter Monday night so that all the school children better get busy and see who will win the pony outfit and have some nice driving in the nice summer days. 3558-12-27M2wks.

SWISS AVIATOR FLIES ACROSS THE ALPS.

BERNE, Switzerland, Dec. 25.—Oscar Bider, a Swiss aviator, made a successful night across the Alps to-day, though for several hours he was unable to see his way because of the heavy fog which hung over the mountains. The aviator arrived here at 2.15 o'clock this afternoon after a journey from Buc, from which place he started at 9 a. m. Bider said that after leaving the French aerodrome he was forced to maintain an altitude of 6,500 feet, almost constantly in order to avoid the fog. He passed over the Jura, the chain of mountains separating France from Switzerland, without being able to see any land marks, but recovered his bearings on sighting the Jungfrau, one of the most famous mountains of the Swiss Alps, about half an hour before he came to Berne.

ANNOUNCEMENTS, COMING EVENTS, MEETINGS, ETC

One cent per word each insertion is this column. Cash must accompany order. Minimum charge twenty-five cents. **If you wish to become a chauffeur, repairman or salesman, you should attend the Automobile school. 3486-12-22M51. **READ CARTER & CO'S BIG HALF PRICE SALE "ad" in this issue, it will pay, then get busy. 3547-12-25M51. **The first class in the Automobile school is filled and the second is now being formed. Classes start the first full week in January. 3486-12-22M51. **The type of man needed to teach the Automobile school will cost the committee nearly fifty dollars per week. He is worth it. Send in your application at once. 3486-12-22M51. **Arnold's Moving Picture Company opens engagement at the following places: St. Peter's, Dec. 29; Morell, Dec. 30th; Mt. Stewart, Dec. 31st. *Attacks on the SMITH PREMIER are advertisements for the Smith PREMIER. If it were not so good it would not be used as a basis of comparison for other Typewriters. A Milne Fraser, Halifax, N. S. 3559. **A GENEROUS GIFT.—Mr. Pictou C. Brown has given his pony, carriage and harness to the Charlottetown Hospital. It will be disposed of at their annual show on Easter Monday night so that all the school children better get busy and see who will win the pony outfit and have some nice driving in the nice summer days. 3558-12-27M2wks.

DAMAGING STORM ON JERSEY COAST

(Canadian Press) NEW YORK, Dec. 26.—New York and vicinity for many miles along the North Jersey coast suffered to-day from a combination of rain, wind and tide. Many fishermen's shacks were destroyed, hotels were under mined and the central railroad of Jersey put out of commission. Small craft broke away from anchorages and were washed ashore and lost. The storm started last night and increased in fury to-day. The driving rain storm gave way to snow this afternoon.

HANS SCHMIDT STILL ON TRIAL

(Canadian Press) NEW YORK, Dec. 26.—Hans Schmidt's attorney brought into court to-day hypothetical questions, 30,000 words long. It is expected the reading of the questions will take a whole day. Dr. Carlos McDonald, Alienist, continued his testimony to-day. He said when Schmidt told him "God commanded me to slay Anna Amuller," he said to the defendant "Now Schmidt, you know you are lying. You are only saying that to save your neck." At this Schmidt became excited and declared he was not insane and wanted to die.

STRANGE STORY OF PICTURE THIEF

(Canadian Press) ROME, Dec. 26.—Vincenzo Perugia, in whose possession the police recently found Mona Lisa, the famous painting, said to-day that he tried to sell the picture to representatives of the late J. Pierpont Morgan as well as to dealers in London, Paris and Naples. This statement is regarded as amazing because if true, none of the dealers notified the police.

TURKEYS ARE CHEAPER.

TORONTO, Dec. 26.—Produce dealers say for the first time in the century turkey is cheaper than beef. Sirloin roasts for Xmas were five cents dearer than turkey. Local prices for the best beef cuts were the dearest of any market in the world and turkey cheaper than in other parts of Canada or States.

LIVES WITH PIERCED HEART.

NEW YORK, Dec. 26.—With six stitches in his heart, Vincenzo Lauro a victim of stabbing affair, is expected to live.

ROYAL CHRISTMAS WAS SIMPLE.

LONDON, Dec. 26.—The King and Queen spent Christmas in the old-fashioned style with their children around them in Sandringham. The only absentee was the prince, who is midshipman on the battleship "Colingwood." Six fat bullocks were distributed among the tenants. The King and Queen themselves filled stockings for their younger children.

POVERTY IN LONDON.

LONDON, Dec. 26.—Xmas found London's very poor in a more satisfactory condition this year. There is not so much unemployment and the mild weather has lessened suffering. The old age pension scheme has taken many old people from care of charitable institutions to the homes of their relatives.

RUN ON BANK OF LONDON AND MEXICO

(Canadian Press) MEXICO CITY, Dec. 26.—The run on the Bank of London and Mexico continued to-day.

MANY INJURED BY FALLING BUILDING

(Canadian Press) CLEVELAND, Ohio, Dec. 26.—Several persons were injured and a score buried this morning when a shelter house was blown down by high winds which accompanied the storm here. The house was crowded with persons waiting for street cars when the crash came. The walls fell inward and men, women and children were buried and struck by timbers and broken glass. None were fatally hurt.

CANADIAN BANK OF COMMERCE

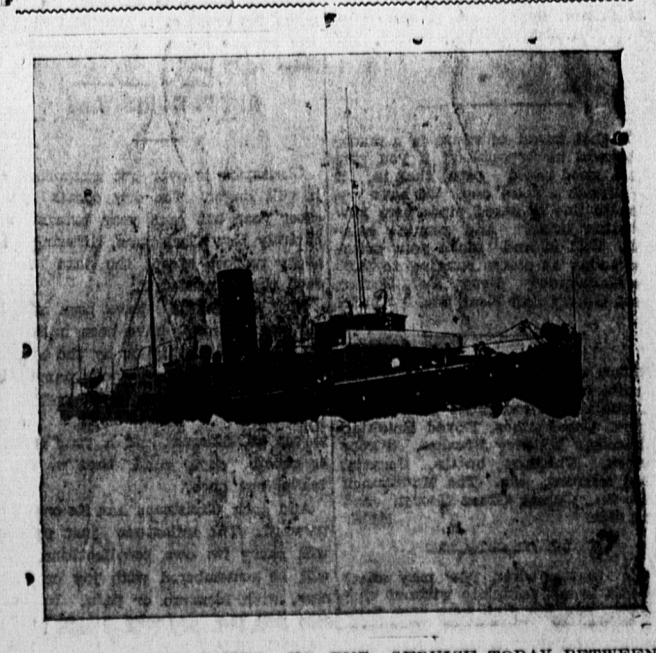
In common with the majority of Banks reporting for 1913 the Canadian Bank of Commerce has issued the best report in its history. The Report shows that net profit for the year increased from \$2,311,000 in 1912 to \$2,992,000 in 1913 which with the balance brought forward from Profit and loss amounting to \$771,000 makes \$3,764,000 available for distribution. This has been apportioned as follows: Dividend Disbursements at the regular rate of 10 per cent. with two Bonuses of 1 per cent. each absorb \$1,800,000. Bank Premises account took \$500,000. Officers' Pension Fund, \$80,000. While \$1,000,000 was transferred to the Rest Account leaving a balance to be carried forward of \$384,000.

Not only were the shareholders well taken care of during the year, but they will be specially interested in seeing that the Bank has a very large proportion of its assets in a quickly available form. Dominion Notes and Bullion held by the Bank amounts to \$30,415,000, an increase of \$3,000,000 over the previous year's holdings. Other quickly available assets in the form of notes and cheques on other Banks call loans and Government and Municipal Securities bring the total up to \$37,300,000 or over 42 per cent. of the Bank's total liabilities to the public. The total assets of the Bank now stand at \$70,030,000 as compared with \$245,571,000 for the previous year. Deposits show a slight falling off, but this is accounted for by the fact that there were extraordinary demands for funds throughout the year.

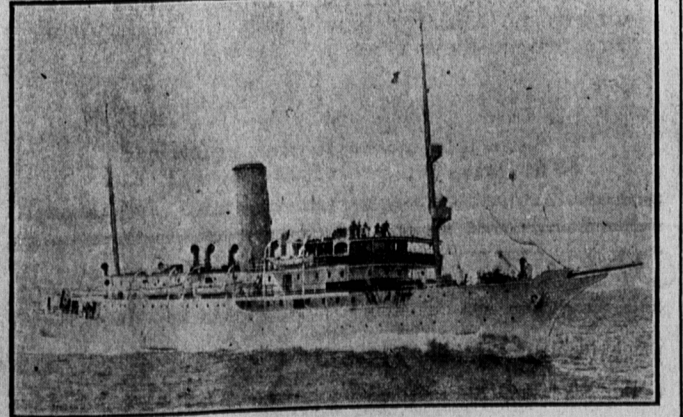
The public, both at home and abroad, will find satisfaction in a perusal of the Report as it indicates that the business retrenchment proclaimed in money quarters as prevailing in Canada has not existed to any material extent. The Report of the Bank of Commerce shows no evidence of a period of financial stringency, the excellent crop in the West undoubtedly being a favorable factor in relieving the situation in so far as Canada was concerned.

ALFONSO IN A QUANDARY.

CADIZ, Dec. 26.—Coe Juan Labrador, a Protestant, was sentenced to six months' imprisonment by court martial for refusing to attend Mass, this being the charge brought against him. He belongs to the naval artillery. He protested that it was repellant to his conscience and dignity as a man to attend the Catholic service. King Alfonso who ordered the trial, was in a quandary when the case came before him as he desired to satisfy his own conscience, the Church and the Bench.



THE MINTO WHICH TAKES UP THE SERVICE TODAY BETWEEN SUMMERSIDE AND TORMENTINE.



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