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ONE DOLLAR

Miners' Families Were Gathered at

spread, for those who were not kill-ed in the first rush were held upright and safe by the very force of sisted by friends.

For many days the children of the copper mine strikers had awaited expectantly for the Christmas tree exercises that had been arranged by the Weman's Auxiliary of the Western Fodera en of Miners.

The entertainment was set for the carly available.

"Citizens Alliance," an organization fighting the miners. Subscriptions to the extent of \$25,000 were refused. Secretary of State Wilson has ordered an investigation.

News Around March." The entertainment was set for the Marshville Home. early evening, and the hall, which is on the second floor, was soon filled to its limit. The children se-lected to recite Christmas selections lected to play the part of Santa past year, tendered his resignation Claus had appeared to distribute Sunday night. Mr. Watson Is a the presents that were piled around the large illuminated tree.

The children were instructed to march up the alsles to the tree so that the presents could be handed to them. The aisles were filled with boys and girls when a large, beared man thrust his head in at the door and shouted "Fire!"

ALARM WAS FALSE.

The cry was repeated throughout the room in sevreal languages as parents rose and rushed forward to get their children. Many lives were crushed out in almost an inkling. Then the physical impossibility of icky persons to their sense. It was realized too late that there was no fire, but most of those in the hall pueumonia Wednesday. The little

fire, but most of those in the hall could not get out of the jam they had caused.

Policemen and firemen hurried to the building. Several officers climbed the fire escapes and entered by the windows. In a short time the uninjured and the faint had been nulled from the tangle of human firements. The little boy was a bright and intersting child. Funeral was held Thursday afternoon at Prespect.

Rev. J. W. Williams preached his first sermon, since coming to Marshville, at the Methodist church here Sunday, and it was a good one. His appointments will remain as

Other men began to pull the bodies of the dead and helpless from the stairway and lay them in a room beside the building. This disposition of the crumpled bodies was found inadvisable because of the hysteria it caused among the spectators, and the dead were carried back into the hall as soon as it was emptied of frightened spectators. All the chairs were lined with bodies and corpses had to be placed in the family burying ground.

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Within an hour almost every perter much effort a lane was opened ranks of moaning and wailing women to Red Jacket Village Hall which anticipate the results. was turned into a morgue. It was many hours before all the were identified.

MANY MOTHERS FAINTED.

During the confusion several bodfainted, while fathers cursed all from Union county. search for lost girls and boys.

streets calling for their little ones. Of the 700 persons in the hall more than three-fourths were children, many of them having gone without their parents. These fathers and mothers soon rushed to the scane and added to the confusion. They did not understand what had Thursday night at 9:55 o'clock.

The accident occurred almost ditaken place and hindered the restaction as rectly opposite the eastern terminus to what was the matter.

ed there were about 100 piled in a heap when he reached the building. What happened no one saw ex-The pile of crushed and smothering humanity reached to about the halfheight of the stairway. They were foot of the stairway. A boy of about six caught hold fo Mr. Ryan's hand and begged to be rescued. The fire- He may have come down the bill or partly out but were unable to extri-cate the little fellow's legs. The track." men succeeded in pulling the boy human mass kept pressing down and hands of Angelo Curto, a fireman, discovered until an hour later, was kissed them and implored him to found to be caught fast by the front motor, and he was dead. Evidently to pull her out but the crush was so great he was compelled to give be struck later by the casing up the attempt and she perished.

Mrs. A. Niemela, one of the vic-

FOUR SCORE CHILDREN KILLED, tims, was suffocated while standing up, John Burrill a fireman who witnessed her death, took a six months Calumet, Mich., at Christmas Tree old infant in her arms and carried when the Cry of Fire Caused it to safety. Leonard Wilman, fireman, pushed his way into the stair-Stampede-False Alarm and Sev- way and took out a crying boy of 6

At Calumet, Mich., where copper isster lay dead. An 11-year-old boy rescued his brother of nine by carrying him down a ladder.

A child bush 4 for several weeks, the false cry of fire caused the death of the death of the course of the carrying him down a ladder.

caused the death of seventy-two persons, mostly little children, who were gathered in a hall on Christmas eve to receive their presents from a Christmas tree.

There was not much work for the many doctors who hurried to the scene as soon as the alarm was spread for the many doctors. The control of the scene as soon as the alarm was spread for the control of the scene as soon as the alarm was spread for the control of the scene as soon as the alarm was spread for the control of the BOUT WHO CRIED

A dispute arose as to who responsible for the false alarm. It was intimated that it was an enemy the onrush towards the exit. Only three injured persons were taken to hospitals, and a few went home aswas tendered in large sums by citizens who were members of the "Citizens Alliance," an organization

Mr. C. E. Lee and family left today for Lee county, where they lected to recite Christmas selections and sing carols had finished their Rev. S. N. Watson, pastor of part of the program and the man selections. Sunday night. Mr. Watson is a good preacher and a splendid citi-zen. His successor has not yet been

secured. Mr. C. T. Bailey returned home Sunday from Baltimore, where he a few weeks ago underwent an ed 3,500 children with a Christmas weeks ago underwent operation for kidney trouble. Bailey has a large number of friends in and around Marshville who are delighted to see him home again

and on the road to recovery.

Mr. W. T. Griffin has moved his family to Jonesboro, where he conducting a sales stable, Griffin and his excellent family will be greatly missed in Marshville. We wish them well in their new home.

Floyd, the five-year old son of

pulled from the tangle of human beings and placed in the front of the exception of a service at Marshthe hall.

His appointments will remain as of the country, Postmaster General Burleson issued the following statement: ville the second Sunday night in

the kitchen of the hall, and beneath trict asks us to state that the compulsory law has not been strictly adhered to and that, owing to the fact son in Calumet was as near the that it is a new thing and some pascene as it was possible to get. The rents had not made ample prepara-been given, but after Christmas the through the crowd and the bodies officers will be compelled to enforce of the children were carried through the law and that parents who refuse to send their children to school may

The annual meeting of the North Carolina Farmers Union at Shelby last week was one of the most interesting that has ever been held. The county unions were well represented and good reports were made. les of children were wrongly ideati- The old officers were re-elected as fled by mothers and taken away, follows: H. Q. Alexander, president; only to be returned later by the pa-rents who had found their own off-E. C. Faires, Secretary-Treasurer; J. spring safe. Many parents ran about Z. Green, organizer-lecturer; Messrs. of Rodman & Brown at Waxhaw, to those belonging to Protestant deuncertain whether their children J. Z. Green, H. M. Green, W.A.Ed-used the occasion to break in Mr. C. uncertain whether their children J. Z. Green, H. M. Green, W.A.Ed-were dead or alive. Many mothers wards, Price and James atended

Mr. Charles B. Skipper, one the bast-known cotton mill men in

The accident occurred almost diof the depot and at the bottom of Members of the Calumet fire department relate many instances of dependence Square after its circuitstricken people in the hall. Patrick ous trip, was within 25 yards of Ryan arrived on the scene a few minutes after the crush occurred at the foot of the stairway. He estimated the foot of the stairway. He estimated the foot of the stairway. He estimated the foot of the stairway in the stairway in the foot of the stairway in the s

in the twinkling of an eye, "Some-thing seemed to roll off the side of wedged in so tight that it was impossible to extricate any from the motorman. "I couldn't see him until we were on him and didn't even know whether it was a man or not. he may have been merely leaning which appear to the unitiated as try to seek work in Arizona

In the space of half a length, the boy's life was soon snuffed out.
A girl of eight or nine grasped the hands of Angelo Curto, a fireman, discovered unit an hour later, was

A GREAT BIG CHRITSMAS.

The Past Season One of the Most Enjoyable on Record-Fewer Fa-

The past Christmas was one of the most enjoyable ones on record. There were fewer accidents of every kind than ever before all over the more charitable work done empty stocking societies at work. In Monroe the committee did splendid work. Forty-two empty stockings were filled, and many full of everything from candy sacks of flour were distributed. was largely so all over the country. sands

the poor in New York and Chicago mas Eve panic in Italian Hall. each, and other large cities did equally as well, Everywhere seemed to be good cheer and happiness,

dian Summer," clouded up threateningly about noon, and ended in showers and drizzles. One result of this was that the celebration The special train of nine concepts of this was that the celebration of the special train of nine concepts of the special train of nine concepts. planned in connection with the peo-ple's cut-of-door Christmas tree in from the iron mines of Negaunee Madison Square had to be postponed until the next night. The Salvation Army led in the distribution of Christmas cheer. In addition to issuing 5,000 Christmas dinner basmarchers in the afternata. tree party. One thousand baske's were given by the Veiunteers of America and 5,000 dinners were served by the helrs of "Blg Tim"

Sullivan. Turkey dinners were served in all of the public and charitable insti-tutions and afternoon entertainments given. One of the notable events of the day was the celebra-tion organized by the "spugs" or for the prevention of use less giving.

THE MAIL PEOPLE WORKED.

First Christmas of the Parcel Post Demenstrated Its Ability to Take Care of all Business.

After the rush of the Christmas business, when more mail was handled than ever before in the history

"The successful handling of the

ment to work the holiday malis. The ta the streets and years eg: brought paring ourselves now for the break railway mail service, usually oper- this old custom to the copper counthat is on the way. In the meantime,

hands full. The rural carriers had with emotion, but the harmonies bad weather, but they went at the were full and rich. job manfully and pulled through. The Monroe carriers had tremendous than a big mail to distribute, got by the brass band and the members more happy all the time as the pack- of the copper miners union. ages piled up around him. The other carrier, Mr. Clark, who has re-G. Shaw, who is to succeed him.

Right on the heels of this, the these 25 bodies were laid. parcel post will be extended to an even greater service of the people. Durial place, two large graves re-For hours frantic women ran the Cotton Mill Man Killed by Street The weight limit will be extended January 1, 1914, to fifty pounds, inatead of 20 as at present for the dresses first and second zones. And packages weighing four ounces or less, will be maliable at one cent an ish and George Strength of St. Louis, Frank Altonea of Negaunee rate on fifty pounds in the local and other federation leaders deliverfirst and second zones, 54 cents.

On the evining of January 1914, I wish to meet with the people of Pleasant Hill School, No. 6, Goosa Creek township, to talk about school

On the same evening Prof. S. R. Bivens will make a talk on the Chemistry of Agriculture. Prof. Bivens have been no need for the celebra-will show the men, and boys how it tion in Italian Hall. possible to make sell fertile. He tions. Everyone come, men women

R. N. NISBET, Co. Supt.

BURYING THE LITTLE ONES.

unday Was Given Over to the Funers Followed Their Dead in Great arrest is something more than a remote possibility.

Calumet, Western Federation of Miners buried than its dead today. Fifty-nine bodies, inever before known. Thousands of cluding these of 44 children, were small and large towns had their carried through the streets, down a gician, shot and killed a woman regwinding country highway and laid in graves in a snow-enshrouded cem-old baby girl in a prominent stock-boxes Thousands of saddened miners forming down the streets, driving all peto define escort of the funeral parties and passed between other thoughtry, sands who as spectators testified on the suspension bridge over the Many cities had public Christmas to the srief that has oppressed the trees. More than 100,000 basket community since 72 men, wemen an children were killed in the Christmas children were killed in the Christmas and children were killed in the Christmas children to the grief that has oppressed the

Well attended church services and the distribution of Christmas dinners to nearly 100,000 of the city's dependents were the features of dependents were the features of the Day the churches back to their homes to about to retire. Mrs. Willard was about to retire. Mrs. Willard was about to retire. Mrs. Willard was retary McAdoo. "We are the left temple and twice these problems carefully be the left temple and twice." New York's observance of the Day the churches, back to their homes, of the Nativity. The day broke with after brief respires and again to the of the Nativity. The day broke with after brief respites and again to the that the body walle the baby had the gentleness associated with "In-

trip to the grave sides.
Delegations of strikers began comand Ishpheming and every town and mining location in the copper coun-

By noon the union hest was as-sambled. Months of experience in demonstrating their numbers by parading had taught the men form ranks quickly and with little delay they lined up four abrenst. The supply of hearses was inad-

equate and there were only 14 of these vehicles in the van. Behind the hearses was a section of the procession which brought tears procession which brought tears and sobs from onlookers. Thirty-nine white coffins, their size testifying to the short life of the little forms within were carried by relays of strikers. Four men bore coffin and as their arms grew weary or their feet slipped on the roadway, companious reliaved them of their burden.

Persons drawn to Calumet salely by the curiousness of the spectator, became repurners as this contingent usual intensity. As a matter of parsed them, Men turned away to fact, the winter period has been brush tears from their cheeks. We-concentrating on us for several brush tears from their cheeks. Wo-men, especially the mothers in the crowd, sobbed openly and dozens unable to endure the sight, rushed from the stream that the property of the stream from the streets taking refuge in ruary. November has come to form in order to meet the increasing demands of the public."

Approximately 37,000 emergency
men were employed by the depart.

Of these carrying the children's coffice. Most of these men were English Most of the Most of t to 32,000, and the clerical force was increased from 65,000 to 80.

Locally, the mail boys had their

to 32,000, and the clerical force sing sings age of a new life born. "Jestand what ever is coming by the recollection that the character of Ages," and "Nearer My God to Weather we have been having was as Thee" came form throats thick near perfect as we could suggest.

As the singers turned into Hine street, which led to the cometery loads of packages and had to call in wagons to their aid. Carrier Joe who cled into line. Ishpheming and Negaunee mon came first, followed than a ble model of the came of the

The comotery is in two sections. signed, to take a place in the store the Reman Catholic faith, the other trenches had been excavated and in

ceived 28 bodies. The other six were lahi in family plots. Only brief addresses were delivered in the come Eugene A. McNally, a attorney, eulogized the dead in Eng-15th and George Strenzch of St zone will be 30 cents, and in the ed addresses in Austrian, Finnish and Croatan.

McNally made only passing refference to the deportation of President C. H. Meyer of the federation, prodicting that his absence, whether temporary or permanent would sult in the development of leadership as effective as his. betterrment work generally; to or-ganize a betterment club and to talk to the people about a special tax; Shrisimes Eve catastrophes martyrs with their mother, Mrs. John Bost. to help make thier school a better to the cause of unlonism. They copt the motorman and it occurred one, putting it on a stronger finanindustrial warfare would have been sotled menths ago and there would

Nine of those who were killed will be preparred to make some won have not been buried. Fathers and derful chemical demonstrations, husbands who left the copper counmagic. Don't fail to be present Montana have not arrived in Calu-and see these wonderful demonstra-met, but it is expected that Tursday will see the last of the funerals. Four were held yesterday. The coroner's inquest into the ensualties of the tragedy is to convene to-Mr. R. F. Hedrick and family have mored from Swansea, S. C., to Mon-roe, and occupy the Davis Armfield house. Mr. Hedrick is a Seaboard conductor.

Of the tragedy is to convene to-morrow, According to statements of investigators for country officials, soft in the shape of a ploture of a soldier bidding a little girl good-bye riously ill at the Charlotte Observer: Mr. Judge School investigators for country officials, soldier bidding a little girl good-bye riously ill at the Charlotte Sanatorium. Dr. W. M. Polk, of New York for the hall instead of from the girl's daddy?

Little has appendicitis,

door way, as the first accounts had Search for the man who shouted the first false alarm has thus far been unsuccessful. It was infimated. cral of the Children Who Were however, that clues to his identity Killed at Christmas Tree-Min- were being worked out and that an

Mich., Dec. 28.—The Woman Killed With Her Child by

istered as his wife and a little year-Ohio River while trying to make his

way to Covington, Ky.
Willard, the woman and the baby were registered at the hotel at 12:30 For hours the Sabbath caim was broken by the tolling of bells and the sound of voices intoning burial an argument in the hotel lobby. o'clock this moreing. At that time reginal banks will be established. Willard and the woman engaged in

Woman Missing 39 Years,

was unearthed she was given up for

a lecter from Anna Walters of 1343 at bank being required by law to take stock to the extent of six per mation relative to a Hoffman family which formerly lived in Chili Cen're. Ida Hoffman of Rochester and her brother, W. P. Hoffman of this city, learned of the letter through the press and Mr. Hoffman wrote to the Chicago woman. He received a reply today in which it was made plain that Mrs. Walters is the missing Anna Horgman,

Charlotte Chronicle,

The weather bureau is not a disciple of the theory that we no longer have the sort of Winters we have formerly been accustomed to and it remarks just now that the cold of this year will be no exception to the we ought to atimulate curselves to

Husband and Wife Victims of Peculiar Tragedy.

New York, Dec. 26,-Mrs. Gertrude Lee, daughter of Colonel Philip Harvery, U. S. A., retired, was killed and her husband, Richard B. Lee, Jr., was seriously jured by two automobiles which ran them down early today. The Lees were crossing a street, struggling under an umbrella against a driving rain, when the first car, a limousine, knocked them down and the second, a taxicab, ran over them before the driver could stop. Mrs. Lee died on the operating table at the hospital. Her husband may re-

Matthews Items.

Correspondence of The Journal. Miss Georgia Biggers, who has position in the Preslar Jewelry store, is spending the holidays with

Mr. and Mrs. John McLetd spent

Sunday in Charlotte. Miss Viola Best of Matthews

visiting her cousin, Miss Georgia body in the crowd, and the Presi-Messrs James and Cull Bost and

Mr. Morris Biggers, a very suc-leg with the frequent steps of his daily route. idays with his parents and relatives

Mlases Lyda and Nancy Boyd are at home for the holldays.

Misses Caroline and Martha Biggers are spending the holidays with their mother, Mrs. A. W. Biggers. Miss Myrtle Bost of Charlotte

Andrew's Christmas Gift to Presi dent's Cabinet.

spent Christmas day in Matthews.

Andrew Carnegie sent to all the

THE NEW BANKING "ISTEM.

cretarics McAdoo and Houston Will Select the Cities for Regional Banks-All National Banks and Many State Banks Enter.

When President Wilson signed the bill which will revolutionize banking system of the country he sald:

"What we are proceeding to do now is to organize our peace, is to make our prosperity not only stable, but free to have an unimpoded mo-mentum—I feel that we can say that it is the first of a series constructive measures by which the Democratic party will show that it knows how to serve the country."

The new system will be put into operation at once. Secretary Hous-ton and Secretary McAdoo have been appointed to select the eight to twelve cities of the country in

tered at Washington or Atlanta. "We do not propose to let any grass grow under the feet of the retary McAdoo. "We are going at these problems carefully but quickly. "We expect to consider the prob-

lem of the location of reserve banks," said he, "In the light of what will most benefit the entire country, and local interests will not Thirty-nine years ago Anna Hoff-man, aged 17, d sappeared from Chili Centre, and after a search during which not a clue of her whereabouts where the Federal reserve bank will be located? will be located."

The capital for the reserve banks About December 1 Postmaster will be supplied by the National Joseph Crane of Rochester received banks in each district, each National cent of its capital and supplies. Then, instead of going to New York, as at present, to borrow money, they will go to their reserve banks. Sta'e banks may enter, but National banks must. Under the new system National banks will be able to lend money for 5 years on farm lands. There is also a provision by which the currency can be expanded when needed, and contracted when not needed. National banks will no longer issue currency.

FORGOT TO GIVE THE CHANGE.

Postmistress of the Little Town Where President Wilson, is Staying Got Excited Over the President's Call.

President Wilson, who is taking est spell at the little coast town of Pass Christian, Miss., is having ne s'mple but novel expariences. walking motoring, playing golf, and talking with the neighbors. He helped put out a fire which was about to des roy a "widow woman's' house, and on Christmas day, he paid a visit to the little postoffice of the place. Only a few natives had caught a glimpse of the Presi-Only a few natives dent and his family, when in the cold gray dawn, they motored to a cottage a mile away from the tiny railroad station. The peaceful quiet of the holiday afternoon was suddenly broken when word spread that the President was out walking.

Observing holiday hours the postoffice was closed, but some one set off immediately to the home of Mrs. Annette S'mpson, the pos mis ress, o inform her that the President was waiting. She came quickly followed by two little daughters,

"Merry Christmes, I did not ex-pect you," said Mrs. Simpson. "Oh, I didn't think there would be any one over here, but I thought I'd try," said the President. "It's very kind of you to e me ov r. FORGOT HIS CHANGE.

The President bought two 25-cent books of stamps and in her confusion the postmistress forgot to give him 50 cents in change. This, however, will be dispaiched to him tomorrow.

"I wish he had said some hing about letting me have three years more," Mrs. Simpson, who is a candidate for reappointment, later told her friends. "They're fighting me hard for the place.

As the President stood at the door of the postoffice several little children walked shyly up and grasped his hand. The President stopped wished them a merry Christmes. His attention was soon arrested by the arrival of the town mail carrier, who draw up proudly with his sacks of mail. He was driving a peculiar looking animal of shaggy limbs in color a reddish brown.
"It's part deg," volunteered some

dent smiled at the diminutive horse. Originally, the villager said, it was a well-groomed Shetland pony, but children are spending the holidays has grown a thick unkempt fuzz and boasts a hestitating gail

The President kept his walking It was about the coldest day in the memory of the oldest inhabitants. The moreury touched 40 degrees carly in the forenoon and hovered thereabouts all day.

Mr. E. R. Preston, a well-known and popular member of the Charlotte bar, is a candidate for the Democratic nimination for Congress form the Ninth North Carelina District, against Mr. E. Yates Webb.