

**MALE MEN AND  
BUT FEW JOBS**

Skilled Mechanics Are Now Seeking Laborers' Wages and Glad to Get Them.

**AT SALVATION ARMY HOTEL.**

Interviews Taken at Random Tell the Story of Existing Conditions All Along the Line.

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The skilled mechanics and laborers at the Salvation Army headquarters this morning were each asked to give their experience of the past month hunting for work and a place to live when they were forced out of their homes by the cold weather.

**SOME EXPERIENCES.**

Here are some of the answers: "I was employed running a steam shovel in Colorado,"—this from a husky young man of 25 years. I got \$140 for it, and now here I am on the bum. I never did it before. The works closed down, and I started west, shiping in here from Denver for \$5. I guess you ask why I came here, and all I can say is a fellow out of work has got to go somewhere. Maybe tomorrow I'll pass along—we're sort of birds of passage. There was some pretty fine workmen let out when I was."

An intelligent looking man, whose physique was not that of a day laborer, said: "I was a railroad carpenter. They let me out all in a bunch, and I put our assistant carpenters to loading ice, telling them either to do that or quit. I guess pretty soon I'll go back and get in on the ice job. If I can, although it's pretty hard and I'd like to be a master carpenter and bridge builder."

A lad from Seattle had had this experience: "I was a steel worker out there, and the bridge on which I was working was abandoned for the winter. I drifted south for work, and all through Oregon tried place after place, finally drifting in here. The general situation promises to remain as it is at present or to grow worse until the opening of spring work on out of door projects or the relief of the present financial stringency in the east."

**IMPRESSIVE SERVICES.**

Funeral of Mrs. Leonora Smith Nelson Largely Attended.

Largely attended and deeply impressive were the services held today over the remains of Mrs. Leonora Smith Nelson, wife of Joseph Nelson, and daughter of President Joseph F. Smith. The seventeenth ward meetinghouse was filled to overflowing with relatives and friends, and the service was a most impressive one.

Elders Orson F. Whitney, John Henry Smith, Frank Y. Taylor, Francis M. Lyman and Thomas Howells were the speakers, each testifying to the purity of life of the deceased and the noble characteristics she possessed.

A quartet composed of Fred Graham, T. S. Ashworth, Willard Squires and Victor Christensen sang "O My Father," "Somebody Will Understand," "Nearer My God to Thee," and "The Christian's Goodnight." The services were presided over by Bishop F. C. Tingley, president of the Salt Lake Stake, and the benediction was pronounced by Elder George R. Emery, internment was at the city cemetery.

**WEATHER TALK.**

Christmas day, in being more like a May day than anything else, was somewhat unusual but to have the day following for the world like a March day is extraordinary. This morning's wind averaged 30 miles an hour, but speeded up to 35 miles, it comes from the south and west, and it is believed that the snow later on, probably tomorrow. The northwest is covered by rain.

**ELKS FUNCTION TONIGHT.**

Brilliant Affair Scheduled for Christmas Entertainment at Clubhouse.

The Elks' clubhouse on State street will be the scene of a brilliant function this evening when the antlered herd will hold forth with a big Christmas tree and the usual Thursday night social and dance. The affair is in charge of the entertainment committee composed of the officers of the lodge with a committee of ladies associated. The latter are: Mrs. E. C. Wheeler, Mrs. A. J. Davis, Mrs. C. C. Slade, Mrs. Frank L. Hines and Mrs. J. H. Hines. The ladies have worked hard to make the affair a success and they were decidedly busy today decorating the big tree.

M. M. Murtough will act as Santa Claus and distribute the presents to one member to another. The presents are not supposed to cost more than 25 cents each.

The big tree will be placed in the center of the ladies' room and will be illuminated with small electric lights. After the distribution of presents the regular Thursday night dance will be in progress. A splendid program has been arranged, and the entertainment promises to be the very best of the season.

**FAKE MURDER SCARE.**

Police Chief and Captain Run Down False Alarm.

The police department received a "murder scare" last night and today Chief Pitt and Capt. Burbridge were kept busy scraping mud from their shoes and clothing. Word reached headquarters that a man was murdering his wife and that she was shrieking for help. The officers rushed to Eighth and Sixth streets, where the scene of the supposed murder, but were unable to find either murder or murderer.

**FRED WALKER  
GETS JUDGE**

**Judge Armstrong Grants Decree Upon Recommendation of Referee King.**

**GIVEN CUSTODY OF CHILD.**

Termination of Tragedy of Woman's False Step—Only Two Witnesses Examined.

Fred C. Walker and Josephine Walker were divorced by a decree entered by Judge George G. Armstrong this morning upon the report of Referee Howard King. The decree entitles the father to the custody of Josephine Carol Walker, aged seven years, the issue of their marriage, which took place in this city in November, 1899.

The examination of Mr. Walker and Mrs. Nagle, who were the sole witnesses before Referee King, was conducted by W. R. Hutchinson, who represented Walker when he faced trial in the Weber county courts for murder. Mr. Hutchinson brought out in his examination of Mr. Walker that he was married in November of 1899. In this city, said Josephine Carol Walker, a daughter 7 years of age, was the only issue of the union. Mr. Walker declared that he did not think Mrs. Walker a suitable person to have the care and custody of their daughter. Mr. Walker stated that he had placed Josephine in St. Mary's academy and had assumed every responsibility of her education and rearing. In all 20 questions put to Mr. Walker, the answers numbered the same.

**INFIDELITY PROVED.**

Mrs. Nagle testified that she had known Mrs. Walker for about two years. She then detailed the happenings of Sunday, Sept. 8, 1907, and of the succeeding night. She said that Dr. Beers, Mrs. Walker and the children were at the Hermitage in Ogden canyon. Dr. Beers occupied an adjoining room. During the night, Mrs. Nagle and Mrs. Walker having retired together, Mrs. Walker left the room and did not return until about 7 o'clock the next morning. She was attired only in a kimono. Mrs. Nagle declared that she heard Beers and Mrs. Walker talking in the room and that they were talking in a way that she believed to be in a confidential manner.

At the time Mrs. Walker came back to their room, the Monday morning, she was wearing a kimono and was talking to Mrs. Walker. The affair looked disgraceful and that she was going to part company with them. Mrs. Walker at the time attempted to leave the room, but she was stopped by Mrs. Nagle, who told her that there was nothing wrong in it.

**ELECTRIC CAR KILLS  
ONE MAN, INJURES OTHERS**

Los Angeles, Cal., Dec. 26.—One man was instantly killed, one fatally injured and two others seriously hurt early this morning when a fast going electric car on the Pacific Electric line struck a wagon containing four men at the Anaheim road, crossing near Wilmington.

**DEAD.**

Hugh McCullough, Long Beach, INJURED.

D. W. Scott, crushed skull, will die. H. L. Duncan, Long Beach, injured, and other injuries.

The men were returning to their homes in Long Beach after a Christmas trip. They drove on the track directly in front of the car, which struck their wagon with terrific impact.

**A DEVOTED FATHER.**

Lost His Life Trying to Get a Pigeon For His Little Daughter.

Chicago, Dec. 26.—Down a narrow, winding stairway from the eighteenth floor of Illinois Central elevator "B" four policemen and a young man were last night, and at every step they took their own lives were endangered. Theirs was a burden of 240 pounds.

The man they carried had risked his life to obtain for his little daughter a pigeon from a cage at the pinnacle of the building. He had fallen in the attempt and had remained helpless until the policemen came. He was Bernard Krawdzinski, 31 years of age, and he died soon after he was conveyed to the emergency hospital.

It is supposed that Krawdzinski was trying to grab a pigeon in the dark, and fell from the platform of the elevator. He was a watchman's duty to "pull" the watch service boxes on the different floors as he ascended the winding stairway. When he "pulled" from the eighteenth floor failed to register at the watch service office in LaSalle street, a "runner" was sent to ascertain the cause, and the injured man was found.

**CHICAGO FIRES.**

During 1907 Not One in Business House Extended Beyond Walls.

**SCARY HOOPS  
SHOOT J. HOFFMAN**

**They Fire Twice and Then Disappear Without Searching Their Victim.**

**FLESH WOUNDS INFLICTED.**

Believed They Were Frightened While At Work Breaking Into Saloon. So Ran Away.

Joe Hoffman was shot twice by a hold-up or holds-up in Murray this morning but neither wound will prove fatal and neither is necessarily serious. The holds-up got nothing; attempted to take nothing from Hoffman, evidently fearing the noise of the shots would attract other persons to the spot. As the saloon in front of which the shooting happened was robbed it might be possible that the men had just finished robbing the place and upon seeing a man approach became frightened. Probably thinking Hoffman was a watchman or officer they shot to render him helpless or frighten him. This theory is held in more favor than the other. He saw one man try to hold-up Hoffman. No suspect has been run down yet.

**HOW IT HAPPENED.**

Hoffman is an Austrian and conducts a business in Murray. He spent yesterday in Bligham Junction and was returning when the mysterious attack upon him was made. He was passing the Murray saloon at 2 o'clock this morning when he heard someone in the dark command him to stop. With the command came two shots and Hoffman felt a twinge in his arm and another in his leg. He saw one man try to hold-up Hoffman. No suspect has been run down yet.

**N. Y. CRIMINAL COURTS.**

Have 1,271 Cases on Calendar and Cannot Keep Up With Crime.

New York, Dec. 26.—Although six criminal courts are in operation in New York, they cannot keep pace with the crime wave which has swept over the city during the last year. The criminal calendar today carries 1,271 cases, while a year ago there were on the calendar but 641 cases. There are 323 prisoners in the Tombs, 238 awaiting trial and 55 awaiting the action of the grand jury. A year ago there were but 191 prisoners, 62 awaiting trial and 129 awaiting the action of the grand jury. Today's figures break all records in New York. The grand jury has already reported on the crowded conditions of the Tombs, and the warden says unless the people stop committing crimes, it will be necessary to build an addition to the city's prison.

**CREWS FOR OLYMPIC GAMES.**

New York, Dec. 26.—Amateur oarsmen are busy figuring on the make up of the crews which President James P. H. Hines, of the National Association of Amateur Athletes, has selected to represent America in the races which will be part of the Olympic games at London next summer. Several New York oarsmen are candidates already for the picked conditions of the Tombs, and the warden says unless the people stop committing crimes, it will be necessary to build an addition to the city's prison.

**FIRE IN SAN FRANCISCO.**

Several Places Burned Out, Damage Reaching \$200,000.

San Francisco, Dec. 26.—Fire destroyed several places in the city today. The damage reached \$200,000. The fire started in a building on Market street, and spread to several other buildings. The fire was extinguished by the fire department.

**KILLED IN COLLISION.**

Ashtabula, Ohio, Dec. 26.—Passenger train No. 228 on the Jefferson & Franklin branch of the Lake Shore road, carrying a light engine 2 miles north of Franklin, Pa., today. The passenger train was derailed and both engines and the train were destroyed.

**PRESIDENT TAKES A REST.**

Goes to Pine Knot, Va., to Remain Until Sunday Afternoon.

Washington, Dec. 26.—President Roosevelt and his family left Washington at 11:10 o'clock today for Pine Knot, Va., the country home of Mrs. Roosevelt, where they will remain until Sunday afternoon next. The trip was made in the special train, attached to the regular train on the Southern railway. The nearest station to Pine Knot is North Garden, a few miles below Charlottesville, which will be reached about 2:30 this afternoon. The drive of 10 miles will take the president to the homestead at Pine Knot. Miss Carey, sister of Mrs. Roosevelt, accompanied the party.

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**DAY OF PASSION AND TRAGEDY**

Opened by Man Being Called to His Door and Stricken by Unknown Assassin, Who Escaped.

New York, Dec. 26.—Although scores of choirs sang "Peace on Earth, Good Will to Men" and the spirit of Christmas shone in a broader and greater charity than ever before, New York's Christmas bore the marks of passion and tragedy. A dozen murders and as many more tragic deaths marked the day.

Mariano Chato was called to the door of his house and there shot dead by an unknown man who escaped. The police have no clue.

John Kennedy was dangerously wounded by being shot during an altercation in a saloon.

John Palermo is under arrest charged with the shooting.

An unknown woman was found dead in a room in a hotel. The police are looking for the man who shot her.

His arms filled with Christmas gifts for his children, Herman K. Tompkins was knocked down and fatally injured by a trolley car.

John H. Hind, a veteran of the Civil war, was crushed to death under the wheels of a trolley car. Months ago Rhind quarreled with his son, his only relative, and they parted. Bearing a peace offering, Rhind was on his way to visit his son when he was killed.

William O'Brien died from injuries received by being run down by an automobile.

Albert E. Muller was killed by falling from the window of his room on the fifth floor of the apartment house at 111 West Twenty-ninth street while attending a Christmas service at a church in Tottenham.

Two unknown men were killed by elevated trains.

**AMERICA FINE FIELD FOR THE ART FORGER.**

New York, Dec. 26.—That America is as good a field for the art forger as is any country of Europe is the statement made by Charles E. Cookman, who advocates the passage of a law by Congress to make the forging of an artist's name after his death a crime. Art forgers, Mr. Cookman says, are carrying on an extensive business in New York, Chicago and St. Louis, where thousands of forgeries are turned out which find a ready market among buyers in America, who are not well enough versed in art to detect the forgeries. Many young and

**NEW YORK'S RECORD YEAR IN FOREIGN BUSINESS**

New York has passed through a period of severe financial depression, the foreign business of the port during the year will break all records. With exact figures for 11 months and an estimate for December, made by the customs authorities, the year's business will reach \$1,503,352,902, an increase over last year of \$10,137,355.

Taking the figures for 11 months estimated the volume of business for December, it is stated that the imports of foreign merchandise at New York reached \$1,400,000,000, while the exports of domestic merchandise for the same period aggregated \$653,647,173. The exports from this city of goods of foreign origin aggregated \$1,400,000,000, while the imports of foreign goods in 1908 reached a total of \$1,503,352,902, and in 1907 were \$1,493,215,547. The exports of domestic merchandise for 1908 aggregated \$653,647,173, while the imports of domestic merchandise for the same period aggregated \$653,647,173. The exports from this city of goods of foreign origin aggregated \$1,400,000,000, while the imports of foreign goods in 1908 reached a total of \$1,503,352,902, and in 1907 were \$1,493,215,547.

The movements of gold and silver show \$121,655,769 imported, and \$75,513,781 exported during the year. The gold and silver imports in the preceding year reached \$88,226,055 and the exports \$52,669,690. The withdrawals of merchandise from bonded warehouses amounted to \$95,331,324 for the year now ending.

**THRILLING ADVENTURE WITH MUTINEERS AT SEA**

Mexico City, Dec. 26.—Details of a thrilling adventure in which a handful of determined officers and a well known member of the British colony were held in subjection and placed in chains by a full complement of sailors of the steamship Londale, who had mutinied on the high seas, have reached the city. The mutiny broke out at the port of Salina Cruz, where the ship was manned only by her officers, the crew being in irons.

According to the captain, rapid action had been taken upon the development of first signs of mutiny. Asisted by his under-officers and a passenger, A. W. Donnelly, all of whom were armed with revolvers, pistols, knives and other weapons, they mounted the bridge and covered the discontented crew and forced them into subjection. The officers then bound the mutineers and kept them in captivity until they were delivered to the port authorities.

The Londale is one of the Mexican Pacific line and is between Canadian and west coast ports.

**BELL, ANIMAL TRAINER, DEAD.**

Kansas City, Dec. 25.—William Bell, an animal trainer known to circus men throughout the country, dropped dead here last night after a long illness. He was known as "Texas," was 55 years old. He was one of the few men who could control "Rajah," the famous man-killing elephant. Several other men have been killed by Rajah, but Bell's clever handling of "Rajah."

**SUBMARINE ACCIDENTS.**

French Submarines to be Provided With Detachable Telephone Buoys.

Paris, Dec. 26.—Following elaborate experiments to prevent the recurrence of accidents to submarine vessels, the minister of the navy has issued orders which require that all French submarines be fitted out with detachable telephone buoys which, in case of accident will permit of communication with the surface.

**CANADIAN ATHLETES.**

John Longboat, Indian Runner, May Compete in Olympic Games.

New York, Dec. 26.—American athletes are discussing the peculiar position in which they are likely to be placed by an extended action of the Canadian Amateur Athletic Union, which has just announced that it is suspending the suspension of Longboat, the Indian runner, who was suspended by both the Canadian association and the American association on charges of professionalism. The reason given for this action is the Canadian desire to enter a team at the Olympic games in London next summer. Longboat, who is a Canadian, is a winning star at the meeting in London. It is not likely, however, that the Amateur Athletic Union will remove the suspension against the Indian runner, as no American athlete could enter the race against him in London.

**"NOT GUILTY."**

Dr. Amesbury's Plea to Charge of Murdering His Wife.

Dedham, Mass., Dec. 26.—"Not guilty" was the plea entered by Dr. Walter Amesbury of Hyde Park today when charged with the murder of his wife, Anna Amesbury, a teacher of music at Boston College.

**REV. DR. SHAFFER ON TRIAL.**

Charges Are Conduct Unbecoming a Christian Minister.

**NAVAL LINE AND STAFF AT OUTS**

**Result of Admiral Brownson's Refusal to Transmit President's Orders.**

**TROUBLE OVER ASSIGNMENTS**

Commander-in-Chief Wanted Surgeon Placed in Command Of Hospital Ship Relief.

**Admiral Believes Subordination of Any Line Officer to Staff Officer Subversive of Discipline.**

Washington, Dec. 26.—Not since the day preceding the passage of the personnel law 10 years ago has the feeling between line and staff of the navy been so acute as it is today as the result of a refusal of Admiral Brownson to transmit orders from his superior officer, the president of the United States, assigning a naval surgeon to command vessels in the navy. In the case of the personnel act, it was Mr. Roosevelt, then assistant secretary of the navy, who acted the part of pacifier and succeeded in bringing the two warring factions together in support of the legislation which for a decade past, though a makeshift, has served to maintain peace between the two factions in the navy. In the present instance, however, the efforts of the president to reconcile the surgeons and the line officers have failed and it is probable that the whole controversy will be threshed out on its merits in Congress. This is much deprecated by conservative officers in both line and staff, as likely to prove prejudicial to the navy's interest as a whole for they believe that in order to succeed in securing from Congress the four great battleships, the cruisers, scouts and submarines, which form a part of the year's naval estimates, in addition to securing legislation which will better the lot of naval officers personally, the navy must present a united front, which cannot be done if just at the beginning of a session, line and staff are to engage in a fierce strife.

Through the published statement of Surgeon General Riker, the merits of the doctor's side of the case in this instance have been clearly set forth. Line officers believe that in common fairness, there should also have a hearing. But they are in an embarrassed position in that respect. Admiral Brownson preceded his resignation by a cold, clear, logical presentation of the reasons why he believed that the assignment of a physician to command a naval vessel, even though that vessel were exclusively devoted to hospital use, was a subversion of discipline. The statement was submitted to the president and notwithstanding the staff has had its say in print, applications at the White House for this letter are met with refusal. Now it is clearly understood that Admiral Brownson or any of his line officers to make public a copy of the letter without incurring the risk of a court-martial on charges of disrespect towards their superior officer, the president of the United States. So they can only look for a change in the executive mind or for the congressional investigation which will develop all the facts.

It may be that the navy will not be different in its attitude towards the text of Admiral Brownson's letter of the president's order to place a surgeon in command of the hospital ship Relief than it was towards the letter.

In the first place, like every line officer, he believed that the subordination of any line officer, no matter how low in grade, to a staff officer on shipboard was a subversion of discipline of naval discipline. But a stronger objection in his mind was that the proposed action was clearly illegal inasmuch as it is in violation of the naval regulations to assign a staff officer to command ships. It is only fair to the staff side to state that this is debatable ground and that a word of explanation from the navy would not be difficult to construe the navy's regulations in either way. So it is not to be doubted that when the subject is before Congress for consideration the lawyers in support of either contention.

**WANTED TO DIE.**

Physician Who Had Lockjaw Begged His Life Be Ended.

Chicago, Dec. 26.—Dr. Joseph Peasden, a scientist occupying one of the foremost positions with a large packing firm, last night indicated by signs to physicians at his side in the Chicago Baptist hospital that he realized that the attack of lockjaw from which he is suffering would prove fatal and begged them to end his life with a drug.

The surgeons about him, hurried as they were to the sufferings of others, hesitated before the dumb appeal of this man of science, probably more skilled in the effects of the disease which had seized him than any other man in this country, and then turned away in fear that they might grant his wish. Before the verdict of the dying man on his own life they were silenced, for there could have been no higher authority than his opinion.

When he found that the law, written and unrevoked, would not permit him to end his sufferings, Dr. Peasden resigned himself to the care of the nurses. He heard his physicians say that if he lived another day there was hope for him. He shook his head. They pretended not to notice and left him in the charge of a nurse, with nothing but a glass of water in his hand.

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On Christmas eve while arranging a Christmas tree for his children at home, Dr. Peasden was suddenly stricken with acute lockjaw.

The injury which brought on tetanus was a compound fracture of the nose, sustained a week ago. Dr. Peasden was lying through a dark passage way leading from his laboratory to another part of the establishment, when he fell down a short flight of stairs and struck his head on a board. The hurt caused an inflammation of the skin and the germs of tetanus infected it.