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A Merry Christmas—May it Be Yours in More Than Name Only

APATHY THE ONLY FEATURE OF NOMINATION MEETINGS

Citizens Apparently Are not interesting themselves in the Civic Campaign—Four Candidates for the Mayoralty—Contestants in the Various Wards

Civic nominations yesterday were a frost so far as public interest was concerned. At the city hall, in the morning, about 200 citizens heard from candidates for the mayoralty, 10 candidates for controllerships and 18 aspirants to the board of education present their claims for recognition at the hands of a neglected electorate. Mayor Coatsworth has as rivals Lindala and Noble, of Socialist tendencies, and O'Hara, an independent, who says he would gladly serve the city in the chair without remuneration. Seema a philanthropist of that sort couldn't be combined with a personalty that the citizens could take to more readily.

There will be several new faces in next year's council. Ald. Fleming, Harrison and Dunn want to lend their civic experience to the service of the board of control, and Ald. Oliver, Sheppard and Hoy will retire with laurels already won. Ex-Ald. E. S. Cox, ex-Ald. Ned Hanlan and ex-Ald. R. H. Graham are anxious to once more serve the people. Several names which have been mentioned lately as "probable" were not even whispered at the nominations.

The ward nominations were very sparsely attended and lacked the zest and enthusiasm of former years. Quite a difference of opinion manifested itself on all the bylaws but the power by-law, for which support was unanimous. The street railway and the loops were a target for rapid fire criticism from Riverdale to Brockton. Strange to say, the "salary grab" seems to have been forgotten.

Mayor Coatsworth attended the nominations in the Second Ward and incidentally urged that he should not suffer for lack of interest. He wanted the voters to get out and mark their ballots, to be on the safe side.

CARDINAL MERRY DEL VAL



Who is Directing the French Catholics in Their Defense of the Law of Separation.

MURDER OF IGNATIEFF CAUSES CONSTERNATION AMONG RUSS OFFICIALS

FIVE RUN IN FIRST WARD.

Elgin Schoff is the Only One Nominated Who Quits the Race.

WILLIAM T. STEWART, roofer, 148 Morse-street, nominated by Ald. Robt. Fleming and John C. Hoan, for the ward of St. Andrew's. DANIEL CHISHOLM, merchant, 14 Langley-avenue, by Dr. Cleland and A. WILLIAM JOHN SAUNDERSON, manager, 137 River-street, by R. DeFries and J. B. LeRoy.

ELGIN SCHOFF, barrister, 11 Langley-avenue, by G. T. Holland and F. C. Vansickle.

The nomination proceedings in the Royal Canadian Consulate Club rooms were of a chilly nature throughout. The temperature of the room was at the zero mark. Major Verma presided in the thirty stages, but abdicated in favor of J. C. Graham.

Ald. Stewart claimed credit for supporting the \$700 exemption bylaw ever since its introduction. The first ward wanted more factories, but not in the residential districts. He had tried to block the Clark location and the Carlaw-avenue and said that "Bill Stewart" was the first man to suggest the Saturday half holiday for the civic employees.

W. J. Saunderson promised if elected to move for the extension of the street car lines in the east end, and to advance the interests of ward one.

Chisholm declared that his record was one that would bear the closest scrutiny.

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FLOOD DAMAGES.

Sydney, N. S., Dec. 24.—(Special.)—Reports received to-day from different parts of the county indicate that the floods Saturday and Sunday played sad havoc with roads, but abated in favor of the latter have been carried away and the roads are badly out of repair from the action of the water. The damage will be heavy.

NEBOGATOFF, RUSS REAR ADMIRAL WITH 78 OFFICERS DOOMED TO DEATH

Men Who Ran Up White Flag to Japanese in Battle of Sea of Japan Sentenced by Court Martial Which Finds Extenuating Circumstances.

St. Petersburg, Dec. 24.—The court-martial which has been trying Rear-Admiral Nebogatoff and seventy-eight officers of his squadron for surrendering to the Japanese at the battle of the Sea of Japan on May 28, 1905, handed in its decision at 10 o'clock to-night.

Vice-Admiral Nebogatoff, Commander Lytchev of the coast defence iron-clad General Admiral Apraxin, Rear-Admiral Groggieroff of the coast defence ship Admiral Zenayin, and Lieut. Smirnov, who succeeded to the command of the battleship Nicolai I, were sentenced to death, but in view of the extenuating circumstances and

EAST OF THE MISSISSIPPI AND NORTH OF THE OHIO UNDER 2-CENT RATE LAW

One of the U.S. Interstate Commerce Commissioners Indulges in a Prophecy—Carriers Have Admitted That Rates Are Now Too High.

Kansas City, Dec. 24.—C. A. Prouty of Vermont, member of the U. S. interstate commerce commission, who arrived here this morning from St. Louis to continue the car shortage hearing, said to-day in an interview, in speaking of the so-called rate law, "I have no doubt that eventually all states east of the Mississippi and north of the Ohio will be on a two-cent basis, and by eventually I mean, of course, within a reasonable time for such legislation to be enacted—legislation shall be required, which I doubt. All these changes are and will be due to the agitation for the passage of the federal rate law. No man can tell what the final effect of the rate law may be until it has been worked out in the courts."

Mr. Prouty continued: "The most important effect of the law has been the reducing of passenger rates east of Pittsburg and north of the Ohio River and in other communities. These reductions have been widespread—not in the west, I admit, but east of Pittsburg and north of the Ohio people are riding for two cents a mile. The commission has made no orders, but has expressed no opinion to account for the change. The carriers have tacitly admitted that their rates were too high."

Mr. Prouty said it was too early now to estimate the real value of the rate law. Up to this time the railroads, he said, had generally evaded it by legislation not only to obey the law, but to accept any construction the commission put upon it. The commission has had no occasion, he said, to issue any constraining orders, nor orders that could cost the railroads months to obey. "If I said when the bill was passed," Mr. Prouty said, "that the first step would be to stop rebates, I believe I would have been stopped."

Mr. Prouty, recurring to the reduction of passenger rates, said there had been some reductions in freight rates, too, as well as a certain amount of published tariff, he said, "It amounts to a largely increased revenues for the railroads. It must be clear that if they cut off all free transportation the commission can afford to reduce passenger and freight rates."

Mr. Prouty continued: "The papers did not say too much when they said the passage of the rate law, 'the greatest triumph of American progress, the triumph of the Roosevelt administration.' He said that whatever might be the fate of the law finally the people would hereafter control the business of rate-making, all shippers would pay the same rates, 'the standard' would apply, business would be on a cash basis, men would pay for riding and the railroads would pay for services in their interests."

"The Standard Oil Company," Mr. Prouty said, "maintains a press bureau buys space in newspapers at a certain class, publishes what it wants to and the reading public, or a part of it, believes what it reads. 'The standard' Oil Company is at bay and public is getting an accounting."

COMMITTEE TO REVISE LAWS OF ISLE OF CUBA

Proceeding Headed as First Step Towards New Elections.

Havana, Dec. 24.—Governor Magoon to-day signed the long awaited decree appointing a committee to revise the laws of Cuba.

This commission will submit to the provisional governor the draft of an electoral law, new provincial and municipal laws, defining the organization and functions of the judiciary, a civil service law, and also laws on such other subjects of great interest as may be referred to it by the provisional governor.

This is regarded as the first step toward holding new elections.

COLD WAVE WILL STAY THREE DAYS LONGER

Heavy Frosts Reported as Far South as Tampa.

Washington, Dec. 24.—According to Forecaster Henry, at the United States weather bureau, the present cold wave will continue for at least three days. The temperature at the weather bureau at 10 o'clock to-night was 15 above zero, and a drop to 12 above during the night is predicted.

Heavy frosts have been reported as far south as Tampa, Florida, where the temperature to-night was 28 above zero. The cold wave extends throughout the Southern States.

Something good, La Voila Olga.

Best Yet for Christmas. Hand modeled art figures, with unique electric effects. Each piece signed by the artist. Just arrived from Vienna, Austria. No. 535 Queen-street East.

DRIVEN FROM HOME



LITTLE PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND: Well, pop, I'm natcherly attached to the old home—but if that's the best you can do I think I'd better get out.

Atlanta's Mayor Closes Saloons

Takes Measures to Prevent Attacks Upon Negroes, Threats of Which Have Been Heard—Warning Notices Pasted in the City.

Atlanta, Ga., Dec. 24.—To avoid the possibility of any repetition of recent race rioting in this city, Mayor Woodward to-day issued a peremptory order, closing all saloons in the city at 4 o'clock this afternoon, to remain closed until Tuesday morning.

For several weeks indefinite rumors have been heard that Christmas was to be made the occasion of an attack upon the negroes in Atlanta. No such rumor could be traced to an authoritative source, but the effect has been to drive many negroes from the city.

Several "K. K. K." notices were posted about the city Saturday last. While no serious consideration was given to these, a reward of \$200 was offered by Mayor Woodward for evidence to convict any person of posting them, or in any way inciting to rioting.

The law requires that all saloons be closed on Christmas Day, but never before has the law been put in force on Christmas Eve. The move is precautionary.

WHITES AND BLACKS CLASH RACE WAR IS THREATENED

Killing of Negro by Conductor of Train May Result in Extermination of Small White Town.

Meridian, Miss., Dec. 24.—According to reports received here to-day the negroes for miles around have congregated in the Town of Wahalak, 40 miles north of here, threatening vengeance to the whites because of the killing of one negro and the wounding of another by a conductor of a passenger train of the Mobile and Ohio Railroad yesterday morning.

The conductor was attempting to quell a disturbance aboard his train. Only about 25 white persons resided in Wahalak and in response to a plea for protection, Battery 1 and Company D of the state militia, stationed in this city, have been sent there by special train. The battery carried a galling gun and all of the men are heavily armed.

At 8.30 o'clock a message from Escob, the first station south of the scene of the trouble, stated that a clash had occurred between the races, with the result that two men were killed. This report is not verified, although railroad officials admit receiving a message detailing some additional trouble.

YOUR INVENTORY needs attention this time of year—Loose Leaf L. Call Main 6874, Universal Systems, Limited, for particulars.

Empire Hotel, Yonge and Gold Sts. E. Dineen, Prop. 81.50 and 92.50 per day.

SIXTEEN DROWNED

Kingston, Ja., Dec. 24.—A sailboat with 25 persons on board was overturned this morning near Montego Bay. Sixteen of the passengers were drowned.

A heavy norther during the past two days has caused serious damage in the banana districts, especially on the plateau. The wind is still blowing strongly, but no further damage is expected.

FURIOUS HURRICANE RAGES FOR 77 HOURS

Many of the Fishing Vessels Leave Newfoundland Waters.

St. John's, Nfld., Dec. 24.—Inspector O'Reilly telegraphed the fisheries department from Bay of Islands to-day that a furious hurricane accompanied by rain has raged for the past seventy-seven hours.

The conditions of the herring fishing are unchanged; the ice in the inlets is partly broken, and fishing is impossible. Of a total of 60 American vessels on the grounds, only 17 have sailed. Seventeen Canadian and local vessels have also left. The men employed on board these latter vessels for the fishing have returned to their homes.

The schooner Mendora, which was driven ashore by the storm, caught fire and was totally destroyed.

Xmas Gifts—Geddes, 431 Spadina. Esper, Customs Broker o Melinda's Mount Pleasant Cemetery. Holly and laurel wreaths cut flowers for Xmas decoration, at Jennings, next south gate.

Crown Hotel, 75 Bay St.—Constitutional meal tickets, twenty-one for \$5.

Jennings, the King-street florist, is open to-day. Choice roses, holly, etc. 123 West King-street. Phone Main 7210. Park 1637.

The W. F. Matthews Co. Undertaker. Edwards, Morgan & Company, Chartered Accountants, 28 Wellington St. East. Phone Main 1163.

SANTA AT SANDRINGHAM QUEEN IN ROLE OF GIVER TO ROYALTY AND TENANTS

King's Dinner Will Include Choice Dishes, From Crowned Relatives—London Has Most Prosperous Christmas Season in Many Years.

London, Dec. 24.—King Edward and Queen Alexandra and the Prince and Princess of Wales will pass Christmas at Sandringham.

From an enormous Christmas tree, occupying the centre of the ballroom, the Queen and the other members of the royal family will personally distribute gifts to each member of the household to-morrow afternoon. The tenants and employees of the royal farms will also receive remembrances, beef and coal being distributed to the widows and poor laborers.

The King's Christmas dinner, as usual, will include a boar's head, the gift of Emperor William, oxen and sturgeon, from Emperor Nicholas, and roasted peacock and young swan, from Hampton Court, besides the traditional baron-of-beef and turkey. The King has also sent a number of specially fattened young swans to many members of European royal families.

The general signs of prosperity are more plentiful here this Christmas than for many years. The stores have been unpacked for weeks, and enjoyed an unprecedented flood of business, all ranks appearing to share in the general abundance of wealth. The crowd of poverty-stricken unemployed so pitifully obvious in London's streets a year ago are absent this year, indicating that all branches of trades are participating in the improved condition.

KING'S XMAS DINNER.

Boar's head, from the Kaiser; Oxen, from the Czar; Sturgeon, from the Czar; Roasted peacock, from Hampton Court; Young swan, from Hampton Court; Baron of beef, from Hampton Court; Turkey.

Tables, on which there was everything from turkey to pumpkin pie, were spread in the great registration hall and in adjoining rooms were candle-lit Christmas trees bearing a gift for every guest. There were toys for the 500 children, boxes of candy for the women and cigars for the men. After a speech by the commissioner, the dinner made a brave attempt at singing "America."

EMAS AT BELLIS ISLAND.

New York, Dec. 24.—Perhaps a happier crowd of strangers was never brought together than the 2000 immigrants who enjoyed a Christmas dinner on Bellis Island to-day. Commissioner Watchorn did the honors while a dozen clergymen told the story of Christmas in as many tongues.

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GIFT DISTRIBUTION.

New York, Dec. 24.—More than \$13,000 was distributed among the 600 employees of the New York Stock Exchange to-day.

GREETINGS TO POPE.

Rome, Dec. 24.—Never before has a Pope received so many telegrams and letters bringing Christmas greetings as have come to Pius X this year. A large number of communications have been received from America, expressing sympathy over the trouble with France, and it is declared that some of the sovereigns have also sent autograph letters of sympathy to the pontiff.

FAIR AND COLD.

Observatory, Toronto, Dec. 24.—A disturbance from the Atlantic Ocean is moving on to the coast of the Maritima Provinces to-night and gales with rain, west of the Cape of the Horns to Quebec and it has continued cold in Ontario and Quebec.

Minimum and maximum temperatures: Dawson, 4 below; Atlin, 8 below; 4 below; Fort St. Simpson, 32-34; Victoria, 39-41; Vancouver, 35-43; Calgary, 18-30; Edmonton, 14-24; Qu'Appelle, 12-20; Winnipeg, 10-18; Port Arthur, 4 below; 24; Fanny Sound, 4 below; 18; Toronto, 6-8; Ottawa, 20-10; Montreal, 2-10; Quebec, 2-10; St. John, 24-36; Halifax, 34-42.

PROBABILITIES.

Lower Lakes and Georgian Bay—Fresh northerly winds; fair and cold.

THE BAROMETER.

Time	Bar.	Ther.	Bar.	Wind.
8 a.m.	30.0	30.0	36 N.	
Noon	30.0	30.0	36 N.	
2 p.m.	30.0	30.0	36 N.	
8 p.m.	30.0	30.0	36 N.	
10 p.m.	30.0	30.0	36 N.	
12 m.	30.0	30.0	36 N.	
12 n.	30.0	30.0	36 N.	
12 p.	30.0	30.0	36 N.	
12 a.	30.0	30.0	36 N.	

STEAMSHIP ARRIVALS.

Dec. 24	At	From
Dora	New York	Palermo
Edinburgh	Hamburg	New York
Caledonia	Glasgow	New York
Liguria	Genoa	New York
Keweenaw	Boston	New York
Cymric	Liverpool	Boston
R. P. Wilcox	Bremen	New York
Rail	Bremen	New York
Curtisham	Boston	New York
Sardinian	Halifax	Glasgow