

BRITAIN GETS BACK TO STRIDE

Better All-Round Spirit Averts Disturbances Looked For Year Ago

Forebodings of Pessimists Dismissed as "Maudlin Oratory"

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LONDON, Dec. 28.—With the approach of Christmas Great Britain presents an interesting study in national psychology. The country is not in any mood of jubilant exultation; but neither is it in the depths of despair. In fact, on balance, there is a greater sense of optimism than of pessimism. All around conditions are very much better than most judges thought possible this time a year ago. Unemployment has been reduced, trade has revived, and even in the great staple industries, which 12 months ago were suffering most from depression, there are signs of a marked improvement.

MORE COAL EXPORTED.

Exports of coal continue to show expansion. In January last British coal exported to Germany amounted to scarcely more than a quarter million tons. There is an increased demand from South America.

Cotton manufacturers are so confident that demands in the new year will be so large that the Federation of Master Spinners this week rejected a proposal that working hours should be reduced meanwhile. They want to have stocks in hand to meet expected market requirements, particularly from India. In the iron and steel trades several furnaces that had been idle for many months have been re-lighted during the last few weeks.

BETTER SPIRIT.

Still more significant is the change that has come about in the spirit of the times. By patience and good-will a great industrial disturbance was averted at a crucial moment, and the price that has so far been paid in the coal subsidy—ten millions pounds sterling—has satisfied practically all sections of the community, because the beneficial effects of the policy have already outweighed the costs. A national field British statesman clear that a lead which has helped to clear the horizon. Regarded as customers, the countries of Continental Europe present more satisfactory possibilities than seemed at all likely a year ago.

PESSIMISM A YEAR AGO.

In fact it is not even a year ago that England seemed submerged under a wave of pessimism. Was England done? was a question asked all over the world, owing to the countless legends uttered in this country and abroad, with many reverberations, out of it. Englishmen who visited the United States came back with a salutary lesson. Politicians and others seeking journalistic sensations had painted conditions in this country altogether too black. Disgruntled "crummers" do not make good "drummers." Britain had missed American orders because the world had misgivings of her own sons at her own deterioration had been taken literally. This country at most stages of its history has always been taken to the way to the "demillion-bow-wows" in the eyes of one or other class. A reaction had now set in, and it is evident that time will be required to offset the consequences of the pessimistic outpourings of the past. Such a temperamental exhibition of England's plight as Colonel George Harvey has just indulged in is an instance in point. Colonel Harvey woefully misunderstands the view which Englishmen generally take of the payment of the American war debts. His writing on this point is briefly dismissed as "maudlin oratory."

RECOVERY FROM WAR.

It is a matter of practically unanimous agreement in this country by students of history that the recovery made by Great Britain since the late war is proportionately greater and quicker than it was after the Napoleonic wars. Sir Peter Rylands of Manchester may be taken as a good representative of British informed opinion. England, he admits, is undoubtedly passing through a difficult time. "Her difficulties," he says, "are possibly aggravated by her determination to maintain her economic position and to restore the pound to its pre-war parity in relation to gold. Just as in the war Britain rose to the occasion and as she has done many times before, so she will recover again."

CONTRASTS DRAWN.

Gives 6,100 Pairs Shoes To Children

BINGHAMTON, N. Y., Dec. 27.—Every child in the villages of Johnson City and Endicott received a pair of shoes as a Christmas present from George F. Johnson and the Endicott-Johnson corporation. Mr. Johnson made the Santa Claus and gave away 6,100 pairs of shoes. Every child, rich and poor, in the two villages was included. Cards signed by the school teachers are the only requirement. The cards are returnable on the fourth day of January, when the shoes will be ready for the children.

SANG CAROLS.

The Choir of Queen Square United Church visited the Old Ladies' Home yesterday and sang carols and other Christmas music. The patients and staff of the Home for Incubables were visited yesterday by the Trinity choir, who sang Christmas carols. Rev. C. G. Lawrence conducted a short Christmas service.

Skate at Victoria Rink tonight; 12 bands. Best ice of the season.

ROYAL DANCER



Lalla Badar Khan, daughter of Abdur Redak, emperor of Kurdistan, who disappeared six years ago, is now dancing in Vienna to earn a living. She is seen in one of her interpretations.

Trees and Treats Coming This Week

Treats, trees and entertainments for various city institutions and Sunday schools will take place this week. The Municipal Home event will be this afternoon. At the Seaman's Institute tonight some 200 or 300 sailors will be entertained. The Garrison Sergeants' mess will hold its annual Christmas tree on New Year's afternoon and expect to have about 170 children present. The Saint John G. W. V. A. will hold a treat for the orphans of fallen soldiers on Saturday afternoon. At three o'clock Wednesday afternoon, the Carleton branch of the G. W. V. A. will hold a Christmas tree and treat for 100 children and their mothers in the Carleton Curling Rink.

ALTMAN EMPLOYEES SHARE IN \$410,000

Annual Distribution of Store's Profits Include Four Gifts to Charities

NEW YORK, Dec. 28.—Approximately \$410,000 will be distributed this year by the Altman Foundation to employees of Altman & Co., who will receive the bulk of the holiday gifts, and also to four different charities, according to an announcement by Colonel Michael Friedman, president of the company. "This is a customary event at this season," says the announcement, "bringing pleasure to thousands of Altman employees and many others. The annual distribution of \$410,000, and, in addition to employees, is participated in at this time by the United Hospital Fund, \$10,000; the Association for Improving the Condition of the Poor, \$10,000; Catholic Charities, \$10,000, as well as a special contribution of \$5,000 to the building fund for a new wing to Montefiore Home, and others of recent occurrence."

BUSINESS LOCALS

Band, good skating and tobogganing at Lily Lake tonight. 12-29

Card party as usual tonight. Stella Maris Hall, East Saint John. 12-29

SEAMAN'S INSTITUTE. Montrose Orchestra Concert Party. Wed., Dec. 29, 8.15, 25c. Carnival dance, Thursday, Dec. 31. 12-31

Band and Races, Carleton Rink tonight. Excellent ice. 12-29

REMOVAL NOTICE. Hoffman Bros., tailors, have moved from 565 Main street to 693 Main street (near Mill). 12-29

Dorcas A. Bell, chiropractor and scientific masseuse, 62 Charlotte street. Phone M. 4619 for appointment. s.n.a. 12-29

Montrose novelty dance, Masonic Hall, West, Tuesday, Dec. 29. Tickets 75c. (Includes refreshments), on sale Seaman's Institute. 12-29

Salvation Army, Brimley street, tonight at 8 o'clock. Christmas tree, nice concert. Admission 15c. 12-29

COMMENCING TUESDAY MORNING

Very attractive offerings in evening dresses. A large variety to select from at Manchester Robertson Allison's, Limited. 12-29

BALBRIGGAN AND JERSEY DRESSES

In the two-piece style. Prices greatly reduced.—Manchester Robertson Allison's, Limited. 12-29

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Remarkable value in sport and dress skirts. Values to \$2.50 for \$1.95.—Manchester Robertson Allison's, Ltd. 12-29

NOTICE

Regular meeting of King Edward Lodge, No. 30, P. A. F. B. Monday evening December 28th. Election of officers, all members requested to attend. 12-29

RITZ

Special novelty dance Ritz tonight; 6 piece orchestra; prize fox trot competition; good attendance and courteous treatment.—W. B. Stearns, floor manager. 12-29

GIRL IS INJURED

Gertrude White, aged eight years, had her shoulder injured about 10.40 a.m. Saturday. She was taken to the Health Centre near which the accident happened and an X-ray was taken to determine the extent of the injury. She said she had been pushed by another girl and fell on the ice.

FLAMES SHOOT FROM SALT WATER JOOL

Rise to 100 Feet When Gases Ignite in Grand River Canyon

SEATTLE, Dec. 28.—Flames which shoot high in the air from a pool of cold, salty water, in Grand River canyon, 86 miles southeast of Seattle, attract much attention. Water in the pool, which is about six feet in diameter, sometimes sinks almost out of sight. Then it rises, troubled with the gas passing through it. If a lighted match is thrown in while it is turbulent, fire rises. At times the eruptions are particularly violent, throwing out rocks and sending flames 100 feet high. At rare intervals the geyser falls to work at all. The eruptions have not been explained.

A short distance from the geyser flume play for a number of times over water which bubbles up between rocks in a stream. Although the water in the geyser pool is actually contained many minerals, it is within ten feet of a perfectly fresh brook. Sulphur and fresh water springs are found near by.

This phenomenon is near the bank of Green river, from which Tacoma gets its water supply. Although rumors of "water that burns" had been spread by Indians and hunters, the place was inaccessible until a road was built in last year.

Lepreau School Has Its Closing

Large Number of Visitors Enjoy Varied Program by Pupils

The Christmas closing of Lepreau school was held Thursday afternoon, Dec. 17. The schoolroom was prettily decorated with greens, holly and colored drawings. A large number of visitors were present and all enjoyed a well prepared program. The children were treated with bags of candy and nuts by their teacher, Miss Margaret L. Porter. The pupils remembered their teacher with many pretty gifts.

The program consisted of the following: Opening address, Miss Annie Meehan; singing, "Christmas Bells"; Grades III, IV, V, dialogue, "Getting Ready for Santa Claus"; by five girls; recitation, "What a Boy Can Do"; Chester Taylor; singing, "Santa Claus is Coming"; Grades III, IV, and V; recitation, "Mother's Cookies," Thelma Archilles; dialogue, "The Seasons"; by four boys and girls; carol, "Silent Night"; Grades III, IV, and V; recitation, "Santa Claus Petition"; Margaret Stinson; recitation, "A Letter to Santa"; Denny Cogswell; carol, "Good King Wenceslas"; Grades III, IV, V; recitation, "Christmas Has Come"; Kathleen Clark; dialogue, "Jack Frost and Tom Ruddy"; by two boys; singing, "While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks"; by five girls; recitation, "A Little Girl's Speech" by Ada Winn; dialogue, "Temperate in All Things"; by two boys and girls; carol, "Silent Night"; Grades III, IV, and V; reading, "Santa Claus Petition"; Margaret Stinson; recitation, "A Small Order"; Osborne Moody; dialogue, "Shoe or Stocking"; Susanna Vincent; singing, "The Maple Leaf Forever"; Grades III, IV, and V; recitation, "Fair Warning to Santa"; Roy; dialogue, "Santa Claus Boy and His Dolls"; Edwin and Grade II; singing, "Who Does Santa Go Next Door?"; by six girls; recitation, "My Doll"; Kathleen Boyne; dialogue, "Christmas Dolls"; by five girls; singing, "Christmas All Year"; Grades III, IV, and V; recitation, "An Xmas Question"; Ida Wagg; recitation, "The Snowflakes"; Thelma Wagg; dialogue, "The Great Storm"; by four boys and two girls; singing, "Song of Gladness"; Grades III, IV, and V; "God Save the King."

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A similar distribution was made last year among the more than 4,000 employees of B. Altman & Co. The holiday distribution of the Altman Foundation at that time included a gift of \$50,000 to the Cathedral of St. John the Divine building fund. The late Benjamin Altman, who bequeathed a fortune of about \$50,000,000 to the public, established the Altman Foundation and left to it in his will the stock of B. Altman & Co. with a value estimated at from \$25,000,000 to \$30,000,000. The Foundation was created by special legislative act. The will directed that the income from the stock turned over to the Foundation be devoted to charitable purposes, and that the mercantile establishment, for which ample provision was made, should be kept separate from the Foundation which it was to support.

U. S. DEATH RATE

WASHINGTON, Dec. 28.—The national death rate in the United States was placed by the Commerce Department at 11.9 per 100,000 of population on the basis of figures for 1924, as compared with 12.3 in 1923; 11.5 in 1922, and 11.6 in 1921.

EDNA PURVIANCE BACK.

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 28.—Edna Purviance, who has been out of motion pictures for more than two years, has returned to Los Angeles from Europe to resume film work. She will be starred in a picture to be directed by Charles Chaplin.

HEAVY SNOW IN N. Y.

JAMESTOWN, N. Y., Dec. 26.—Chautauque County was covered with nearly a foot of fresh snow today. Railway traffic was interrupted by a storm which began yesterday and wire service was impaired. The temperature here this morning was 12 degrees above zero, the lowest mark of the winter.

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CLEAVES SKILL OF INN WATER

Aged Porter in Windsor, Ont., Crazed by Moonshine Liquor.

WINDSOR, Ont., Dec. 28.—Crazed from drinking moonshine, John Bogel, aged porter at Stephen's inn, Sandwich street, East, on Saturday attacked Jimmy Ming, a Chinese waiter at the hotel, with a butcher's cleaver, fracturing his skull before the weapon was wrenched away from him by police.

According to a statement made to the police, Bogel left the hotel about 2 o'clock to have a few drinks with some friends. He told the police he drank a couple of rubbing alcohol before he returned.

WOMAN STOPS HIM. Mrs. Bastien, who was writing a letter at the time of the attack, said she heard the sound of two blows. Ming, who is 20 years of age, was smothered in blood, she said, and she entered the room and she prevented Bogel from striking another blow and disarmed him by poking her fingers in his eyes.

Mrs. Bastien was rushed to the hospital. Slight hopes are held for his recovery. Bogel is held on a charge of attempted murder.

LAST OF 6 - MASTERS DESTROYED BY FIRE

Goes up in Smoke in Portland Harbor—Had Layed Idle For 3 Years

PORTLAND, Maine, Dec. 28.—Once the pride of the New England sailing fleet, and the last six-master on the Atlantic seaboard, the schooner Edward J. Lawrence was in ruins today, off Fort Gorge's Reef. Fire, which broke out aboard her yesterday while she was at anchor in Portland Harbor, ended her career.

The schooner was saved by the fire department, but the probable permanent idleness of the junk pile. For more than three years she has been at anchor in the harbor, unable to obtain a cargo that would pay for the cost of her operation. COST \$150,000.

The Edward J. Lawrence was built at Bath, Maine, in 1908, at a cost of \$150,000. She had a gross tonnage of 3,850, and was 320 feet long, and had a 34-foot beam. She was sold to the France-Canada Company early in the world war at a cost of \$250,000. A Portland syndicate purchased her three years ago for \$50,000. At a United States marshal's sale last April she brought \$3,850.

EIGHTEEN KILLED

Vancouver's Record of Street Fatalities in 1924—Larger Number Injured

VANCOUVER, B. C., Dec. 28.—Eighteen persons were killed in Vancouver streets during the year, according to city police records. Seventeen of the victims were killed by automobiles, and one by a street car. Eighteen persons met death in city streets in 1924. While traffic department statistics show 441 persons were injured in 1924, this year's figures indicate more than 700 were injured in street traffic.

CHOKES SELF TO DEATH.

NEW YORK, Dec. 28.—Believing himself a burden to his family, according to his brother George, William Jaeger, 40 years old, who lived with three brothers and a sister at 516 East Eighty-second street, committed suicide in his room by choking himself to death with a dog leash. He had fastened the leash about his neck and tied it to a hook on the wall and had then thrown himself toward a kneeling position and had strangled.

Jaeger, according to his brother, had been ill and out of work.

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CARD GAME ENDS IN FATAL SHOOTING

Guest at Sharnburg, Pa., Who Resented Liquor's Absence, is Shot

PITTSBURGH, Dec. 28.—Failure of Dominick Carlate to provide drinks for his guests in Sharnburg, following a card game, resulted in murder. Paul Mauro, aged 34, suffered a bullet wound in the abdomen, which caused death this afternoon. Police are hunting Louis Interi, accused of doing the shooting.

Carlate and half a dozen of his friends started playing cards in Mauro's rooming house. Later they went to Carlate's. At 3 o'clock in the morning the game broke up and several of the crowd wanted a drink. Carlate said he had none. This prompted sarcastic comments, which the host resented. Somebody—the police say it was Mauro—struck Carlate in the mouth. A friend of Carlate whipped out a revolver and fired one shot. Mauro fell. He was taken to St. Margaret's Hospital, where he died.

Police arriving shortly afterward found only one witness of the shooting, Mike Laher. They lodged him in the borough lockup, and he told them Interi fired the shot. In their investigation of the crime the police received information that Mauro was a member of the Blackhand Society and they say a plot of this organization may underlie the tragedy.

POISONED FOOD IS Blamed for Deaths

WAYNESBURG, Pa., Dec. 28.—Two are dead and two others are not expected to live, the result, the authorities believe, of eating poisoned food. The dead are Charles Thompson, 60, business man, and Miss Mabel Ward, 27, his housekeeper, while those in the hospital are Charles Pickens, 17, and Elmer, 17, half brother of Miss Ward.

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WHEAT PRICES JUMP.

CHICAGO, Dec. 28.—Wheat prices jumped more than five cents a bushel today to the highest level this season. May sold at above 179, and December above 180. Reports of fresh damage to crops in Argentine were at hand and talk also was current that mills in the United States have as a rule on more than a sixty day supply of wheat in their elevators.

SPECIALS AT Murtagh's Grocery

256 PRINCE EDWARD ST. PHONE M. 8408

15 lbs Granulated Sugar	..... \$1.00
3 lbs Icing Sugar	..... 30c
15 oz pkg Seeded Raisins	..... 15c
2 pgs Currants	..... 30c
Mixed Peel, pound	..... 50c
Oranges, dozen	..... 45c, 50c
Shredded Coconut, lb	..... 25c
3 lbs Bulk Cocoa	..... 25c
Lemon, Vanilla Extract, 2 bottles	..... 25c
Apples, peck	..... 35c, 50c
4 bags Salt	..... 25c
6 rolls Toilet Paper	..... 50c
Peas, Corn, Tomatoes, tin	..... 15c

FLOUR

95 lbs bags, all kinds \$4.65  
24 lbs bags, all kinds \$1.25

Goods delivered to all parts of City, East Saint John, Little River, Glen Falls, also West Saint John.

SPECIALS AT Robertson's

98 lb Bags Robinhood or Cream of West Flour \$4.55

24 lb Bags ..... \$1.22

98 lb Bags Monarch Flour \$4.25

24 lb Bags Monarch Flour \$1.15

20 lb Bags Oatmeal ..... 95c

9 lbs Onions for 25c

3 Boxes Matches, 400 count 29c

Good 4 String Broom for 35c

2 Tins Corn ..... 25c

Large Tins Tomatoes, tin 14c

2 lb Tins Sliced Pineapple 18c and 23c

2 lb Tins Peaches ..... 22c

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2 lb Tins Plums ..... 15c

2 Tins Red Cherries 17c and 22c

Fancy Crushed Pineapple, Tin ..... 22c

2 Large Tins Pumpkin ..... 25c

4 Tins Sardines ..... 25c

3 lbs Whole Green Peas for 25c

2 qts Small White Beans ..... 22c

4 lb Tin Apple and Strawberry Jam ..... 47c

4 lb Tin Pure Orange Marmalade ..... 55c

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Choice Hard Mixed Candy, lb ..... 15c  
Cooking Figs, 2 lb for ..... 23c  
Best Shelled Walnuts, per lb, 3c and 49c  
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1 lb box Assorted Chocolates ..... 30c  
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