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Grace Church Notices

Christmas Services

The Nativity of our Lord, or the Birth-day of CHRIST, commonly called.

CHRISTMAS DAY
TUESDAY

Almighty God, who hast given us thy only-begotten Son to take our nature upon him, and as at this time to be born of a pure Virgin; Grant that we, being regenerate, and made thy children by adoption and grace, may daily be renewed by the Holy Spirit; through the same our Lord Jesus Christ, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the same Spirit, ever one God, world without end. Amen.

8 a.m.—Holy Communion.
10 a.m.—Mattins.
11 a.m.—Holy Communion with sermon.

SAINT STEPHEN
WEDNESDAY

Grant, O Lord, that, in all our sufferings here upon earth for the testimony of thy truth, we may stedfastly look up to heaven, and by faith behold the glory that shall be revealed; and, being filled with the holy Ghost, may learn to love and bless our persecutors by the example of thy first Martyr Saint Stephen, who prayed for his murderers to thee, O blessed Jesus, who standest at the right hand of God to succour all those that suffer for thee, our only Mediator and Advocate. Amen.

10.30 a.m.—Morning Prayer.
8 p.m.—Intercessions for Soldiers.

SAINT JOHN THE
EVANGELIST
THURSDAY.

Merciful Lord, we beseech thee to cast thy bright beams of light upon thy Church, that it being enlightened by the doctrine of thy blessed Apostle and Evangelist Saint John may so walk in the light of thy truth, that it may at length attain to the light of everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

10.30 a.m.—Morning Prayer.

THE INNOCENT HOLY
FRIDAY

O Almighty God, who out of the mouths of babes and sucklings hast ordained strength, and madest infants to glorify thee by their deaths; Mortify and kill all vices in us, and so strengthen us by thy grace, that by the innocency of our lives, and constancy of our faith even unto death, we may glorify thy holy Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

10.30 a.m.—Morning Prayer.
5 p.m.—Intercessions for Soldiers.

SUNDAY SCHOOL ENTERTAINMENT

Little ones with mothers, on Thursday from four to six p.m.
Senior School—Friday, from six to half past nine o'clock.

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NEWS OF NORFOLK

School Board Trustees All Re-Elected by Acclamation Yesterday

EX-SIMCONIAN DEAD

Mr. Justice Hodgins to Hold Final Appeal Court Friday

Write Simcoe Agency, Box 311, or phone 356-3 all matters regarding delivery or subscriptions, news items or advertisements.

Simcoe, Dec. 27.—(From our own correspondent)— There were but three nominations for the vacancies during the hour that secretary F. E. Curtis of the Board of Education sat alone at the town hall yesterday, and only about that number of ratepayers visited the hall.

The slate reads: North Ward- J. D. Lawson, by Wm. Sutton and W. E. Kelly, K.C.

Centre Ward: Guy R. Marston, C. E., by W. E. Kelly, K.C. and R. W. Austin

South Ward—W. E Kelly, K.C., by R. W. Austin and Wm. Sutton.

Former Simconian Dies in West.

News was received here of the death of Mrs. Robert McKiee in the far west. The remains will be brought to Simcoe for interment. James Cutting is a brother and Mrs. John Porter, a sister of deceased.

More Appeals.

Hon. Mr. Justice Hodgins will hold a military court here under the Army Service Act commencing at 1.30 a.m. to-morrow and continuing as long as necessary.

A Lively Christmas.

The scores of visitors who were out of town and other scores in for Christmas, are gradually getting home. Christmas traffic has been unusually heavy and the Christmas trade is reported brisk by all merchants. Only the gloom of the dragging war prevented Xmas 1917 from being one of Simcoe's best.

The controller at the L. E. and N. depot was out of commission all day yesterday, and the freight service was perforce cancelled. The flow of juice promised to be normal to-morrow.

Items From the Financial Statement

The dog tax for the year was $407.

Licenses of all kinds issued brought $691.

The Legislative grant for schools has dropped to $113.50.

Fines for the year netted $137.

Petty receipts amounted to $903.27.

The Board of Works has obtained almost 100 cords of short wood from trees cut from the street and dangerous trees felled in the park. This in the ordinary way is worth $200 at least, and should finally appear as a credit to the department, as heretofore all such wood was given away to those who would cut it. The board will have a quantity of oak lumber to the good besides. The wood will be used by the Charity Committee.

The Waterworks Department has turned over $4,011.53.

Some Disbursements.

Salaries and allowances, $2,741.87: printing and advertising, $485.17: insurance, 53.40; fire and light (including new chemical truck), $6,322.92: solicitor's fees and law costs, $178.59; Board of Works, $4,842.01. The upkeep of the town team has been divided between the Board of Works and the Fire and Light accounts. Last year it was included in the miscellaneous account. Charity, $307.13, plus some of the wood mentioned above. Bank interest, $511; street watering and oiling, $4,213.77; county rate, $6,600; market, $50.43: Board of Health, $7.40; street lights, $4,009.80. These are the chief items of concern. The whole statement is a clear record of the year's business. Copies may be had at the clerk's office.

Husbands can retrieve a Christmas oversight by presenting the queen of the home with a Brant-Ola as a New Year's gift. Consult O. B. Youmans, 57 Head street.

Bowling

Only three teams rolled in the two-man team tournament at the Assembly Alleys last night. The scores:

McGaw	201	142	175	518
Beatty	161	164	195	520
				1038
Kellett	155	154	175	484
Waldon	164	104	133	401
				885
Moule	156	180	186	522
Hope	149	157	161	467
				989

Thompson and Sanderson, Kingdom and Gibbs, Johnston and Hackburn roll Friday night.

Bowlers meeting to elect officers, etc., to-night for five-man team league.

Catarrh Cannot be Cured

with LOCAL APPLICATIONS, as they cannot reach the seat of the disease. Catarrh is a blood or constitutional disease, and in order to cure it you must take internal remedies. Hall's Catarrh Cure is taken internally, and acts directly upon the blood and mucous surfaces. Hall's Catarrh Cure is not a quack medicine. It was prescribed by one of the best physicians in the country for years and is a regular prescription. It is composed of the best tonics known, combined with the best blood purifiers, acting directly on the mucous surfaces. The perfect combination of the two ingredients is what produces such wonderful results in curing catarrh. Send for testimonials, free.

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GIGANTIC RAILWAY SYSTEM OF U. S. NOW POSSESSED BY GOVT.

Drastic Step Announced by President Wilson to Make Nation's Facilities More Fully Serve the War Needs of the Allies—W. G. McAdoo, Secretary of the Treasury, is Appointed Director-General of Railroads—Proclamation is Issued.

Washington, Dec. 27.—President Wilson to-day formally announced his decision to take possession and assume control at noon on Friday, December 28, of each and every system of transportation in the United States. Possession of the transportation systems of the country will be taken through Secretary of War Baker, but after the railroads and other transportation facilities have come into the actual possession of the Government, they will be operated under the direction of William G. McAdoo, the present Secretary of the Treasury. Mr. McAdoo was yesterday appointed by the President to serve as Director-General of Railroads.

Through the action taken to-day the President hopes to be able to cut the "Gordian knot" of the tangle of confusion into which the transportation facilities of the nation have been brought as the result of the efforts made since the nation entered the war, to handle the movement of troops, munitions and war commodities, without at the same time sacrificing the actual transportation needs of the nation and its commerce.

Yesterday's News Confirmed

The President's decision to take over the control and operation of the railroads in advance of a reassembling of Congress has been predicted, and is fully confirmed by the formal announcement made shortly after 8 o'clock last night, when the President authorized the issuance of the text of his proclamation in the matter and an explanatory statement signed by himself. These were issued from the White House through the medium of the Committee on Public Information.

The President's proclamation was issued late yesterday afternoon, when it was signed by himself and Secretary Baker and attested by Secretary of State Lansing. His action is based on the authority granted to the President on August 29, 1916, in the act which made appropriations for the support of the army for the fiscal year 1917, and which provided that the President, in time of war, through the secretary of war, may take possession and assume control of any or all systems of transportation and utilize them, to the exclusion, as far as may be necessary, of all other traffic, for the transportation of troops and war equipment, and for such other purposes connected with the emergency as may be needed or desirable.

FOUR UNITS NAMED TO TRAIN DRAFTEES

Recruits to be Placed With Infantry Battalions at Rate of 250 Daily

Toronto, Dec. 27.—Military arrangements have been made for the handling of the men who are to be summoned to the colors on January 3 and succeeding days, and the plans provide for absorbing the men quickly and smoothily without disturbing the training that is now being carried on by the infantry units, and without overloading any one unit. As has been previously announced, the men are to be called out in this district at the rate of 250 a day, and in most cases those called are to be given a clear week from the date the notice is sent out until they are instructed to report at some definite point. So far as this district is concerned all men are to be instructed to report to infantry units, and there are four of these organizations which have been put in shape to receive and handle the men as rapidly as they come in. The units are the First and Second Depot Battalions of the First Central Ontario Battalion, two of which have their headquarters at Exhibition Camp, one at Hamilton, and the latest to be organized, the 2nd Depot Battalion, 2nd C.O.R., is to be spread among Brantford, Niagara Falls and Oshawa, with headquarters to be located at whichever centre can provide the greatest accommodation for troops. The first 250 men called, that is those who must report on January 3, will report at one of the Toronto units, and each of the four units will receive a draft of 250 men every four days, thus giving each plenty of time to outfit the men and have their papers properly made out before they are called upon to handle a second draft.

Cannot Ignore Notices

The notices which are going out to the men, calling them up, enclose transportation to all living outside the centre at which they must report and as each draft of 250 is notified to report, a list of their names and addresses is sent to the military headquarters. This will make it absolutely impossible for any man to ignore the summons, and will at the same time make it perfectly simple for the military authorities to check up and run down any who fail to report. The system is already in shape for looking after men who do not report, as all such may be classed and treated as deserters. While the task of notifying men to report falls on civilian shoulders, immediately a man has been instructed to report he comes under the military jurisdiction, and is subject to army discipline. Each day the list of men who report will be compared with the list received by the military authorities from the registrar, in which he informs them who should report, so that any man who thinks to dodge the army at the last minute is apt to have his hopes shattered. It is further essential for a man to report early in the day mentioned on the notice which goes out to him, as those who report too late to be properly handled will have to be taught that it is the same as a breach of discipline.

No Further Medical Test

All men are instructed to report directly to a definite infantry unit, but those who go to Toronto or Hamilton will then be sent to the local mobilization centre to have their papers made out, as there are greater facilities for this work at the Armories than at the depot offices. Men who report to the 2nd Depot Battalion 2nd C.O.R., will be handled in the offices of that unit. There will be no further medical examination of the men when they report, as only men categorised as Grade "A" are being notified for service. All the infantry units mentioned have room for many men, and in order to provide greater accommodation at Exhibition Camp the Railway Construction Battalion is being removed to Hamilton and the Casualty Unit to the Ravine Barracks. Active infantry training will commence almost as soon as the men report, as it is the intention to get them into shape as quickly as possible and have the men ready for overseas within a couple of months.

Should Apply for Badges

Three grades of war service badges are now ready to be issued; Grade "A," for men who saw active service in France or on any other front; grade "B," for men who saw service in England only, and grade "C" for men who were honorably discharged in Canada. Any men who have not already made their applications for these badges are asked to do so at once, either in writing or in person, to the officer in charge of war service badges at military headquarters, but the men are instructed not to ask for the badge itself or to expect to receive it. The proper proceeding for a man entitled to a badge is to write the above officer, or apply in person, giving his qualifications. After that there will be a delay of some days, during which time the man's application must be forwarded to Ottawa for approval. If the application is approved the man will receive notification through the mail later as to when to apply for the badge itself. Any men living outside the city will have the badge sent to them by registered post, if entitled to it. As each badge is issued it will be accompanied by a certificate authorizing the man to wear it, and care should be taken by all men wearing badges to carry their certificate with them, as failure to do so might lead to unpleasantness at any time. Stiff penalties have been provided for false representation made before the officer in charge or for any fraudulent attempt to secure a badge to which a man is not entitled, or for fraudulent use of it after it is secured, such as lending it to another man who has no such claims, or disposing of it improperly. The penalties provide for a fine not to exceed $500 or a term in prison not to exceed six months, this fact being indicated on the back of the badges.

In preparing the badges the Government has made a wide distinction in the designs, so that the service of a man who wears one can be told at a glance. Grade A badge is practically the same as the one which was issued by the Patriotic Fund, the small bronze badge with a Union Jack shield in the centre and marked "For Service at the Front." Grade B badge is fully twice the size, is of bright silver, is marked "for Service Rendered," and in the centre is a crown surmounting the scrolled letters, G. R. I. Grade C badge is of lead foundation with a dull silver rim, and in size comes about half way between the other two. It is marked "For Honorable Service," has a crown in the centre over a bar on which appears the word Canada, and has a scroll of maple leaves at the bottom.

WAR MENUS

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MENU FOR FRIDAY

Breakfast
Oatmeal Porridge
Bread Omelet
Bread Oleomargarine
Tea or Coffee

Dinner
Baked Haddock
Baked Potatoes Mashed Turnips
Coddled Apples

Supper
Spanish Beans
sted Graham Bread Stewed
Prunes Tea

The recipes for Coddled Apples and Spaish Beans, mentioned above are as follow:—

Coddled Apples—

Pare apples whole, put in a covered granite baker in the oven with a simple syrup. Add a little cinnamon or lemon juice as desired. Cook until tender.

Spanish Beans—

2 cups kidney beans
2 cups tomato
1 cup finely cut onion
1-2 cup pimento
2 tablespoons drippings
2 tablespoons flour
1 tablespoon salt

Soak beans over night; drain cover with boiling water; boil slowly 1 1-2 hours or until tender. Drain and add sauce made as follows: Put fat in frying pan, add onion and chopped pimento and fry until tender but not brown. Add tomato, salt, and flour mixed with cold water. Boil five minutes. Pour over beans and simmer 10 minutes.

LORD EDWARD SEYMOUR.
Canadian cavalry officer brother of Marquis of Hertford who has died of wounds in France. He owned and operated a farm at Erindale Ont. before going to war.

GERMANY ANXIOUS

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being re-established. The Russian delegation insists that those nationalities must in the very next peace treaty establishing a general peace among all nationalities receive on the basis of international agreement, guarantees that their lawful rights will be protected. The lapse of time in no case legalizes the violation of one people by another."

Regarding compensation for the maintenance of prisoners of war, the Russian chairman said it might be construed as an indemnity. He insisted that an international fund be used to pay damages against private persons. He had no objection to Germany's request that her colonies be evacuated by Entente troops.

Russia's delegation, he stated, in conclusion, notwithstanding differences of opinion, thought that the German declaration that Germany has no aggressive plans offered the possibility of the immediate beginning of negotiations for a general peace among all belligerents. He proposed a ten days recess until January 4, so that the peoples whose government have not yet joined in the negotiation for a general peace may have an opportunity to acquaint themselves with the principles of such a peace as now is being established.

"At the expiration of the indicates time," he declared, "the negotiations must be resumed disregarding whether or not other belligerents have joined in the negotiations or how many."

The next session of the conference was set for December 26.

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