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Simple Christmas in England This Year

Festive Extravagance Gives Way to Simplicity And Thought for the Wounded and the Defenders of the Country

London, Dec. 9.—(Correspondence of The Associated Press)—"Wish you a simple Christmas" is to be the Christmas greeting in England this year. In other words, self-denial—but a self-denial free from the trappings of the coming Yuletide season. Festive extravagance, riotous indulgence, and thoughtless debauchery are to give place to simplicity, joy, thankfulness and thoughts for the wounded, the sufferers, and the soldiers and sailors who are fighting for their country.

The advent of the rood dictator and the realization by the British people that after two years of war there is urgent need for the husbanding of their food stores, is responsible for the simplicity of the coming festival of joy and thanksgiving. The two previous Christmases in the war were celebrated according to tradition—a time of feasting and festivity and present-giving, a period of general relaxation; and of charity also. But conditions have altered, the stern realities of war have been brought even closer to the people, so that the necessity for greater self-denial is more apparent. Economy and retrenchment will be the watchword this Christmas.

Already President Runciman of the Board of Trade has told the hotel proprietors that they will have to eliminate gala dinners and the usual entertainments. Some of the leading hotels had already prepared elaborate dinners for Christmas and New Year's at from \$5 to \$10 a plate. Still others had applied for an extension of the closing hours until 2 or 3 o'clock in the morning just as they do in New York and other big cities of the United States.

But the Liquor Control Board put its foot down on this. The regulations which regulate the hours at which drinking may be indulged in set its face sternly against all extensions of hours. It refused to even tilt the field. Thus the restricted hours in effect almost since the beginning of the war, namely 12 o'clock to 2.30 in the afternoon and 6.30 to 9 in the evening, will remain undisturbed during the Christmas season.

To say that this refusal of the authorities to "listen to reason" as the hotelmen and caterers put it, has been disappointing is putting it mildly, and the result was frequent meetings at which appeals were drawn up, but all to no avail. Mr. Runciman told the hotelmen that unless they revised their menus they would do their own business and the Liquor Control Board said something about taking away licenses and shutting up the places just as they sometimes threaten in American cities. The hotelmen were told that it was not a question whether or not they would set a good example to others, but an actual matter of food shortage. Hotel and restaurant patrons must eat less and more cheaply. If they do not, others will go hungry.

Housewives have also planned simpler Christmas dinners. The prices of meats, turkeys, hams, the ingredients for plum puddings and mince-pies, the raisins and nuts are sufficiently alarming, and the possibility

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PROMINENT FIGURES IN BRITISH MINISTERIAL CRISIS.

Sir Edward Davidson, Governor of Newfoundland; George Bury, vice-president of the C. P. R., Montreal; John Orde, K.C.; George Burn and Dr. J. W. Robertson, of Ottawa; are made Knights of Grace; Lady Davidson, of St. John's, N. F.; Lady Tupper, of Vancouver; and Mrs. Henry Croft of Victoria, become ladies of grace, while Captain A. D. Mackintosh, A. D. C., Ottawa; Col. C. W. Rowley, Winnipeg; W. D. Robb, of the G. T. R., Montreal; and Dr. A. H. Abbott, of Toronto University, are made Esquires in the Order.



This timely layout gives all the principal figures concerned in the British ministerial crisis.

WORSE THAN OLD ROMAN CRUELTY

Has Been German Treatment Of Inhabitants Of Belgium

(New York Tribune). The American public will have an opportunity to put on record its frank opinion of the brutal Belgian deportations, no matter what the form that official protests or representations may take. The mass deportations to be held in this city on December 15 will voice—as it ought to voice—emphatically and completely the detestation in which Germany's policy of barbarity is held.

Every feeling of humanity has been outraged by Belgium's conquerors. They have sacked Belgian towns and murdered non-combatants—old men, women and children. They have levied assessments on towns and cities not permitted to be levied under the laws of civilized warfare. They have despoiled and terrorized the helpless population, taken over its industrial resources and left it facing semi-starvation. Now as a crowning infamy the Kaiser's government is transported tens of thousands of aboriginal Belgians into Germany and holding them there in a state of involuntary servitude.

Belgium's cup of bitterness and injustice is running over. No other victim of Germany's policy has been treated so harshly. The Belgians have suffered the extremest penalties of war in a quarrel which was thrust upon them, and which they had nothing to do with and from participation in which they were excluded by Germany's pledges to them and by their pledges to Germany. Their only offence was in living up honorably to the international compact on which their national existence was based—in trying to respect the stipulation that they should never consent to a violation of their neutrality.

Belgium's case therefore appeals, as does the case of no other victim of German terrorism, to the sympathy of the neutral world. Suffering through no fault, no aggression of its own, Belgium's fate naturally arouses the deepest pity and the fiercest indignation of the neutral peoples, who see in her predicament a warning of what may overtake any of them, if the German spirit is to prevail and all the instincts of humanity and all the restrictions of international law and of civilized conduct are to be over-riden, when the occasion offers, by the dictates of "military necessity."

It is right that America should ponder deeply over what the Belgian spectacle means—that it should express frankly and without restraint its abhorrence of the cruelties now being practiced by Germans on a conquered population. The more the American public studies the situation in Belgium, the less willing it will be to let the implication of German methods of complication, which her own conduct sustains and toward which we should continue to be neutral "in thought and deed."

RESIGNS.

Victoria, Dec. 8.—A. W. McCurdy, member of the legislature for Esquimalt, has tendered his resignation to the Premier, during the recent now proceeding in his constituency, as a protest against the manner of taking the soldiers' vote in England.

Children Cry FOR FLETCHER'S CASTORIA



THE EAGLE AND THE TORTOISE

Once upon a time there was an eagle and a tortoise who were always quarrelling. Quarrel! Quarrel! The eagle screamed down at the tortoise as he toiled along, and the tortoise called back at the eagle, and altogether there was always a lot of cross and foolish chatter when they chanced to meet.

So matters stood when one day they chanced to meet upon a rocky ledge.

"I've a cousin in India," said the eagle angrily, "who eats tortoises like you!"

"Pooh!" said the tortoise, "I've a tough old cousin that he couldn't eat."

"Don't be too sure!" snapped the eagle. "He'd fly high, high up, drop your tough old cousin on a rock and split his shell!"

That upset the tortoise and after that as he toiled along, toiled along, he did a lot of thinking. He didn't trust that eagle. If ever the eagle grew angry enough and carried him off in his beak, the tortoise felt pretty sure he would be done for. And then the tortoise began to laugh. He laughed and he laughed and he laughed his way to the cave of a black dwarf who was his friend and whispered the tale of the eagle. After that they both laughed, and the dwarf with his magic did some-

thing to the shell of the tortoise with his wand.

And even when he went away that tortoise was still laughing.

Now it chanced upon the next day that again the eagle and the tortoise met, and this time the tortoise was so impudent that the eagle pounced down upon him and carried him off in his beak. Up he flew, wings, until the world seemed far beneath and the tortoise felt a little sick and dizzy.

"Now, my fine friend," snapped the eagle, "see how you like this!" And he dropped the tortoise.

Whizz-z-z-z-z! went the tortoise down through space, and he whizzed no harder than he was laughing, and when he came to a rock and bounced into the air like a rubber ball, and when the eagle came swooping down he was still laughing.

Surprised? Well that eagle almost backed over a precipice he was so thunderstruck, but he seized the tortoise in his beak and went up again. Again and again he dropped him on a rock. Again and again the tortoise bounced in the air and laughed and laughed. The last time the eagle flew higher than he had ever flown before and the tortoise bounced so high he hit the eagle in the head and knocked him senseless. And when the eagle came to himself again he pleaded himself to friendship.

"What had happened?" The dwarf, thanks to the tortoise's whisper, had turned his shell to rubber.

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LADIES' FOUR-GORE SKIRT



By Anabel Worthington.

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To obtain the pattern send 10 cents to the office of this publication.

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SIDE TALKS

By RUTH CAMERON

THAT SUNDAY FEELING

We were sitting on the veranda in the twilight one Sunday evening not long ago. Inside the house some one was softly touching the keys of the piano.

The music paused for a moment and one of the group, a young woman who had recently been married, said thoughtfully, "Now, I know I am really happily married. Why?" we asked.

"Because I can sit here in the twilight listening to music and not feel sad, and on Sunday, too. Why there used to be a time when just that Sunday feeling itself made me depressed and unhappy."

"That Sunday feeling?" Doesn't the phrase arouse an echo of understanding in your heart?

Those Long, Tedious Afternoons Of Childhood.

It brings back to me long, tedious Sunday afternoons in my childhood, when toys were put away, and too much time—and too little time to do made a deadly and wearisome combination.

It brings me pictures of streets parading up and down them, and myself, obsessed, by a strange distaste for my kind.

There is a saying that we Americans keep Sunday, while the Continentals spend it. There is some meat in that jest.

I would not for worlds have Sunday desecrated. I want it to be the day for peace and worship and rest.

But I do not think that these things are incompatible with happiness and normal living.

My ideal Sunday is this—attendance in any church where you can best get the feeling of peace and worship; after that outdoors and sunshine (especially if you are shut up in an office on week-days, and communion with congenial friends and music.)

Music Gives Us the Want-To-Be Good Feeling.

Beautiful music is the essence of the true Sunday spirit.

One Sunday afternoon stands out from all the rest in my childhood. I spent it with a family who had advanced ideas. For the first few hours, children and grown-ups joined in a wonderful game of hide and seek all over the big yard and in the barn. Then, the whole family gathered in the big living room and we had an hour of music. We listened to classical music; sang hymns and some of the best of the old folk songs.

I went home, tired, sleepy and happy, and full of that longing for something better and more beautiful in my life that music always gives.

Was that a well-spent Sunday, or not?

GOLD DEPOSITS.

By Courier Leased Wire.

New York, Dec. 8.—Gold, to the amount of \$15,800,000 imported from Canada, was deposited in the assay office here today for account of J. P. Morgan and Company, making a total of \$875,000 imported from all sources since January 1. This week's arrivals total \$50,900,000.

MADISON SQUARE GARDEN SOLD by Courier Leased Wire.

New York, Dec. 8.—Madison Square Garden, New York's famous amusement amphitheatre, was purchased today for \$2,000,000 in a foreclosure sale by the New York Life Insurance Company.

EIGHT HOUR DAY WANTED

By Amalgamated Clothing Workers; Strike Threatened

New York, Dec. 8.—Employees in this city were notified to-day that more than 50,000 members of the Amalgamated Clothing Workers of America had empowered the officials of the union to call a strike if the strikers do not receive the eight hour day. The vote was completed last night. Some time ago the Union served an ultimatum upon the American Clothing Manufacturers and its sub-contractors demanding an increase of \$2 a week in wages and a reduction in working hours. The wage increase was granted, but no action was taken on the question of hours. Joseph Schlossberg, general secretary of the organization, said to-day that a general strike is probable unless the demands were granted with a result that work would be suspended on contracts calling for delivery of hundreds of thousands of uniforms and overcoats for use this winter by troops of the Entente allies. These contracts included, he said, one let yesterday by the Canadian Government for 400,000 uniforms, and if a strike came it might affect workers in Montreal and Toronto.

The strike committee expect to hear definitely from the managers to-morrow night. Mr. Schlossberg said and if unfavorable the employees probably would take action by the following Saturday.

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