

With the Old 18th Battalion, Christmas, Seven Years Ago

Beloved Chaplain Conducts Services for Little Groups of Canadians in Front Line—Thus Many Boys of Dominion Celebrate Last Yuletide.

Seven years ago Christmas week the 18th Battalion occupied front line trenches in the Ypres sector.

The days were as many other days, sharp and clear, ground frozen, uncertain skies, the sort of weather a Canadian can stand up to.

The "pop-pop" of German bullets against the sand-bags did not disturb the London and Western Ontario boys who clustered in the rays. It was Christmas, come what may, and these were sunny souls, full of hope, who stood to, and sent snatches of songs into the air. It was better to weave into life such a day than to have been indecisive—the cause was not in the blood of men then, and these 18th boys had kept their souls turned to the cause—war waged in the spirit of a crusade for right, no matter what the cynics said, may or may not.

Chaplain Conducts Service.

Capt. Arthur Carlisle, chaplain of the battalion, came into the trenches that day to administer the sacrament of the Church of England in the rays. His battalion he had been compelled to make a detour of a dozen miles. He came into the front line, in his surprise, he had been compelled to make a detour of a dozen miles. He came into the front line, in his surprise, he had been compelled to make a detour of a dozen miles.

BARBERS REPORT SUCCESSFUL YEAR

Predict Return to Normalcy in 1923, Elect New Officers.

The worst has been passed and 1923 should witness a real return to normalcy, according to the local journeymen barbers who just previous to the holiday considered their reports for the past twelve months and elected officers for the ensuing year.

Rufus Hammond will occupy the president's chair during the next term while Sim Thompson was re-elected as secretary-treasurer. C. Sleith was chosen as recorder, with A. C. Steik as guide. The following delegates were appointed to represent the union in the central labor body, the London Trades and Labor Council—R. York, J. J. McDougall, A. Ellwood.

J. Steik was re-elected as one of the union delegates to the local branch of the Canadian Labor Party, to which body the barbers of London are affiliated.

Reports submitted at the last session, financial and otherwise, showed that the local union is in a flourishing state, with expectations for greater strides and efforts in 1923 than ever before.

The barbers will insist during 1923 however, that they receive greater co-operation from other affiliated bodies, and are even now instituting a check to insure this.

SCHOOL INSPECTORS TALK ABOUT PROBLEMS

Meet in School Board Offices to Discuss Educational Questions.

Fourteen public and separate school inspectors from Southwestern Ontario met Saturday afternoon at the offices of the school board to discuss problems of the year.

Thompson, public school inspector for Middlesex, acted as chairman, and J. H. Smith, public school inspector for Stratford, acted as secretary.

The meeting is an annual affair, and is generally held during the Christmas recess, at the conclusion of the year's work.

MAYOR CAMERON WILSON SAYS RETIREMENT "FINE"

What does it feel like to be a retiring mayor?

The Advertiser questioned Mayor Cameron Wilson in this connection today, receiving the prompt reply: "Splendid. Good business. I never enjoyed life. No quarrels or controversies."

The "Dying Gladiator," as he has been referred to by ardent-elect, is going out of the city with the feeling of his term with the kindest feelings toward all, he asserts, and conveys his best wishes to all citizens for a happy and prosperous New Year.

TWO HAPPY AFTERNOONS MARK KNOLLWOOD CLOSE

Two happy afternoons marked the closing of Knollwood school, when on Thursday afternoon Miss Screech and Miss Cuthbertson's classes invited the mothers to hear a program in the kindergarten and see their gorgeous tree.

On Friday afternoon the mothers were the guests of Miss Tolhurst and Miss Broughton's classes. Each child was delighted to receive a stocking brimming with candies, nuts, popcorn and an orange off the Christmas tree.

HAMILTON ROAD CONCERT.

The Hamilton Road Presbyterian Sunday School presented its annual Christmas concert at the schoolroom of the church. The program consisted of recitations and dialogues all of which were put on by the different classes of the Sunday school.

At the conclusion of the program, Santa Claus appeared to the great delight of the large number of children present, and distributed candies. The program was handled in a very excellent manner by the following committee: Miss Margaret Willoughby, convener, assisted by Messrs. Scote, Windro and Sibbald.

WALTER HANCOCK, 77 Beaconsfield avenue, is confined to his home as a result of a severe shaking-up occasioned by his fall from the step of a street car Saturday last. Mr. Hancock, motorman for the London Street Railway Company, was compelled to leave his run Sunday morning.

To Stop a Cold in One Day. Take Laxative BROMO QUININE Tablets. The box bears the signature of Dr. E. W. Grove. (Be sure you get BROMO. See Made in Canada.)—Adv.

Broom Suggests Civic Clean-Up

The municipality of London possesses a brand new broom. This was numbered among the Christmas gifts to Mayor-elect George Wenige, together with a card conveying the polite suggestion that "it was general clean-up in certain quarters."

The mayor-elect still has the broom at his disposal, but to do what he actually intends to do with it.

Francis Floyd Wins Rifle Championship

London's Crack Youthful Marksman Again Carries Off District Honors.

Francis Floyd, age 15, of St. James Park P.O., has been declared the London, Ont., state individual champion in a series of matches conducted by the Winchester Junior Rifle Corps. Francis Floyd's score was 200 out of the possible 200.

This match was shot according to the W. J. R. C. shooting rules over a 50-foot range in the local Y. M. C. A. using the official W. J. R. C. five-point target. The match was open to all of its members who have qualified as sharpshooters, these numbering approximately 5,000. Two elimination matches were conducted, first, the local match, and second, the state match to determine the state champion, which match was shot in two positions, namely, standing (off hand) and prone.

The 25 highest from each state are now entered in the national individual match for the national championship, and this match has been made considerably harder. Each member eligible has been forwarded twelve targets, three targets to be made in each of the four positions, namely, sitting, standing, kneeling and prone. This match is being conducted from December 11 through to December 23.

WANT LABOR MAN ON L. AND P. S. BOARD

Local Party Recommend Personnel of Railway Commission Be Decided by Popular Vote.

Just who should sit on the London and Port Stanley Railway Commission in 1923 is a question that has received attention recently at the Labor headquarters and elsewhere in municipal circles.

Commissioners Philip Pocock and Frank Harley are completing a one-year term, and it is the opinion of the Labor element today that one of their successors should be a straight Labor representative.

With this end in view, names of suitable persons believed to be qualified to act in this capacity are under consideration, and it is more than likely that Labor's representatives in the city council will press for an appointment of this nature.

There are those also who have long contended that the personnel of the L. and P. S. commission should be chosen at regular intervals by the popular vote of the ratepayers.

During the recent municipal campaign the challenge was hurled time and again by the public platform by ardent Labor advocates that it was time for a change. It is now frankly intimated that an effort will be made to have such legislation that will render this procedure possible.

As a matter of fact, the London Labor party has always stood for the election of the public representatives on spending bodies by the vote of the people. A plank specifying this is incorporated in the platform of the London Labor party and is general in its meaning.

IS ONLY CITY WITH CIVIC FISH MARKET

Will Likely Induce Other Cities to Follow Suit, Says Washington.

Washington, Dec. 26.—London, Ontario, has the distinction of having the only municipal fish market in the province, and its efforts to reduce the cost of living will probably induce other cities to try the experiment.

Consul G. R. Taggart, American consul in London, informed the department of commerce here that a surplus of \$4,106.25 was created last year. The market is under direction of the city treasurer, and in charge of a salaried manager, and is housed in a market building.

All of the fish, except varieties from Lake Erie, are purchased through large dealers of Toronto, and retail prices range from 5 to 15 cents below those charged by private dealers. About 160,000 pounds of fish are disposed of annually at the municipal market on the cash and carry plan.

CLANDEBOYE ANGLICANS HOLD PLEASANT CONCERT

Clandeboyne and concert of St. James' Church, which was held on Sunday evening, in the church schoolroom, and was very successful.

Everyone enjoyed the songs and recitations of the children, and the Christmas tree was very attractive. Burdon Hodgson made a splendid Santa Claus. The Rev. K. McGowan was chairman. The proceeds of the entertainment will be used in procuring supplies for the Sabbath School.

FIRES PRIEST'S HOME, LUNATIC IS ARRESTED

Winipeg, Dec. 26.—Louis Lariviere, who resides in the vicinity of Salted Man, was arrested, to be examined for sanity, after having, it is alleged, fired several shots through a window of the residence of Rev. Father Moquin, the parish priest. A large stock of firearms are alleged to have been found on the premises occupied by Lariviere.

WILL SEEK FREEDOM FOR DELOME TRIAL

Matter Being Placed Before Sir Francois Lemieux De-manding Release.

EXPECT DEVELOPMENTS

Many Believe Abbe Could Be Cleared On Charge of Murder.

Special to The Advertiser.

Quebec, Dec. 26.—Once more the Delorme affair is to be placed in the limelight, procedures having begun to obtain the repeal of the interdiction decrees issued by Justice Bruneau in October last, preventing the abbe from exercising control over his estate. The matter is now before Sir Francois Lemieux, chief justice of the superior court of his province, who has been asked not only to return to Abbe Delorme his capacity to administer his affairs, but also to order him to be released from the St. Michael Asylum, so as to allow him to stand his trial.

Among the points raised in the petition, which is to be placed on Thursday, are that the abbe has never appeared before the court pronouncing his interdiction in Montreal, and that the petitioners are not represented by a medical man, who could have testified as to his mental condition, also that he could not be heard there because he is no longer a resident of the metropolis, that he has never suffered from insanity, and even if he had, he is absolutely cured now, and any man mentally examined it would be easily proven that he is really sane. The petition concludes, asking that a trial be given to Abbe Delorme, as the now entered in the national individual match for the national championship, and this match has been made considerably harder.

The petition as presented was also served on Dr. Brochu, superintendent of the St. Michael Asylum, and to the attorney-general. It is understood that in the event of Abbe Delorme being granted this petition he will be immediately brought before the jury to stand his trial, and to that effect he has retained the services of Allyn Taschereau, K.C., a local attorney.

Commenting on this procedure, Dr. Brochu stated this morning to The Advertiser: "This is only an organized lobby which is very often favorably received by a judge, who makes an examination of the inmate."

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EVERYBODY'S SAYING TODAY

EVERYBODY'S saying: "Why not you, too? Keep your eyes open for news and win one dollar. It's news that he was; something you see, not a funny conversation or an old joke."

One dollar awaits "V. W." who contributed the winning item today. On Sunday afternoon a man coming down York street on a bicycle towards the bridge was riding round every once in a while as though some one was following him. When about the center of the bridge he turned again to look, but lost his balance and went sprawling on all fours. A parcel was seen to slip out of his pocket, roll to the edge and go over, striking the ice and breaking into a dozen pieces. The man crawled to the edge and looked down, mumbling to himself, "I wish I wouldn't get it home safe."—V. W.

In the Hydro Shop window, the sign: "Only 25 more shopping days. When do they figure Christmas is?"—W. G.

A touring car, on Dundas street, bearing a dealer's license, which was put on upside down. Was he caught?—JERRY.

A woman, step up to a slot weighing scale, look at herself. Seeing that she had heavy fur coat on, she calmly took it off, but the scale showed the same.—A. NUT.

While waiting at the corner of Kent and Richmond streets for a street car at about 10:30 p.m., a man appeared, a young man, who was dressed in a suit, and was looking at his watch. A young man, who was dressed in a suit, and was looking at his watch. A young man, who was dressed in a suit, and was looking at his watch.

At the corner of Dundas and Richmond streets, a young lady wearing a pair of spats—very evidently new, for the price tag was plainly visible below the short skirt. A whisper in the crowd—BUNNY.

Weight-Guessing Championship Annexed by Local Resident

The cut-glass wash rag, emblematic of the weight-guessing championship of the world, was won by Russell Toll, 628 Elizabeth street, on Saturday last.

The competition was arranged by W. Marsh, local butcher, who gave a prize for the person who came nearest to guessing the weight of a buxom calf. Mr. Toll examined the animal and promptly said "343 pounds 7 ounces."

The sad-eyed calf, however, weighed just one ounce more, but it was the closest guess on record, and Mr. Toll went away with the laurels. The winner is an expert in judging weights. It is true he was once out, but other contestants claim that Mr. Toll could have guessed the weight of a drum had he wished, but he did not like to convey the impression of infallibility.

Mr. Toll won the 100-pound bag of flour for his unusual feat.

Twelve Highest Judges in Britain Worry Over Scotsman's Bad Penny

BY MILTON BRONNER.
Special to The Advertiser.

London, Dec. 26.—Twelve of the highest judges in Great Britain have passed upon the grave question of a penny belonging to a doubtful Scotsman, but the case hasn't been decided.

It is now before the Scotch Lords by order of the highest court in all the British Empire—the Law Lords of the House of Lords.

All because John Percie, a machinist on a Glasgow shipyard, has been carrying it through to a finish.

The case began some time ago when Percie was on his way to work. He boarded a train heading for Glasgow, and the conductor refused to accept it. It was a bad penny and nicked, he said. He wouldn't stand for it, he added.

The conductor called an inspector. The whole wordy dialogue was repeated. Then the inspector called a cop. The cop arrested Percie and took him to the station. They walked along the street and a crowd saw Percie and his penny in custody.

thority given him by the city ordinances. Percie is a poor man, and an appeal to the House of Lords is usually a very expensive and difficult procedure. So the attorneys for the city thought the matter was closed.

But they reckoned with Percie, his passion for justice and his resentment at the insult to himself and his penny. He appealed as a pauper and had his case carried to the highest court in the land.

There it was decided the persistent Scotsman had a case. Having been much abused along the way, and as if he were a criminal, it was ruled that he was entitled to be fully heard. The Scotch lords were ordered to hear him.

Percie is waiting for the case to reopen. He wants to get a full run for his penny.

NUMBERS ATTEND FUNERAL OF JONATHAN CORBETT

Tillsonburg and Visiting Foresters Pay Last Respect To Honored Pastmaster.

Special to The Advertiser.

The funeral of the late Jonathan Corbett, of Tillsonburg, Ont., who died quite suddenly on Wednesday afternoon, was held Saturday morning.

Special services were conducted in the Methodist Church by the Rev. Veale and Rev. Milson. The edifice was inadequate to accommodate the large crowd which attended. Two autos were required to hold the procession of flowers.

The deceased had been postmaster and general merchant for over 40 years. He survived by his wife and one son, Norman W. of Tillsonburg, also two grandchildren, Harry and Ralph Godkin, of Tillsonburg, and four brothers, Thomas of Mount Vernon, Edward and Robert of Verochyle, and John of Tillsonburg.

The funeral will be held on Wednesday afternoon under the auspices of Tudor Lodge, A. F. and A. M.

BLOWING UP THREATS SCARED CONGREGATION

Ottawa, Dec. 26.—Fearing the rumored threat to blow up the Paul Catholic Church at Fanning Que, on Christmas Eve midnight mass Sunday night was very slimly attended. Black rumors of suspicious strangers who had threatened to blow up their church on that occasion had circulated in the town of Fanning all last week, and although the idea was ridiculed by the clergy and the authorities and special precautions were taken, the attendance at midnight mass was very small.

Belmont, Ont., Dec. 26.—E. A. Procter, Sol McCallum and W. A. Barons were elected police trustees of the village of Belmont, by acclamation.

International Yacht Race Stirs the Sporting World

Duke of Leinster and Commodore Nutting Arrange Atlantic Competition—English Peer's Traditions Enhance Interest.

By WALTER CAMP.
Special to The Advertiser.

New York, Dec. 26.—International amateur sport has had nothing in prospect for a long time which is more interesting than the agreement between the Duke of Leinster and Commodore William Washburn Nutting to race across the Atlantic next summer in small yachts. The final conditions of the race have not been agreed upon, but it is safe to say that they will provide for a real sporting contest.

The standing of each of the two men in the world of amateur sport amply guarantees that it will be a true test of skill and courage. Few persons realize what a back-ground such a contest has in an interesting thing to trace the development of the sporting spirit, and in search of sporting events none could have been picked who is better fitted historically than the same Duke of Leinster.

The very first mention that we are able to find of events among the English and Celtic races, which took on the character of the latter day Olympic contests in "The Book of Leinster." In that chronicle is described the great Oenach or fair, which was held at "Tallt in Tollymore," Meath, Ireland, on the first day in August centuries ago. The Lugs-nasard, which later was known more familiarly as the "Tollymore" games, was celebrated as long ago as 1813 B. C.

According to other historians these games continued to be held as late as 550 A.D.

The contest between the British peer and Commodore Nutting marks in an unusual way the return to the old British sporting spirit which prevailed in the early days.

Some of these events between gentlemen of old were extremely unusual in their provisions. In the coaching days, large sums were bet as to how many wheels of passing vehicles a driver could grace on a journey to London. Gentlemen in those days did not disdain boxing contests either. Short distance and long distance running and walking contests were frequent.

Perhaps a picture of one of those early day contests will serve to give a better idea of the spirit which actuated Leinster today. Yachting is one of the oldest of sports, and in one contest sailed on the Bay of Biscay it is reported that the cap of one owner blew overboard. A gale was blowing, but the owner ordered his sailing master to lower bot and recover the cap.

"No boat could live in this sea," the sailing master replied. Whereupon the owner (one can almost imagine this being the duke himself) leaped overboard to swim for his cap.

The sailing master finally got a boat overboard and rescued the owner, who was high exhausted, but firmly clutching the cap. Those were days when it was not necessary to prepare or consult the public as to details of a contest or to specify as to relative standing and eligibility of the contestants.

TERRIFIC STORMS SWEEP ATLANTIC

Gale-Swept and Battered Liners Reach Port Many Hours Late.

Canadian Press.

New York, Dec. 26.—Three liners arriving in port yesterday from Europe, two or three days late, reported continuous gales and mountainous seas. The White Star liner Cedric arrived two days late from Liverpool, the Red Star liner Zealand three days late from Antwerp, via Southampton and the United States of the Scandinavia-American lines, arrived two days late from Copenhagen and Christiania.

Captain G. R. Metcalfe of the Cedric, said his ship passed through a series of westerly gales culminating in a hurricane last Tuesday, when the winds and sea were so terrific that the Cedric was slowed down to five knots, which was just steering way.

Captain Metcalfe reported that on Tuesday five steamships in touch with the Cedric, were hoisted, and one freighter, the Melpe, had her steering gear out of commission. He added that there had been storms in the Atlantic for a month now without a lull.

Officers of the Zealand reported that the wind blew so hard after leaving the English Channel, that the ship could scarcely make headway, and the passengers could not go on deck for fear of being swept overboard by the huge waves which thundered over the bow.

In speaking of the stormy passage, Captain V. Volborg, of the Cedric, said the United States said that the ship's barometer rose and fell more quickly than he had ever before known. He said that on Dec. 15 an 80-mile gale blew, and that this was followed on the 21st by a hurricane which blew down the aerial of the ship's wireless.

Officers of the Cedric reported that the hurricane measured 12 on the Beaufort scale, the recording instrument showing the velocity of sea made. This was the scale limit, and indicated a wind of between 100 and 120 miles an hour, the captain said.

The funnels and masts of the liners are encrusted with salt from the spray. Numbers of larvae which were blown out to sea from the south coast of Ireland and could not get back again. The gale blew so hard that sea gulls and gaily hawks could not fly against it, sailors reported.

TURKISH DELEGATE DESIRES FREEDOM

Ismet Pasha Asks Angora To Be Released From Flat Orders.

By HENRY WOOD.

Lausanne, Dec. 26.—When the Lausanne conference resumed its Ismet Pasha sent to Angora for a mandate, declaring that unless he is work after Christmas recess, order from flat orders not to give ground on disputed points, peace is impossible.

The minorities commission met today, and others will take up the final details of the peace agreement tomorrow, with hopes of reaching a settlement before the new year, but with little prospect of anything being signed before the middle of January.

The Turkish delegates, who arrived at Christmas, a holiday which they said meant nothing to them, was overcome by Lord Curzon, who reached Lausanne on Wednesday, and reached further agreement regarding freedom of the straits, the Turks being refused permission to fortify the entrances, but being granted the right to a garrison of 3,000 men at Gallipoli, with no artillery.

The Allies hope to clear up one or two minor points and sign something Thursday, so that the Russians will no longer have excuse for remaining at Lausanne.

Agreement regarding the Mosul oil regions, which the British wish to attach to Iraq, and possess, appeared no nearer.