

BROTHER OF FORMER BRANDON MAN NAMED FOR IMPORTANT POST

Of special interest to Brandonites is the official announcement that J. A. Maharg, M.P., brother of Mr. C. S. Maharg, former superintendent of the C. P. R. in this city, is nominated by the

Canadian Council of Agriculture to represent the agricultural interests of the Dominion on the trade mission to shortly go overseas to discuss matters at the Imperial Conference. The fact of the nomination was wired on Saturday to the Hon. A. K. McLean, acting Minister of Trade and Commerce.

Christmas Customs

Cake-making has always been associated with Christmas-time. In Cornwall, England, every cake made at Christmas-time must be eaten before the night of the Twelfth-tide, as it is unlucky to have any left. It is believed, too, in Cornwall and Devon, that bread baked on Christmas Day will never become mouldy.

Another old Cornish cake custom stipulates that every person in a house shall be given a cake, each shall

distribute it among the others, and that the pieces must not be eaten until Christmas Day or bad luck will ensue.

In Herefordshire part of the Christmas festivities was the putting of a large cake on the horn of an ox. If the animal tossed it behind him it became the property of its owner, and if in front of him the property of the bailiff.

The German people have all sorts of curious beliefs about Christmas. Dreams dreams between Christmas Day and the New Year are sure to come true and babies born on Christmas Day have the gift of prophecy. The clothes-line must not hang in the loft between Christmas and the New Year, or it will bring bad luck! and on Christmas Eve the roe of a carp must be eaten to ensure a prosperous year. The German peasants in some parts still make little sand-heaps with a thimble—one for each member of the family—on Christmas Eve. If a leap falls during the night, the person for whom it was made will surely die during the year.

Rather a laughable superstition comes from Scandinavia. The Yule log is considered sacred, and is burnt with much ceremony. Each year a brand from the log is put aside to light the following year's log, and if a light-eyed or flatfooted person enters the house while the log is burning the guests consider it an omen of the very worst luck.

LEITCH-LUMSDEN.

A pretty wedding was solemnized at the home of Mr. and Mrs. D. Fraser Maclean, 240 Twelfth street, this afternoon, when Miss Alice Lumsden of Brandon, second daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Lumsden, of Ibrox and Millport, Glasgow, Scotland, was united in marriage to Mr. Peter Leitch of Alexander. Rev. R. H. Lowry performed the ceremony.

Promptly at two o'clock the bridal party entered the drawing room to the strains of Lohengrin's Wedding March, played by Miss Jessie Leitch sister of the groom. The bride, who was given away by Mr. Maclean, looked charming in a gown of white serge, braided in white, hand painted buttons adding a note of color. A large black hat faced with pale pink completed her costume. She carried a shower bouquet of pink and white roses. Miss E. Williamson, as bridesmaid, wore a dainty dress of gray silk with touches of pink, and a large black picture hat. Little Miss Jean Smith made a charming ring bearer. The groom was ably supported by Mr. Cawley of Minneapolis. During the afternoon Miss Merceae Smith sang very sweetly, "All Joy Be Thine." At the conclusion of the ceremony a buffet supper was served in the dining-room.

The bride travelled in a gown of taupe armure cloth and wore a hat of taupe velvet to match. A handsome seal coat trimmed with sable completed her costume.

Mr. and Mrs. Leitch left on the afternoon train for Toronto and other Eastern points. When they return they will reside at Alexander.

The out of town guests included Mr. and Mrs. H. Nichol and Mr. and Mrs. T. Smith of Alexander, and Mr. T. Walker of Sceptre, Sask.

Mrs. Leitch graduated last Spring from the Brandon General Hospital Training School, and has many friends in the city who will wish her every happiness in her new home.

COOK—MARSH

In Brandon on Thursday, December 12th, 1918, by Rev. J. George Miller, Miss Josephine Marsh, of Portage la Prairie, was united in marriage to Mr. George William Cook, of Virden.

Sapper J. A. Conn, Canadian Engineers, France; W. C. Conn, late of the Imperial Flying Corps; Sgt. R. H. Conn, C.A.D.C., Bramshott Camp, England, and Homer at home; also three daughters, Mrs. H. K. Otway, Creston, B.C., Mrs. Earl Urquhart, Moscow, Idaho, and Zella at home.

COLE—ORDZA

A quiet wedding was solemnized at the Union minister's residence at Beresford on Tuesday, when Mary M. Ordza, of Beresford, Man., was united in marriage to Charles W. Cole, of Merrifield, Sask. Rev. L. L. Meech performed the ceremony.

MAIL AIRPLANE CRASHES INTO ROOF: TWO MEN KILLED

Norfolk, Va., Dec. 14.—A mail airplane en route from Washington to Hampton Roads naval base, crashed into the roof of a hotel at Willoughby Pit, late Friday, killing two of the five men aboard and injuring the other three.

PRESIDENT WILSON

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involving the unsafety of the Empire, but will emphasize his feeling that the plan of a league of nations will strengthen the Empire.

In all his conferences, the President has taken opportunity to impress his view, it is said by those who are authorized to speak for him, that no one nation is entitled to assume the role of master, or dictate the manner or the conditions of the representations of others. There is some indication that considerable headway is being made in this direction and that the members of the American mission are now seeing their way clearly. All express the conviction that delegates will enter the conference in a spirit of accommodation.

Conference May End in April

The original plans contemplated the conclusion of the conference in April or May. Although there have been many delays and some confusion in the preliminary work of organization, some of the delegates, the Americans included, are optimistic that the labors of the conference can be finished by that time.

An outstanding development was the denunciation by President Wilson of a published story that he had accepted a plan, formulated by the league to enforce peace.

An official statement to this effect which was issued, made it plain that the President believed that a league of nations was indispensable to the maintenance of peace, but that he had never directly or indirectly endorsed the particular plan of the league to enforce peace.

It was said that former President Taft personally submitted the plan of the league to enforce peace to President Wilson.

China To Get Representation

On the question of representation in the peace conference it is reported that China will be accorded full representation. The opinion was expressed by some members of the American mission that this fact will give China an opportunity to press her claim for a return of Kiaochow or at most to permit Japan only to continue the German lease of the peninsula.

Wilson In London Soon

London, Dec. 19.—The press association issues an official statement that President Wilson is coming to London earlier than expected. The date has not been definitely fixed, but he is expected within a fortnight.

"The Premier's departure for Paris has been postponed in consequence," the statement adds, "and President Wilson and the Premier will hold in London the preliminary conversations which were to have been held in the French capital."

To Confer With King of Italy

Paris, Dec. 19.—Much interest attaches to the conferences which President Wilson will have with the King of Italy who is expected to arrive here today. It has been said by the President's associates that he will go further into the subject of Italy's position at the peace conference in his conversations with the King, having already had several informal talks during the voyage from America to France with Count Macchi D'Cellere, Italian Ambassador and High Commissioner to the United States, as well as another discussion of these questions recently.

It is known that the President feels the warmest sympathy for the purposes which led Italy to enter the war. Nevertheless tentative lines laid out in consequence of investigation by Colonel Edward M. House, respecting the probable extent of territory which should go to Italy, on the principle of racial or linguistic determination, do not fully accord with the ideas of the Italian Government, which feels that it should go further than is indicated by this outline.

This is one of the subjects which Mr. Wilson discussed with Count Di Celleri whom he is believed to have told the extent to which the American representatives were willing to go in the forthcoming conferences with the premiers of the Entente Governments in support of Italy's claims arising out of the war.

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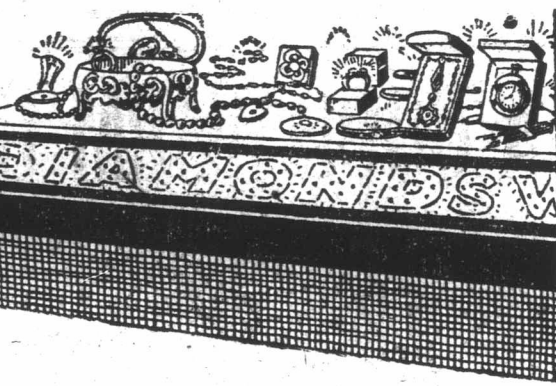


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Christmas in Civilized Countries

Christmas—the greatest festival in the civilized world—has been celebrated on the twenty-fifth of December for so many centuries that it is generally regarded as the actual anniversary of the Nativity. As a matter of fact it was not celebrated regularly on this late until the fifth century so far as records of history relate. Previously it would seem to have been kept conjointly with the Feast of the Epiphany on the sixth of January.

Why December 25th was chosen is shrouded in the realms of antiquity, but it is generally believed that it was from a desire to supplant many of the heathen festivals of that period of the year, particularly Saturnalia. The first reference to the present date appears to have been made by Augustine, while St. Chrysostom makes reference to the date as a very recent importation from the West. The reason for the belief that Christ was born at one other period of the year is that December comes at the height of the rainy season in Judea, when neither flocks nor shepherds would by any chance have been spending the night in the open fields of Bethlehem.

Catholic and Protestant, Greeks and Armenians all keep Christmas as their

OBITUARY

Phyllis Yates

The death occurred this morning of Phyllis Yates, who passed away after only a few hours' illness, at the age of one year and twenty-eight days. The deceased was the only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Yates, 431 Sixteenth street. The funeral, which will be private, will be held Friday afternoon at two o'clock, from the family residence to Brandon cemetery.

J. M. Walsh

The remains of the late J. M. Walsh, who passed away on Wednesday, will be shipped from Campbell's undertaking parlors on Friday, to Dryden, Ont., where interment will take place.

Joseph Glenboski

The funeral of the late Joseph Glenboski, who passed away after a short illness from Spanish influenza, on Tuesday afternoon, at the age of twenty-seven years and eight months, took place Wednesday afternoon at 2.15 from Campbell & Campbell's undertaking parlors to Brandon cemetery. Rev. Father Walsh officiated.

Santa's Airship

Ha! Santa Claus is up to date; he's sold his reindeer team. He even thinks a motor car old-fashioned now would seem. A brand new airship he has got; the very latest thing. And, oh! a gorgeous load of toys old Santa's ship can bring.

And if, the night ere Christmas dawns, you wake and rub your eyes, And peer across the chimneys tops far down the starry skies, Who know? You may see Santa's ship—a skimming through the air, Just showing dolls, and skates and drums on children everywhere.

Many a worthless man is worth something to his widow who kept up his life insurance.

People would meet with fewer disappointments if they didn't expect more than they deserve.

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Royal Shield Cream Tartar, reg. 25c, special 15c	Chow Chow Pickles, bottle 25c	Senator Tobacco, 2 pkgs for 25c
Triana Tea, reg. 65c lb, special 45c	Royal Shield Soda, 6 pkgs 25c	McDonald's Chewing Tobacco, 2 pkgs for 25c
Ocean Wave Baking Powder, reg. 20c tin, special 2 for 35c	Grey Oatmeal Toilet Soap, 2 boxes for 45c	Senator Smoking Tobacco 1/2 lb for 75c
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Red Rose Coffee, special lb. 45c		

DRY GOODS

Striped Blue or Black, Overalls, reg. \$2.75, special \$2.00	Tweed Suits of Clothes, regular \$22.00, special \$12.00	Cardigans, ladies' and girls' sizes 2 to 6 \$1.50
Caps, regular \$2.50, special \$1.75	Mackinaw Coats to be cleared out at low prices.	Ladies' 2-buckle Overshoes \$2.50
Caps, regular \$2.00, special \$1.40	Men's Tweed Overcoats, regular \$22.00, special \$15.00	Men's 2-buckle Gum Rubbers, per pair \$2.95
Underwear, fleece lined, per garment 90c	Ladies' Cloth Top Rubbers \$1.65	Men's 2-buckle high top Overshoes \$3.25
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