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A Very Merry Christmas to All is the Hearty Wish of The Times

ESTATE TO BE IN MARKET

of Kintore's Properties At Auction

THERE ARE 20,000 ACRES

With Estates Are Historic as Well as Valuable—Annual Income is About \$115,000—In Family for Generations

New York, Dec. 24.—A cable to the news from London says:—The market next year when the part of the Scottish estates of Kintore, tenth Earl of Kintore, are to be offered at a reduction. The properties, which have been in the family for generations, possess many interesting features. They amount to about 20,000 acres, producing an income of more than \$115,000 a year. They are divided into two parts:—

IMMINENT NOVA—SCOTIA LIBERAL DEAD

J. S. Armstrong Succumbs Pneumonia in North Sydney

Trat, N. S., Dec. 24.—Hon. John S. Armstrong, member of the legislature, and one of the foremost men in Nova Scotia, died at midnight last night, of pneumonia. He had been a lifelong friend of the late Premier, and his death is a great loss to the province. He was 62 years of age and is survived by his wife and five children. All sides today were heard tributes to his worth.

THE MARKET

Abundant stock of turkeys hit to the country market during the few days looked quite slim this morning but with the shipping of others were easily sufficient to supply the demand. Some of the birds brought twenty-eight to thirty cents but housekeepers bought as low as sixteen. The price of mutton and poultry was about the same as last week. Chickens were plentiful and at from \$1.00 to \$1.25, geese \$1.50 to \$1.75, ducks \$1.50 to \$1.75. Beef was plentiful and from 12 to 24 cents. The market never looked better than this year with its bright and decorations placed under the direction of Mr. McLellan's direction and its displayed stocks of edibles.

THE DEATH ROLL

John Colwyn Hamton, historian of San Antonio, Texas, is aged 82 years. R. S. Estrup, former premier of Denmark, was born in 1825. James, one of the original of the Gilbert and Sullivan comedies, is dead in London. Francis Osborne, professor of architecture at the University of Pennsylvania, died here today. Fifty-nine years old and was known in his profession.

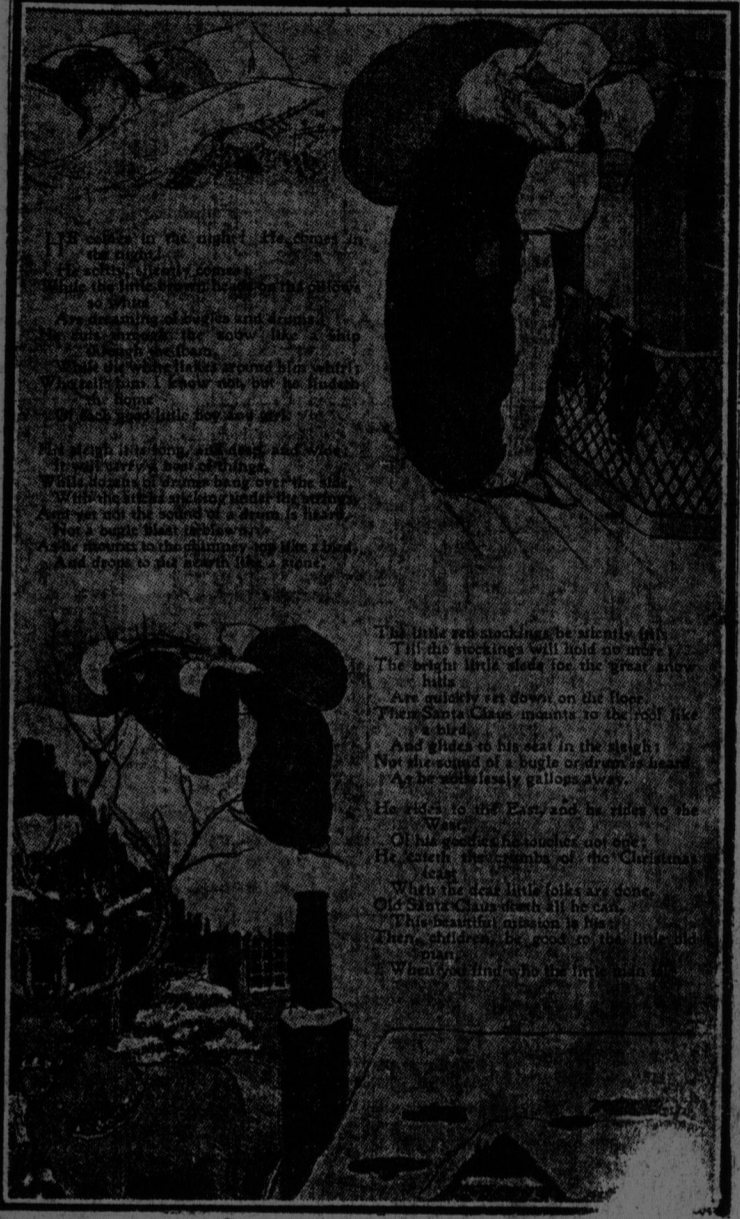
New Railroad President New York, Dec. 24.—Frederic A. De Verner president and one of the of the Washburn Railroad was elected president of the Chesapeake and Potomac Telephone Company, known as the Monopoly.

WEATHER BULLETIN

Issued by authority of the Department of Marine and Fisheries, H. F. Stewart, director of meteorological service.

The disturbance which was in the Valley yesterday, has passed Atlantic coast, and from present indications, another disturbance, now in the west, will pass across the middle of the continent Thursday night and early on Friday. Cloudy, strong winds and moderate snow from eastward with sleet or rain, cloudy with much of the precipitation.

GOOD SANTA CLAUS AT HIS WORK



PURSE FOR VETERAN GUIDE

Sportsmen Presenting \$600 to Henry Braithwaite—Seventy-Three Years Old, He Takes 50-Mile Snow-Shoe Tramp

(Special to Times) Fredericton, N. B., Dec. 24.—Henry Braithwaite, who has completed sixty years as a guide and trapper will be waited upon this evening by a committee of local sportsmen and a purse of \$600 presented to him. The presentation will be made by the Earl of Kingston on behalf of sportsmen and friends in New Brunswick, the United States and Great Britain. The Earl has spent the last three months with Braithwaite in the Miramichi woods. Braithwaite shot his first caribou when he was thirteen years of age and has since earned his living in the woods. He is New Brunswick's greatest master of woodcraft. He is remarkably active, though seventy-three years old, and only this week made a fifty mile snowshoe tramp and carried a heavy pack.

SAYS FIRE WARNING CAME IN A DREAM; TOOK OUT INSURANCE

Story Which Came Out in Probe of Blaze by Montreal Commissioner Montreal, Dec. 24.—Acting upon a dream, Mrs. Hirschoff, who lives in Ontario street, saved herself loss when a week later fire broke out in the establishment of Jack Rosenberg, at that address, and did damage of some \$800.

To Fire Commissioner Lattulippe, who was investigating the fire, Mrs. Hirschoff said that she had a dream that there was going to be a fire, and this led to her insuring her possessions. She was not enlightened, in her dream, as to where or when the fire was going to occur, and it happened at an unexpected moment.

So impressed was the witness with the message of the dream that she decided to take out insurance.

Julius Clarlet, one of France's "immortals" and administrator of the Comedie Francaise, died yesterday in Paris, aged 78.

LOOKED LIKE CHRISTMAS GIFT BUT WAS A BOMB

Part of House Wrecked But Woman Escapes—Police Seek Husband From Whom She Had Been Separated New Orleans, La., Dec. 24.—A peculiar rattle from the inside of what appeared to be an innocent Christmas gift, alarmed Mrs. John Tarranto here today and she flung the package from her and ran. A moment later it exploded. Somebody had sent her a bomb through the mails and she released the percussion mechanism when she removed the outer covering. She reached another room in safety, but the explosion did much damage to the house.

PRESENTATIONS

Season of Good Cheer Brings Many—K. C.'s Hand \$500 to Sisters of Charity

This is the season of peace and good will and as usual is marked by generous gift-making. Among the presentations learned of today is that of the handsome sum of \$500 by the St. John's Knights of Columbus to the Sisters of Charity for their new infirmary. The money was presented to Mother Mary Thomas this morning by John McDonald, Jr., treasurer of the council and the following acknowledgments were received:— St. Vincent's Convent, St. John, Dec. 24, 1913. Mr. John McDonald, Jr., Treasurer of the Knights of Columbus, St. John, Dear Sir:—I have much pleasure in acknowledging the receipt of \$500 from St. John's Council No. 987, Knights of Columbus for the Sisters of Charity. I am deeply grateful to the Knights for their handsome donation, and very good wishes, and on behalf of the community I wish the members every success in their good work for the Church, and extend greetings for the holy season. Gratefully yours in the Sacred Heart, MOTHER MARY THOMAS, Sup. Gen. Sisters of Charity.

In most of the hotels presentations were made to some of the remembrances have not yet been given but will be this afternoon. In the Royal Hotel this morning W. R. Raymond was named the recipient of a handsome leather wallet and a fountain pen. He presented gifts to the members of the staff. The waiters in the hotel remembered Frederick Wright, head waiter presenting a cut glass punch bowl and silver tray. The members of the staff of the Victoria Hotel presented a valuable reading lamp to A. M. Philip, the proprietor, and Mrs. Philip. Each of the members of the staff received a cash gift from Mr. Philip.

More than a ton and a quarter of turkeys, numbering 270 birds, were given by the St. John Street Railway to its regular employees. This lot of turkeys had been contracted for to be delivered to the employees, but on account of the steamers not coming here, Manager Murray, of the street railway secured them. They were fine birds averaging about ten pounds. This form of remembrance has been the custom in the street railway company for many years.

The Rodgers in Leinster Hall, Leinster street, presented to the proprietors, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Dunmer, a handsome leather trunk. The recipients thanked their friends for the gift and the good wishes that went with it. In Brock's Hotel, Waterloo street, presented a plum turkey to each of their employees. Mr. Brock, general foreman of the N. C. P. R. elevator received a meerschaum pipe from the proprietors. Mr. Brock made a brief reply of thanks. Fred Ghuwau, who was foreman of the foundation men in the street, presented a brush factory, and the Suspension bridge at Union point for the Purinton Pulp & Paper Company, who made the recipient of a handsome pipe and tobacco pouch by his employees yesterday.

Sir Frederick Barker, chief Justice, has presented \$400 to the St. John Law Society and it will be used for books for the law library. The annual Christmas entertainment and tree was held last evening in the Pleasant Point Sunday school. Carey Black, superintendent of the school, presided. Rev. H. R. Boyer and Harvey Arbo made addresses and a set of books was presented to Mr. Arbo by the young people.

A handsome Morris chair was presented to F. W. McNichol, band master of the Temple band, last evening. Rev. Dr. Hutchinson, chaplain of the band, made the presentation. The members of the band and their friends spent an enjoyable evening. Several selections were rendered by the band and Ernest McNichol gave a step dance. G. S. Mayes received an address and handsome pair of silver-backed military brushes from the captain and crew of the tug G. S. Mayes at noon today. Captain Rush read the brief address, which referred to the new tug as the finest in these waters, expressed appreciation of Mr. Mayes as their employer, and tendered to him the good wishes of all.

Mrs. A. R. Melrose was remembered by the members of the Girls' Reading Club of St. David's church. A costly mahogany tray and a set of cut glass tumblers were presented to her. She presented books to each of the girls. Yassie & Co. King street, gave turkeys to their employees. Each of the married men in the service of the Beaver Dredging Co. was the recipient of a turkey, while the single men received a box containing suspenders, tie and muffler. The captains and dredge inspectors received a cash remembrance.

Miss Brittain, matron of the King's Daughters' Guild, was remembered by the girls boarding at the guild. A very appreciative gift was presented. The members of the choir of Carleton Methodist church presented to Murray Long, their choir master, a handsome Morris chair. The employees in the woodworking factory of Murray Gregory today presented to M. J. Doney, foreman, a Morris chair. The presentation was made by J. Clarkson, general manager, in behalf of the staff.

AT MUNICIPAL HOME

Those living at the Municipal Home will be treated to a special Christmas dinner tomorrow. On Friday afternoon a large tree will be stripped for those in the home, and from two to five o'clock the public will be privileged to attend to witness the distribution of gifts.

Christmas Eve; Pax Hominiibus Bonae Voluntatis

First Poem From Poet Laureate, Robert Bridges, Since Appointment

(Canadian Press.)

London, Dec. 24.—The Poet Laureate, Robert Bridges, has revived an ancient custom, like a remote predecessor, has assumed the function of "verificator regis." He has availed himself of the right to address the sovereign not only on state occasions, but at the time of a Christmas festival. He has sent a poem, which is the first fruit of his official appointment, to the king, and the Times publishes it this morning at His Majesty's express desire.

The Times, in a foreword says:— "To the period of his first predecessor, whom we hear of at least as early as 1840, Mr. Bridges appears to have reverted with much grace and felicity for the form in which the poem is cast. It is not improbable that a court minstrel of the early fourteenth century would have used the same Germanic rhythm based upon alliteration and central pause, which is best known to us now from "The Vision of Piers Plowman."

Mr. Bridges therefore sought one of the earliest founts of English inspiration, and has attested the continuity both of the inspiration and the office. The poem, which is entitled, "Christmas Eve, Pax Hominiibus, Bonae Voluntatis," follows:—

A frosty Christmas eve, when the stars were shining, Fared I forth alone where water'd valleys, And from many a village in the water'd valley, Distant music read me, peals of bells a-ringing; The confilated sounds, as sprinkling on earth's floor As the dark vault above with stars was spangled o'er. Then sped my thought to keep that first Christmas of all, When the shepherds, watching by their folds ere the dawn, Heard music in the fields, and merriment, could not tell, Whether it were angels or the bright stars singing. Now blessed be the towers that crown England so fair, That stands up in prayer unto God for our souls, Blessed be their founders, said I, and their country folk, In being the towers that crown England so fair, With arms lifted to clutch the rattling ropes that race, Into the dark above, and the mad, romping din. But to me, heard afar, it was Heavenly music, Angels sang, comforting as the comfort of Christ, When He speaks tenderly to His sorrowful flock. The old words came to me, by the riches of time, Mellow'd and transfigured as I stood on the hill, Hark'ning in the aspect of the eternal silence.

BRANTFORD NEGRO FREE WITH REVOLVER

Murray Shoots Woman and Policeman and is Arrested

Brantford, Ont., Dec. 24.—There was a near tragedy in Brantford about midnight when Billy Murray, a colored man, fired a shot at Emma Jones at his home in Brock's Lane, wounding her in the hand. When the police went to arrest Murray, he did not before he had fired several shots at the constables, one lodged in Constable Cobden's forehead. The wound is serious, but is not expected to prove fatal. Murray also fired at several homes where he sought refuge, and was refused admission, but finally he got into the house of a widow and barricaded the doors and cut the telephone wires, and made himself comfortable until about 7:30 o'clock. The police lost all trace of him and searched all night without finding a clue. They had just given up the manhunt for the time being, and had returned to the station, when they received word that Murray, armed with a short gun, was hiding in the house of his sister, Mrs. Gains, St. George street. A squad under Chief Sleight, went to the house and had no difficulty in getting the man, he offering no resistance. Both the wounded constable and the woman are in the hospital, but are doing nicely. The trouble is said to have started over money matters. Murray had been drinking heavily.

FIRST SLEIGHTS OUT

The residents of the city and vicinity were given something of a surprise this morning when they awoke and found that the surroundings were swathed in white, as a result of the first real snow fall of the season. It was anticipated, on account of the snow holding off for so long, that a green Christmas would be the order this year, but this morning's flurry chased all such visions, much to the delight of the majority, for it has often been said, "What is a Christmas without snow?" In all its sleet and one-quarter inches fell and, although the probabilities are that it will be soft again tomorrow, people will hope that the snow will stay. The delivery force of M. R. A. Ltd., turned out this morning on runners, the first sleighs seen on the streets this winter.

OBJECT TO SEAMEN'S BILL

Steamship Companies Favor Waiting For Result of London Conference

New York, Dec. 24.—A statement issued in behalf of a committee which represents practically every foreign registered Atlantic steamship line supports President Wilson's suggestion that legislation regulating the status of seamen and allied subjects should be deferred until the result of the conference on safety at sea now being held in London is known. The measure has already passed the senate. The statement declares that there should be uniformity in the maritime laws of all nations.

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WET AND MUGGY DAY IN LONDON

Christmas Business There Has Made a Record

(Canadian Press.)

New York, Dec. 24.—A London cable to the Herald says:—The fears entertained that a wet, muggy Christmas in store, appear to be well founded for the weather, which has been fine and dry all month, with frosty nights, turned out very miserable yesterday. The atmosphere was gloomy, necessitating artificial light, with a drizzling rain falling.

According to the experts, bad weather conditions are traveling from Greenland to the neighborhood of the Shetlands and from east of the Azores to the Bay of Biscay. All these influences converge on the North Sea. The weather over England promises to become very unsettled, with occasional heavy rains. As the snow refuses to come to society, society goes to the snow. Yesterday's exodus for the continent was very heavy. Railway officials say winter sports at Christmas are growing in popularity, and this year's travelers to St. Moritz and other continental centres, are more than double those of last year.

Great Business in London New York, Dec. 24.—A cable to the Tribune from London says:—Today the greatest Christmas carnival on record comes to an end. Already it has proved a Christmas of many records. The following figures indicate the tremendous business done in the west end of London.

There have been 240,000 sales in one of the department stores during the last fortnight; 1,200,000 people visited one large shop in the same period; \$40,000 was taken in one day in the Christmas present department of one store, and \$60,000 parcels passed through the packing rooms of one of the stores.

At the Vatican New York, Dec. 24.—The recent deaths in the cardinalate have cast some gloom over Christmas festivities at the Vatican but the season will be generally observed with the usual formalities. The Pope will send his personal greetings to all the Catholic sovereigns of Europe with the exception of the King of Italy, with whom he is supposed to hold no communication.

The cardinals residing in Rome likewise have many greetings to send, while those living abroad send to the Holy Father letters which are read personally by the Pontiff and answered by Cardinal Merry Del Val, the papal secretary of state.

Today the Pope received the cardinals. Christmas Day, itself, however, is to be a day of rest for the Pontiff as, after celebrating early mass, he simply receives his sisters and passes the remainder of the time in the library with his books.

At the Quirinal, Christmas will be quietly observed. The sovereigns, after presenting gifts to their household, will retire to their private apartments, and spend the day with their children.

President Gives Turkeys Washington, D. C., Dec. 24.—Every person stationed at the White House, every messenger connected with the White House office, every workman in the White House grounds and every house servant received a Christmas turkey yesterday with President Wilson's compliments. One hundred and thirty turkeys were distributed. They ranged in weight from nine to twelve pounds, and the average was about ten pounds.

With turkeys selling in the local markets at thirty cents, this feature of the president's Christmas expenditures have cost him about \$400.

On the Bowery New York, Dec. 24.—Although Big Tim Sullivan is dead, those who in the past looked to him for their Christmas dinner will not go hungry this year. His heirs announced today that the poor families in the Bowery district would continue to get the usual Christmas dinner baskets, and that the inmates of the houses along the Bowery would also be remembered as formerly.

It was also stated that the Timothy D. Sullivan Association had been re-organized and incorporated to carry on the benevolent work.

BURIED TODAY

The funeral of Clarence Johnston was held at half past two this afternoon from the residence of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. W. Johnston, 2 Camden street, to Cedar Hill. Rev. Henry Pierce, pastor of the Portland Methodist church, conducted the services.

The funeral of Jacob N. Byles, who was accidentally killed on Monday night, was held this afternoon from his late residence at the Nerepis. Interment was in the family lot.

No Times Tomorrow

On tomorrow, Christmas day, the makers of the Evening Times will rest from their labors and enjoy Christmas dinner and festivities undisturbed by thoughts of news to be gathered and prepared for its readers. So there will be no Times tomorrow.

CALENDAR SEASON

The Times has received neat wall calendars from the Merchants' Bank of Canada, the Quebec Fire Assurance Company, and the St. John Business College.