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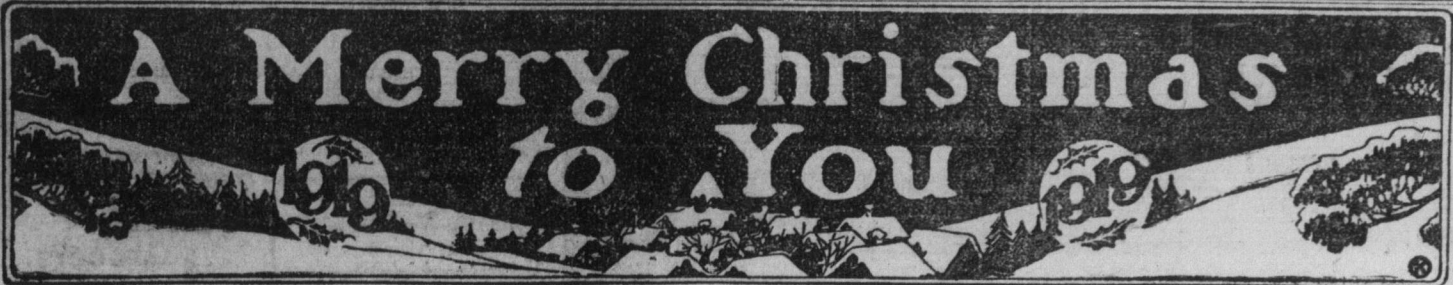
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Kidnaped By Santa Claus

BY GOODLIE H. THOMAS

My dad seemed they lived a boy
'Tis bound that he would see
Old Santa Claus—an' had no joy
For thinkin' how 't'd be
To hide behind a screen an' wait
Till Santa come around,
Then watch him waitin' to un-
crate—
Without a word or sound.

Well, Christmas Eve, this boy let
An' when he knowed the best had
gone
To bed, he went a-crope
Down stairs—an' graced—
watchin' think
He run against him—smack!
Old Santa, yes—'t's quick as
wink
That boy 'uz in his peak.

An' ever since that boy has been
Stapped up an' has to go
With Santa, for just that one sin,
Through miles of ice an' snow;
An' you bet I ain't gonna take
No chance like that—notquid!
You'll find 'at I won't be awake
When Santa comes to-night.

AT LEAST TWO FOR THE MAYORALTY

Ald. Sass and Ald. Zettel Announce Themselves.

EX-MAYOR J. R. EDEN ALSO MENTIONED

At least two candidates, will contest the mayoralty. They are Alderman W. T. Sass and George Zettel. Each announced at the nomination meeting last evening that he would be a candidate for the office of mayor. A third man is being hinted at, but whether or not he will stand is as yet uncertain. Friends are urging Mr. John R. Eden, ex-mayor, to allow his name to go on the ballot paper.

Three acclamations, each for the public school board, are certain. They are Mr. D. Hibner, north ward; Mr. J. J. Clark, centre C. Raby W. ward. The names of two members of the present board, Mr. John Schlegel, centre ward and Mr. H. L. Stachler, east ward, were not submitted at the meeting; therefore they will not be candidates for the board.

The meeting was attended by about 125 ratepayers, and was held in St. Mary's hall.

After the legal nominations formalities a public meeting presided over by Mr. R. Gorton was held. The retiring Mayor, Mayor Gross, the first speaker, called on, tendered his thanks to the ratepayers for support in the last three years, a very trying period, while it required much attention and time, had been gladly done by him. He had no regrets.

A Surplus Shown.

He paid a compliment to the chairman of the Finance Committee, Ald. W. T. Utley, now of Elmhurst, for the satisfactory way in which he had conducted the finances during the past year. The fact is that there is a surplus in the city treasury of over \$2000. The approximate summary is up to December 15th, but any outstanding accounts won't affect the surplus to any great extent.

The Mayor regarding the Water Commission said it would be a mistake to abolish it and hand over the management to the overloaded City Council. He had confidence in the new superintendent, Mr. Marcel Pequegnat, civil engineer, a very capable young man. The only other alternative to keeping the Commission was to put all Commissions under one head.

As to the Hydro radial railway bylaw the Mayor said the public were undoubtedly aware of the same exercised by the Light Commission in the regard to it. It was a question whether the people would be willing to give away their rights to any body but he did not want to tell people what to do. Personally he refused to accept the conditions as they are now. He felt some real form of assurance of co-operation to meet the city's interests should be made by the Hydro Commission.

The Mayor also acknowledged the cooperation shown by the citizens as well as the Council during the past year. He recalled the "blue-ribbon" cry, that went out when he was elected and still the city progresses and grows. He pleaded for fairness and a disinterested from continual nagging although he could not complain of any such experience by himself.

"In conclusion I might just say, not that I particularly want to refer to it, I was sorry to see the trouble that was caused several weeks ago. That is something which is to be deplored. We stand beneath our British flag and are entitled to all that it signifies. Are we as a British people to allow that flag to be dragged down, our laws disregarded and torn up like a scrap of paper. We must make up. If this city is to continue to progress and grow we must all work and unite our efforts with equal fairness and justice for all. If we have not got that we would become like Russia. I plead to the enlightened people of our city. I thank you in conclusion and extend to you good wishes and the compliments of the season."

Light Commission Chairman.

Mr. George Lippert, sc., chairman of the Light Commission, gave a summary of the year's business. The information was imparted that during the year the street railway traffic had increased 37 per cent.

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This isn't meant for "copy"
nor for a Christmas "ad".

It isn't a suggestion,
either good or bad.

It's nought to do with
business in any sort of way.

It's just our hearty wishes for
your Merry Christmas Day.

The News-Record Staff.

SANTA CLAUS IS WELCOMED

5000 Children, Old and Young, Gather Around the Monster Christmas Tree, Thirty Feet High, Chant Christmas Songs and Receive Presents.

Say boy! Jus' think! A great big Christmas tree about the size of the Ames-Holden chimney, wid all kinds o' colored lights, red, blue, white and yellow,—millions o' them—and that shiny stuff hung all over, planted right on the Market place. And then the hull Band playin' 'God Save the King, and a bunch of the finest music, and the singers from all the churches, reelin' off those Christmas tunes that give you that feelin' to be good all the rest of your life—and gee!—best of all, along comes a real live Santa Claus with about a dozen twin brothers, ringin' bells and ridin'—oh no! no old-style reindeer outfit for those fine guys!—you bet you, ridin' in a dandy F.W.D. truck right into the great big crowd, shakin' hands wid the kiddies and tellin' us all to hike over to the market building for our stockings!

The above description of Santa Claus' visit to the Kitchener kids on Tuesday evening is near enough to the facts to show what a monster success the Community Christmas Tree celebration has proved to be.

The Young Men's Club may well be satisfied with the result of the week's hard work. The same applies to the many willing helpers who toiled for hours preparing the presents and completing the arrangements.

The only regret was occasioned by the fact that the number of youngsters was underestimated, no one had figured on such a large turn-out of future men and women, and as a result after Santa Claus and his helpers had handed out approximately 3000 stockings, there were no more stockings and still a goodly number of expectant kiddies.

But even with this slight drawback, the undertaking was a grand success, and the organizers of the idea deserve all the praise that is being showered on them to-day.

NOMINATIONS

For Mayor
DAVID GROSS, Jr. Proposed by F. Kress and seconded by Wm. Rittinger.
E. E. RATZ. Proposed by E. Beam, seconded by W. R. Witzel.
W. T. SASS. Proposed by G. F. Schallhorn and seconded by R. F. Gorton.
C. C. HAHN. Proposed by Edward Emmerich, seconded by Carl Messner.
C. J. MASSEL. Proposed by Norman Kropf and seconded by Simon Hinsperger.
N. ASMUSSEN. Proposed by E. Beam, seconded by John Reid.
CHAR. GREB. Proposed by H. Lockhardt and seconded by S. F. Gorton.
DR. J. E. HETT. Proposed by Albert Schwoob, seconded by Sam White.
JOHN R. EDEN. Proposed by T. H. Middleton, seconded by E. G. Stuebing.
GEO. ZETTEL. Proposed by H. E. Lockhart, seconded by Chas. Greb.
G. M. DEBUS. Proposed by E. G. Stuebing, seconded by A. A. Eby.

For Aldermen
Wilson Ler. W. E. Wing, Elias Kuhl, Charles Greb, H. Ratz, H. M. Bowman, Norman C. Schneider, Wm. P. Kress, John Reid, Carl Emmerich, E. Beam, E. Shantz, G. Schallhorn, A. L. Bitzer, E. E. Ratz, Geo. J. Lippert, A. W. Feick, Mikel Minster, John Stueger, U. S. Bean, Chas. Michm, W. S. Ban, Adolph Stoecker (S. U. Bean), R. F. Gorton, C. C. Hahn, Jerome Lang, Herman Ahrens, W. J. Near, A. P. Plummer, L. O. Breithaupt, C. J. Massel, W. H. Halliwell, Sam Gorton, Albert F. Schwoob, Adam White, John C. Steinberg, John L. Holtze, Walter Hartung, Addison Armbrust, H. H. Gray, Armand Schreiter, Geo. H. Davis, J. Marshal Cochrane, Simon S. Weber, Dr. J. E. Hett, J. F. McKay, Dr. L. A. Koppel, John Hesse, Roy E. Shantz, Fred Ahrens, C. J. Baetz.

For Water Commission
Casper Brann.
Wm. C. Cowan.
Wes. Morrish.
E. Beam.
R. W. Schnarr.
John Hainsworth.
H. A. Dietrich.
John Schwartz.
Wes. C. Schmidt.
E. Wahl.
D. Gross, Jr.
For Light Commission
Robert W. Schnarr.
Louis R. Kramp.
Frank Kress.
C. H. Doer.
Geo. Lippert, Sr.
James Jaimet.

For Public School Board
For the North Ward
D. Hibner.
For the East Ward
E. G. Stuebing.
L. B. Zeller.
For the Centre Ward
J. H. Clark.
For the South Ward
L. Sattler.
For the West Ward
Charles Ruby.

CHRISTMAS BELLS

I hear the bells on Christmas Day
Their old, familiar carols play,
And wild and sweet
The words repeat
Of peace on earth, good-will to men!

And thought how, as the day had come,
The bellies of all Christendom
Had rolled along
The unbroken song
Of peace on earth, good-will to men!

Till, ringing, singing, on its way,
The world revolved from night to day,
A voice, a shime,
A chant sublime,
Of peace on earth, good-will to men!

Then from each black, scoured mouth,
The cannon thundered in the South,
And with the sound
The carols drowned
Of peace on earth, good-will to men!

It was as if an earthquake rent
The hearthstones of a continent,
And made forlorn
The households born,
Of peace on earth, good-will to men!

Then pealed the bells more loud and deep:
"God is not dead; nor doth he sleep!
The Wrong shall fail,
The Right prevail,
With peace on earth, good-will to men!"

—Longfellow.

TRAGIC DEATH OF MISSIONARY

QUEBEC, Dec. 23.—A tragedy of the north shore is reported from Berstima, where on Sunday, after Mass, the pastor and missionary of the region lost his life.

The dead priest is Father Petel, aged 35, Catholic clergyman from France, who had been in charge of the Berstima Mission barely a month. On Sunday, after celebrating Mass, Berstima, Father Petel started on a dog sled to various small hamlets along the north shore to do missionary work. His dog train was under the direction of A. Malouin, a young lad who had volunteered to pilot the missionary to adjoining villages of the coast.

There was a cold wind over the shore and the ice was strong but somehow the dogs took too far out toward the sea and came to thin ice, which gave under the weight of the komatik.

Both boy and priest managed to pull themselves out of the water, but the ice kept on cracking as soon as they dragged on to it, and finally young Malouin, who was lighter than the priest, pulled himself out of the freezing water and dragged the priest to solid ice, leaving him there to get help.

When the village folks rushed down on their dog sleds they found the priest dead from exposure.

Merry Christmas

Whether it be prattled on baby lips that scarce can shape the words, or saying them, thinks not, but only feels the insensate overflow of giving from a soft, full heart...

Although it be mumbled inarticulately by the shabby nonentity whose whine for charity one acknowledges in the spirit of the season, even while knowing that the words be said in servile mockery...

If it be breathed by mother mouth, the sad, sweet lines of which were molded so by a yearning, prodigal tenderness and an unfaltering devotion, be its object worthy or not...

Whether it be panted from between the warm, moist lips of maidenhood—tremulous, palpitant, shame-faced and shy because of an ardor which it dreads to comprehend...

Although it be uttered by maid, matron or man, friend, chance acquaintance, tradesman or servant...

Merry Christmas to You and to Yours
By DE LYSLE FERREES CASS

TORONTO HAS MOTOR BANDITS

TORONTO, Dec. 24.—Three armed motor bandits dashed around the city last night in stolen motor cars holding up people and robbing them of their money under threat of shooting them. From 6.30 last evening these daring masked robbers held up three different people and robbed them within less than three hours' time.

As quickly as their operations were made known police detectives and plainclothesmen drove up and down the streets in hopes of getting a glance at the numbers of the stolen cars. Abandoned stolen cars used by the thugs have been picked up by policemen on their patrols.

15,000 BENEFIT BY XMAS AMNESTY

OTTAWA, Dec. 23.—The number of deserters under the Military Service Act who are still at large, and who are freed from the hand of the law by the proclamation of amnesty for military offenders, is believed to be 15,000.

The number of unapprehended deserters in the various Eastern districts follows: 1, (London), 10; 2, (Toronto), 1,387; 3, (Ottawa-Kingston), 1,578; 4, (Montreal), 3,981; 5, (Quebec), 3,342; 6, (Nova Scotia), 1,845; 7, (New Brunswick), 167. Total, 12,238. The total number of apprehended deserters (men who have been imprisoned or fined) in the same districts is 13,143.

LOOPING THE LOOP

Passengers on the 10 o'clock car from Waterloo got their money's worth. At the G. T. tracks a Ford caught up to the car and between there and Foundry street made several vain efforts to pass the trolley, with the result that four times the tin Lizzie made a complete turn on the slippery pavement. The auto, however, never stopped and for all we know may be still looping the loop.

JUST A WISH!

The News Record sincerely hopes that every reader may have every Christmas wish doubly realized. May the Christmas song "Peace on Earth, Good Will to Men" find an echo in every home and may the blessings of Heaven be showered on our city and our country, so that the approaching New Year may truly be the best of all we have ever known.