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## SEVERE STORMS ON ATLANTIC.

**Many Ships Reported Foundered—Turks Maintain Arrogant Attitude—Arthur Henderson Will Seek Safe Seat in Newcastle.**

**TERRIFIC STORMS ON ATLANTIC.**  
QUEENSTOWN, Dec. 25. Reports accumulate of the violence of the gale which has prevailed on the Atlantic. The captain of the steamer New Columbia, which returned to port to replenish her oil fuel supply, said he had received S. O. S. calls from three ships to which he replied, but heard no more. He believed they foundered. The Celtic had lifeboats and deck fittings smashed and her third saloon flooded, compelling the removal of passengers to other quarters. The Carmania arriving Saturday, reported having been rolled to heave to six to eight hours on Friday. She lost lifeboats and suffered considerable damage to her decks.

**MOSUL ANOTHER SOURCE OF TROUBLE.**  
LANSANNE, Dec. 25. The Near East Conference will resume tomorrow with a good many wounds to heal. The British are plainly annoyed over the Turkish answer concerning Mosul, the Turks insisting vigorously that Mosul belongs to Turkey. They allege that the British without proper authority occupied the territory after the armistice at Mudros, and say the two districts of Irak already have elected to join Turkey and that Mosul, whose Kurd population is more sympathetic with the Turks than the Arabs, will undoubtedly do likewise. If a plebiscite is held, the British delegates said today they would continue to contend that Mosul belongs to Irak and would hold it until the Irak government decides to cede it to Turkey.

**PROTECTING IRISH RAILWAYS.**  
LONDON, Dec. 25. In view of the constant train-wrecking in Ireland, the Irish Government will establish along the railroads a system of block houses similar to those erected by the British during the South African War, according to a despatch to the Daily Mail from Dublin. The blockhouses will be a few miles apart, each will be garrisoned by from fifty to one hundred men who will patrol the territory intervening. The despatch adds that officers have been issued that any unauthorized persons in the neighbourhood of the railways henceforth shall be shot on sight.

**JAPAN AND THE NAVAL AGREEMENT.**  
TOKYO, Dec. 25. France and Italy will ratify the Washington Naval Treaty, an agreement for carrying it out might be arranged between Britain, U. S. A. and Japan, the peers were told today by Admiral Ito, speaking in place of Premier Kato, who is indisposed. Admiral Ito explained that such an agreement would be made earlier by

the fact that Japan is already proceeding with preparations for naval reorganization, and he ordered that so long as the U.S. did not alter her programme for auxiliary ships, Japan would pursue her revised scheme announced last summer, maintaining a ship ratio of six to the U.S. ten. Questioned as to whether there was any danger that the Japanese navy would be overbalanced by the American navy, the Admiral replied that the Japanese navy was superior in speed of ships and dock yard accommodations.

**EARTHQUAKE IN NEW ZEALAND.**  
WELLINGTON, N.Z., Dec. 25. A severe earthquake shock was felt here at 3 o'clock this afternoon, and it is feared considerable damage has been done in the country districts. Great fissures opened at the beach at Waikuku, while at some places buildings swayed in an alarming fashion.

**BROADWAY DRY.**  
NEW YORK, Dec. 25. Prohibition officials assert that Broadway experienced the driest Christmas in its history, largely because of the defeat which they claim the Bahama fleet met at the hands of the dry navy. A West Side court, which usually boasts many drunks on Christmas day, had no offenders. The police assigned to watch restaurants and cabarets reported that they had seen no liquor law violations along the gay white way.

**LAST GERMAN PRISONERS RELEASED.**  
PARIS, Dec. 25. France has released the last German war prisoners who were undergoing punishment for offences against the common law committed during their detention as war prisoners.

**TUG BELIEVED LOST.**  
ERIE, Pa., Dec. 25. The tug Cornell, of Cleveland, missing for three days, is believed lost on Lake Erie with a crew of nine men.

**DOUKHOBORS TO RETURN TO RUSSIA.**  
YORKTON, Sask., Dec. 23. Free land in a choice section of Russia, absolute religious freedom, exemption from military service and the right to live as they choose, have been offered by Premier Nicholas Lenin, if the Doukhobors will again take up residence in Russia, according to A. Potopoff, who recently visited Moscow and negotiated with the Soviet Government on behalf of three hundred and eighty-five families of independent Doukhobors regarding the terms and conditions by which the establishment of these people in Russia can be brought about.

**POPE TO CALL ECUMENICAL COUNCIL.**  
ROME, Dec. 25. The probability that the Pope will call a meeting of the entire Catholic Episcopacy in Rome during the next jubilee year, is announced in a paper encyclical Council which was held in Rome in 1870. The encyclical, enumerating the present world evils, which, it says, are caused by greediness for material things, says the remedy is chiefly found in the return to Christ, which means, peace, justice and love among all peoples, respect for order and authority and the combatting of materialism as teaching true democracy and brotherhood.

**LABOR NOMINATES HENDERSON.**  
NEWCASTLE, Dec. 25. The Labor Party has nominated Arthur Henderson as its candidate for Newcastle on Tyne, East Side, in the

House of Commons, the seat having been made vacant by the death of J.N. Bell (Labor) two weeks ago.

### Canon Hewitt Retires From Ministry.

**WILL RESIDE IN ENGLAND.**  
Canon Hewitt has retired from active service after a period of forty-seven years in the Ministry of the Anglican Church, and with Mrs. Hewitt left by S.S. Sachem for England, where both will spend the remainder of their days on earth. On Friday morning a deputation consisting of the Church Warden of the Church of the Presentation, Goulds, waited upon Canon Hewitt and on behalf of the congregation presented him with an address and purse in recognition of the services which he had rendered during his fourteen years residence among them. The Canon who deeply appreciated this expression of good will on the part of the church people of the Goulds, replied in fitting terms. Later in the day the Bishop and Mrs. White, together with as many of the clergy of the Deanery of Avalon, with their wives, as could be present, assembled at the residence of Canon and Mrs. Bolt, Synod House, to take leave of Canon and Mrs. Hewitt and wish them God speed on their journey. The Bishop presented an address to Canon Hewitt, and a silver salver to Mrs. Hewitt, after which he spoke in appreciative terms of Canon Hewitt's work. In leaving the diocese of Newfoundland, Canon Hewitt will bid farewell to a large circle of friends, who earnestly join in wishing him many years of health and happiness in the old land.

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### Christmas Day at The Nickel Theatre.

**REVIVAL OF CHARLIE CHAPLIN'S BEST GOES BIG.**

Christmas Day at the Nickel Theatre was an entertainment not soon to be forgotten. An outstanding feature of this big bill is the revival of Charlie Chaplin's biggest million dollar picture "A Dog's Life." All the laughter—the joy—the fun you had before—you had them all again yesterday and more besides. The large audiences at this theatre yesterday laughed loud and long. Thomas Meighan's latest Paramount picture, "White and Unmarried," which was also shown, is a great crook picture which all admirers of Mr. Meighan will enjoy. Mr. Meighan is a burglar in the story and his regeneration begins when he inherits a large fortune and falls in love. The scenes in the gay French capital are said to be highly thrilling. Jacqueline Logan is his leading woman.

**The Methodist Orphanage Christmas Tree will be held at the Orphanage on Thursday, Dec. 28th at 3.30 o'clock. Contributions in money and gifts suitable for a Christmas treat will be gratefully received and acknowledged by Miss Mary McKay, Sutherland Place, King's Bridge Road, P.O. Box 1172. dec18,19,20,23,26**

### Reason For Christmas.

The observance of December 25th as the anniversary of our Saviour's birth has been maintained long enough to create presumption in the belief that is an original institution of Christendom. Nevertheless, the oldest authority for the observance of that day as the birthday of Christ belongs to an epoch separated by a distance of three centuries from the original event, and the festival itself was celebrated on December 25 in the West before it was assigned to that day in the East. It is certain that in A.D. 336 December 25 was observed in Rome as the Festival of the Nativity of Christ. The authority for this statement is a Festal Calendar drawn up by the local church at Rome in that year. Early in the third century—i.e., about 180 years before the compilation of this Festal Calendar—Hippolytus, Bishop of Portus, had assigned Wednesday, December 25, in the 42nd year of the reign of Augustus, as the date of our Lord's birth.

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### Just Folks.

By EDGAR A. GUEST.

**THE CHOIR BOY.**  
They put his spotless surplice on  
They tied his flowing tie,  
And he was fair to look upon  
As life went singing by:  
He sang the hymns with gentle grace,  
That little lad of mine,  
For there was something in his face  
Which seemed almost divine.

His downcast eye was good to see,  
His brow was smooth and fair,  
And no one dreamed that there could be  
A rascal plotting there;  
Yet when all heads in prayer were bowed,  
God's gracious care to beg,  
The boy next to him cried aloud:  
"Quit pinching my leg!"

A pious little tyke he seemed,  
An angel born to sing,  
Beholding him none ever dreamed  
He'd do a naughty thing.  
Yet many a sudden "ouch!" proclaimed  
That he had smuggled in  
For mischief-making, unashamed,  
A most disturbing pin.

And yet, I think, from up above  
The Father, looking down,  
Knows everything he's thinking of  
And smiles when mortals frown,  
For in the spotless surplice white  
Which is his mother's joy,  
He knows he's not an angel bright,  
But just a healthy boy.

### Christ And The Crowd.

It is recorded of Jesus Christ that the common people heard Him gladly. He was so human that He was in closest touch with all sorts and conditions of men. The fulness of the divine in Him only made His human sympathy broad enough to embrace all, whereas we with so much less of the divine in us find it difficult even to conceive of a love which is unselfish. Our Lord loved the crowd. Seeing the crowd, He was moved with compassion, for they were as sheep having no shepherd. The crowd followed Him up the hillside to hear His sermon on the Mount. His golden rule appealed to them. The crowd thronged about Him as He ministered to those of their number who needed Him most—the sick and the infirm, the troubled and the distressed. The crowd cheered Him as He entered in triumph into Jerusalem. The crowd did not crucify Him. This was done by the official class investigating officers.

The psychology of the crowd is an interesting study. It is as true to-day as it was of old that the common people are easily led. They can be readily swayed by a powerful emotion. Reason alone is never omnipotent. It must be energized by right feeling. Wise thinking and warm feeling need to be localized in a great person who can spread his influence through sympathetic radiation. The crowd requires a leader. The responsibility of leadership is tremendous, because the crowd is so easily led.

The voice of Christ still rings over the heads of the crowd:  
"I am the Light of the World, he that followeth Me shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life."

**HOCKEY BOOTS.**  
Knowings have just received a shipment of Brown Hockey Boots with straps and buckles and are selling Boys' sizes 1 to 5 for \$4.00, Men's sizes 6 to 10 for \$5.00. dec22,19

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### Without Christmas.

Without Christmas the world would be Christless. Dwell upon that awful condition. We cannot conceive what a tragedy that would be. It would

mean sorrow without hope. Despair without comfort. Death without a resurrection. It would mean war with no message of peace. It would mean the deepest soul-darkness to the individual, and the race would have no "Light of the World."

A world lost would be a world without a Christmas, for Christmas means Christ. Pagan history tells the pathetic story of what this world would be had not Christ been born. The little town of Bethlehem will always be the sacred spot of earth, for their hope

sprang up and joy was born for all the race.  
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