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"HELLO" GIRLS GIVE CHEER TO TORONTO'S POOR



Toronto's poor have no better friends at the Christmas season than the "Hello" girls of the Bell Telephone Co. Each year the various exchanges select girls in need in all parts of the city and provides for them baskets of good things for parents and children.

The photo shows a basket provided by the girls of the Long Distance Exchange ready for the onslaught of about 100 little folk at Smith's Hall.

RUSSIAN CITIES IN DEATH STRUGGLE

Torn Between Conflict of Rival Powers

People Flee From Cities in Search for Bread—Blockade Not Ending Revolution.

(By Elias Tobenkin)

(Mr. Tobenkin has just returned to New York after spending several months in the Baltic states—the doorstep of Russia—as a correspondent of the New York Evening Post. Mr. Tobenkin interviewed scores of travelers who passed in and out of Russia and had access to current Bolshevik documents.)

Between the determination of the Bolshevik government and its parent body, the Communist party of Russia, to remain at the helm in the former empire of the czars, on the one hand, and the seeming determination of the governments of the rest of the world to "smother" the Bolshevik government out by any and all means, on the other, the Russian cities are being destroyed. People flee from these dying cities as one flees the plague.

Peace between Russia and Latvia, making of the former Baltic state a "small nation," was signed in midsummer and within a few days 25,000 persons in Petrograd, Moscow, and four or five other cities who had been born in the former Latvian provinces claimed Latvian citizenship and asked for passports to go to their native country. It was not patriotism that lured them to Latvia. It was bread. They heard that there was bread in Latvia, and there was very little bread in the Russian cities.

Try to Get Away.

The same happened in the case of Estonia and of Lithuania. All summer long transports of refugees arrived from Russia into Estonia. They were Russians who had been born in Estonia when Estonia was a province of the czar's empire, and who now used this fortunate accident of birth to get out of Russia, to get away from her starving cities and to get to a place where there was bread. For it is not easy to get out of Russia otherwise. A Russian foreign passport is rare these days. The Bolshevik government does not give it, and the countries outside of Russia do not take it. The Bolshevik government does not want Russians to leave the country for fear that they may begin agitating against the Bolshevik regime abroad. The governments outside of Russia do not care to admit Russians for fear that they may start agitating for Bolshevism.

Flee to Get Bread.

In spite of all these difficulties and restrictions, however, people flee the Russian cities. They flee into the country. They flee to relatives, near and distant, on the land. For the land there is still bread. On the land there is wood, while in the cities there is no heat in the homes. There was a time when according to a Russian saying, "the rule spoke" in Holy Russia. Bread has lost its speech in Russia today. Bread, not money, speaks a Russian's need. The last week of September a transport of such exasperated Russians was due to arrive in Latvia. I made the acquaintance of an old couple, a physician and his wife, who were awaiting with a great deal of restrained excitement the arrival from Petrograd of their daughter, a two-year-old child. The young woman was a dental surgeon (in Russia this is a higher title than dentist). Her husband was an engineer. As her husband was not born in Latvia and could not claim Latvian citizenship, he could not accompany her. Russia would not receive him. So she came with her two-year-old child. I asked her how soon she expected to be reunited with her husband.

Dares Not Think of Winter.

"God knows," she replied. "I suppose I shall have to go back to Petrograd next summer. But I could not face another winter there. Winter, the past winter, had reached a physician and his wife. What it will be like this coming winter I do not know, I dare not think."

And then she turned questioner. "Why is America so hard on Russia?" she asked. "That last note of America's (Cobley's) note to Italy affirming America's policy to keep away from all relations with Russia has depressed us greatly. Why are you starving us? What has America to do with us? Why do you keep us in this horrible blockade?"

I spoke of the child. It looked a bit pale, but gave no evidence of being undernourished. It was not undernourished. It was not undernourished. I have seen children in worse condition in Germany.

"Oh, yes," she replied, "we take good care of our infants in Russia. Consciously or unconsciously, we are all aware that the present generation is doomed, so we are least trying to save the future generation. The old people in Russia are not only dying, they are falling like leaves. Anything carries them off, any kind of a disease is fatal to them. There are no coffins enough. The coffins are used only to carry the body to the cemetery. Into the grave the body is lowered without a coffin."

Young People Face Death.

"And the young people, too, are looking death in the eyes. Men who have formerly been accustomed to hard labor are now mobilized and sent out into the forests to cut wood. With the starvation food they get the work is very often beyond their endurance and breaks them down. They are reaping a fearful harvest among our young men."

I asked her about the Bolsheviks. "We have become accustomed to them," she answered. "One becomes accustomed to everything. Bolshevism has a lot on the book, but you don't live up to everything the book says. In many ways, too, the Bolsheviks have gained the respect of the people. They have taught Russia how to live. You must give them credit for that. They have swept the houses clean. They have done a good job in the matter of rooting out the corruption, graft, and the parasitism generally of the old order."

"Is there no corruption in Russia now?" I asked. "Are Bolshevik officials absolutely incorruptible?"

"Oh, yes," she said, "there is corruption among officials now too. But if it is found out it is punishable with death."

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ON FRIDAY A Big Sale of Blankets

Wise women will buy these Blankets in quantities. The wonderfully low prices will decide this conclusively for you. Now if ever is the time of year it is good to know that your linen closet holds a bountiful supply of Bedding in reserve. This sale brings to you a big opportunity to replenish your supply at a small cost. Blankets are in white or grey with borders of pink or blue. They are soft, light, and comfortable; the kinds preferred in most households. Three sizes—small, medium and large.

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New Spring Styles Inspiring One to Sew

The Spring Number of the Quarterly Home Book of Fashion has lately arrived, and is full of charming styles for spring.

Styles for Women—Styles for Misses—Styles for Children. One page is entirely devoted to the needs of the Easter Bride. This Book has with it a coupon good for fifteen cents on the purchase price of any Home Journal Pattern.

You can find here, too—A New Book "Simplified Smocking." This contains directions for doing all sorts of smocking; also hints on proper materials to use, needles and laundering. Anyone planning to make dresses for children or misses will find this book a very great help.

Special Embroidery Books, telling you how to do all kinds of fashionable Embroidery is also ready. This, too, has a coupon worth fifteen cents on the purchase price of pattern.

New February Patterns now selling.

(Ground Floor.)

Our January Free Hemming Sale is now in progress. Wise women are looking after their needs in such things as Table Damask, Sheet- ing, Pillow Cottons, Towelling, Napkins, Bed- spreads, etc., now. Do not overlook this opportunity.

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Lowest Prices

Our all winter footwear sale is going better than expected, and purchasers have taken advantage of our low prices.

Overshoes, Skating Boots, Felt Boots and Slippers; also Lined Boots, Shoe Pacs.

Best Quality

All our sale goods are this year's fresh, new stock, and no second quality overshoes or felts.

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OUR ANNUAL FUR SALE

Is going ahead full swing and discriminating buyers in search of VALUE are taking advantage of the reduced prices at which we have marked our entire stock. The sale has exceeded our expectations and during the last few weeks we have had to make up a great number of new garments which we have put in at the same reduced prices. Space does not allow us to describe them all but below you will find today a few exclusive models described. No duplicates will be made of these.

SPECIALS FOR FRIDAY AND SATURDAY

- 1 ONLY SCOTCH MOLE CAPE COAT—Regular, \$675. ... Now \$375. (A beautiful wrap exclusively designed—may be worn as a cape with loose flowing lines or very simply with the aid of its button fasteners made into a smart belted coat—34 inches long—No duplicate to be made.)
- 1 ONLY HUDSON SEAL DOLMAN—Extra large cape collar, 21 inches deep also shows another cape extending from sleeves. An exclusive model much favored in the larger centres. Regular, \$900 ... Now \$525
- 1 ONLY SCOTCH MOLE DOLMAN—45 inches long trimmed with beautiful glossy Alaska Sable collar and cuffs. The sleeves are full length and the collar is 21 inches deep in the back. A next year's model just received this week made up to sell at \$1,000.00. ... Now \$675.00
- 1 ONLY HUDSON SEAL COAT—45 inches long—Kimona sleeves, Tie belt. Trimmed with extra large cape collar and bell cuffs. Regular, \$875.00. ... Now \$500.00
- 1 ONLY FRENCH SEAL COATS—Skunk trimmed. Regular, \$400.00. ... Now \$200.00
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CENTRAL BAPTIST ANNUAL MEETING

At the annual business meeting of the Central Baptist church last evening the treasurer reported a balance of \$1,029.94 on hand. The pastor, F. H. Bone, was in the chair, and arrangements were made to build a new parsonage. The budget for this year was \$8,000 and the Willing Workers raised \$1,050.69. The appointment of H. S. Wannamaker as superintendent of the Sunday school was confirmed.

Election of officers resulted as follows: Hon. deacon, Daniel Vaughan; deacons, Geo. W. Morell, J. L. Gillies, Dr. J. W. N. Baker, W. H. Chase; trustees, Dr. A. A. Wilson, H. D. Everett, Isaac Erb, W. H. Golding, H. S. Wannamaker, G. W. Morrell, L. A. Belyea, D. J. Nobles, A. D. Barbour; treasurer, H. D. Everett; financial secretary, A. E. Jammer; assistant financial secretary, L. A. Belyea; A. A. Wilson, Fred Bryden, Cecil Harding; clerk, W. H. Downie; assistant clerk, Ernest Allwood; treasurer, denominational fund, Archie Gillings; trustees, Kenneth A. Wilson and Clarence Beveridge; finance committee, C. J. Stammers, A. E. Jenner, A. V. DeWalt, W. W. Clark, H. H. Preble, J. E. B. Hurd, J. L. Collins, L. L. Beale, F. S. Fenwick; ushers and reception committee, J. L. Collins, with assistance of Bandbrotherhood; offertory committee, Archie Gillies, with assistance of Knights of Honor class; music committee, K. A. Wilson, A. Gillies, A. D. Barbour, Mrs. L. A. Belyea and Miss A. Maud Stillwell; visiting committee, Mesdames R. D. Christie, J. J. Gillies, May Knox, L. H. Belyea, E. N. Davis, George Cole, Herbert Downie, William Smith, Osborne, Cass Dixon, H. K. McArthur, Z. G. Allwood, Hoare, H. W. Bedding, Miss Bertha Brundage, also Messrs. J. L. Collins and Charles McFarlane; pianists for prayer meeting, Wendell Belyea, Archie Gillies, Mrs. J. E. Fraser, Miss Bertha Brundage; progress committee, Arthur Everett, T. S. Fenwick, H. A. Preble, F. L. Hipp, A. J. Jammer, A. W. Burns, Cecil Harding, W. Edgar Campbell; parsonage building committee, W. W. Chase, Arthur Everett, Kenneth Gillies, Ernest Hagerman, W. E. Campbell, Garrett Wilson, architect; publicity department, Walter H. Golding.

IS SIR THOMAS ESMOND'S SON Will Be Admitted to Australia if He Takes Oath of Allegiance.

It was not Sir Thomas Esmond who was refused permission to land in Australia, as announced in yesterday's papers, but his son, who left New York on the ship "The Esmond" for London. He is not a member of the Sinn Fein party in that he was defeated by a Sinn Fein candidate in North Wexford in the last general election. Authorities at Melbourne say that Mr. Esmond will be admitted to Australia if he will take the oath of allegiance.

DENIAL OF BISHOP COHALAN OF CORK

London, Jan. 13.—Reports that Count Bernstorff, former German ambassador to the United States, had intervened in support of the appointment of the Most Rev. Daniel Cohalan, as Bishop of Cork in 1916, which were in circulation during the "White Paper" relative to German-Irish activities issued last Saturday by the British government, are denied by Bishop Cohalan.

The bishop, who became head of the Cork diocese on August 29, 1916, has written a letter to the London Times stating that he heard the report in 1917, and wrote to Pope Benedict regarding it. He gives the text of the reply from the Vatican, which he says is now given to the press for the first time. It was dated November 29, 1917, and reads: "The Holy Father, who surrounds you with his benevolence, charges me to reassure you and to persuade you to disregard all such press statements as wholly unfounded." The letter was signed by Cardinal Gasparri, papal secretary of state.

LOCAL NEWS

Shaker blankets down in price again at Bassen's, 14-16-18 Charlotte, 1-17

Good skating on Lily Lake tonight.

Make haste! Workmen, we bought 200 strong and dark patterns in working pants, slightly seconds, \$1.98 a pair, at Bassen's, 14-16-18 Charlotte, 1-17

Good skating on Lily Lake tonight.

Strong and dark patterns in pants, cheaper than overalls, \$1.98 a pair, at Bassen's, 14-16-18 Charlotte street, 1-17

Band in Carleton Rink tonight.

SALE OF BLANKETS AT M. R. A.'S, LTD.

Sample blankets and many odd pairs that have become slightly soiled from handling, will be sold Friday morning at greatly reduced prices. These are all in double bed size; cotton, down nap and wool. All are in white with colored borders. Prices are wonderfully low. The early comer will get the best bargain.

DRIVER OF WHISKEY RIG SHOT DEAD

Montreal, Jan. 13.—Shot through the abdomen by one of two assailants on each side of his rig on Heneryburg Road, about two miles from Champlain, New York, on the Canadian side, Jos. Senechal, 35, a farmer of St. Calude de Lacolle, died last night.

It is said he was driving a load of whiskey to the United States border and the man for whom he was driving was in the rig with him. It is alleged that a quarrel started between the two and that when two men appeared from either side of the road and that one of them shot Senechal.

OXFORD MAN TO PENITENTIARY

Amherst, N. S., Jan. 13.—Alva Peel of Oxford, who was convicted of the charge of arson by a jury here last June, and whose appeal for a new trial was refused by the supreme court of Nova Scotia two weeks ago with Justices Russell and Longley dissenting, will be taken to Dorchester penitentiary today to begin his sentence of five years.

The defense has decided not to make appeal from the supreme court's decision, but will make, it is understood, a direct appeal to the minister of justice for clemency.

THE SAINT JOHN FUSILIERS

A full turn-out of officers, N. C. O's and men is requested for Thursday, January 13th. The band will be in attendance. Parade 8 p. m. sharp. (Sgd.) H. G. Ashford, Capt. and Adjutant The Saint John Fusiliers.

RECENT WEDDINGS

Harold J. Evans, dispensing chemist at the D. S. C. R. hospital, Fredericton, and Miss Rose Elizabeth Slattery were married at St. Dunstan's church, Fredericton, yesterday by Very Rev. Dean Carney. Both formerly resided in St. John.

The marriage of Leslie Miller Somerville, of Millbrook, Queens county, and Miss Ada Beatrice Browne, of Annapolis, was solemnized yesterday afternoon at the residence of the officiating minister, Rev. J. A. MacKeigan, 72 Leinster street. The bride and groom were unattended. They will make their home in Millbrook, where the good wishes of many friends follow them.

RECENT DEATHS

Charles A. Darling. The death of Charles A. Darling took place on Tuesday evening at his residence, Nauwigewauk, after a short illness. He was seventy-nine years of age and was well known throughout Kings county, having lived there for many years. Besides his wife he leaves four daughters, Mrs. Harry Gilliland of Hampton, Mrs. William Moore of St. John, Miss Ella of Boston, and Miss Grace at home, and one son, Gilbert, also at home. Two sisters, Miss E. Darling and Mrs. M. Clark, both of Nauwigewauk, also survive. The funeral will be held on Friday afternoon from his late residence.

Dr. J. McGregor Baxter, of Chatham, died yesterday morning in the Hotel Dieu hospital after a brief illness with pneumonia. For the last twelve years he was port medical officer for the port of Miramichi. His nearest surviving relative is a sister, Mrs. Simpson of Chicago. The funeral will be held tomorrow afternoon and interment will be in Chatham.

William McGrath died at the Hotel Dieu hospital in Chatham yesterday morning after a lengthy illness. He is survived by his wife, one son and three daughters.

FUNERAL IS ALL PLANNED AS EMPRESS WEAKENS

Wife of former German ruler Not Expected to Live Long.

Doorn, Holland, Jan. 13.—Former Emperor William of Germany and others at the house of Doorn, are convinced that the death of former Empress Augusta Victoria is a matter of only a short time. Dr. Haecher said today that her condition was such that she might linger indefinitely, although it was becoming increasingly serious.

Every detail for the funeral of the former empress has been worked out. A Doorn florist has been ordered to keep constantly a stock of flowers on hand, and one of the employees of the estate has been given a list containing the names of friends and royalties to whom telegrams are to be sent when the end comes.

Former Crown Prince Frederick Wilhelm arrived here today from Wieringen. He was unable to come during the Christmas holidays because the island of Wieringen was ice bound at that time.

CONTINUE MORATORIUM IN CUBA, BUT MODIFY IT

Havana, Jan. 13.—Continuation of the moratorium in Cuba on a modified basis for four months would be authorized under the terms of a bill adopted by the senate here last night. It has the sanction of President Menocal. It now goes to the house for consideration.