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A Christmas Greeting to All the Readers of The Times

WILY TURK WILL PLAY GAME WELL

Adept at Matches Such as Now on at St. James Palace

OPINIONS ON OUTCOME

servia Must Apparently Kow Tow Again to Austria-Hungary—Delay in Peace Matter Means About \$600,000 a Day to Allies

(Canadian Press)

London, Dec. 24.—It is not to be expected that Turkey will come to Saturday's conference with any idea of yielding to the demands of the little states. Such is not the way of the bargaining Turk. The allies will be fooled, if they expect any such easy diplomatic victory. They will have to struggle as desperately as St. James, as they did on the battlefield and they will have as opponents, masters at this sort of warfare.

The Ottoman delegates are going into that struggle with the confident expectation of carrying their own picture gallery at St. James' for they say that the positions of the delegates are forever irrevocable.

On the other hand a well informed writer on the Balkan situation says in the Daily Telegraph that in spite of the fact that the delegates now disagree hopelessly and that mediation can never succeed, a settlement will be reached and a treaty will be signed. He says that a formula for the solution of the Balkan difficulty is already being worked out and will ensure lasting peace.

Vienna, Dec. 24.—Austria apparently has not yet received a treaty and she wants for the Serbian mistreatment of her province, the dual monarchy a council of priests. She has demanded from the Belgrade government something more tangible than an apology and it is understood that the new demand will be for a military reception for Herr Prochaska when he returns to his native city. It is believed that Serbia will acquiesce in this new demand.

Delay Costly For Allies

London, Dec. 24.—The Times thinks the allies are anxious to avoid delay in the peace negotiations as each day they are in arrears cost them about \$600,000. The Times considers that the equanimity of Serbia in face of Austria's armistice tends to substantiate the rumor that the governments of Austria and Serbia are negotiating direct peace terms and that Russia is exerting her good offices in the cause of peace.

I. Q. FORESTERS ELECT

At the regular meeting of the Companion Court Wigodsky, held last evening, the following officers were elected for the ensuing term:

- Mrs. C. E. Byles—C. R.
Mrs. M. Henderson—V. C. R.
Mrs. R. J. Powers, R. S.
Mrs. J. E. Arthur—F. S.
Mrs. H. Dykeman—Treasurer.
Mrs. E. Patriquin—Orator.
Mrs. M. Bannister—S. W.
Mrs. H. Whelpley—J. W.
Mrs. E. Leonard—S. B.
Mrs. E. McFarlane—J. B.
Miss J. Barber—C. D. H. C. R.
Dr. G. G. Melvin—Court Physician.
Mrs. J. E. Willis—J. P. C. R.
Mrs. E. McFarlane, Mrs. I. E. Willis—Finance Committee.
Dr. G. G. Melvin, M. Powers—Trustees.
The officers will be installed on the third Thursday of January. High court officers and Royal Foresters will officiate.

Court Intercolonial, 117, met in the Foresters' Hall, Colburn street, last evening, and elected the following officers:

- John Beames—C. D. H. C. R.
Dr. F. T. Dunlop—Court Physician.
T. G. Northrup—J. P. C. R.
J. Glick—C. R.
A. Taylor—V. C. R.
P. Hastings—R. S.
A. Hastings—F. S.
H. C. Wetmore—Treasurer.
Myers Cohen—Orator.
Morris Cohen—S. W.
Ben Selick—J. W.
Louis Cohen—S. B.
W. H. Chambers—J. B.
Dr. A. E. Emery, W. H. Chambers—Finance Committee.
T. G. Northrup, A. Towers—Trustees.

WEATHER BULLETIN

Issued by the Department of Marine and Fisheries, R. F. Stupart, director of meteorological service.

Maritime—Easterly gales, with snow or rain today. Wednesday, clearing and industry cold.

LIKELY BAIL OF \$10,000 EACH FOR RAILWAY MEN

Mellen and Chamberlain Ready to Appear Before New York Judge

New York, Dec. 25.—Chas. S. Mellen, president of the New York, New Haven & Hartford railroad, and E. J. Chamberlain, president of the Grand Trunk Railway of Canada, were ready this morning with counsel to appear before Judge Hough to give bail and answer to indictments charging them with violation of the Sherman anti-trust law.

ASSASSINS AT WORK IN JAPAN

Tokyo, Dec. 24.—An attempt was made after midnight to assassinate Anritono Yamagata, president of the Japanese privy council, and supreme military councillor of Japan.

ATTEMPT TO CORNER OATMEAL BUSINESS OF STATES ALLEGED

Chicago, Dec. 24.—Investigation of an alleged attempt to corner the oatmeal business of the United States has been started by the federal grand jury here. The purchase of Great Western Cereal Co. by the Quaker Oats Co. is to be inquired into first.

THE CHICAGO POLICE IN LEGISLATIVE GRAFT CASE

Chicago, Dec. 24.—Evidence of the payment of thousands of dollars by the Chicago police to the committee appointed for the expenses of committees united to influence legislation, was brought yesterday in an investigation by the city service commission into the operations of the organization.

The 'Votes For Women' Tramps

Upper Red Hook, N. Y., Dec. 24.—Gen. Rosalie Jones and her little band of suffragists reached this village last evening after a six mile walk from Rhinebeck. Every member of the 'army' professes to be in good marching condition.

Friend of Sir John A. Macdonald

Toronto, Dec. 24.—Captain Henry W. Bennett, for twenty-two years editor of the Prescott Messenger, died yesterday in the Toronto hospital, following a stroke of paralysis. For the last sixteen years he had lived retired in Toronto, Niagara Falls and Winthrop. He was captain of the 50th regiment, Prescott, and served in the Fenian raid.

RUSH IN POST OFFICE

The employees in the post office had had more than they could conveniently attend to so far as work is concerned today and yesterday. There have been the heaviest days and a much greater amount of mail matter was handled than was the case in any former year. Some of the mail was held up for a time, and in some cases distribution and delivery were much behind the regular time. There is complaint that the temporary employees in the distribution and delivery service are not put to work about two weeks earlier as they do not become sufficiently familiar with their duties in the limited time in which they are at work before the rush starts. In the railway mail department the temporary hands are put at work much sooner.

POLICE COURT

Nine prisoners were arraigned before Magistrate Ritchie in the police court this morning. Seven of the nine were charged with drunkenness, and fines of \$8 or twenty days in jail were exacted. Norman McDonald, charged with being drunk and also with using profane language and resisting the police, was remanded. One Olson, given in charge by Captain Hardy, of the schooner Mary C. Dunn, for absconding himself without leave, pleaded guilty. Captain Hardy said that he would take Olson back on the schooner with the consent of the court. He was allowed to go on condition that he return to the vessel.

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"WHERE SHALL WE HANG THEM?"



In hanging stockings up at night For Santa Claus to fill One ought to pick the bestest spot; To choose it takes some skill.

"THE DAY BEFORE" IN ST. JOHN

"It is the night before Christmas" and the customary excitement, bustle and hurry prevail in all parts of the city. Only a few more hours are left before the day which looms the largest, in the eyes of the children at least, of all days in the year, and the last preparations are being made for what will probably be one of the merriest and happiest of Christmas days which St. John has ever known.

The city has prospered during the last year and rich and poor alike have benefited and everybody seems to have more of it than in other years. And, while the spirit of Christmas cannot be measured in terms of dollars and cents, the enjoyment of the day, in many cases, must be measured by that standard. Fortunately the amount of work which has been going on in the city has left nearly everybody well provided with funds, and for the unfortunates who are not able to provide for themselves, great preparations have been made by churches, charitable organizations and individuals.

The financial ability of the people to enjoy the holiday is shown by the business done by the city merchants. Saturday was the biggest day we have had in Charlotte street business, said a merchant who is not able to provide for himself and his family. The day was as good and I cannot venture to predict what we will do today. This has been the experience of many others throughout the city.

The early shopping plan which has been urged for the last few years has made a marked difference in Christmas buying. It is a pleasant illustration of the increased thoughtfulness which the season develops and the shop-keepers and their employees are duly grateful to those who have not postponed everything until the last moment. It has been found to work to the advantage of both sides of the counter. The shoppers have the opportunity to make a better selection at more leisure and can

HORSE KILLED; PEOPLE HAVE A CLOSE CALL

Newcastle, N. B., Dec. 24.—While driving home to Wayerton yesterday afternoon a horse was caught on the crossing here by the limited and killed. The occupants escaped death by a hairbreadth.

INTO HALIFAX FOR COAL

Halifax, Dec. 24.—Another steamer delayed by the heavy weather on the Atlantic put in here today for coal.

Holland's Queen Ill

Amsterdam, Dec. 24.—The queen of Holland is ill. Announcement was made yesterday that she will not take part in the court Christmas festivities.

BOSTON COURT SETTLES MATTER OF LEGACY OF NOVA SCOTIAN

(Special to Times) Boston, Dec. 24.—The legatees of Asaph Silver made to "Cassie Silver" of Northfield, in the county of Lunenburg, N. S., will be paid to Bessie Silver Lobson, of Northfield and not to Cassie Silver, formerly of Northfield, but now of Cambridge, by the terms of a decree issued in the probate court today.

Mrs. Lobson petitioned for a decree declaring she is the person whom Bessie Lobson when he mentioned "Cassie Silver" of Northfield in the county of Lunenburg, N. S. The decree grants this petition (Cambridge, Mass., had not lived in Northfield, N. S., for thirty years, was not visited there).

TWINS WILL BE NINETY-FOUR YEARS OLD ON XMAS DAY

Muncy Boys Are Vigorous and Will Enjoy Their Turkey Dinner With Relatives

Babylon, N. Y., Dec. 24.—Samuel and William Muncy, who say they are the oldest twins in the world, will celebrate their 94th birthday at their home here tomorrow. Both men are active and they tell inquirers that they attribute their long life and excellent health to the fact that they are total abstainers, not excepting such distasteful occasions as they will celebrate tomorrow.

MYSTERY OF GOLD ROBBERY DEEPENS

Boxes Returned to England, Lead Filled, Found Genuine Ones; Seals Were Intact, Money Gone

London, Dec. 24.—The British police are as far as ever from a clue to the mystery of the theft of \$50,000 in gold from a consignment of \$1,000,000 sent from the Bank of England a short time ago, to the office of the Credit Lyonnais of India. The boxes which contained the gold arrived at Alexandria, apparently as they had been sent from London, and even the seals of the Indian, however, it was found that two of the boxes were filled with lead. Although the police of England, Egypt and the continental countries, through which the gold had passed, made a thorough examination, nothing was discovered. The gold boxes which arrived in London a few weeks ago have been closely examined by a firm of city assessors in the presence of underwriters, detectives and representatives of the victimized banks and nothing was discovered. The expectation it has been found that the boxes were filled with lead boxes and that the robbery appears to be even more daring and more clever than first supposed.

C. P. R. APPOINTMENT IS OF INTEREST HERE

The appointment of A. D. Macier as general manager of the eastern lines of the C. P. R., including maintenance and operation, is of interest here in the division within the scope of his department. The office to which he has been appointed has been vacant since the retirement, due to ill health, of J. W. Leonard, two years ago. Mr. Macier is not well known to this part of the country. He has been in the service of the road for about twenty-five years and for the last three years has occupied the position of assistant to the vice-president. Previous to this he served as general agent for the road.

JAMES WHITE, FORMERLY OF THE I. C. R., IS KILLED BY TRAIN IN ALBERTA

Moncton, N. B., Dec. 24.—H. B. Fleming, of the I. C. R., here, received a telegram today from Calgary stating that James White, aged about forty-five years, was killed by a train at Burdette, Alberta. White was well known all over the I. C. R. He had been a conductor but left Moncton about a year ago and was on the C. P. R. as brakeman. He is survived by three children, Edna, Mabel and Willie. His wife died about twelve years ago.

Charge Stealing of Bonds

Dijon, France, Dec. 24.—Rev. Francois Montel, parish priest of Dijon, was arrested today on a charge of stealing bank stocks to the value of \$2,000 from an old lady, parishioner. The stock was misused in the purchase of a house. Recently the owner of the estate of the woman, who died meanwhile, learned that a person said to have been identified as Father Montel, intended to sell the stock.

SURPRISE PRESENTATION

At the home of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Austey in Millidge avenue last evening, a handsome mantle clock, a few enjoyable hours were spent in games and music and the gathering dispersed about midnight. The committee was composed of Messrs. James Hatfield and Dick Galvin and Messrs. Lawrence and Oscar Garrett. James Stein made the presentation.

POPE PLEASANT AT OUTLOOK FOR PEACE

Rome, Dec. 24.—The Pope this morning received the members of the Sacred College, who brought their Christmas greetings. The Pope referred to the peace conference, saying that all Christians should unite in prayer that the outcome of the present councils of the nations should be peace, for which he expressed his hope. He deplored the recent attempt to assassinate the viceroy of India at Delhi. He looked remarkably well in spite of the arduous task of receiving many delegations who had come to bring him the greetings of the season.

FEAR SCHOONER IS LOST WITH ALL ON BOARD

The J. W. Not Heard From At Sydney Since Nov. 18

MARINE DISASTERS

The Minnie Pearl Founders and Crew Are Taken Off—No Word of the Othello—Weather at Sea Has Been Very Severe

INCREASE IN PREFERENCE; FREE TRADE IN TEN YEARS

Winnipeg, Dec. 24.—The grain growers of the province are preparing for the annual convention at Brandon next month, and the programme of the preliminary district meetings show that there is no change in their attitude towards the important questions affecting the welfare of the industry, and which have been kept a live issue by the activities of the members of the organization.

Big Matters To Be Dealt With By Manitoba Grain Growers

The establishment of a sample market in Winnipeg was made a matter of practical politics by their efforts and the value of such an adjunct to the business, with a view to securing just treatment for the farmer, is so realized that a scheme for establishing sample markets at other points will be developed at the convention. Another subject that has long been agitated, will again be discussed at the convention, viz., British preference and the proposal will be made that it should be increased to 10 per cent with free trade in ten years. This may be taken as the grain growers' reply to those manufacturing who think there should be no preference at all, nothing but protective duties to increase the burdens of the agriculturist as well as the people of the country generally.

Train Robber Killed

Tuba, Okla., Dec. 24.—An unidentified negro was shot and instantly killed while attempting to rob the car and passenger of the St. Louis and San Francisco train last night. The bandit was shot by a detective who was a passenger.

FIRST G. T. P. TRAIN OUT OF WINNIPEG TODAY

Toronto, Dec. 24.—After some months delay owing to a variety of causes, the first train over the Grand Trunk Pacific and Transcontinental railway left Winnipeg today for Port Colborne, Ont. It carried wheat consigned to the Port Colborne mills of the Maple Leaf Milling Company, Ltd., of Toronto. The wheat was shipped by James Carruthers & Co., of the St. Louis and San Francisco railway of Montreal and Toronto, and the trip marked the inauguration of the government service.