

### Midnight Masses In Catholic Churches

Inspiring Sermons Preached at Midnight Masses, as Well as at Others Yesterday—Main Altars Decorated.

In all the Catholic churches of the city yesterday the joyful feast of Christmas was celebrated by all attending the different masses during the day. The day was kept by all in reverence and love in honor of the New Born Saviour, who was brought into this world on the Holy Night to save all mankind. In many of the churches midnight mass was celebrated, this occasion being the only time when a priest can say three masses in honor of the Divinity of our Lord.

In the cathedral of the immaculate Conception three masses at midnight Wednesday, and at six, seven, eight, nine, ten, eleven, twelve and eleven-thirty a. m. yesterday. Rev. Father Duke, rector of the cathedral, was the celebrant of the midnight mass with several of the other priests assisting giving holy communion, there being a large number of communicants. The church was most magnificently decorated, and the candles in which they performed their duties of decorating the altars. The main altar was most beautiful, and its exquisite beauty surpassed those presented during the mass the choir rendered many beautiful hymns and during the offertory of the mass the Adepts Fidelis (Oh, Come All Ye Faithful) was sung. Father Duke delivered a very inspiring sermon on the birth of our Saviour, and told those present to bear in mind to keep the day holy so as to bring to God and blessings upon them and their families.

In the St. John Baptist church Rev. A. W. Meehan, D.D., the pastor, celebrated the midnight mass, and also the masses at 6 and 10:30 o'clock. A large amount of credit is due to the parishioners who helped in preparing for the great Christmas festival. The church was most artistic in its beauty and the main altar with its blisings upon them and their families. After the Gospel was read, Father Meehan spoke briefly on the birth of Christ and of how He was brought into the world and how He came to bring peace and happiness to all. Father Meehan also inspired those present to hold this holy day with the greatest reverence and love for our blessed Lord. At the 9 and 10:30 masses the reverend gentlemen delivered very powerful sermons which were heard by large congregations. At the midnight mass and the 9 o'clock mass there was a large number of communicants received holy communion. Many appropriate hymns were sung by the choir, and during the offertory the Adepts Fidelis was rendered. A large congregation was also present last evening when Father Meehan preached a very inspiring address on the birth of Our Lord and the First Holy Night. During the day many visits were made to the crib which represented our Lord on the first holy night.

In St. Peter's, Holy Trinity and the Church of the Assumption, West End, midnight masses were also celebrated and the usual Sunday masses during the morning.

The collection taken up at the different masses will be for the benefit of the Catholic orphan in the city, and at Silver Falls.

### REXTON

Rexton, N. B., Dec. 25.—The funeral of the late Mrs. M. J. Smith, of South Branch, Kent County, took place from his late residence to the Roman Catholic cemetery at South Branch and was largely attended. The pallbearers were Thomas Murphy, Joseph Murphy, Patrick Murphy, Thomas Christy, Albert Warren and Freeman Warren.

The funeral of the late Placide Thibault took place from his late residence to the Roman Catholic Church, Rexton, where high mass of requiem was celebrated by Rev. John Gaudet. Interment was in the Catholic cemetery. The pallbearers were James Burns, Capt. Fraser, Thomas Stohart, Reuben Richard, Urban Mallet and Leo Fraser.

Miss Kate Langier, who has been visiting relatives in Rexton has returned to her home in Richibucto.

At the closing exercises of the Rexton Superior School on Friday last, an interesting feature was the unveiling of a memorial tablet in honor of the former pupils of the school who took up arms for their King and Country in the Great War. Many of them have paid the supreme sacrifice.

Alexander Richard who has been attending school in Shediac, has returned home to spend his vacation with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Reuben Richard.

Mrs. Ward McDonald left on Tuesday for Douglasfield, North Co., to spend Christmas with her son, William McDonald.

Miss Jean McWilliam, who has been attending school here left on Thursday to spend her vacation at her home in Ford's Mills.

Misses Stella and Emma Lanigan went to Moncton on Monday.

Miss Maude Weston is visiting friends in Somerville, Mass.

Mrs. Rev. George S. Gaudet entertained a few little friends on Friday afternoon in honor of the fourth birthday of her little daughter Dorothy. Among those invited were the Misses Alice and Ella Martin, Helen and Greta Olsen, Violet DeMille, Roland DeMille, Willie Hanna and Otty Jones.

Miss Annie MacMichael is visiting her sister, Mrs. Butler in Lowell, Mass. The death occurred on Wednesday, Dec. 17th, at West Branch, Kent County, of Mrs. Mary MacMichael at the age of eighty-five years. The funeral took place from the home of her son, MacKenzie MacMichael to the Presbyterian Cemetery, West Branch, Rev. Mr. Cruise of Bass River, officiated at the house and grave. William MacMichael of Gasloway, and Alex MacMichael of Rexton, are sons of the deceased.

### Across With The Prince

Beautiful Remembrance of the Coast to Coast Trip by Prince Presented by the C.P.R.

"Across With the Prince" is the title of a book received by The Standard from City Passenger Agent W. H. C. MacKay, L. W. Lindsay, M. T. Pearson and H. R. Mathewson, travelling passenger agents and N. R. DesBrisay, the District Passenger Agent. Beautifully engraved with a story of the trip of the Prince across Canada, written by Douglas Newton of the London Chronicle. Of his arrival in St. John, the books says:

"The Prince of Wales arrived at that salty port of Canada, St. John, New Brunswick, on August 16th. The day was a rainy one, but that made not the slightest difference. Thousands of people were along the quaysides, and even on top of the big buildings the quay, to cheer as the three battleships—the Renown, the Dragon and the Dauntless—steamed in. A flotilla of gasoline craft darted about the ships in a sort of nautical dance of welcome.

There was an immense pack of people on the wharf as the Prince landed, and the dampness had certainly not got into their lungs as the nautical salute of the Canadian garrison gave the welcome of Canada given by the Duke of Devonshire, Sir Robert Borden, and others, with their cheering in the rain, to His Royal Highness received the prettiest of greetings. A number of girls, whose beauty seemed to us special correspondents remarkable, but which we now know to be a commonness merely usual in the daughters of Canada, each dressed to represent a Province of the Dominion, came forward with welcome. Behind this tableau was a great bank of the eldest children who sang and waved flags with a splendid lustiness—a happy scene that was repeated in nearly all the towns in the path of the train. Despite the rain, this vivid and very attractive city of St. John had given the Prince a wonderful entry into Canada."

For Chest Colds and Croup.

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PLENTY OF DRUNKS.

Prohibition seems to have no fear for a certain class in the city for the number arrested over the holiday was fourteen persons and all charged with drunkenness. This class of prisoners cannot obtain their liberty at the present time on a deposit of less than \$50 and the police court dock this morning.

WILL CONTINUE HIS FLIGHT TO AUSTRALIA AND RETURN TO PARIS BY AIR ROUTE.

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PRESIDENT AT "ATTENTION" AS COMMANDER.

New Brunswick doctors have been asked by the Provincial Health officer to be on the alert with regard to sleeping sickness. Although the disease is not notifiable under the public health act, Dr. Melvin has asked the doctors to send immediate notification to the department of any cases so that the outbreak, if it occurs, may be controlled. So far there have been no cases of sleeping sickness in New Brunswick. There was one suspected case and considerable anxiety has been caused by the publication of unwarranted reports regarding some patients who were suffering from other troubles entirely, such as the case of a Normal School student in this city some weeks ago. There have, however, been some cases as near to this province as points in the State of Maine, and the Health Department officials are naturally taking all precautionary steps. Persons suffering from sleeping sickness are likely to have symptoms that are similar to those of other diseases, and in order not to create a scare, the Health Department is not giving out very much information.

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Mr. and Mrs. William McMonagle, of Grand Falls, were in the city spending Christmas. They leave this morning for Windsor, N. S., to spend a few days with Mr. McMonagle's parents.

### Less Fortunate Looked After

Churches and Societies Looked After Families Who Needed Attention Well Filled Baskets and Toys Made Many Persons Happy

Those who are less fortunate in the possession of this world's good were most generally remembered for Christmas, and all the churches provided for their parishioners. In other cases societies looked after special families in whom they were interested.

It is the custom for many of the churches to consult with the secretary of the Associated Charities, Miss Grace Robertson so that there may be no overlapping, but that all may share in the good things provided.

Among the churches St. John's (Stone) church packed baskets well filled with everything from a Christmas dinner for thirty families. Miss C. O. McDivern was convener of this committee. The Girls' Association of Stone church of which Miss Edith Skinner is president, sent a hamper containing a fine assortment of suitable gifts for one family in the city.

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### WERE IN QUEST FOR SANTA CLAUS

Two Little Indian Children Looked for Santa Wednesday Evening and Were Finally Satisfied by a Kind Lady Who Made Their Hearts Happy.

The quest for Santa Claus might be the title given to the adventures of two little Indian children who arrived in St. John Wednesday evening. They looked for the genial Saint all up and down King street, but he was nowhere to be seen. Hoping against hope they went to the Imperial theatre, but alas Santa was busy filling stockings all over the country. He had been there in the afternoon, they were told, and that made the disappointment all the more keen. They told their story to a lady who walked along the street with them and suddenly found within her hands all the money the lady had in her purse, and heard her voice telling them to buy everything that they could to make some fun for Christmas. It seemed like a fortune to the small Indians and they started off for a shop looking as if they thought Santa Claus might come to children on Christmas Eve in other forms than as a fat jolly old man.

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### BALTIC BORDER STATES TO MEET AT HELSINGFORS

Representatives to Confer With the View of Expediting Formation of League of States Bordering on Russia.

Riga, Dec. 25.—As the result of conferences held here, it has been decided to hold a meeting at Helsingfors of the first week in January at which all the Baltic border states will be represented for the purpose of expediting the formation of a League of the States bordering on Russia. The question of these states jointly making terms with the Bolsheviks will also be threshed out at this conference.

### WITNESSES COME FROM THE GRAVE

"Daily Express" Correspondent, Budapest, Dec. 24.—Widespread interest centered in the trial of Bela Kun's leading terrorists, which began yesterday afternoon, and will be continued daily for the next few weeks until the hearing of the many charges of murder and torture which are preferred against Cserny, Schoa, and Groo has been completed.

A sensational cause when one witness said he came literally from the grave to give evidence. He was made to dig his own grave, and then was shot by Cserny. He fell wounded into the pit, and that they will go on with their work of repairing the lots. Alderman Bissett says they will not be permitted to do this, that the city will undertake the whole business.

The last witness to-day informed the court that on one occasion a victim was dragged before Cserny and during the interview smiled. Cserny thereupon remarked, "You won't smile any more. We shall send you away. Good-bye!"

It came out that Bela Kun once ordered Cserny to kill Pogany, one of the Commissaries for War. Cserny happened also to be a War Commissary and refused to kill his fellow politician. Thereupon, according to the witness, Bela Kun submitted the name of Kun, a well-known Hungarian Socialist. When Cserny asked Pogany why he wanted Pogany and Kun killed, "The Soviet chief said, 'Oh, they are not racial enemies.'"

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### POET D'ANNUNZIO'S THREAT TO EUROPE

New Adventures of the Mad Man Which Menace the Peace of Italy.

Sensational developments of Gen. d'Annunzio's mad adventures in the Adriatic threaten to set the Balkans aflame and to disturb the peace of Italy.

Semi-official Italian and Serbian statements show that the army now is to conquer Montenegro, as well as Dalmatia. His followers at Zara, the scene of his late raid, proclaim him "Liberator of Dalmatia and protector of Montenegro." The Jugo-Slavs of Dalmatia have appealed to Serbia for aid.

It is also disclosed that "exposed persons" in Italy who support D'Annunzio are engaged in intriguing against the Italian Government. The danger of the position lies in the fact that the Italian Army and a large section of the people are in sympathy with D'Annunzio.

"Were I so disposed," he said recently to Mr. Lucian Jones, Daily Express Special Correspondent at Fiume, "I could march to Rome tomorrow at the head of 600,000 men. I shall when I feel disposed."

It has been stated that D'Annunzio and his friends aim at establishing a military dictatorship in Italy. A month ago the Daily Express drew attention to the crisis in Italy brought about by D'Annunzio's Fiume raid. It was understood then that King Victor Emmanuel had intimated his intention to abdicate if sedition continues to spread.

Under which king? may become a momentous question for Italy.—London Express.

### CONFESSES TO OPENING SWITCH ON C.P.R. AT VERONA

Kingston, Dec. 25.—Frederick Scaler aged sixteen years, has confessed to opening a switch on the C. P. R. at Verona, allowing a passenger train to crash into some freight cars on a siding. As the result of the efforts of Engineer Colquhoun, Kingston, who remained at his post, the speed of the train had been materially reduced before it struck the freight cars, so that the result of the accident was less serious than it might have been.

Some of the passengers and trainmen received a severe shaking-up. Mrs. C. H. Gillespie, Whiteby, was injured about the face and conductor Craig, Kingston, was hurt about the knees.

Scaler was arraigned in the police court here today, and remanded for a week. His arrest was the outcome of investigations made by Inspector Moore, Toronto, who was assisted by investigator Harper. Discovery of tracks in the snow from the switch to Scaler's home, led to his arrest.

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