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Thousand Stirring Lads Are Rotary Guests at Opera House

POST OFFICE HERE HAS RECORD DAY

ROUSING TIME IN TREAT TODAY FOR ROMPING BOYS

Fill Auditorium With Shouts and Laughter At Entertainment TO BE REPEATED

Ringed Chorus, Pictures and Other Good Things Mark Morning

The spirit of boyhood entered into possession of the Opera House this morning when fully 1,000 boys attended a Christmas treat provided by their big brothers of the Rotary Club.

Did they enjoy themselves? Did they throw their entire unspooled little souls into the choruses led by Rotarian Spangler?

Did they howl with glee over the antics of 'Inbad, the Sailor,' the trained monkey of the silver screen, and rous their heads off at Owen Coll's jokes?

Did they take away with them the memory of one of the gayest times a boy could have on this fine old earth? Ask them!

All Cases There. They were there in their numbers. Classes, grades, distinctions were forgotten as 120 boys sat with poor boys, black with white, Protestant, Catholic and Jew—all welded into one big common family of boys in the name of the little Babe of Bethlehem who came into this bleak old world long ago to teach them the lesson of brotherhood and the meaning of Christmas.

Keenly Enjoyed. A sea of smiling, eager, animated faces; a rollicking chorus about the spreading chestnut tree or a poor pussy cat; a deafening shout of laughter as 'Inbad the Monkey' knocked the villainous mate down into the hold of the ship; a tremendous burst of cheering when Inbad foiled the machinations of the mate and saved the hidden fortune for the skipper and his charming daughter; a respectful silence when (Continued on page 2, second column).

School Inspectors To Meet January 8. FREDERICTON, Dec. 23.—(Special)—The semi-annual conference of school inspectors will be held here January 8. The inspectors will confer with Dr. W. S. Carter, Chief Superintendent of Education, and Dr. H. V. B. Bridges, principal of the Normal School.

No Indication Of Italian Elections. ROME, Dec. 23.—The executive committee of the Fascist party has sent a circular letter to its provincial branches stating that the new electoral bill is no wise indicates that a general election is imminent. It further declares that the government's decision to introduce the bill is proof of Premier Mussolini's parliamentary security.

DIES IN KINGSCLEAR. FREDERICTON, Dec. 23.—(Special)—Mrs. Mary Gallagher, widow of J. Gallagher, died in Kingsclear at her home Monday afternoon, aged 76 years. She had been ill four months. Five sons survive—George, Samuel, Walter, Taber and Wardlaw, all of Kingsclear and Mrs. Frank W. Good.

POPE PERFECTLY WELL. ROME, Dec. 23.—In response to queries prompted by a report that he was ill with influenza, it was stated this forenoon that Pope Pius was perfectly well.

Scientist Would Have Marriage Age Limit 21 Years; Society Would Benefit, He Says. CHICAGO, Dec. 23.—(United Press)—For the offspring of persons well along in life the chances for greatness are excellent. This is the conclusion of Casper L. Redfield, Chicago scientist, who today announced an educational campaign to have state legislatures enact laws prohibiting marriage under the age of 21. Redfield said he had been making his investigations for almost 40 years.

CROSS-WORD CRAZE HAS COMPENSATION. BOSTON, Dec. 23.—A Boston publishing house reports that because of the cross-word puzzle craze the usual output of 10,000 dictionaries has grown to a monthly production of that number which increased day and night forced fall to keep pace with. On the small desk size the company has booked orders as far ahead as November 1925.

HIS FUNDS SHORT, TRIES TO SUICIDE. MASS. STREET RAILWAY TREASURER RESIGNS. Victim Tells Hospital Orderly he Used Money For Company Purposes.

BOSTON, Mass., Dec. 23.—Caleb S. Jackson, vice-president and treasurer of the Eastern Massachusetts Street Railway Company, and of the Insurance Company which it formed to handle its Workmen's Insurance business, attempted suicide early today after announcement that he had resigned because of improper disposition of \$60,000 of the insurance funds. A note which he left to a sister, Mrs. Mabel Dresser, who shared the apartment in which he tried to kill himself, said he had ruined himself. As state insurance inspectors are still investigating Jackson's accounts, officials of the Eastern Massachusetts street railway said today that they could not give further details of Jackson's transactions.

Denies Crime. At the hospital, an orderly who had read of Jackson's resignation asked him about it. The patient is said to have remarked: "There is no deficit. I used the money for the company, only the little Babe of Bethlehem who came into this bleak old world long ago to teach them the lesson of brotherhood and the meaning of Christmas."

Second Divorce. BRIDGEPORT, Conn., Dec. 23.—Laurel E. Robble of this city has obtained a second divorce from John G. Robble of New York through Judge John R. Booth in Superior Court after two years' terms of married life. Mrs. Robble received her first divorce in 1908 and was remarried four years later.

4 Suspects Held On Bank Robbery Charge. SEATTLE, Wash., Dec. 23.—Clarence H. Dicks, Sheriff, former Seattle policeman, and three companions were arrested on Canadian extradition warrants in connection with a bank robbery of the Royal Bank at Nanaimo, B. C., December 12. Three others were being sought last night.

Man, Held in Sydney, Will Be Taken to Hamilton, Ont. Soon. HAMILTON, Dec. 23.—Bill Sherman, wanted here on a charge of murder in connection with the death of Joe Baylous, whose body was found on the mountain side some time ago, will be brought back from Sydney, N. S., in a week or two. The widow of Baylous and three foreigners are held in Hamilton jail awaiting trial on the same charge.

Editor Sentenced to 3 Months For Libelling President. BERLIN, Dec. 23.—The editor Rothard was sentenced today to three months in prison for libelling President Ebert. The court held that libel had been committed, but disagreed with the state attorney's proposal for a six month's prison sentence.

Want 140 Miles As Railway Day Basis. LONDON, Dec. 23.—After sitting for three hours last evening in connection with the railway mileage dispute, the wages board decided to retain the existing basis of 140 miles for one day's pay. This decision, in the event of both sides accepting it, will obviate any further dispute and automatically remove the associated societies' threat of calling a strike if a basis of 100 miles is enforced by the railway companies in January.

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CIVIL WAR MAY FOLLOW STRIFE IN RED RUSSIA. Struggle Between Trotsky and Stalin at Serious Stage. MOSCOW DENIES IT. High Russian Official Brands Report as "An Unmitigated Lie."

LONDON, Dec. 23.—The struggle for power in Russia between Leon Trotsky and Stalin has reached a serious stage and civil war is threatened in numerous centres, according to a dispatch to the Daily Mail from its Riga correspondent.

The correspondent repeats in essential details the report of civil strife over Trotsky's alleged banishment which was printed in the Berliner Zeitung Am Freitag quoting Odenrat's advice last week.

Support Behind Trotsky. Stalin's position is critical, the Daily Mail correspondent says, because moderate Communists, old Czarist generals, the military schools and the red army generally are supporting Trotsky. Stalin's strength rests on a minority of the army, the police and special forces.

The Kremlin is packed with troops, machine guns and artillery, so that practically a state of siege exists. The correspondent reports, adding that he believed that Trotsky is victorious. He will introduce a more moderate form of government and unite the Socialists.

The dispatch direct from Moscow yesterday quoted a high Russian official as branding a report of civil war there as "an unmitigated lie."

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ANTI-RED STRUGGLE. Balkans Determined to Take Strong Measures Against Bolshevik Propaganda.

BELGRADE, Dec. 23.—Foreign Minister Mincich, commenting on the proposed creation of an anti-Bolshevik front in the Balkans, is quoted by the newspaper Vreme, as saying: "The struggle against Bolshevism now being prepared for throughout Europe cannot fail to have an effect on our home politics. The government will not hesitate for an instant to apply the severest legal measures against all those whose subversive activity is inspired by the Third International."

Stockings Will Be Ready For Delivery Tomorrow. CONTRIBUTIONS received for The Times-Star Empty Stocking Fund yesterday have brought the total up to a little over \$1,200. Last night a volunteer crew were busy filling the stockings and this work will be completed this evening.

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TELEME SEES LOTS OF TROUBLE AHEAD. PARIS, Dec. 23.—President Coolidge will abandon his post. Russia will change its government. England will witness a tremendous growth of socialism. The King of Italy will have many troubles. Spain may revolt against the dictator.

HOWL IS RAISED IN THE MEAT QUESTION. BRITISH POLICY FAVORING DOMINION OPPOSED. Anti-Protectionists Protest Discrimination Against Foreign Firms.

LONDON, Dec. 23.—The Liberal anti-protection newspapers take up arms today in opposition to the rumored intention of the government to discriminate against foreign meat, and declaring their skepticism concerning the whole story, argue that, if the suggested schemes are started, it is bound to fail.

Argentina's position as principal exporter of beef to Great Britain is unassailable they say, not only because Argentina's meat is better than the Australian but because the British public with Argentina is too valuable for any government to attempt to discourage.

Australian dispatches express great satisfaction at the reported success of the London meeting. With that subtitled "The meat question," the Australian meat council, last night, resolved in its members of the congregation voting against the church entering union and one voting for union, according to a telephone message received by the Regina branch of the Presbyterian Church Association. Rev. J. R. B. Graham, pastor of the Assiniboia Church, is also provincial moderator of the Saskatchewan Presbyterian Synod.

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FRANCE WILL REPAY. Washington Ambassador Says Country Expects Preferential Treatment From U. S.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 23.—Julius J. Jusserand, retiring French ambassador, told an audience here yesterday that France, after a moratorium for a "breathing spell," could see debt to the United States. He made it plain, however, that France expected preferential treatment as compared with terms granted by the United States to other war debtors nations.

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CHURCHES ARE UNANIMOUSLY IN FAVOR OF UNION. First Reports Made To Bureau of Joint Committee. Those Remaining Association Secretary Says No Lack of Ministers To Constitute Old Church.

TORONTO, Dec. 23.—The first churches to declare that they will enter the United Church of Canada reported to the bureau of the joint committee on Church Union yesterday. These were as follows: St. Andrew's—No opposition. Entering the United Church without a vote. This charge was the first United Church in Northern Ontario.

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RECORD CHRISTMAS BUSINESS IN LONDON MARKS POST-WAR RECOVERY. Crowds Jam Streets and Railroad Traffic is Largest Ever.

LONDON, Dec. 23.—Great Britain's slow but sure recovery from the war is reflected in the Christmas purchasing here which is believed to have reached a record. Although there are still more than a million unemployed in the country, the farmers are more prosperous than they have been any year since the war ended.

OTTAWA, Dec. 23.—The Ottawa post office has taken over the linking of Christmas stamps. Under a scheme in force here, parcels are handed to a clerk who weighs them, calls out the amount of postage for each package to a second clerk who skillfully manipulates a cash register. A slip bearing the amount of postage is given which is paid in cash. Inside a staff of employees affixes the proper stamps.

PLEASSED WITH TRIP. Sir George and Lady Foster Return After Journey of 30,000 Miles.

OTTAWA, Dec. 23.—Sir George and Lady Foster, who traveled over 30,000 miles within the last five months, including 8,000 miles by train in South Africa and 3,000 by automobile, returned home last night.

WHEAT PROBE ASKED. London Writer Charges Canadian and Australian Farmers Holding for Price Raise.

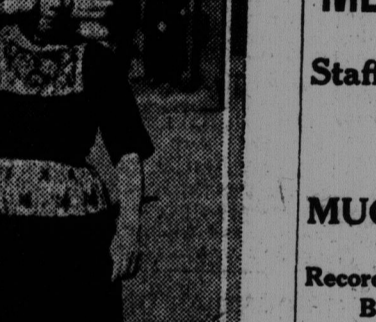
LONDON, Dec. 23.—The Westminster Gazette gives prominence to an article by a special correspondent depicting Premier Baldwin's preference proposals as "putting the dominions on the dole." He suggests that the existing food enquiry commission now sitting under the chairmanship of Auckland Geddes should probe charges that the wheat pools of Canada and Australia are controlled by financial institutions and the farmers themselves are holding up wheat supplies for Europe for the purpose of raising prices.

Cut Rates For Social And Professional Celebrities Abolished By Steamships. New York, Dec. 23.—Leading transatlantic passenger line operators have abolished the preference system whereby socially or professionally prominent people have been able to ride the ocean in first class accommodations upon payment of steersage rates of fare.

THE WEATHER REPORT. Synopsis—The depression which was over Manitoba yesterday is moving eastward across northern Ontario and another area of high pressure and cold weather is spreading into the western province from the northwest. The temperature is somewhat higher this morning from Ontario eastward.

Temperatures: TORONTO, Dec. 23.—Temperatures: Highest during 8 a.m. yesterday night. Lowest during 8 a.m. yesterday night.

NEW MARK WAS HUNG UP BY MAIL MEN YESTERDAY. Staff Has Difficulty To Keep Up With Rush. MUCH GOING OUT. Records Are Also Reported Broken In Letter Mail From City.



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THE LARGEST mail that ever entered the local post office in one day," was the opinion expressed by Acting Postmaster Alex. Thompson and several other of the older members of the staff when queried regarding the quantity of mail handled in the office here yesterday. The entire day staff worked up to 10 o'clock last evening, and the night staff came on duty early and labored strenuously all night in order to maintain the office's record this year of moving every piece of mail from the office within 24 hours of its arrival.

OUTGOING VERY HEAVY. All records were broken yesterday for outgoing letter mail handled here, while the parcel post at last equalled the record of the previous season. Trains were busy all day yesterday and especially all last evening delivering parcels. Now it was usually only the expected that they will be busy each evening for the balance of the week.

ONE BRANCH LIGHTER. The Customs Express branch at the old post office has been fairly busy during the last few days, James McKinley, Jr., said this afternoon, but the rate is nothing like it used to be a few years ago, he added, owing to the heavy loads that the parcel post has made in the shipment of gifts via express. Now it was usually only the larger parcels which are sent by express, as the cost by parcel post is considerably less.

SENTIMENT AGAINST IMPERIAL MEETING. Dominion Officials in London See Many Difficulties in the Way.

BRITISH UNITED PRESS. LONDON, Dec. 23.—Officials of the dominions resident in London are not over enthusiastic regarding the holding of another imperial conference, which has been tentatively set for March for the discussion of the Geneva protocol. There are apparently several difficulties in the way before such a proposal can be realized.

BERLIN SHOPS BUSY. Merchants Compelled to Close Doors in Coping With Great Rush.

BERLIN, Dec. 23.—So tremendous has been the volume of Christmas trade that some big department stores here have been compelled to take the doors in mid-afternoon to shut care of it. In one case the police were summoned to quell the disturbance that resulted when customers were refused admittance. The shopping district has been jammed with traffic for a week.