

SANTA COMES TO ST. JOHN KIDDIES

Visits Many Hundreds at Oak Hall and Gets 1500 Letters.

That the popularity of Santa Claus is not in the least on the wane was well demonstrated this morning when he paid his annual visit to Oak Hall and distributed among his youthful readers a large number of caramels and trolleys of chocolate.

The reception began at 9:15 and lasted until 10:15 and during that hour the visitor from the northern regions spent a very busy time distributing his gifts and receiving mail from his small admirers who took this opportunity to make known their wishes in the matter of presents to be delivered on Christmas morning.

The children were admitted through the Market street door of the store and after they had paid their court to "Santa" passed out through the Germain street door. South Market street was packed with small specimens of humanity all anxious to see this much desired visitor and place their Christmas needs before him.

Santa Claus' mail was a lot heavier after his visit to the northern regions. He received from the youngsters upwards of 1,500 letters with their requests to be remembered. Oak Hall had provided 2,000 packages of candy for the good old man to distribute, and not only were these all exhausted but fully 1,000 more could have been used, so great was the press of children to greet Santa Claus. Two policemen had to be called finally to control the crush at the rear of the building so that the business of the day could be resumed. It was a great time for everybody.

TECH'S TOUR TO PROVINCES IS OFF

Boston Hockey Team Has Abandoned the Proposed Trip This Month.

Boston, Dec. 15.—The trip to Canada during the Christmas holidays planned by the Technology hockey team has been called off according to Dr. A. W. Rowe of the Tech Athletic Council. It had been tentatively scheduled for the Engineers to contend with several Dominion university teams in the coming weeks, but due to the uncertainty of the weather it has been found advisable to drop the project.

The games, particularly in the Maritime Provinces were to be played on outdoor rinks and the fact that that part of Canada has been enjoying an unusual open winter so far, it has not looked likely that there would be any ice to play on.

The management of the Tech hockey team, while they have been in constant touch with various schools in Canada, have made no definite dates, and so the original expedition had been abandoned.

In addition, the fact that the team would be able to get in but two practice sessions before leaving was considered a contributory argument in favor of calling the project off.

Heavy Profit By Bank in Moscow

Moscow, Dec. 15.—A million gold roubles profit has been made in the past year by the Moscow Industrial bank, according to M. Sidorov, president of the institution.

The bank has foreign correspondents in all European capitals, including Paris and London, and its credit operations for the past fiscal year totalled \$5,000,000 gold roubles. Forty branches throughout the territory of Soviet Russia have been installed in the past year.

Notices of Births, Marriages and Deaths, 50 cents

BIRTHS

NAGLE—On Dec. 14, to Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Nagle, 20 Cedar St., a son.

DEATHS

LONG—Suddenly, at Yarmouth, N. B., Dec. 13, 1923, James Long, in his 80th year, leaving two sons.

McPHERSON—Suddenly, at his home, 100 St. John St., Yarmouth, N. B., Dec. 13, 1923, A. J. McPherson, leaving a sister and one brother (please copy).

FURNIS—On Dec. 13, 1923, Mrs. M. J. Furnis, to Oak Point cemetery.

IN MEMORIAM

BLIZZARD—In loving memory of Harold L., who departed this life Dec. 14, 1912.

What would we give to clasp his hand, To hear his voice and see his smile, That meant so much to me.

We loved in the days gone by, True love death cannot sever, If life is past, love still lasts, Forever and forever.

WILSON—In loving memory of Alice M. Wilson (nee Ferguson), who fell asleep in Jesus Dec. 16, 1918.

Five years ago tonight, Since Jesus took her home, Called her from this earth's trials, To his happy home above.

CARD OF THANKS

Mrs. William Galtier and family wish to thank the many friends for their generous kindness and spiritual offerings in their loss of a loving husband and father.

Many More Appeals Are Made To Times-Star Empty Stocking Fund

"Please remember me at Christmas as my daddy has been sick for six months and I have a little baby sister."

"I am writing this letter for the children as there are eight of them. I would like to have them share in the Empty Stocking Fund. They always look for Santa Claus on Christmas morning and some times he does not come. I want him to come this Christmas for it has been a very hard year for me."

"Please send me some clothes. I am very poor. I have no mother. If Santa Claus would send me some clothes how happy I would be. I PRAY FOR Santa Claus every day. I wrote last year but Santa Claus DID NOT send me anything. I hope I will get something this year."

"Please remember me with your Christmas stockings. Father is dead and mother works too hard and cannot spare anything for Christmas."

"I wish you would bring me something for Christmas. My father and mother are dead and I want to be happy Christmas Day."

"I am a poor widow. I have three children. Work is hard to get. Please send the children your Christmas stockings."

After reading about The Empty Stocking Fund in the Times-Star last evening a little girl rushed to her father saying, "Daddy I want my bank so I can get the coppers I have been saving to give to the little poor children for Christmas."

The bank was opened, the coppers counted, and there were lots of them, and then daddy added a dollar bill to the pile. Then the proud little girl got up early this morning to bring her contribution to the Times-Star office.

It is only one of many incidents that really make living worth while, but it is a mighty good example on the road to happiness. Let's all give SOMETHING quickly.

Contributors will please make checks payable to The Times-Star Stocking Fund and address all communications to the Chairman of the Stocking Fund Committee.

PICTURES OF RACES BANNED

Jockey Club Will Rely on Decisions of the Judges.

New York, Dec. 15.—Preferring to rely altogether on the decisions of the race judges, the Jockey Club, controlling most of the racing in this country, is said to have decided that news photographers and movie men must keep away from the finish lines and take no pictures of close finishes.

A proposal to base decisions on photographs snapped by mechanism at the very instant of the finish also has been abandoned because of the delay which would be necessary in announcing the winners.

The objection to the photographing of close finishes arose from the incident at Louisville, in which Zer was declared the official winner in a close finish with in Memoriam. News pictures indicated the Kentucky horse won, but in any case, the authorities prefer to stand by the judges' verdicts, believing them right 999 times out of 1,000.

British Won't Probe Death of Woman

New York, Dec. 15.—Captain Gloster of the British consular general in New York, today stated that his office had made no request for an investigation in the case of Mrs. Bert Dodge of this city, who was shot and killed while being held at Ellis Island. Mrs. Dodge, with her baby daughter, Kathleen, had come out to join her husband, an Englishman now living in Boston.

Officials at Ellis Island declared that Mrs. Dodge received the best of treatment and that expert medical attention was given to her. It was reported from Washington last night that the commissioner general of immigration had said he would "ask for the facts" in the case. It was to have been a happy Christmas in the humble little home of Bert Dodge, at 148 Summit street, Hyde Park, Boston.

Labor Will Lay Cards On Table

London, Dec. 15.—According to Jack Jones, Labor leader, who has just been elected again to the House of Commons, the Labor party, if called to form a government, will immediately lay all its cards on the table. Speaking at Carlisle yesterday, Mr. Jones said: "We will place our programme before the people in the King's speech and let the other groups vote against it. Then we will go to the country and ask the people to come to a decision on the programme we place before them."

FINES IN BEER CASES

John Connell was fined \$200 in the police court this morning on a charge of selling intoxicating liquor in his shop in Prince Edward street. Wm. M. Ryan appeared for the prosecution. Fred Donovan, King Square, was fined \$200 for having overstrength beer.

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Liabilities of Boston Financier Are Now Reported at \$179,680.

LAWSON'S PLACE IS PARTLY SOLD

Boston, Dec. 14.—Considerable progress has been made in liquidating the affairs of Thomas W. Lawson. His personal property has been converted into cash and several farm buildings at Dreamwood have been disposed of.

At the time the trust deed was created, there were mortgage obligations in excess of \$100,000; Lawson's labor claims exceeding \$20,000 and there were also unsecured claims totaling approximately \$55,000. Substantial payments have been made on mortgages, labor claims have been paid in full and investments in building operations.

As of Oct. 1, the trustees had realized and collected \$170,304, of which \$164,915, of which payments on mortgages, expenses, \$11,132, labor claims, \$15,822.

WILL CALL FOR TENDERS MONDAY

Public Works Asking Bids for Potato Warehouse—Close 27th.

The call for tenders for the addition to the present frost proof shed on the west side will be issued on Monday. It was stated this morning by Monday it was stated this morning by the public works department, the tenders to close on December 27.

The new building will be 80 by 94, one story or two raised on piles. It is to be frost-proof and equipped with an electric lighting system and heating and will have a fire wall at one end. This is an extension of the Dominion Government and will be used largely for the shipment of potatoes.

SOCIAL NOTES FROM ROTHEASY

Rothesay, Dec. 15.—On Monday afternoon, twenty-nine members of the "senior" branch of the Woman's Auxiliary, of the Home of the aged, were present at a social gathering for the purpose of packing a box of Christmas gifts, for a Sunday school in St. John. It is quite a large school and every scholar, teacher and officer will receive a nice gift, done up in Christmas wrappings, tags, etc. The gifts were nicely packed, and the box was sent to St. John on Monday afternoon.

On Wednesday afternoon, Mrs. H. W. Frink was hostess at a very delightful bridge of eight tables. The prizes were won by Mrs. H. F. Puddington, Mrs. A. W. Harvie and Mrs. R. C. Cruikshank. Those present were Mrs. Fred McArthur, Mrs. W. S. Allison, Mrs. H. W. Schofield, Mrs. Walter Holly, Miss Allison, Mrs. Paul Blancher, Mrs. H. F. Puddington, Mrs. Percy Fair, Mrs. Alexander Fowler, Miss Madge Robertson, Mrs. John M. Robinson, Miss Barnes, Mrs. Heber Vowles, Mrs. M. J. Mackay, Mrs. John B. Armstrong, Mrs. Thomas Bell, Mrs. B. Robinson, Mrs. R. C. Cruikshank, Mrs. M. J. Mackay, Mrs. John B. Armstrong, Mrs. W. H. Harvie, Mrs. F. R. Taylor, Mrs. Allan McAvity, Mrs. Cecil West, Mrs. Daniel Mullin, Mrs. Leah Hudson, Mrs. Angus Mackay, Mrs. Hugh McLennan, Mrs. Campbell Mackay and Mrs. Dodge Handkin.

GOOD THINGS COMING TO THE THEATRES OF ST. JOHN

ROSSLEY SHOW AND SANTA CLAUS

Imperial Theatre Going to be Christmas Headquarters Again Next Week.

The Rossley Kiddies on the stage, Santa Claus in the main lobby waiting rooms and the usual fine array of picture attractions will continue all throughout next week for the entertainment of young and old. It will be a great Christmas week. The Rossley Kiddies will appear at 4:15 in the afternoon and 8:15 at night. Their show runs forty-five minutes. It is very hard yet, ask anybody who has seen it already. Thee are packed to the doors Friday and this afternoon. Santa Claus was literally besieged in the waiting rooms where he had his workshop.

PERSONALS

Friends will be pleased to know that Angus Chaisson, who has been ill in the infirmary, has improved much and expects to be at home within a week. Hon. Dr. E. A. Smith, chairman of the New Brunswick Electric Power Commission, who was in the city on commission business and inspected the work at Musquodreville, returned to his home, St. John, last night.

Hon. D. W. Mesereau, minister of agriculture, passed through the city yesterday en route to his home at Fredericton Junction.

Mother Couldn't Explain Effie—Why hasn't daddy much a lot? Mother—Because he thinks a lot, daddy. Effie—But why have you got such a lot, mummy? Mother—Get on with your breakfast—London Opinion.

WOMEN SHOP HERE, TOO

Because they know a man likes a man's gift from a man's store in a man's package. AND Some men don't like women to do their shopping for them. BUT It's all right if you come to Gilmour's.

JUST NOW—More women are coming in every day, doing holiday shopping. WE HOPE—You will come in. We would like to help you get the right things.

Gilmour's 68 KING

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Some Stocks Make Gains in New York—Montreal Active.

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FINANCIAL NOTES

Montreal, Dec. 15.—Cables 4.45%. London, Dec. 15.—Bar silver 33 1/2 d. an ounce.

CLOSING REPORT

New York, Dec. 15.—Chemical and fertilizer stocks competed with the oil for leadership of the irregularly higher movement in today's market but active session of the stock exchange. Gains of 2 1/2 to 3 points were registered by Virginia Carolina Chemical, Pfd, American Agricultural Chemical, Allied Chemical, National Breweries, etc.

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SEASON TICKETS

Victoria Rink An ideal Xmas gift. For sale at F. W. Munro's, North End, Gas, Hall's, King's, King street, and at the rink.

BURIED TODAY

The funeral of George Toles was held this morning from Lancaster avenue to the Church of the Assumption for high mass of requiem by Rev. J. J. Ryan. Interment was made in the new Catholic cemetery.

The funeral of Mrs. Margaret Bell was held this afternoon on the arrival of the Boston train, to Cedar Hill. Service was conducted by Rev. G. B. MacDonald.

The funeral of Arthur R. Lee was held this afternoon from the Mission church of St. John the Baptist. Service was conducted by Rev. J. V. Young. Interment was in Fernhill.

A Bright Thought—Give a Cedar Chest

Every maid quickens to the idea of a Hope Chest, every wife wants one quite as eagerly. For nothing can take its place for storing away in moth-proof safety the precious things of the future.

Lowest Here--\$17 A genuine Tennessee Red Cedar Chest for \$17—what need of further word of Marcus leadership? Varieties shown in window include a beauty in solid walnut lined in cedar.

Other window suggestions deal with Tea Wagons, Spinnet Desks, Decorative Chairs and Smokers' Sets.

J. Marcus Furniture, Rugs 30-36 Dock St.

Phonograph Club Sale Will Close Tonight No More Sold on Such Easy Payments. Only a few more left. There will be a lot of disappointed shoppers after this sale. Come in early if you want to have one of these famous Phonographs in your home for only \$1.00 down. We start the ball rolling in giving the best bargains in phonographs at less than half price. These Phonographs are made in genuine walnut or mahogany, Russell double springs, Universal tone arms and all parts can be replaced any time. Every Phonograph is guaranteed. ONE DOLLAR DOWN AND WE DELIVER ONE TO YOUR HOME. JOIN THE CLUB PLAN TONIGHT. No. 1—\$1.00 cash down and one Phonograph goes to your home. No. 2—No interests, or collectors going to your door. No. 3—Balance payable in small monthly payments. ALMAND BROS., Limited \$85.50 Cash or \$95.00 on the Club Plan. Come in early tonight. 19 WATERLOO STREET