

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 is conducting operations for the past fiscal year totaling \$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

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

DEATHS

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

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

FURNIE—On Dec. 13, 1923, Mrs. M. A. Furnie, to Oak Point cemetery.

IN MEMORIAM

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

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CARD OF THANKS

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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.

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 killed in a fall while being held at Ellis Island.

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.

Report Lull In British Politics

London, Dec. 15.—The lull in politics which it had been expected would continue until the meeting of parliament on Jan. 8 will be temporarily broken on Tuesday. Herbert Asquith, leader of the reunited Liberal party, has invited the newly elected Liberal members of parliament to meet him on that day at the National Liberal Club to hear speeches by himself, Mr. Lloyd George and Sir James Simon.

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.

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