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HON. MR. RAYMOND PREFONTAINE

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SUDDENLY SUCCUMBS IN PARIS

Canadian Minister of Marine and Fisheries Taken Ill With Angina Pectoris and Passes Away Christmas Night—One of Quebec's Foremost Representatives in Political and Municipal Life.

PARIS, DEC. 25.—HON. RAYMOND PREFONTAINE, CANADIAN MINISTER OF MARINE AND FISHERIES, DIED SUDDENLY AT 9 O'CLOCK TO-NIGHT. THE CAUSE OF HIS DEATH WAS ANGINA PECTORIS.

Mr. Prefontaine, accompanied by Randolph Lemieux, the Canadian solicitor-general, came to France a couple of weeks ago from London, in connection, it is said, with the establishment of a line of steamers between Marseilles and Canadian ports.

Soon after his arrival in Paris, the minister complained that he was suffering from heart trouble, but he continued to fill his engagements.

During the progress of a banquet given in his honor Dec. 21, he was seen to be suffering acutely, but this at the time was attributed to emotion while replying to a toast to his health.

The minister on Saturday visited Lille and Dunkirk, but on returning to the Hotel Continental here he was compelled to take his bed, and a physician was sent for. The latter pronounced Mr. Prefontaine's illness to be serious, and a specialist was called into consultation. Complete rest was advised, and all engagements were cancelled.

At 9 o'clock to-night the administration of medicine was followed by a choking sensation. The last sacraments were administered and death followed immediately.

The British minister, Sir Francis Bertie, was notified by Minister Lemieux, and arrangements for the funeral of the minister were at once begun.

The body will be taken to Montreal, Que., for interment.

Hon. Mr. Prefontaine came here from London, where he was negotiating with the imperial authorities concerning the establishment of a naval militia in Canada, a subject in which he was deeply interested. A few days ago he was quoted as saying that the change in government in Britain had delayed his plans, but that he was assured that the new government was quite sympathetic with his designs.

AT OTAWA.

Ottawa, Dec. 25.—(Special.)—The news of the death of Hon. Mr. Prefontaine came as a painful shock. The first official notification was a cable received by Sir Wilfrid Laurier about 8 o'clock. It was from Hon. Rudolph Lemieux, but contained nothing but the bare announcement of the death and said details would be forwarded later. Up to a late hour to-night no additional information had been received.

On receipt of cable the prime minister immediately notified the various cabinet ministers and called a cabinet meeting for to-day to arrange to bring the body home.

The sad news spread very rapidly and the premier and cabinet ministers were besieged with inquiries.

MONTREAL GIVES.

Montreal, Dec. 25.—(Special.)—The news to the effect that Hon. Mr. Prefontaine had died suddenly in Paris caused consternation amongst his many friends, in both party camps here, as well as deep sorrow. Raymond Prefontaine was perhaps the best known man in Montreal, and, unlike other strong party men, had no personal enemies. From alderman to mayor he had worked up a strong following and when he entered the federal cabinet his municipal friends, irrespective of party name, were then his adherents. While no other Liberal could poll a big majority in Maisonneuve, the minister of marine could always count on two thousand majority at least, the English-speaking electors voting for him to a man.

Approved South African War.

He especially won the confidence of the extreme loyalists when he at once advocated sending soldiers to fight for the empire in South Africa, and at the same time he held the French-Canadian masses in the hollow of his hand.

There were a great many who did not support Mr. Prefontaine's municipal projects, but one and all have been only too ready to testify to the wonderful energy and ability which he had displayed as head of the department of marine and fisheries.

The day after the late minister was sworn in he told your correspondent that it would be his policy to sink all party feeling when dealing with his department, and all will agree that he left his record.

An Ambitious Member.

Those who were amongst the intimate friends of Mr. Prefontaine declare that he was most ambitious regarding the future of his department and it is well understood here that the port of Montreal and the St. Lawrence route generally never had a warmer friend and champion than Raymond Prefontaine. It is understood that Sir Wilfrid Laurier has cabled Hon. Rodolphe Lemieux to return to Canada.

HIS LIFE.

The Hon. Joseph Raymond Fournier Prefontaine had long been an active figure in municipal, provincial and federal politics. He was born at Longueuil, Chambly, County of Quebec, Sept. 16, 1850. His family was of ancient descent, his ancestors having made their home in what was then New France in 1680. He was educated privately at St. Mary's College, Montreal, and finally at McGill University, where he took the degree of B.C.L. in 1873. In the same year he was called to the bar, where his rise was rapid. M. Prefontaine possessed unusual ability and forensic skill, and his firm of Prefontaine, Archer and Perron enjoyed one of the largest practices in Montreal. In 1893 he was created Queen's counsel.

In 1875 he made his first appearance as Liberal candidate for the Quebec legislature in his native district of Chambly, and, in spite of considerable odds, was successful. In the legislature he made his mark, but on offering himself for re-election in 1878, was defeated. His opponent, however, was unseated. In 1879 M. Prefontaine was again successful, but was again defeated in 1881. During this period he interested himself in municipal life, and in 1879 was elected a councillor of Hochelaga, at that time the principal east end suburb of Montreal. His policy in municipal affairs was progressive, and he worked strenuously on behalf of the citizens.

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HON. RAYMOND PREFONTAINE.

SALVATION ARMY IN AMERICA GAVE XMAS MEAL TO 500,000

In New York City Nearly 50,000 Poor Were Given Free Holiday Fare.

New York, Dec. 25.—Christmas Day in New York was marked by the customary universal suspension of business and the usual family re-unions and generous out-pouring of public and private charity. Fully 20,000 poor persons partook of the bountiful Christmas fare provided in all the city hospitals and asylums, in missions and other benevolent institutions supported by private charity, and at the annual distribution of dinners by the Salvation Army and the Volunteers of America.

At the Grand Central Palace the distribution of Christmas dinner baskets by the Salvation Army began early in the morning and continued until the needs of nearly 5000 families, or about 25,000 persons, had been relieved. In addition to this, numerous bundles of clothing for children and adults were distributed. It was announced that throughout the country the Army fed over 500,000 persons.

A tragic interruption of the Christmas festivities occurred at the home of Mrs. Paul Raymond, when her step-brother, John Muscow, and his friend, Andrew Casmun, who had been invited to join a family re-union, were found dead in bed this morning. The men, who had recently arrived from Russia, were unacquainted with the use of illuminating gas, and blew it out when they retired last night.

Another fatality of the day was that of the seven-year-old Sadie O'Neill, who was buried to death by her clothing catching fire from a Christmas tree.

30,000 FREE DINNERS.

Boston, Dec. 25.—The distribution of upwards of 30,000 dinners, and an array of other gifts by the Salvation Army Volunteers of America, the churches, and by charitably disposed citizens, was a feature of the observances of Christmas here.

Christmas was a green one in this section. The weather was mode ately cold.

JOY KILLS GIRL

Elmira, N.Y., Dec. 25.—Ruth Rutledge, five years old, daughter of a prominent jeweler, dropped dead to-day while viewing her Christmas presents.

CHEER FOR U.S. SAILORS.

Washington, Dec. 25.—Aboard the ships of the American navy, scattered in foreign and home waters, to-day will be observed as a holiday. The Christmas greetings sent around the world last night by Admiral Dewey will be communicated to the officers and men of all the vessels in the service that can be reached. Liberal shore leave will be granted, according to custom, and as many as can be spared from a ship will celebrate ashore. Thousands of pounds of turkey, cranberries and plum-pudding and other things that make up the Christmas dinner aboard the vessels have been laid by and will be served in generous fashion on board each ship.

The men will have their Christmas dinner at noon and the officers in the evening. On many ships the captain will be invited to dine in the wardroom and join the officers making merry.

SMALLPOX ON AMELIA STREET.

Case is a Mild One, Contracted From Another Patient.

Another case of smallpox from a house on Amelia-street was removed to the hospital yesterday.

The disease is in a mild form and the physicians believe the source of infection was from a previous care.

Dr. Sheard said last night that the disease would be stamped out completely in a short time if further infection was not brought in from the outside.

He thought, however, there would be more cases when the holiday rush was over and the visitors returned home.

Campbell's English Chop House, 30 King-street West. Ladies' and Gents' Grill open 7 a.m. till 11 p.m. Sundays—8 a.m. 2 p.m., 5.30 p.m., 8 p.m.

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TENEMENT HOUSE BABIES MENACED BY FIRE FIEND

Early Morning Fire in New York East Side With no Loss of Life.

New York, Dec. 25.—Hundreds of tenement house babies and their toy-laden Christmas trees were carried into the street before daylight to-day, during a fire which threatened to obliterate several blocks of the city in the vicinity of 58th-street and 11th-avenue. A six-storey factory building at 534 and 538 West 58th-street was completely destroyed, with a loss of $200,000.

With tenement houses on three sides, and with the gas tanks of the Consolidated Gas Company within reach of showers of sparks, the water pressure partially failed when the fire was hottest. Fire engines were hastily coupled together, pumping in pairs, and this device, together with the bold work of firemen, who advanced almost into the zone of the flames, in order to play on the fire with their weak streams, finally saved the hundreds of surrounding homes.

The fire was first discovered when flames burst from the third storey window and belched completely across 58th-street with a roar like a discharging cannon. When the fire department arrived and tried to put up its compressed air extension ladders to the sixth floor the ladders refused to work. This delayed the firemen several minutes.

Half an hour after the fire started, altho it was still long before daylight, the rooms of Roosevelt Hospital, some distance away, were lighted as if by daylight. There was great alarm among both patients and their attendants. Such crowds rushed out of the tenement houses nearer the fire that the police from several station were called out to handle them.

At the height of the fire thousands of spectators momentarily forgot the burning building in watching a struggle in the upper window of a tenement building. A man started climbing over the window sill, preparing to drop to the street in his night clothes. Another man reached out to save him. The two fought in the window above the sidewalk, while the crowd below cleared a semi-circle. A blanket was stretched under the window. It was not needed, however, for the half-crazed man was drawn back thru his window by main strength.

The sun had risen before the last of the Christmas trees was carried back into the tenement houses and the danger was entirely over. One of the firemen was injured by falling glass.

DEAD A WEEK; NOT FOUND.

Buffalo Minister Seized With Apoplexy and Dies Alone.

Buffalo, Dec. 25.—Rev. Charles Stube, pastor of the Evangelical Church at Ebenezer, a suburb of Buffalo, was found dead in his home to-day.

The health physician of the town concluded that the minister was stricken with apoplexy a week ago yesterday, and that he had died from the stroke.

His body had been lying on the floor in his home for a week.

CHINA TO MAKE DEMANDS.

Carrying Shanghai Disturbances Before British Government.

London, Dec. 26.—The correspondent of The Morning Post at Shanghai says that the Chinese foreign office has instructed the Chinese minister at London to negotiate with the British government regarding the mixed court dispute, to demand the dismissal of the British assessor and to insist on the punishment of the police concerned in the recent outbreak.

POPE SERIOUSLY DISTURBED OVER INCIDENT AT BARCELONA.

Rome, Dec. 25.—The Pope to-day expressed his deep concern over the attempt made last night at Barcelona to stab Cardinal Salvator Cassanas y Pages, Bishop of Urgel, as he was leaving the cathedral.

His holiness discussed the incident at length with Cardinal del Val, papal secretary of state, and with Cardinal Vives y Tutto, Bishop of Barcelona, who is here.

'Smoke Taylor's Maple Leaf' Cigar.

Ready for it Again.

After a Christmas rest for everyone Albert Williams' high-class restaurant on Yonge-street, just north of Queen, will re-open this morning with increased facilities for accommodating its immense patronage. Shea's orchestra in the evening.

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TROUBLE IN STORE FOR SANTA CLAUS

M'sieur Gouin, as "Santy" passes: "Oh! So it look lak we git not'ing at our house dis Christmas, eh?"

MOSCOW'S DEAD, 5000

IN DESPERATE STREET FIGHTING

BOMBS OPPOSE CANNON

Wounded Are Said to Number 14,000 — Artillery Used To Batter Down Houses Where Revolutionaries Are Barricaded—Program is to Encircle Troops in Heart of City.

St. Petersburg, Dec. 25.—(11 p.m.)—Direct telegraphic communication with Moscow was severed last night, but the government succeeded in restoring communication by a roundabout route this morning.

All reports agree that the fighting yesterday, which continued until midnight, assumed the nature of a butchery by the machine guns of the artillery, grape and canister being employed mercilessly against the ill-armed insurgents.

Atrocious tales are told of the Cossacks, who, piled with vodka until drunk, fired down the streets, sometimes charging with lances.

The insurgents displayed great stubbornness in holding their houses, even advancing in a mass to the slaughter. At the same time the bombs were thrown from the windows of houses near the barricades occupied by the revolutionaries. The artillery was summoned and battered the houses to pieces.

The plan of the insurgents, it is stated, is to hold the outskirts and gradually enclose the troops in the centre of the city.

Leaders announce that an army of 30,000 is concentrated at Orzhchsueff, northeast of Moscow, and will soon be ready to march to the city's assistance.

The latest report is that both sides were exhausted at midnight, when firing practically ceased.

The streets were in absolute darkness, save for searchlights in the towers of the bivouacs behind barricades.

5000 KILLED; 14 000 WOUNDED.

London, Dec. 25.—The correspondent of The Daily Telegraph at St. Petersburg, in a despatch dated at 6.15 p.m. Dec. 25, says:

At an early hour this morning the casualties at Moscow were estimated at 5000 killed and 14,000 wounded, with the fighting still proceeding.

The inhabitants of Moscow have been forbidden to leave their dwellings after 7 o'clock in the evening. It is impossible to move about the city in consequence of the frequency of stray bullets. Many innocent persons have been accidentally killed.

A scarcity of provisions is threatened. The same correspondent, telegraphing at 10.38 p.m., says:

Your Moscow correspondent's telegrams have not been accepted because all private messages were refused this afternoon.

Desperate Fighting.

It is learned, however, that cannon firing is now proceeding in various parts of the city, where to-night very near the railroad stations the barricades erected by the revolutionaries are being desperately defended.

The Kursk terminus at Moscow is being pillaged, and many wagons laden with provisions are being looted.

The emperor is engaged daily in reviewing at Tsarskoe Selo the regiments of the St. Petersburg district. The spirit of the troops is decidedly loyal.

The Fury of Hate.

From fragmentary accounts received from Moscow, I gather that the civil war has brought no decisive action, but only a thickening of the blood feud, an intensifying of the horrors, and an increase of the prevailing bitterness.

The driving force behind both the troops and the rebels is no longer that of enthusiasm or of any human impulse.

It is the fury of superhuman hate, and hence the deeds reported are not acts of patriots, soldiers or otherwise, but the enormities of madmen.

"For every barricade destroyed Sunday, two or three appeared in other places. Orders were given by the revolutionists to shoot only when there was great hope of bringing a man down, but otherwise to fire out the troops until they lost patience.

"The most surprising thing of all is the loyalty of the troops, which nobody here anticipated.

"Talking with an intelligent group of St. Petersburg revolutionists I was informed that while they believed the strike would be victorious, they fully realized they were staking everything upon the issue, and that failure would set back their cause for several years. They said they were devoting their efforts to shaking the foundations of Russian finance, in full confidence that once the existing regime was overthrown, they could as quickly build another and that foreign nations would be as ready to advance money to a democratic republic as to the autocracy.

"In conclusion they declared that in event of failure of their cause they would have recourse to terrorism, choosing their victims from all classes of society."

THE WIVES THEY LEFT BEHIND.

Immigrants' Families in Old Land Face Winter in Want.

(Canadian Associated Press Cable.)

London, Dec. 25.—That scores of immigrants assisted to Canada last spring left behind families now in want is the statement made by W. O. Campbell, chairman of the Church Immigration Society.

He sounds a warning against helping married men to go out without their wives. Many men went intending to send money to bring their wives, but have been unable to do so, altho they got good work. Families now face the winter here alone.

ANARCHIST SUICIDES.

Attempted Assassin of Spanish Cardinal Takes Poison When Arrested

Barcelona, Dec. 25.—The anarchist who last night attempted to stab Cardinal Salvator Cassanas y Pages, bishop of Urugel, as he was leaving the cathedral, committed suicide by taking poison soon after his arrest.

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MARRIAGES.

ADDISON—ADAMS—On Dec. 25th, at St. Luke's Church, by the Rev. Archdeacon Langtry, Miss Eleanor Corkville Adams, second daughter of Dr. Edward Adams, to Dr. W. H. F. Addison of the University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, Pa.

DEATHS.

CROCKER—At his late residence, 400 Jarvis-street, on Saturday, Dec. 23rd, James Crocker, in his 78th year.

Funeral to Mount Pleasant Cemetery on Tuesday, Dec. 26th, at 2.30 p.m.

McFAUL—Suddenly, on Saturday, at his late residence, 197 Carlton-street, Dr. J. H. McFaul.

Funeral on Tuesday, at 2 o'clock.

HAYHOE—On Sunday, Dec. 24, 1905, at her late residence, 128 Havelock-street, Mrs. Alice Hayhoe, beloved wife of Ralph J. Hayhoe.

Funeral Tuesday, at 2 p.m., to Mount Pleasant Cemetery. No flowers.

"Absent from the body, present with the Lord."

MILLER—On Dec. 21st, at Lakeside, Storm Lake, Iowa, Wm. Miller, in his 71st year.

Funeral on Dec. 26th, at 1 p.m., from Thistle Ha', Brougham, to St. John's Cemetery.

WATKINS—At Regina, Sask., on Sunday, 24th December, 1905, James Watkins, brother of Walter F. and J. William Watkins, aged 23 years.

Funeral announcement later.

WRIGHT—At the residence of her son, H. G. Wright, 103 Emerald-street South, Hamilton, on Dec. 25th, 1905, Eliza, relict of the late Thomas W. Wright, aged 70 years.

Funeral Tuesday, at 3.30 p.m. Private. Interment at Hamilton Cemetery.

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SOME BARS CLOSED EARLY TO MAKE DAY A SOBER ONE

That's About the Only Event of City's Christmas Celebration That Was Not of the Usual Custom.

FAMILIES DINED AT THE BIG HOTELS.

It's Found More Convenient by Many—Out-of-Town Arrivals—Homecomers With Country Souvenirs.

Santa Claus brought just enough snow with him to make it look something like the pictures on the Christmas cards, and also to narrowly escape the "green Christmas" which has the reputation of being the forerunner of a "fat churchyard." The prevalent prosperity of the people in Toronto at present enabled them to do much to make each other happy, and much of the merriment ordered for the joyful day was delivered.

Families in fair circumstances stayed home to discuss the turkey and plum pudding problem with the subjects to work upon. Many were the re-unions, but from the appearance of the street car traffic the people were staying at home.

Nevertheless, at the first-class downtown hotels, where enquiries were made, it was learned that many Toronto people are adopting the American habit of bringing out the family and dining downtown on Christmas Day. With the increasing cost of Christmas provisions and the inconvenience incurred by the cooking of big dinners, some folks find it more congenial, and a bit of a novelty to dine downtown. The hotels make provision to meet this class of trade. They issue a special Christmas menu card, some of them of expensive and artistic design. The Walker House got out a card pretty in patriotic emblems, and containing, in its series of five, most of Toronto's fine buildings. It is an excellent piece of work, and was done in Toronto. The Iroquois also had a very prettily designed bill of fare, artistic on the cover and useful from the inside. At these hotels, as well as at the Queen's, Palmer and King Edward, there were many Toronto Christmas dinner guests.

Many of the hotels where the bar is the biggest end of the business, closed early in the day, in view of the mandate issued by President Mulqueen of the Hotelkeepers' Association, that it was most desirable that there should be a sober Christmas. Some of the hotels closed at noon. With this, however, it was noticeable that there was considerable intoxication, which will be used as an argument that reduction of licenses will not prevent intemperance.

There must have been a lot of Christmas parties in the evening, judging from the liberal patronage of the night cars. The theatres were all crowded at the evening performance. There were Christmas trees at the Liederkranz and some of the other social organizations.

The poor are said to have fared far better than in previous years, the charitably disposed having been more liberal with their aid. At the hospitals and homes there were many visitors.

Around the railway station it was busy at night with people returning home, as well as a lot of strangers who came in. The police report a creditably quiet holiday and there was no accident of much moment.

Around the Big Hotels

At the King Edward music was played all day, but the large house was quieter than usual. The late arrivals included many American visitors and also A. H. Collins, Collingwood; E. W. Stark, Vancouver; R. Wood, Berlin; R. T. Riley, Winnipeg; J. O. Nunn, Acton.

Among last night's arrivals at the Walker were: W. R. Lowes, Brampton; E. J. Roberts, G. L. Zeigler, Markham; J. Ferguson and wife, London; D. Hughes, Port Colborne; W. H. Thompson and wife, Teeswater; A. W. McMillan, Tavistock; W. J. Jones.

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Some Things to Attend to.

Now that Christmas Day has passed there are many little things to be attended to in the way of reciprocating; to thoughtful friends whom you overlooked, but who did not forget you. There are no more suitable presents than furs from Dineen's fine store at Yonge and Temperance-streets, where there will be some special inducements for the balance of Christmas week.

FAIR AND MILD.

Meteorological Office, Toronto, Dec. 25.—(8 p.m.)—A little snow has fallen to-day in Western Quebec and in British Columbia it has rained, while in other parts of the Dominion the weather has been fine. The temperature has been about freezing point thruout the northwest provinces and over most of Ontario, but from Montreal eastward the weather has been moderately cold.

Minimum and maximum temperatures: Victoria, 40—46; Vancouver, 38—44; Calgary, 26—40; Edmonton, 32—44; Qu'Appelle, 20—34; Winnipeg, 6—30; Port Arthur, 2—26; Toronto, 26—34; Ottawa 4—32; Montreal 4—28; Quebec zero—16; Halifax 16—26; St. John, 10—26.

Probabilities

Lower Lakes and Georgian Bay—Southwesterly winds, fair and mild.

Ottawa Valley and Upper St. Lawrence—Southwesterly winds; fair and comparatively mild.

Lower St. Lawrence and Gulf—Southwesterly winds; fair and moderately cold.

Maritime—Westerly winds; fair; not much change in temperature.

Lake Superior, Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Alberta—Southwesterly winds; fair and milder.

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STEAMSHIP MOVEMENTS.

Dec. 25.	At.	From.
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