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FINDS LONDON BEST PLACE TO SELECT GIFTS

City Woman Tells How Lesson of Buy-at-Home Policy Was Learned.

SHOPS EARLY IN MORNING
Tried Picking Gifts From Catalogues With Disastrous Results.

"Last year we did most of our Christmas shopping by mail from an outside city," said one London woman this morning, "but we had enough of it, and this year we are doing our shopping right here in London. It may interest you to know why we made the change."

"A big catalogue was sent to the house from an outside city, and the children at once started to go through it, night after night, picking out the things they were sure would be good for our friends and relatives and for the younger members of the family. The result was that we came to the conclusion that it would be a very easy method to simply pick all the things out of the catalogue, put them into one order and have it done with all at once. It takes quite a bit of time going through stores, and it is not always the easiest thing in the world to leave everything at the house and get down town. The result was that we made up the list, sent away our money, and waited for the goods to come. Our shopping was attended to for the season, so we thought, and we were patting ourselves on the back that we had found the easy way out."

Delivery Made Late.

"About four days before Christmas the goods arrived, although they had been ordered more than a week before. That, fortunately, was the only thing that went wrong. The goods were delivered when the children were at school, and we were inclined from that to think that we had scored again. As we know it is quite a job to hide things away when there are only four children, all determined that they are going to find out everything that is in the house. So that night my husband and I, after the little ones were off to bed, went to the back of the house for the night's work. To unpack the box a number of the contents would have to be sent out to other friends and relatives a little distance removed from London. I remember as I went to the box the first thing I took out of the box was a sweater coat for the oldest boy. I knew as soon as I put my hand on it that it wasn't nearly as good as I had expected, and I could also see that it was smaller than he would wear. Then for the next boy there were shoe-packs. That had been just the kind he wanted for some time, but when I took them out I found they were too small. I was so disappointed, and there was no time to make any necessary change of sizes. I gave the youngsters what they wanted."

Tries Shopping Early.

"This year I took the thing in hand myself and did what the stores have already advised, viz: to go downtown and look around in the early part of the morning. The result is that although Christmas is a week away, I have all my shopping done, most of the parcels that have to be sent out of town have been attended to, and we have not had a bit of worry about it. In a couple of cases after I reached home we found that some of the sizes were not quite right. All that was necessary to fix that was to go into the store the next time I was down town and in every case the clerks were only too willing to make the thing right. So we have this year just what we want to have, and we know for a fact that in a case where sizes are concerned they will be right, for children do not like to have their presents put back in a box after getting them, in order to send them back to make changes in size or style."

Neighbors Follow Plan.

"A couple of my neighbors are also doing all their shopping in the morning, and they find it very much more satisfactory. Even yet, with Christmas only a week away, they have managed to get all their shopping done. They will give you twice and three times the opportunity for service in the stores that you can possibly get in the afternoon. I used to shop in the afternoon, but now I find that it is the morning is the time to shop, and London is the place to do your buying. I have tried both ways, and I know."

RAISES CHICKENS IN HIS BATHROOM

Because he "unlawfully" did keep chickens in his bathroom, Tom Cardie of 319 Ridout street, appeared in police court Saturday morning to answer the charge. He pleaded guilty, but when Richard Sanders, health inspector, went to the house to see if they had been removed, he found they had. On returning to court Deputy Magistrate P. H. Bartlett ordered Mr. Cardie to pay the costs of the case.

The chickens, which were full grown last time the inspector visited the house, were placed there when they were only a few weeks old, according to evidence given.

AHRENS COMMITTED FOR TRIAL AT KITCHENER

Kitchener, Dec. 17.—Carl Ahrens was today committed for trial on the charge of murder in connection with the drowning of a life in the river here. The session of the court lasted about five minutes. After a few words with his father, Ahrens was taken back to jail.

Demands Right to Build Ten Battleships

Shall There Be Any Christmas Like This?



Suppose Nobody Cares

A shattered pane of glass lets in the frosty air, which is only less icy than the air of the cheerless room inside. It blows upon the despairing form of a little mother who is confronted by her children and the age-old question, "Will Santa Claus come?"

It is Christmas Eve, and her pennies are all gone. What is she to tell them? Is she to break their little hearts by denying the existence of the children's saint, and the very spirit of Christmas, brought into the world two thousand years ago, by the most wonderful Child who ever lived?

Or will there be enough in the "Goodfellows' Christmas Cheer Fund" to send a Santa Claus visitor around to this home on Christmas Eve, before the sad words of disillusionment have been said?

It all remains with you, good people of London. It lies in your power to help, if you only will. And, oh, send your help quickly, else it will be too late.

Subscriptions to date:

Previously acknowledged	\$1,033 10
Palestine Shrine, No. 3	5 00
A Friend	2 00
A Friend	2 00
Peter	50
Isabelle	50
W. McDiarmid, Lucan	5 00
From a Goodfellow	1 00
City Fraternal Carpenters League	6 00
London Newspaper Sub. Service employees	5 25
M. McCorde	2 00
A Friend	1 00
Jerry McDonald	5 00
Total	\$1,068 35

Unemployment Brings Pathetic Tales to Soldiers' Aid Office

Some pathetic cases are coming to the attention of the Soldiers' Aid Commission, due to the present unemployment and daily the situation is becoming more acute.

Evidence of this is contained in the report of the local body for November. The secretary reports that during the four-week period no less than 46 married men appealed seeking the aid of the commission in securing labor. He also extended assistance to 54 families. Dealing with the pathetic cases which came to his attention, the secretary cited one in particular. "It was a family of ten, where the mother was nursing her babe and had children of school age, and all had been without food all day. The gas had been turned off at the meter and the fire they had was given them by a neighbor, who brought round one bag of coal. We are trying to interest a businessman in the two boys of school age who have work permits but who are unable to get work."

"Tired of excuses and promises from the mother, we have at last been successful in getting a girl of ten to attend school. The father, who went out West looking for work, was unsuccessful, and has not been able to work his way home. The mother has had to go out to work by the day, and on account of the expense kept the child of ten home from school to look after the younger children instead of sending them to the Creche. A sore foot was the first excuse, then want of shoes a second. We supplied the latter, and many more, as shown in the accounts, as we find so many children missing school for want of shoes. So many colds, sometimes resulting in a severe illness, were caused by wet feet, we felt justified in getting good shoes for the children."

"We managed to prevent one family from breaking up their very cozy and comfortable home by straightening up things temporarily, and then getting a good position for the woman. She is the type of English woman who is an asset to the community, and to be able to be of real assistance in cases like this is just what makes the work worth while."

Case Is Satisfactory.

"Another very satisfactory case as to results was that of a very sick woman whose doctor and hospital bills, including the services of a housekeeper, were kindly taken care of by the post-war relief, but whose husband was out of work and unable to provide the required nourishment for the sick woman. We sent in food and fuel for the last three weeks, and are glad to report the woman steadily improving in health."

That the office of the commission is a busy spot is evidenced by the fact that there were 297 callers, and the file shows that the number of men called for from time to time has been 15,252. During the month one child, whose mother died and whose father deserted, was made a ward of the commission. Four children were returned to their parents.

The Weather

FORECASTS.

Fresh to strong southeast to south-west winds, with rain today and tonight. Sunday—Continued unsettled, but gradually turning colder.

The disturbance over Northeastern Kansas yesterday has moved to the southern end of Lake Michigan, attended by snow or rain in Southern Ontario and by snow in Northern Ontario and Western Quebec.

Temperatures.

The highest and lowest temperatures during the 24 hours previous to 8 a.m. today were:

	High.	Low.
Victoria	38	26
Calgary	28	16
Winnipeg	16	4
Edmonton	24	8
P. Point	28	12
Toronto	28	12
Kingston	28	12
Ottawa	34	22
Montreal	34	22
Quebec	28	12
P. Point	28	12
St. John	28	12
Halifax	24	12
Below zero.		

LOCAL TEMPERATURES.

The highest and lowest temperatures recorded in London during the 24 hours previous to 8 o'clock last night were: Highest, 38; lowest, 21.

Barometric Readings.

Friday—8 a.m., 29.25.

Today—8 a.m., 29.03.

Rainfall.

From 8 p.m. Friday to 8 a.m. Saturday, 1.19 inches.

FRANCE'S PLAN THREATENS TO DELAY TREATY

Proposal Is Presented to Naval Committee at Arms Parley.

DISCUSS FAR EAST ISSUE

Japanese - Chinese Delegates Nearing Agreement on Shantung Conference.

Washington, Dec. 17.—The proposal declared by British spokesmen to have been presented by France in the naval committee of fifteen which she had between 1925 and 1926, ten capital ships of 35,000 tons each, continued today to overshadow all other conference developments. The French group were expected to continue the presentation of their case when their committee met again today, as it was indicated they had not concluded at adjournment yesterday.

It was believed today that the French delegates in communication with their government pending the full presentation of their case might be seeking broader powers with which to deal with the situation here, as it now stands with definite agreement reached between the United States, Great Britain and Japan on the 5-5-3 ratio.

In the far eastern branch of the conference negotiations on the other hand, there had been a turn for greater progress today in the tentative agreement reached between the Japanese-Chinese delegates in their Shantung conference on the mode of financial settlement by China for the purchase of the Kiao-Chow railroad in the Japanese leasehold. With this removed, the delegates were prepared to press their negotiations at another meeting today.

French Proposal Creates Complications.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 16.—The delegations for reduction of naval armaments struck an unexpected obstacle today, while the Far Eastern discussions were making unexpected progress. France furnished the latest complication in the naval problem and although details of her attitude were carefully concealed, she was represented as desiring to launch a capital ship-building program on a scale that would scrap the whole ship-scraping plan agreed on by the United States, Great Britain and Japan.

In the Far Eastern conversations the question of Japanese withdrawal from the Kiao-Chow Railroad in Shantung, which 24 hours ago seemed to have reached a stage of considerable delicacy, was brought suddenly to the point of a tentative agreement between the Japanese and Chinese delegates.

On other issues the arms conference remained at a standstill, although in the United States senate the attack on the four-power treaty was renewed by Senator Reed Smoot, Democrat, and administration spokesmen took notice of the debate long enough to say they did not regard the treaty as militating against the final approval of the United States to take military action.

In the new naval committee of fifteen the British formally presented their request for abolition of the submarine, but discussion was deferred and it was indicated that the point would not be pressed with any hope of success. The request was all but lost sight of in the stir created by presentation of the views of France.

Keep Information Secret.

What actually happened with respect to the French proposal was screened behind the indication of secrecy that surrounded the meetings of the committee of fifteen—a secrecy that was agreed upon today by the committee itself. An official spokesman of the British delegation, however, made no secret of the fact that the French had presented a building program that would give them ten 35,000-ton super-dreadnaughts during the ten years subsequent to 1925, and that Great Britain, the United States and Japan all objected.

Developments that followed this disclosure gave evidence of a brewing storm over the subject of secrecy of sessions of the committee. The French declined to comment, saying that "the discipline of the state department" they were pledged to keep quiet. An official United States spokesman followed the same course, saying that the situation was such that the committee met at 11 o'clock and adjourned at 1:40 to meet again tomorrow.

Both the French and United States delegates expressed surprise that anyone had ventured to reveal what transpired behind the closed doors of the committee rooms, and there were hints among the French that an investigation had been instituted.

Out of the tangle the only national attitude clearly to be culminated was that of the British. They said they could not approve the French plan since it would give to France by 1935 a great preponderance of new first-class ships over every nation in the world. If France built, they said, Great Britain must build, too.

RUSSIANS DISCOVER SECRET WIRELESS PLAN

Moscow, Dec. 17.—Discovery of a method whereby wireless messages may be sent to a definite receiving station without the danger of being picked up by other stations is claimed in an announcement by the official press bureau.

Happy Newlyweds



WILLIAM S. HART of silver screen fame, and his bride, Miss Winifred Westover.

Refuses Germany's Request for Extension of Time on Payments.

PARIS, Dec. 17.—The allied reparations commission has refused to consider Germany's request for an extension of time on her January and February reparations payments, until the German government tells just what she can pay on these instalments and gives other information demanded. This developed when the text of the commission's note to the Berlin government was made public here today.

NEXT YEAR TO SEE BIBLE IN SCHOOLS?

Bible memory study is practically a reality in London city schools. At a special meeting of the Teachers' Institute in the board of education rooms on Saturday morning, a committee was appointed to draft a memory course, which subject to the final approval of the school inspector, will be placed into effect in 1922.

Not long since the board of education signified its approval of this move, and the matter was then placed at the discretion of the inspectors. This statute provides that certain periods of the school day may be taken for short prayer and memorization of Bible passages.

It is further pointed out at this moment that the act also provides that this procedure cannot be made compulsory for any child whose parents may take exception, and exemption will be granted during this period after proper notification is made by parent or guardian to the teacher.

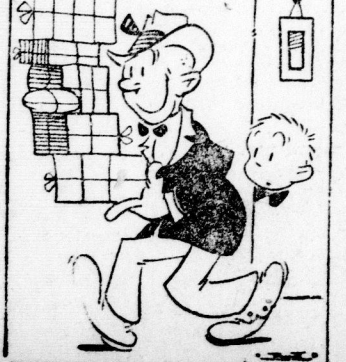
Inquiry from the school authorities emphasized the fact that no punishment can be meted out for failure to attain any set standard for memorization of Bible passages.

STEAMSHIP RAMS U. S. TORPEDO DESTROYER

New York, Dec. 17.—The United States torpedo destroyer Graham was rammed last night five miles off Seagirt, N. J., by the steamship Panama, bound for New York, with 197 passengers. Six members of the crew of the Graham were seriously injured, and were treated by doctors rushed from the navy yard to the scene of the collision on the destroyer Gresham.

The bow of the Panama struck the Graham on the port side, near the engine room, and remained wedged in the torn steel plates. No attempt was made to back the steamer away until tugs had arrived to take the Graham in tow.

8 DAYS TILL CHRISTMAS



MACHINE GUNS ARE TURNED ON IRISH RIOTERS

One Killed and Six Wounded in Firing in Newtownards Road Section.

DAIL CONSIDERS TREATY

Decision From Sinn Fein Parliament Not Expected Before Wednesday.

Belfast, Dec. 17.—Fierce firing broke out in the Newtownards road section and East Belfast this morning. The firing was so intense that tramcar service was suspended. Lewis guns were used against the rioters by the crown forces.

An employee of the city tram service was shot dead, and at least six persons are known to have been wounded.

Dail Eireann Renews Treaty Consideration.

Dublin, Dec. 17.—Final decision on the Irish peace treaty by the Dail Eireann can be expected on Wednesday, but not before, according to information obtained from authoritative Sinn Fein circles.

An official statement signed by Eamonn de Valera and Arthur Griffith was issued last night, announcing a public session of the Dail for 11 o'clock Monday morning, at which a motion for ratification of the treaty will be made. Debate on the motion to allow full publicity to the views of the conflicting sections of opinion in the Dail, will, it is thought, occupy the sessions on Monday and Tuesday, with final action on Wednesday.

The members of the Dail assembled today for a continuation of the secret sessions of the last three days. What has occurred at these sessions is confidential, but it is assumed in view of the announced forthcoming public session that the motion to allow full publicity to the views of the conflicting sections of opinion in the Dail, will, it is thought, occupy the sessions on Monday and Tuesday, with final action on Wednesday.

Expect Dail Will Ratify Agreement.

LONDON, Dec. 17.—With the ratification of the Irish peace treaty completed in the Imperial Parliament, all eyes were turned today in Dublin, where the Dail Eireann continues its deliberations. The virtual consensus of opinion of the Irish correspondents of the morning newspapers is that yesterday's discussion in the Dail added strength to the supporters of the treaty, although it is recognized that the opposition continues to be formidable.

Some of the writers see confirmation of the opinion that the treaty adherents are winning in the fact that the statement issued in Dublin last night, calling for a public session of the Dail on Monday, was signed by both Eamonn de Valera and Arthur Griffith, instead of by de Valera alone as heretofore. They think that this circumstance implies that Griffith's opinion is in the Dail now considerably outnumbered by de Valera's. Whether or not this is the true significance, the dual signature has attracted general attention and speculation.

One important cause of the delay in bringing the secret session to an end is said to have been the attempt to find some way of enabling Mr. de Valera to retire gracefully, and without the appearance of defeat, if the treaty is ratified.

Notwithstanding all stories of dissension, however, better hope prevails that the treaty will be ratified. The overwhelming support given to the agreement by the Imperial Parliament is regarded as greatly favoring the prospects of affirmative action in Dublin. The editorial in the London newspapers, with the usual single exception of the Morning Post, rejoice at the votes in the House of Lords and Commons, declaring that the majorities and minorities there fairly represent the division of opinion in the country.

NEW ZEALAND TO SPEED UP TRADE

LONDON, Dec. 17.—(Canadian Press Cable).—Reuter's Wellington correspondent cables that Premier W. F. Massey has informed the New Zealand parliament that the government intends to bring forward a scheme to meet the present disadvantage in the marketing of New Zealand produce in Great Britain. It is understood that the proposal is to establish an organization in New Zealand to handle the whole output of the dominion, marketing it abroad as New Zealand produce, carefully graded. It is proposed to eliminate separate brands and separate handling.

Reuter's correspondent called yesterday from Wellington that Premier Massey had declared in the New Zealand parliament that the congestion of New Zealand produce on the London docks was decidedly serious, and was so detrimental to New Zealand's interests that he had made representations to the Imperial authorities about it.

BRITISH MAILS

The next mail for Great Britain and Europe will close at the local postoffice on Wednesday, Dec. 22, 1921, to be forwarded via S. S. Melita, sailing from St. John, N. B., on Dec. 22.

This mail will consist of all classes letters and registered matter at 10 a.m. Parcel post and newspapers at 2 p.m.