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Appeal Made Through Anglican Churches For Famine-Stricken Peoples

SUFFERING IN SOME PARTS OF EUROPE SAID TO BE VERY SEVERE—PASTORAL FROM BISHOP OF NIAGARA ALSO DRAWS ATTENTION TO SERVICE OF CHRISTIAN MINISTRY—FORWARD MOVEMENT IMPORTANT.

In the Anglican Churches of this city yesterday morning, and no doubt in all of them throughout the Niagara Peninsula the following message was read by the Rectors. It is from Ven. Dr. Clark, Bishop of this diocese as a pastoral:

To the members of the Church of England in the Diocese of Niagara.

Dear Beloved: There are several matters of importance to us all as Church people which I must at this season bring to your notice.

1.—The Archbishop of Canterbury cables as follows to the Archbishop of Rupertsland, who forwards the message to me:

"Appeal is being made by the Archbishops, together with Free Church Leaders, and contemporaneous appeal by the Pope, for collection on Innocent's Day, December 28 for relief of famine stricken areas, especially children."

May I suggest that on the above date, collections be made for the purpose named in the Archbishops' message? In no better way could we devote our offerings on the last Sunday of the year than to relieve the sick and needy in lands where great suffering prevails. I trust the offerings will be large and generous, and will be forwarded to the Synod Office without delay.

2.—The Missionary and Diocesan Appointments.

I am most anxious that our Appointments should this year, as in past years, be made up in full. Many of the Parishes have responded nobly but I am concerned about some others. I do not want to hear of hopeful work abandoned and faithful laborers bidden to return by reason of our remissness. I beg, dear brethren, suggest that your offerings be presented and forwarded here at your earliest convenience, and not later than January, the 7th.

3.—The Supply for the Sacred Ministry.

The season of Advent brings to our minds this important subject. It is the business of the whole Church to provide material. The work of a Bishop is to see that the unworthy do not intrude upon the ranks of the Ministry. The Clergy and Laity should encourage young men to seek this calling. They should do it not by disgusting any of its hardships, and responsibilities, but by setting these aside by side with the heroic impulse.

When the young men of the country were wanted for the service of the war, they were not approached by representing to them that it would be a fine thing to command men, and to wear the uniform of a soldier, and that easy posts and good pay were the prizes. The appeal went forth to the highest and most heroic impulses. It was in spite of wounds, privations, imprisonments that they were to venture their young lives and best hopes, because their King and Country had need of them.

If parents would take the same course. If the Call of the Church was addressed to the noblest dreams and desires of young men, the ideal of self sacrifice, more and perhaps better men, would after turn towards the ministry. I have faith in appealing to the highest motives. If case, and good positions, and lives shielded from the sterner conflict are the only attractions which will move our young men, then the Church may as well give up the idea of continuing such a Ministry. The work of the Ministry does not mean worldly success; or worldly comfort, or conspicuous places. Its chief satisfaction must be found in things which cannot be talked about or glorified in, in this world.

The call to the Ministry is the trumpet note of the highest heroism. If our young men have not wholly lost the heroic impulse, surely it should not be sounded in vain.

4.—The Forward Movement. I have refrained from adding to the pages of literature on this subject of an educational and inspirational character, which have been forwarded to you. The Movement, I need not assure you, has my warmest sympathy. Its aim is to secure for the Church that equipment of every kind which alone can make it

possible for the Church to do its best work in the great wide world, as well as in our own land. The needed equipment is of several kinds: Spiritual equipment, i.e., the deepening of the spiritual life of its members, and a new sense of stewardship and service for God and His Church; living agents, i.e., men and women missionaries in the home and foreign field; and additional workers in our own Parishes; and financial equipment, i.e., money to support the workers and to provide Churches, Schools and Hospitals. These and other financial needs amount to \$2,500,000.00 which will be appealed for in February next.

The greatest of these needs is a spiritualized Church, the members becoming imbued with Christ's Spirit and becoming witnesses for Him.

We are very grateful to the Laymen of our Synod, who took up this matter. They are fully realizing the great responsibility which God has placed on them at this time. I appeal to you to read the literature that has been sent out, and to help the movement by your prayers, your service and your offerings.

5.—Christmas. In God's gracious providence, we are fast approaching once more the blessed and joyous festival of Christmas, when the Message comes afresh to us, "Unto you is born this Day, in the City of David, a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord."

It is precious thing, year by year, to study anew the external earthly features of the Son of God taking of Himself our human nature, and from these externals to pass to the greater fact which is clothed in them.

Who would be without such a Day as this? Who is there that, celebrating yearly his own birthday, will not refuse to mark with thanksgiving and holy services and joyful festivities the coming of the Son of God!

There could be no greater reason for thankfulness than this coming of the Son of God, whether we consider on the one hand the greatness of the benefit conferred upon us, or, on the other, the greatness of the gift of the love which prompted it. "God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son." Was there ever love like this, that the Son should willingly empty Himself of His glory, and take upon Himself our weak human nature? It is a love which passeth man's understanding. It is the love of the Father toward us, endeavoring to kindle in us a love towards Him. It is the Son willingly offering Himself that He might come to us to draw and lead us back to the Father Angels, to whom no such gift has ever been given, shouted hosannas at the descending of the Son of God to earth. Shall we not welcome Him with loving hearts? "Blessed be the Lord God of Israel, for he hath visited His people."

It is sometimes said that the Christmas Communion is not fully attended because of family and social hindrances. This ought not so to be. It is one of those days when every communicant, not hindered by sickness, ought to try to be present, and all other cares and duties of the day should bend and give place to this.

Commending you and your families to the loving and gracious care of Him who, as at this season, helped us with the precious and priceless gift of His only Son, and pleading for the members of the Church the manifold gifts of the Holy Spirit, I am, my dear Brethren, Your affectionate friend and Bishop, WILLIAM NIAGARA, Hamilton, Dec. 18th.

BETTER SHOWS COMING

The Grand Opera House of this city has just completed its arrangements with the Trans-Canada Theatres Ltd. which books theatrical productions from coast to coast. This is a very wealthy corporation and as a result of the deal the Grand has been put on route number one, first-class theatre and will receive the same shows as play in Ottawa, Hamilton, London and elsewhere.

Mr. Odium the manager states that more and better shows will come here as a consequence of these bookings. Among the performances that will be shown here in January are "Fiddlers Three" on the eighth, "Maytime" on the 12th, and "Friendly Enemies" on the 19th.

IMPORTS OF LIQUOR AGAIN ALLOWED; ALSO BETTING ON THE RACES

OTTAWA, Dec. 22.—Whatever the rest of the world does, the Dominion Government is repealing all but a few war orders in Council, so as, the Minister of Justice puts it, "to bring about once more a condition of peace in Canada, no matter how long, technically speaking, the duration of the war may be."

The immediate effect will be that after January 1, 1920, a mere matter of ten days, strong drink may again flow along the recognized channels of trade across Provincial barriers into the homes of those who forego sooner or later the triumph of the "drys," and who will wish to stock up against the day when the

Provinces, one by one, avail themselves of the referendum legislation passed at the last session of the Federal Parliament.

Betting at racecourses no longer will be taboo, although it is said that in the next session of Parliament legislation to curb the evils connected with this sport will also be introduced in the House.

Stormy Period For 1920.

Therefore 1920 promises to be a stormy period of fighting between the wets and the drys and between those who think the race course promotes horse breeding and those who think that it must be separated absolutely and for all time from the

gambling features which have become attached to it.

It was understood during the last session of Parliament that the two prohibition bills placed on the statute books could not have survived both Houses if it had not been for members of the Government who pointed out to certain refractory Ontario Conservative members that under the new legislation there would be an interregnum between the end of the war and the disappearance of the prohibition order in Council so that depleted cellars could be restocked before Provincial action would stop transportation of liquor once again to their Province.

Soldier Wearing Mons Medal, Also Two Others, Caught Trying To Break Into a Grocery Store

The record of Daniel Pyburn, returned soldier, who was caught trying to break into Bradley and Son's grocery store, early this morning, is to be enquired into and in police court today Magistrate Campbell remanded him for a week on the request of Chief of Police Greene.

Pyburn, lost his right leg in battle and wears the Mon's Medal, the Military Medal and the Service Medal. He was caught by P. C. Howden propped up by his crutches industriously chopping away at the back

door of Bradley and Son's East End grocery. He was using two chisels and had cut away the lock but failing to gain entrance thereby had started to cut out the door panel.

He seemed determined to get in. When questioned by the Magistrate Pyburn said he had been working in Northern Ontario and came down to Kingston in September 1915 to enlist. He was in France in December that same year, he said. He said he was taking vocational training at Jencks here and was getting

\$85 a month from the Government. That means he is a married man though he gave his age as only 20.

He is a nice looking youth and there was considerable sympathy felt for him by those in court because of his deformity. He didn't give any very definite reply when asked why he was trying to get into the store saying merely that he had taken a crazy freak. He said he had been in Buffalo for some time after returning to Canada a year ago last month. He wore his uniform today.

Biggest Xmas Business So Far at Local P. O.

Posties and Clerks Are at Their Wits' End to Handle All the Christmas Letters and Parcels.

The only consolation the letter carriers have in connection with the situation at this cheery Christmas time is that there are not big snow drifts to wade through in delivering the big bundles of letters and Christmas parcels. Otherwise they are at their wits' end to handle the business and so is Postmaster Carlisle and his aides inside the building.

Even the stamp department at this post office is crowded to capacity and if you want to buy stamps you have to get in line and await your turn. That sometimes means a wait of half an hour or even longer. Many parcels must be weighed, you know, and that takes time.

So, if you happen to be in a hurry, get somebody else to buy your stamps up to Thursday night.

The posties are handling things pretty well in spite of the rush, each man taking a boy or so along to help out. No doubt newspapers will be missed in the hurry and rush but that has to happen in the good old Christmas time.

Postmaster Carlisle says it is the busiest Christmas season he has ever seen and if you go into the post office you'll have no trouble convincing yourself that Mr. Carlisle is a man of truth.

APPEAL DISMISSED

In the Court of Appeal judgments given out last week appears that of the Dominion Government versus the Thorold Pulp Co. H. H. Collier, K.C., appeared for the defendants. T. F. Battle, Niagara Falls, for the plaintiff. The appeal was made by the defendants from the judgment of Chief Justice Falconbridge on November 3. The appeal was dismissed with costs.

SUPREME COURT SITTINGS

An announcement is made of the Supreme Court sittings for Ontario from January to June. Locally they are as follows:

St. Catharines, jury, March 1st Chief Justice Falconbridge. St. Catharines, non-jury, Mr. Justice Logie.

In Welland the jury sittings will be March 29, Mr. Justice Logie and the non-jury sittings June 1st, Mr. Justice Litchford.

Increased Train Service on G.T.R. December 28th

Earlier Coal Situation Permits Railway to Rehev Passenger Accommodation.

The announcement made Saturday at Toronto by the Grand Trunk Railway that the train service in Ontario would be resumed on December 28th as a result of the freer entry of bituminous coal will be welcome news. Extra trains are to be put on to take care of the Christmas traffic.

This increase in accommodation is just what Mr. C. E. Horning of the G.T.R. informed the Mayor of this city would be given as soon as the coal problem was overcome. Representations were made to Mr. Horning about ten days ago by His Worship that the reduction in the train service was a serious handicap.

THE WEATHER

TORONTO, Dec. 22.—A depression appears to be forming off the coast of Florida while pressure is now highest in the Maritime Provinces. Fair weather prevails over the Dominion with no very low temperature in evidence.

FORECASTS—Generally fair to-day and on Tuesday. Not much change in temperature.

GUARD LOYD GEORGE

Precautions to Protect Him While Speaking in Ireland.

LONDON, Dec. 22.—Precautions are being taken by the Scotland Yard officials against possible attempts to attack Premier Lloyd George or prominent members of the Irish Office in London. On Monday there will be a careful scrutiny of persons entering the House of Commons to prevent the possibility of trouble on the occasion of Premier Lloyd George's announcement on the Government Home Rule Measure.

MUCH REJOICING OVER BAN LIFTED

There was rejoicing in the city over the announcement of the lifted ban on booze import and horse racing. Not so much for the return of horse racing as for the return of booze privilege. After the first of the year it will be all right to bring your bottle back across the River providing you can find one over there it is the general belief. Prohibitionists consider it a set back and express the hope that the Ontario government will make a quick move to quell the joy of the booze fans.

Dominion Electric Plant Destroyed by Fire at Early Hour on Sunday Morning

LOSS OF ABOUT \$15,000; FIREMEN PERFORMED GOOD SERVICE IN SAVING NEARBY BUILDINGS; LITTLE OR NO WIND WAS BLOWING AT THE TIME.

The firemen were glad the weather had moderated a bit and that there was little or no wind blowing early Sunday morning, when about three o'clock they were called out to a fire in the Dominion Electric Company's factory at Church and Niagara Sts. The residents of that district may be thankful, too, that there was no wind, otherwise they might have been driven from house and home.

The fire in the Dominion Company's plant which used to be the old Congregational tabernacle, was discovered by Arthur Kelly, whose house adjoins the building on the west side had caught fire also. Kelly sent in an alarm from Box 35 and the firemen responded promptly. Chief Ear-

ly had his men soon playing three streams on the Kelly house and the factory building and by dint of extra effort on the part of the fire fighters the blaze in the Kelly house was

swamped out and then that in the factory. There was little to be done in the case of the factory building except to save neighboring buildings, and the firemen worked heroically. Their good work was commended upon generally. Had any considerable wind been blowing the flames could easily have swept the section. The water pressure was exceptionally good.

When the fire was finally out, the building was practically destroyed. The roof was burned off and the centre of the building was well burned away.

The fire evidently started in the centre of the building where the testing bench is located.

The building is owned by the Jas. Hawkins Estate and the loss on the building and contents is estimated at about \$15,000 partly covered by insurance.

PRONOUNCE IT

ALL SMALLPOX

Dr. McCleehane and Dr. Bell of the Provincial Health Department are in the city today examining the cases of disease here. They unhesitatingly pronounced all the cases smallpox.

LARGE FIELDS EXCISED IN ALL CIVIC RACES

Tomorrow is nomination day and a lively time is expected at the City Hall from ten o'clock until one when the nominations close. Deputy Returning Officer, J. Albert Pay, will be in the Council Chambers promptly, at ten o'clock to take nominations for the office of Mayor, Public Utility Commissioner and for Water Commissioners. Nominations for these offices will close at eleven o'clock and then the respective Mayorality candidates will be given ten minutes each in which to address the electors.

At twelve o'clock nominations will be received for Aldermen and for the new Board of Education, and all the papers must be filed by one o'clock when nominations close. All candidates will then have twenty four hours in which to qualify.

That there will be a large number of nominations for all positions is assured. The largest field in many years will start in the Mayorality contest which will have four and possibly five entries. For the Council it is expected that there will be from twelve to fifteen nominated while the largest field of all will be that of the Board of Education which may comprise twenty names. Just who will run is hard to say but from the present indications the ratepayers will have plenty of material to select from on January first.

RIOTING AGAIN IN EGYPT

Incipient Disturbances in Cairo Where Lawyers go on Strike—Govt. Employees May Follow Suit.

LONDON, Dec. 22.—Serious rioting occurred at Alexandria, Egypt, on Sunday, one Egyptian policeman being killed, according to belated cables from Cairo.

This is the first recorded disturbance since the arrival of the British mission headed by Viscount Milner. The operations of this mission, correspondents declare, are wrapped in mystery, and the people are represented as becoming disgusted.

Incipient disturbances occurred in Cairo on Monday and Tuesday, especially in the native quarters, where tramcars were stoned, but the police were successful in preventing serious disorders.

After Fourteen Years in Jail He Enters University At the Age of 70 Years

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 22.—Luke Dillon of this city, seventy years old, will enter the University of Pennsylvania next year as a freshman. Mr. Dillon recently earned a scholarship offered by The Irish Press, a weekly paper, published in this city in the interest of the Irish Republic.

Dillon is the Irishman who served fourteen years in a Canadian prison for dynamiting the Welland Canal in 1900.

He was sentenced to life imprisonment, but was paroled, and returned to his home here in 1914.

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