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30TH YEAR.

MANY NEW PEERS AS SOUTH'S PROGRAM

Two Explanations Given—Radicals Say New Lords Will Be for Reforms, While the Unionists Claim That the Peereages Will Pay the Debts.

LONDON, via Grace Bay, N. B., Dec. 25.—(N. Y. Tribune Cable.)—The most interesting holiday gifts are not in the Christmas stockings. These are the peerages which are reserved for New Year's honours.

There is a general agreement among the newsmongers of both parties that the list will be a long one, but the explanations of the motives of the government differ.

Radicals among the politicians assert that a fat list will be wanted and that hundreds of new peers will be created if the house of lords hang up or reject the veto bill.

The Unionist gossip says that the notion that the creation of a score or more peers is a tactical move. They assert that the Radical exchequer is empty and that large supplies in hard cash come in time for the December calendar. They insist, however, that the prime minister's political debts must be paid in hereditary and not life peerages. The more generous contributors to party funds are named as likely to receive peerages.

A considerable number of by-elections are expected in February. While these rumors are irresponsible, it is not unlikely that the prime minister's recent summons to Buckingham Palace related to the New Year's honours. It will virtually be the King's first list, as his previous one included nominations likely to convert the crown into a debt paying machine.

Acquith to Holiday.

The prime minister is in Scotland, but has not abandoned his plan for a holiday in Switzerland before facing the sections of the composite coalition majority. Mr. Balfour is likely to follow him to southern Europe. Mr. Lloyd-George, Mr. Birrell, Mr. McKenna and Mr. Buxton are already there.

Lord Lansdowne is resting at Bowood Park, and Mr. Austen Chamberlain is with his father at Highbury. Winston Churchill is spending his time with the Duke of Marlborough, and Lewis Harcourt is convalescing at Nuneham.

The royal pleasure has come after the stress of an election, and the cheering of an Unionist politician, is under bonds to keep peace to-morrow.

The club gossip has deserted the corner where they have been whispering that Mr. Redmond will hold up the budget and upset the plans of the ministers unless he is allowed to move an amendment substituting one year for three years as the limit of suspension in the New Year honours list, or that a Rosebery business cabinet recruited from both sides is the only method of escape from a deadlock.

Some Early By-Elections.

LONDON, Dec. 25.—(N. Y. Sun Cable.)—Some early by-elections are already forehadowed early in the year, perhaps at the end of February. It is expected that several Liberal peers will be created, some of them being members of the house of commons. It is rumored that no less than two or three dozen Liberal peers will be created in the New Year honours list as the first instalment. This is considered to be a tactical move, which is deemed likely to influence materially the attitude of the house of lords.

IRON WORKS DYNAMITED

Company Had Been Involved in Strike of Metal Workers.

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 25.—The Llewelly Iron Works here, one of the largest of the kind in the southwest, was partly demolished by a charge of dynamite, exploded against the side of the building early today. A watchman was slightly injured. The office and upper floors of the building were completely wrecked. The plant proper was uninjured.

The company has been involved many months in a strike of union metal workers.

The Good Roads Bylaw

That \$500,000 a year is saved by good roads on traffic coming into Buffalo is the statement of Mr. George D. Diehl, who addressed the Toronto Board of Trade recently on the good roads bylaw. Mr. Diehl is highway engineer in Erie County, and has prepared some special statistics at the request of William Stone of Toronto.

Mr. Diehl estimates the total tonnage into Buffalo daily at 366, making a total for the year of 200,000,000 tons of upwards of one million tons.

The saving by good roads amounts to 10 cents a mile, and every load travels a minimum of five miles. The saving on a million tons is thus \$500,000 a year.

Good roads, Mr. Diehl says, have resulted in ten tons of farm produce coming into Buffalo by wagon to every ton which came in before the roads were improved. It has been an enormous saving to the people of Buffalo by reducing the price of vegetables, fruit and farm produce, the various expenses of railroads and express charges, storage, middlemen's profits, etc., having been done away with.

Moonshiners Free For Xmas Only

Eight of Them Promise Georgia Judge They'll Return to Jail After the Festivities.

ATLANTA, Ga., Dec. 25.—Moved by the letters from wives and children in the North Georgia mountains asking him to permit their husbands and fathers to come home for Christmas, United States Judge Newman ordered eight moonshiners who are serving sentences in the Atlanta Jail released Saturday morning.

"I am sending you home for Christmas," said the judge, "to return to jail after the holidays and complete your sentences. Can I trust you?"

"You can, judge," said the old moonshiner who acted as spokesman. "No mountaineer ever broke his pledged word."

The federal officers say the old man is right, and that the eight will return to jail as soon as Christmas passes.

SENSATIONAL STABBING AFFRAY IN WEST LONDON

Victim in the Hospital in a Serious Condition—Chased With Butcher Knives.

LONDON, Ont., Dec. 25.—(Special.)—Jan. Fowler, a West London butcher, is in Victoria Hospital in a serious condition, and Wm. Hyslop is under arrest on a charge of assault and wounding, as the result of a sensational stabbing affray in West London on Saturday night, shortly before midnight.

There was a party at Hyslop's on Saturday night, at which it is said there was liquor served. During the course of this it is said that Hyslop's wife was found by her husband in Fowler's butcher shop. The husband went to the shop and attacked Fowler with a butcher knife. Hyslop's brother jumped thru the store window, with blood streaming from his wounds, and as he fled down the street he was armed with two butcher knives. Hyslop's brother interposed and Fowler made his escape. He later collapsed and was taken to the hospital. Hyslop was arrested and will appear in the morning.

ALL BUT SIX DROWNED

Steamer Baltique Sunk in Collision Off Mouth of the Escant or Sheid.

ANTWERP, Dec. 25.—The steamers Finland and Baltique were in collision today at the mouth of the River Eurcaut. The Baltique sank quickly and all but six of the crew were drowned. The rescued were taken on board the Finland.

The Baltique, a Belgian steamer of 1365 tons, was outward bound with a cargo of grain.

It is stated that the Finland, in veering, struck the Baltique amidships. Part of the crew was rescued by the Finland and others by a pilot boat.

SKIRTS SAID TO BE DROWNED

Turkish Costume About to Be Introduced by a Paris Firm.

PARIS, Dec. 25.—It is solemnly announced here that the success to the noble skirt has arrived, and that it is an exact reproduction of the dress worn by Turkish ladies, minus the veil.

Loose-fitting pantaloons fashioned as elegantly as possible will be fastened close at the ankles.

A well-known firm of Paris dressmakers will launch the models of this costume.

They say that the petticoat is finally doomed.

LITTLE INTEREST AT CAPITAL

Mayor and Board of Control Likely to Be Re-elected.

OTTAWA, Dec. 25.—There is not a great deal of interest in the civic nomination for 1911. The mayor, Charles Hopewell, will have two papers put in as opposition, Ald. Backs and Ald. Caron's, but neither are likely to go to the polls if they do, to be elected. The same candidates as last year will be nominated for the board of control, with or without opposition. There will be contests for the board of control in all wards but one.

The board of control on the question of "patronage." It will be put to the vote, but is hardly likely to carry.

BIG BLAZE AT BUFFALO

Firemen Had Narrow Escape When the Walls Fell.

BUFFALO, N. Y., Dec. 25.—Fire today destroyed the dry goods and shoe store of J. M. Brecker & Co., Joseph White's clothing store, and Joseph Wolf's millinery shop in High-st. The firemen working on the front of the building had a narrow escape when the walls of the Brecker building fell. Only one, Edward Snyder, was slightly hurt.

TORONTO WOMAN ASPHYXIATED

Was in Chicago on a Visit to Her Daughter.

CHICAGO, Dec. 25.—A Christmas holiday wreath, swinging from a chandelier, opened a gascock early today and caused the asphyxiation of Mrs. Eda May Simpson of Toronto, Ont. She was dead when found by her daughter.

Mrs. Simpson came from Toronto last week to visit her daughter, Mrs. Edward Tiffin.

Earl of Ancaster Dead.

LONDON, Dec. 25.—The Earl of Ancaster died today. William Henry Heathcote-Drummond Willoughby was born Oct. 1, 1830. The Earl's of Ancaster was created in 1821. The earl was a privy councillor and joint hereditary lord of Great Chamberlain of England.

TRAGEDY STAKES IN THE XMAS GLITTER

Notorious "Ned" Clark Was Found Frozen to Death—Woman Dead From Carbolic Acid Poisoning—Death at the Jail—Minor Mishaps.

One man frozen to death while drunk and his left hand chewed partly off by rats; one dependent woman who ended her life with carbolic acid; one prisoner of the jail who died of lack of nourishment, self-imposed; one man unconscious from gas poisoning from noon yesterday until after 2 this morning are among the pathetic incidents of the "Merry Christmas" season in Toronto. There are several other unhappy cases, but of more minor character on the police records.

"Ned" Clark will not trouble the police any more, but his record of violence towards the local constabulary, which entails being jailed time running into the dozens, will stand long unbeat. He was found, frozen stiff, with his left hand chewed nearly off by rats, in an alley between 104 and 108 East Front-street, at 9.15 yesterday morning. Albert Langston, who is employed in the building at 110 Front-street, stumbled over his dead body as he was going into the lane for some boxes. There is a small gate there, and the theory is that Clark leaped thru this while wandering around after his Christmas Eve celebration. The body was taken to the morgue and an inquest will be held. "Ned" Clark was, in a way, a terror to the police, as he could never be taken without a beating and he had used up several of Toronto's stoutest officers. He had a mania for fighting policemen. Arrested in his early 30s as a "drunk," when, he used to say, he was only "weak, tired and ague," and staggered as he walked, he was sent to jail. Then he said he determined that he would experiment from liquor and being very muscular he resisted arrest. In his opinion he could give four policemen a rough so on it. Of late years he claimed the police persecuted him, only last Sunday he complained to a police sergeant that "one of them recruits" had been slandering him to his father by calling him "a bum"—"me, that's only too ready and willing to work, only the police won't let me."

Six weeks ago he was sent down for giving his father a beating, and since then he was arrested again. He was no vagrant, he would turn his hand to any kind of labor to earn a honest dollar, but most frequently he was engaged as a teamster. Sometimes in the summer he would work on the lake freighters.

He was about 45 years of age. He participated in the Northwest Rebellion as a groom in the northwest mounted police and he had been in the war was so anxious to serve Britain that he worked his passage across the Atlantic and tried to enlist in England after being rejected here. They sent him back, however. Later he had been living with his father, Michael Clark, at 3 Claremont-street.

Woman Dies of Carbolic.

Plunging more or less at the time to be back in England, and being ill and particularly despondent because it was Christmas Eve and the festive day did not look over bright to her, Mrs. Nellie Berry is believed to have committed suicide by drinking carbolic acid in her home, 135 Ashdale-avenue. She was found dead in bed yesterday morning by her 7-year-old daughter, who went to call her. Her husband, Fred Berry, told the police that his wife appeared to be ill in the night and got up, as he thought, to take some water to her. He thought she must have taken the carbolic in error. The man is believed by the police to have been drinking pretty heavily, as his recollection of things appeared somewhat clear. He had not noticed anything wrong when he rose in the morning.

The young couple have been out from the old country only three years. Two weeks ago, it is said, they buried a baby. There is another little girl under 7. Coroner McEachern now convenes an inquest in the morgue Tuesday morning.

Starved to Death.

Abel Sheard of Runnymede, a suburb, died in the jail yesterday morning of starvation, having refused to eat anything since he entered on Friday last. An inquest has been ordered. On Dec. 22 Magistrate Ramsden sentenced Sheard to the institution until Dec. 27, which was the date when he was to be extradited to his sanity. He was in a starving condition when he came, and milk had to be administered to him artificially because of his refusal to eat.

Albert Meyers, 327 Yonge-street, was found unconscious in bed just before noon yesterday, having been overcome with coal gas fumes. He was rushed to the country only, but all efforts towards resuscitation had been to no avail up until 9 o'clock this morning.

Samuel Matthews, aged 42, of 129 M'Leavenue, had a leg broken while sledding in High Park Saturday afternoon. He lost control of his toboggan and ran into a boat-house. He is in Western Hospital.

R. E. Wray, 205 Robert-street, fell and was slightly injured while endeavoring to board a Bloor car on Queen-street just west of Yonge Saturday night. She was taken home in a private ambulance.

Stewart Shannon, 547 Ossington-avenue, slipped and fell at Queen and James-streets Saturday night, and stitches were put in his head in St. Michael's Hospital.

Death of Miss King.

The death occurred on Saturday of Ellen Louise, third daughter of Dr. Edmund W. King, 41 East Queen street, at the age of 17 years. She had been ill since last April. Miss King was a pupil at Bramkove Hall, and had previously attended Hazelrigg College.

ON CIVIC POLICY HILL



An Impending Smash.

TWO LIVES LOST IN A FIRE AT DRESDEN

Explosion Blew Out the Entire Front of a Store—Ex-Mayor of Dresden and a Methodist Minister the Victims—Large Portion of Business Section Wiped Out.

CHATHAM, Dec. 25.—A large portion of the business section of Dresden was wiped out early this morning by fire, which started in C. A. Jeffrey's millinery store, completely destroyed Edward Watson's grocery, Masonic Hall, Robinson's millinery store, John Adams' billiard hall, Robt. Aikens' drygoods store, together with their entire contents. The Bank of Commerce caught fire several times, but was saved.

The total loss is placed at \$100,000, detailed figures being lacking. C. B. Watson, owners of the building, and Robert Aikens are the heaviest losers. The loss is partly covered by insurance.

While the fire was in progress an explosion took place in Aikens' store, the entire front being blown out. C. V. Hicks, ex-mayor, aged 65, was injured. Methodist minister, so seriously injured that he died about 9.30 this evening. He was the father of George Long, who was a former member of the London Free Press. Walter Dynes, Robt. Aikens, Chas. Aikens, Dr. McDonald and others suffered lesser injuries, and will recover.

The entire town is in mourning as a result of the tragedy. Coroner Willey will hold an inquest to ascertain the cause of the explosion.

BOYS' CHRISTMAS BANQUET

Everything will be in shape for the feast and festival to 6000 boys at the St. Lawrence Arena to-night, 8 p.m., under the direction of Mr. J. M. Wilkinson. The time is from 5.30 to 9.30, so as to give the boys a program of songs and dance furnished by the "Bow-wow" minstrels. Leut.-Governor Gibson and Sir James Whitney will be present at 8 p.m. to wish the boys a bright and happy new year. Then will follow the feed, to continue till 8 o'clock, when the entertainment commences. Mr. Wilkinson wishes us to state that at least \$200 more is needed to meet the expenses of food and light and heat and music and cartage and help. It is to be hoped that the mall this morning will contain the necessary amount to ensure the success this worthy object deserves.

NO HOLIDAY FOR P.O. WORKERS

One Delivery To-day, But 'Twill Be a Heavy One.

Christmas Day is usually a day of hard work to the postoffice employees, but this year is ahead of all records. All the available regular and extra staff have been working since Saturday, preparing some 4000 or 5000 sacks of mail for to-day's delivery. Most of this is from Great Britain, United States and the Canadian provinces, although all postoffice matter there is a smattering of every country's goods.

There has been an unprecedented rush this year," declared Superintendent George Ross, "but we have every thing ready here for to-morrow's delivery."

The postmen will all work half a day on Christmas day, and others in the afternoon, making the one round of the residential sections of the city.

Donald Ross Dead.

Major Donald Ross died in Western Hospital at 5 p.m. yesterday of pneumonia after an illness of a week. He was 72 years old, and the oldest living Past Grand Z. of the Canadian Royal Arch Masons. Mr. Ross was in the provincial lands and forests department.

His Eyes Have Opened

Editor World: As a property owner in west Erie, I voted last year against the Bloor-street viaduct bylaw. At that time I lived in Grace-street, and was entirely ignorant of the absolute necessity of this opening into the northeastern section. Two months ago I moved to the neighborhood of Pape and Balm, and now I thoroughly understand your attitude toward this proposition. You may count on at least six votes more last year than I received last year.

R. J.

WILLING TO REDUCE THE G.T.P. ASSESSMENT

A Cut From Seven to Two Millions Offered by Prince Rupert—Concessions Asked in Return.

VANCOUVER, B. C., Dec. 25.—Prince Rupert City Council has offered to reduce its assessments, as placed on the Grand Trunk Pacific Railway property in the city, from \$7,000,000 to \$2,000,000, to obtain for ten years, but D'Arcy Tate, solicitor for the railway company, has not yet acceded, although he will lay the proposition of the city before the railway officials in Montreal.

The railway representatives asked for a further reduction to \$1,000,000 annually, but the council could not see its way clear to make any further concessions.

Attached to its offer of assessment of \$2,000,000, the city council, however, had several strings, which included a grant to the city of six parks, a city hall site, two reservoir sites, a commercial site, and two unoccupied tracts. The company also promises to begin work at once on its hotel, station, roundhouse, engine works and loading docks, and also to commence operations on a drydock as soon as the necessary arrangements are completed with the Dominion Government.

HOPE OF THE JEWS IS BONDED IN ZIONISM

What is Zionism? In 1891 Baron Maurice de Hirsch founded the Jewish Colonization Association with \$2,000,000, and it is the greatest of the world's Jewish dream of restoration, crystallized into the idea of "Lovers of Zion" Associations, which gradually spread first Europe, and then to the United States. Under their auspices agricultural colonies in Palestine, Europe, and Russia have been distributed throughout the world. From the centre of Russia, however, sprang an idea attaching itself to the old Jewish dream of restoration, crystallized into the idea of "Lovers of Zion" Associations, which gradually spread first Europe, and then to the United States. Under their auspices agricultural colonies in Palestine, Europe, and Russia have been distributed throughout the world.

Enthusiastic cheering signaled the raising of the Zionist flag at the opening of the Canadian Federation of Zionists' Convention at the Lyric Theatre, Agnes-street, yesterday morning. The white banner, with double purple bars and double purple star, is significant of peaceful, enlightened, hopeful patriotic progress. Everywhere in the Dominion, when the Zionist flag is raised, it is accompanied by the flag of Canada.

The morning was devoted to the address of the president, Clarence de Sole of Montreal. This is the eleventh convention, and the second to be held in Toronto. He expressed his appreciation of the official civic welcome.

"When last we met in convention in Toronto," he said, "four years ago, we Zionists were contending against many adverse circumstances—struggling against heavy odds. We were yet staggering under the dreadful blow of Herzl's death. We had but recently witnessed the secession of men who either failed to understand the underlying spirit of our movement or else lacked that tenacity of purpose, that patience and steadfastness that are necessary for the attainment of any great political program. We were told that within that very year we would witness the debate, and that the Canadian branches of the movement would sink to ruin in the general break-up. Now we hold our convention again in Toronto as members of a federation

LEVEL CROSSING TAKES TOLL OF DEATH

Two Persons, One of Them a Clergyman, Killed Five Miles From Dunnville—Fatal Crossing Accidents in Different Parts of the United States.

DUNNVILLE, Dec. 25.—Yesterday morning about 11 o'clock, at the Ditt-road crossing of the Wabash Railroad, about five miles from here, a terrible accident took place, in which the lives of two men were lost. The unfortunate victims were Rev. Mr. Mills, the United Brethren minister at Elcho, and Eugene Eyle of Stromness.

Mr. Mills was driving a Dunnville in a covered buggy, and had picked up Mr. Eyle, who was walking only a short distance from the track. They evidently did not notice the approaching Wabash train, and the train struck the buggy in the centre, throwing both occupants into the ditch, and evidently killing both instantly, and also the horse. The engineer immediately stopped the train and backed to the crossing.

Coroner Mason of Dunnville was notified, and the bodies were brought here, where an inquest will be held on Monday.

TRAIN HIT AUTO TRUCK

Two Men and a Boy Killed While Delivering Christmas Packages.

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 25.—While delivering Christmas packages in a big auto truck for a Philadelphia department store, two men and a boy who were in the vehicle, were killed last night when a Baltimore & Ohio passenger train struck the truck at Moore, ten miles from the city. The dead are: John Eckles, 25 years old, driver; Edward Landie, 25 years old, helper; Leon Malsberger, 16 years, helper.

At the point where the accident occurred there is a steep grade, approaching the railroad tracks, but the only means for warning persons of the approach of trains is a bell. It is thought the noise made by the automobile prevented the men from hearing the gong. Malsberger's mangled body was found at the crossing, Eckles lay about fifty yards up the track, and Landie was found about 125 yards from the crossing. The train was running at high speed, and tore the body of the automobile from its truck, and caused it to become airborne. The fire and was consumed. The truck was carried half a mile up the tracks on the pilot of the engine.

THE FATAL CROSSING AGAIN

Carriage With Family Party Hit by a M. C. R. Train.

NASHVILLE, Mich., Dec. 25.—Rouben Lawrence, 14 years old, was killed, his father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. Llewellyn Lawrence, were probably fatally injured, and two sisters and a brother were seriously hurt, when their carriage was struck by a Michigan Central passenger train, as the Lawrence family was leaving home from a Christmas celebration, near Vermontville, yesterday.

HELD UP A TRAIN.

KANSAS CITY, Mo., Dec. 25.—One man held and robbed every passenger on a Missouri Pacific passenger train, which arrived tonight from the west, leaving St. Louis. He boarded the train at Leavenworth and went thru every coach.

CHRISTMAS GREETINGS.

The year of nineteen hundred and ten has been the most successful in the history of the Dineen firm. Every department has far exceeded the most sanguine expectations. The policy of selecting only the highest grade of furs, combined with high-class art in finishing every garment, has more than doubled the Dineen output. A good and sufficient proof that the public appreciates Dineen quality. The success of the Dineen Company is heartily in wishing their many friends and clients a very merry Christmas and an exceedingly happy and prosperous New Year.

"The Rejuvenation of Aunt Mary."

Miss May Robson, as Aunt Mary, depicts a character that is met in every-day life but too little appreciated. The only endorsement necessary for the "Rejuvenation" is that the play scores a tremendous hit in London. Miss Robson's engagement here begins with a matinee this afternoon at the Princess.

AN IDEAL CHRISTMAS DAY.

Sunday was about the finest Christmas Day in a score of years. Outside of the city there was good sleighing, with a fresh coat of snow. The sun was bright, there was no thaw. There was no wind, clear, sunny, winter day without gust of any kind. Many people went out, were out, and in the country sleighs everywhere.

In the bush there were fresh rabbit tracks, and was the success of the day, the rivers and streams ran strong under the ice and here and there rippled thru it where the rising waters of the day before had cut channels; and everywhere the landscape was one of brightness and beauty.

In the streets and streets many persons carried their gifts, the churches were well attended. Some families ate their Christmas dinners yesterday, some are to eat them today. The World, Dept. paid into the house of a man who worked on a farm, yesterday morning and said, "I see you have two green hanging there in the kitchen." "Yes," said the happy man, "we eat one to-day and we will eat the other one to-morrow. We are to have two Christmas dinners this year. And let me tell you this," he went on further, "the claret will carry this year."