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CHRISTMAS.

For the first time in five years the people of Canada, and of the Empire and the Allied nations, can exchange Christmas greetings and feel that to the great majority it may be in truth a happy Christmas. Since 1913 there has been an oppressive sense of sadness at Christmas, a fear of impending sorrow, and a consciousness that this almost universal fear must cast a shadow over every home. But now the shadow is lifted, the fear is gone, and happiness, though subdued, and mingled with a keen sympathy for those who mourn the unreturning brave, is yet very real in the hearts and homes of the people.

Unhappily peace does not yet reign in Central Europe, but a number of new states, in their new sense of glorious freedom, are happier than ever before in all their history. Nor is there peace in Russia, but there also we may see the light of promise of better things. In Armenia, in Mesopotamia, in Persia, in Palestine, the dawn of brighter days has come, and it is a source of the most profound satisfaction to all who hold the Christmas faith (outside of the counterfeit article found in the Central Empires) that the flag of England floats today above the holy places of Palestine. It is a guarantee that never again will they be subject to the Turk, and that modern civilization will be free to make of that ancient land the home of a prosperous and happy people.

While our thoughts will reach out across the ocean tomorrow, it will not be in sadness and fear. The soldiers of Canada have fought and won, and their Christmas will be a pleasant one, with no shadow of coming battle to make them feel that for some of them it would be the last. They will make merry together, in the delightful comradeship born of dangers faced together, and in the consciousness of duty done. That feeling may also be indulged by those at home who through more than four years maintained their faith and courage and upheld the hands of their fighting men. The day will not pass without recognition of the dependents of the absent soldiers, the returned men, the men in hospital, and those on home duty.

Exceptional generosity to all who are in need is declared to be a feature of this Christmas week. If any go without recognition it will be because their story has not been told. That fine and universal sympathy developed by the war finds expression the more generous because of the glad consciousness that the victory has been won. The giving spirit survives the urgent period of the war, and the people who have are glad to give. They think, too, with a peculiar tenderness of those to whose homes sorrow has come. There will be many vacant chairs, and hearts bowed down because of home ties broken during the last few months; but the very sense of bereavement will draw closer those who mourn in a more tender solicitude for each other's comfort and peace of mind.

Looking forward to the year that must elapse before another Christmas, there is universal hope of beneficent changes in the world, such as never before seemed to be within the reach of mankind. We entertain great hopes of this new spirit of democracy, despite the grave problems that await solution. There is no longer a place in the world for the military autocrat, and that is a wonderful and momentous fact. There is yet, however, an autocracy of wealth and privilege and political strength on the one hand and on the other an autocracy of Bolshevism and brute force. To find the happy medium between these two is the task of enlightened statesmanship, sustained by a steady-going and intelligent citizenship in every land. May we not hope that ere the Christmas season a year hence has come a long step may be taken along the path of true democracy? In Canada at least that should be possible, for this is the land of opportunity, whose people have never been the subject of severe oppression or inoculated with the poison of the anarchist.

The statement of Bishop LeBlanc on Sunday, relative to the Catholic homes for children, reveals a beneficent work carried on from year to year by an unselfish sisterhood, whose only desire is the welfare of the little ones committed to their charge. But for these institutions many a child would be deprived of a fair start in life. St. John has reason to congratulate itself on its homes for children, both Catholic and Protestant, and should only regret their necessity, and the fact that large as they are there is still need of enlargement. To remember them at Christmas or at any other season is a genuine benevolence.

It is fitting that the sailors in port should be remembered at Christmas. The men of the sea made it possible to win the war. They faced danger with a serene courage that made light of the submarine, and feared not at all the dangers of battle or of storm. They showed not only courage but a chivalry in striking contrast to the brutality of the Hun. All honor to them, and may they enjoy the Christmas season heartily, and be made to feel that they are not forgotten.

The ex-Kaiser will have "an old-fashioned German Christmas" in his Holland retreat, with religious service, Christmas trees and gifts. The babes of Belgium and of the Lusitania are a grim illustration of the Kaiser's idea of a real German Christmas. It grates harshly upon our sense of the fitness of things that this murderer should make a mockery of a Christian festival.

It was the irony of fate that Sir Robert Borden should be selected to prepare a memorandum suggesting navies to be built and administered by the Dominions in close co-operation with the British navy. That was the Liberal naval policy.

If Spain has the nerve to ask for Gibraltar, after her practically pro-German attitude in the war, it will be one of the jokes of the peace conference.

The London Chamber of Commerce leaves no room for doubt as to its attitude toward Germany and reparation. It is also strong for imperial preference.

Not for years has St. John enjoyed such mild winter weather as has marked the present season.

All Canada joins in Gen. Mewburn's Christmas message to the soldiers overseas.

Merchants say their cash trade this Christmas season has been amazingly large. Not only have purchasers money but plenty of money. That, at an early period in the winter, is a healthy sign.

May no little one be overlooked in tomorrow's shower of gifts. It is the children's day.

The Times-Star extends Christmas greetings to all its wide circle of readers and friends.



Give Footwear For Christmas

Read This List For Suggestions

MEN

Leather Slippers, \$1.15, \$1.95, \$2.00, \$2.25.
Kid Slippers, \$2.25, \$2.50, \$2.75, \$3.00, \$3.50, \$4.50.
Brown Kid Slippers, \$3.00, \$3.50, \$4.00, \$4.25.
Felt and Wool Slippers, \$1.25, \$1.50, \$1.75, \$2.00, \$2.50, \$3.25.
"Hart" Boots, \$9.00 to \$15.00.
"Derby" Boots, \$7.00 to \$10.50.
"F. & V." Special, \$5.85 to \$9.00.

LADIES

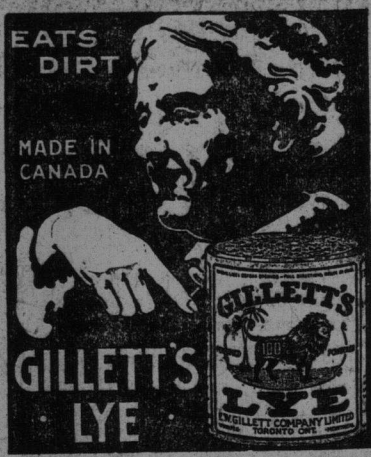
Felt Slippers, Leather Sole and Heel, \$1.85, \$2.00, \$2.25.
Felt and Wool Slippers, \$1.25, \$1.50, \$1.75, \$2.00, \$2.25.
Cosy Felt Slippers in colors, \$1.00 to \$4.00.
Kid Boudoir Slippers in colors, \$1.75, \$2.00, \$2.25.
Fancy Indian Moccasins, \$1.75, \$2.00, \$2.50.
Dress Pumps, \$4.00 to \$9.00.
High Cut Boots, \$4.00 to \$15.00.
High Grade Low Shoes, \$6.50, to \$9.00.

MISSES and CHILDREN
Felt, Strap and Wool Slippers, 85c to \$1.25.
Dress Pumps and Street Boots. Rubber Boots, Leggings, Over-shoes.

BOYS
Skating Boots, \$2.75 to \$4.75.
Rubber Boots, Oil Tanned Moccasins, Waterproof Boots.

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"NO ROOM"

(Rev. George Scott.)
The inn was filled with the rich and great,
The travellers stood at the outer gate,
Full weary and cold I went were they,
Hungry and sore from a toilsome way.
Patiently standing there, in the gloom,
Till they heard one say "there is no room."
Then Mary, the mother, made her bed
In a cavern where the cattle fed.
The years rolled on and the Christ child grew,
Strong in his manhood and pure and true.
He walked in the ways of sinful men,
Fitted their weakness and shared their pain.
Friends looked and listened in wonderment,
And enemies watched each way He went.
Yet He had no place to lay His head,
Though peace and healing He always shed.
Till one sad night when the moon was clear
He came to Gethsemane dark and drear.
The Lord of the heaven and earth and sky
Shook in that tempest of tragedy.
He had tasted bitter shame and loss,
Nothing remained but the crown and cross.
In all earth's homes was there found no room,
For Him whose birth had lightened their gloom.
Ah, not alone is our Lord betrayed
By the Judas kiss and Judas trade.

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Who follow Christ in a fitful way,
Yet love the light of the world's noon-day.
Who shrink from shame and the bitter cup,
Which all who share in the crown must sup.

In all the earth's cities rich and great
In the royal courts with glittering state
Was there found no room, dear Lord, for thee,
On that far night with its mystery,
Earth could afford Thee no better bed
Than the rough-hewn manger in the shed.
Come into our hearts this Christmas tide
And let Thy name be all glorified.

THE "PEACE" CHRISTMAS, 1918.

The grim warriors rest from their labors,
The wild charge, and the cannonade cease;
Hushed the yells and the clashing of sabres,
And we hail the blest Christmas of Peace.

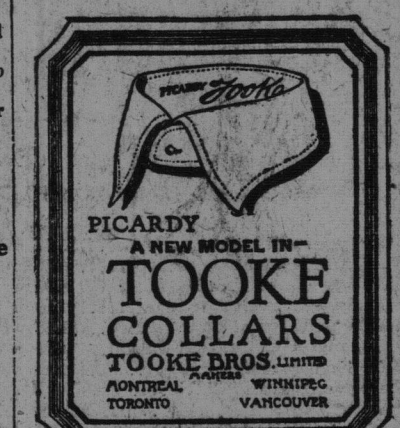
Oh! the anguish, the pain and the sorrow!
When will poor microbe man look above?
And the Truth from Creation's book borrow,
'Neath a canopy glowing with love—

That a war between nation and nation,
When all cruel and black passions rage,
Is the foulest dark blot in Creation!
A red blot on fair Nature's white page.

That we draw to perfection the highest
When our hearts truly sing the re-
Of "Glory to God in the highest,
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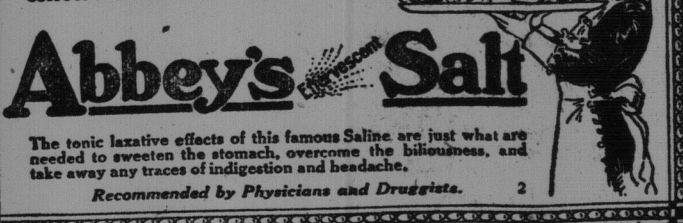
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XMAS SHOPPERS LAST MINUTE HELPS

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FOR THE CHILDREN	FOR HER	FOR HIM
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ADMIRAL JELlicoe TO VISIT CANADA

Sir Robert Borden's Memorandum on System of Dominion Navies

London, Dec. 22.—Announcement by the admiralty of the early departure of Admiral Jellicoe, on a visit to the overseas dominions for the purpose of advising their governments on naval matters, is the result of an understanding which was arrived at by the representatives of the overseas dominions at their meeting here last August, following the submission to them of a tentative scheme for the naval defence of the empire by chiefs of the admiralty in conformity with a request to that effect made by

the imperial war conference in March, 1917.
The proposal of the admiralty was considered by representatives of the dominions with the result that a memorandum was drawn up by Sir Robert Borden on behalf of Canada and subscribed to by all the dominions, suggesting a permanent overseas naval policy on the basis of navies to be built and administered by the dominions on a system which would permit close co-operation with the British navy.
The memorandum on this point said: "It is thoroughly recognized that the character of construction, armament and equipment and the methods and principles of training, administration and organization, should proceed upon the same lines in all the navies of the empire. For this purpose the dominions would welcome visits from a highly qualified representative of the admiralty who by reason of his ability and experience

would be thoroughly competent to advise the naval authorities of the dominions in such matters. As naval matters come to be developed upon a considerable scale by the dominions, it may be necessary hereafter to consider the establishment of war purposes of some supreme naval command upon which each of the dominions would be adequately represented."

A pleasing event took place last night at the McAvity's 47 shell plant, in the Marsh road, when the employees presented several of their number with appropriate remembrances as tokens of esteem in which they are held. William Fraser, the superintendent, was made the recipient of a handsome set of pipes, as was also R. C. Ferris, a shell inspector. Traveling bags were presented to Mr. Hanson and Mr. Lewis, a foreman in the plant, and the lady inspectors were each given a box of chocolates.

"Boxing Day" to be a Holiday at F. W. Daniel & Co's.

In England, the day after Christmas is always considered as belonging to employees, and from very old custom is called "Boxing Day." We adopted the idea of this extra holiday two years ago, and our employees' appreciation of a further rest, after the rush of Christmas, has been a great pleasure to us. In consequence, our store will be closed from Tuesday evening until Friday morning, the 27th.

We also take this opportunity of most gratefully thanking the St. John Public for the share they have given us of such a wonderful Christmas trade. Wishing everyone a real Christmas happiness,

We are,
Yours very sincerely,
F. W. DANIEL & CO., LTD.