## READY R CHRISTMAS

year slipping out of talking about s full of whispers and things up the pack that old er's all smiles as she

with the happiest it's Christmas-well

ntented as mortal can better than all of the

Christmas that should nething about it that contentment and com he whisper their secret

and giggle sets everypipe and I sit there and

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and growl at the bills

ges who practic thrift the money they spend

the folly of scattering h sigh and answer each

When Christmas sets for it is the best fun

-By Edgar A. Guest

Trial.

of youngsters arrested noon for entering offices and building appeared berate Page on Saturday and were committed for vere allowed their liber-\$200 each furnished by . On a charge of theft Guire was also commitby the magistrate Moarrested Friday evening leated and in possession . t Ideveloped on Saturthat the hens had on that the hens had on Thursday night from se owned by W. R. Scace ailer located within the the rear of the countles Brockville Recorder and

were busy Monday on use at Quenn's Kingston to have it ready for als to the students when reopens after the New dining room is to be in use itself instead of in floor of the new Arts at first intended. It is up a first class dining or the present the equip the building by the hos ities will be used. This eral ranges, a number of devices such as disl achines, and several

some correspondence ad Mr. Rouse, manager of actory here, going astray at the factory this mornot commenced but is exeverything will be in order by a week from Rouse has engaged elend four young men next Monday. - Port

of Oddfellows' Relief.

rd of directors of the Odd elected Henry White K. C. one, to the office of vice to fill the vacancy caused ath of the late John Don-

# SHOOTING WAS NOT WITH INTENT TO DO BODILY HARM

Jury Finds in Case of Wesley Huffman the Belleville Boy, Who Was Shot and Killed at Ottawa Story of the Tragedy as Told by Witnesses.

tario's Ottawa Correspondent)

Clayton or Huffman, formerly of one would come over soon, Belleville, who died in St. Luke's fence was eight feet high." hospital last Wednesday was to the effect that death was the result of a gun shot wound inflected by F. W. Mooney, while the deceased was un-Mooney is out on \$10,000 bail on a money the following day manslaughter charge and appears

Attorney Ritchie, had instructed the jury explicitly on the point of wheintent or indiscretion.

### Accused Testified

Mr F W Mooney who fired the fatal shot, said that he fired a .31 Mauser rifle while eight yards away from Clayton when the latter was at-Patton Dye Works. He swore that the shooting. he fired "from the hip" and gave a demonstration. He said that he works for any harm," she said. "He as through the day. fired Mr. John Patton had just been for his father."

feet, but the dead man got loose. Mrs. Thomas Clayton, mother of gloves. gate and called three times for the told me: Mr. Patton held me on the ment. other man to shoot me. He also said gate and called three times for the been shot, "Let the lad lie there."

Mr. Gordon Henderson interpress- die.'" ed that the deceased said this after Dr. Gordon Henderson pressed Cold as the weather has been here more, and was drawn over woods he knew he was going to die. When witness to tell again when the de-for the past few days, Mr. Shannon and meadows in his ship by a boar quires mistletoe. Two sprigs are Mrs. Clayton refused to repeat what she had previously given as evidence cried out: "Don't make a fool out and was so overcome that she had of the woman." to have assistance.

### Went for His Gloves

Mr. Thomas Clayton gave evidence Daggag midnight to get a pair of gloves was granted by the coroner.

Mr. Cote pointed out in his ad- walking up Concord St from the The everlasting Light; dress to the jury that the deceased canal. Opposite Pattons house was at the Patton shop for an un- stopped for a few minutes, lawful purpose. The important point walked to the corner of Greenfield was that while there was reasonable and Concord, where they again grounds for believing that the de stopped. Finally the smaller of the ceased was about to commit a theft two stood at a telegraph pole. The a private individual couldn't shoot taller walked down Greenfield

trying to escape. The jury could works. To all appearances he was draw its own conclusions as to trying to get through the window whether the shot was deliberate.

raised his rifle and pointed it at ton's house again, where they Wesley Clayton, personally I don't stopped for a while before returning see any authority for Mr. Mooney's to the corner of Greenfield and Conguse. There is the further element who went down Greenfield avenue. f recklessness."

John Patton, 20 Concord street, a cleaner and dyer, told of being informed over the phone by Mr Mooney that someone was trying to Mooney, who was across the street, failed. went to his side and said:"He was the side door leading into the yard Patton called.

and fences. He told how he opened a into the yard on the inside of the He also received a gash in his head were carols of the best sort on yard. Mr. Mooney and his son were me this time."

the gate leading into the street. I neighbors carried Clayton to ran to catch him and pulls him house and rendered first aid. down." he said. "I was about 34

(Special Despatch from The On-the fence. I said 'Stay here.' Mooney, 'while I go for the police. I called up the police station OTTAWA, Dec. 23-The verdict phone. I was told no one was a of the jury in the case of Wesley the station who could go, but some

Witness told of the late Wesley Clayton havink worked for him for lawfully trespassing on the premises four and a half days in November. the deceased present at the last sad as to whether the birth of Christ placed them on their shoulders, be greatly missed, socially and other of Mr. John Patton. The shooting He had dismissed him for not turn-rites. The remains were taken to was not, the jury found done with ing in some collections on a Friday, Belleville cemetery vault. The Arguments have been brought forth seem to explain the "false faces" er in the I. O. D. E., as well as any intent to do bodily harm. Mr. although Clayton had turned in the bearers were Messrs. J. Freeman, J.

Witness also told of seeing tracks Harris and M. Naphin. in the snow near a window of the It took the jury about half an Patton Dye works. He yelled "Stop or hour to reach the verdict after Mr. I'll shoot you" five or six times in Louis Cote, Crown Attorney, of order to scare the trespasser. Moon-Prescott and Russell, who handled ey was 24 feet away from the vic-

the case in the absence of Crown tim when he heard the shot fired. for a couple of days this week. Dr. H. B. Moffatt gave evidence ther the shooting was the result of was a wound on each side of the in Mr. B. C. Hubbell's new block. thigh. The wound was similar to that produced by a bullet.

Mrs. Thomas Clayton, mother

didn't aim at the boy. When he went there to get a pair of gloves,

### Granted Immunity

Frederick William Mooney, G.T.R that his son told him that he had called. Dr. Henderson claimed im- O little town of Bethlehem gone to the Patton works, where he munity for the witness under the How still we see thee lie; had been previously employed, at Canada Evidence. Act. Immunity Above thy deep and dreamless sl

Witness told of seeing two they avenue a short distance and looked It was different when a man was into the window of the Patton Dye He returned to his friend at the cor "If you find that Mr. Mooney ner and both walked past Mr., Pat-

action. If you decide he fired it cord. Witness' son went along unintentionally, you are to decide Concord street whistling. The whether he did it with lawful ex- whistling evidently scared the boys, Witness told of warning his son not to turn on the electric light for fear of alarming the boys, and he

### phoned Mr. Patton.

He saw the two go to Patton's enter his dye works. He got up out gate. The smaller boy assisted the of bed and took a carpenter's ham-taller over the fence and remained mer with him. At the corner of outside. At this point Patton and binson, who boards at 49 William waits" of London are an old-estab-Greenwood and Concord streets he he come out of their houses. Patton street south, met with a serious and lished feature of the customs of the saw a man run. He tried to catch tried to catch the boy who assisted painful accident Thursday afternoon season. They are at it long before him, but failed. At this time the other over the fence, but he while, engaged with the Grand daybreak and keep it up during the

in our yard." He opend the front was another one in the yard. Pat-door of his works and went inside, ton went through the factory from It appears they were placing duty fulfilled. Generally, however, He turned on the lights and opened the front. Witness watched until tile in the culvert when a chain they look for a gratuity from those mas dish. Its preparation formerly

there. One of them carried a rifle. Patton then went for the police,

Witness told of using a rifle ever feet from him when I saw him. I since he was 25 years old. He yelled 'stop or you will be shot.' My bought the rifle he used three years VANALLEN—In Belleville on Tues- abrian shepherds come down from fingers caught his toes. He pulled ago. He claimed he fired to get the his foot away. At the same time I victim to stop, He was 25 feet from heard a report. He dropped inside the fence. He demonstrated how

Sergt. J. Cunningham told of benoned to the scene of the ragedy at 12.10 He and P. C. arrived at 91 Greenfield where he found Wesley Clayton lying on his back. A tourniquet was applied to the wound and the bleed-

ng stopped. known as Wesley Huffman. His father who died a number of years ago was William Huffman of Belleville. The boy after his mother's second marriage to Thomas Clayton by the name of Clayton.

## Late Miss N. Naphin

Naphin, who died in Toronto, took street, to St. Michael's Church, season everywhere. where Father Killeen conducted service. There were many friends of Boyle, R. Davidson, F. Wims,

### MARMORA

Messrs. Geo. Wellman and Ed

Mr. James Flynn, of Deloraine, Man., visited his brother, Mr. Wm. new ones. Flynn, and other relatives in Marmora for a couple of days this week Mr. A. Abbott, of Belleville, has opened a law office in the rooms over

attempting to catch Clayton by the Her son wasn't in the habit of won the second prize, Lower School, joicing that conditions are on the being out late. He didnt get the in the Victory Loan essay competimend. This seems to be the reason tion held in that town. Her essay for the celebration which marked the dead lad, swore that when she Mrs. Clayton said that her son was was considered worthy to compete this season of the year in almost who fails to be kissed under the visited her son in the hospital he 18 years old. She continued: "On in the Provincial Competition and every country before the coming of

Mr. Charles Shannon, of Seattle, that Mr. Patton said after he had other man to shoot me. Mr. Patton Wash., is visiting his parents, Mr. sun festival at this time of the year. also said, "let the lad lie there and and Mrs. John Shannon. It is four- They said that Freyer, the sun god,

# O LITTLE TOWN

The silent stars go by: Are met in thee to-night. How silently how silently.

The wondrous gift is given So God imparts to human hearts The blessing of His heaven: No ear may hear His coming; But in this world of sin. Where meek souls will receive

The dear Christ enters in. O Holy Child of Bethlehem, Descend to us. we pray: Cast out our sin, and enter in: Be born in us to-day We hear the heavenly angels The great glad tidings tell;

O come to us, abide with us, Our Lord, Immanuel.

# G. T. R. Man

snapped, letting Mr. Robinson fall, whose slumbers they have broken. and turned on the lights which lit "There he is geting over the as well as a heavy piece of timber. badly scratched and bruised.

### DIED

Cornelius VanAilen, aged 45 sing their carols through the streets. Wm. Crawford is the labor non

# **OUR CHRISTMAS CELEBRATIONS** ORIGINATED IN DISTANT PAST

The customs which mark the ing before a carpenter shop, and it is larity in all lands which observe the the memory of St. Joseph. day. Everywhere it is a time of good cheer, of feasting and often drinking, of decorating with flowers and greens, of singing and of mak- Christmas time, which has its special cause of increased business in

country or even to one small section disguise their faces. Then in bands large institutions who sit in their of it, but the general idea of having they roam the streets, blowing horns offices at Toronto, to take pleasure a good time and of helping your and other unmusical instruments in moving the Managers from small place this morning from the resi-neighbors to have a good time is the and begging small favors. Originally places to other centres, sometimes

not be correct. The reason for the feature of the old English mumming 18th 1919. celebration at this time it is gener- and are still in use." ally agreed, is that at the time of Kissing under the mistletoe, has the introduction of Christian re- come-down to us without a break in ligion, nearly every land held a the custom from the time of the There's an empty stocking hanging festival near the end of the year, Druids. These ancient priests used and it was easier to invest pagan the mistletoe in their practices as a of the nature of the injury. There Hewitt have opened a meat market celebrations with Christian signi- plant of particular mystic value, ficance than to destroy the old and traditions have clustered about ceremonies and establish entirely it ever since. In English country

### One of The Expianations.

ceremony. Now it is done in secret, Christmas comes at the time of Wesley Clayton, gave evidence of Dunlay's store. He will be here the winter solstice when the sun has tempting to scale the fence of the visiting her son in the hospital after from Monday morning until Tues- reached its lowest point in the headay morning each week, and his office vens and is just beginning to elimb "He told me he didnt go to the dye will be open Monday evening as well upwards. The feelings of all mandoor. Where the custom is given kind, which have been depressed by much attention, a berry, is plucked Miss Eva Inkster, who is attending the gloom of the sky and the steril- each time a young man gets a kiss. the Continuation School in Havelock, ity of the earth, are naturally of revisited her son in the hospital he 18 years old. She continued: "On in the Provincial Competition and every country before the coming of told her "Mr. Patton held me on the Sunday after the shooting Wesley has been forwarded to the Depart-Christianity, and the celebration of the succeeding year, according to Christmas on Dec. 25 now.

The Teutonic races all observed teen years since he was home before. awoke and lighted up his wheel once ceased said he was going to die.

States that it was much colder in with golden bristles. The Saxon plated on the hearth before the open with golden bristles. The Norse tire. The one making the test gives sun festival was Yule. The Norse honored Thor. In the woods of his own name to one of the twigs, Britain, long before the Saxons and that of his lady love to the came, the Druids celebrated their other. To spare his feelings in case peculiar festivals. All these cele- the test goes wrong, he is allowed OF BETTILLE brations were characterized by to keep the name to himself. As the much eating and drinking, and much heat drives the twigs they move

resembled the Roman Saturnalia. That the early Christian leaders together, the young man's beloved recognized the necessity of allowing loves him. If they move apart, the these pagan customs to remain on omen is a bad one. some form is well authenticated. It The bringing in of the Yule log. The hopes and fears of all the years sent St. Augustine to England to the Saxons, is still celebrated with convert the people, he instructed great interest in some parts of Enghim to attach the traditions of the Christian Church to the customs he found, in order not to make too a tree is selected, and drawn to the violent a change. So it was that house with much ceremony. Before after the hardy Saxons had accepted it is put in the fire-place each the new religion they continued to member of the household stands or kill many oxen for a great banquet sits on it in turn and sings many of but in honor of the birth of Christ instead of the sun god. Thus it is that with a common origin the night the house is doomed to ex-Christmas customs of all lands have perience some misfortune during the a common nature.

### The Christmas Carols

Singing of Christmas songs is a Singing of Christmas songs is a of most of the Christmas customs custom which prevailed all over and is slowly dying out. An im-England and Wales and in most of the countries of the Continent. Here highly spiced and sweetened, and -Brooks in North America, Christmas carols lare practised by the children of Sunday schools, to be sung in special services on Christmas Day or some day near it. The habit of getting out in the street and singing, however, Painfully Injured has practically no foothold in this country. In the Old World it is the Lindsay, Dec., 22.-Mr Isaac Ro- expected thing. The "Christmas Trunk Bridge and Building gang on morning hours. Sometimes the Witness told Patton that there a culvert in the ricinity of Halibur- singers are singing for the pure

Writers attribute this custom of old books contain minute instruc-The timber fell on Mr Robinson who singing to the "Gloria in Excelsis" tions to the maids of the family as Mr. Patton made a plan showing I fired from the hip so as to suffered two fractures of one leg, of the angels announcing the birth to the hour of Christmas morning the first among them all!

The boy dropped and one fracture of the other leg. of Christ. Originally the songs when they should arise in order to He stretched his fragrant branches. little gate leading out of the large fence. I heard him say You got eleven inches long, and his face was purely appropriate subjects. This is it is brought upon the table glame, still the case in femote parts of brandy having been poured over it The injured man was brought and the case in remote parts of more. One of them carried a rifle.

Patton then went for the police, to the Lindsay Hospital for treat-tained in Wales. In the larger and set afire. The long period of festivities ends cities of England popular airs from in England and on the continent on January 6th, which is the twelfth

the theatre are used. The custom is kept up with much vigor in Italy and Spain. The Calday. Dec. 23rd. 119. Peter their hills into the Italian cities to Occasionally they are noticed sing-nee for Mayor of Sarnia.

# Mr. and Mrs. Hal Move to Belleville

Last Saturday Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Hall left for their new home in Belleville. Hugh, while in Dresden as manager of the local branch of Wesley Clayton was formerly Christmas season have a great simi- explained that they are henoring the Dominion Bank made many friends, and we venture to say there never was a manager in any Dominion Bank of Ontario, in a town the Boy Died as Result Another custom peculiar to the size of Dresden, that was the direct ing presents to friends and to the home in England, is that of the branch to such an extent as was Mr. needy. There are many little cus- mummers. Those who wish to cele- Hall during the short time he was toms belonging to the Christmas cel- brate in this way garb themselves in here. But it seems to be the custom bration which are peculiar to one all sorts of outlandish costumes, and of the big guns at the head of these dence of Mrs. Culhane, East Moira underlying principle of the holiday and in some places to the present even before they have time to get season everywhere.

Scholars have argued and quarrelheads of deer and other large
but they should know. And by losing
ed for centuries, and are still at it, animals or made imitations, and Mrs. Hall the town loses one who will really occurred on December 25. covering their faces, which would erwise. She was an enthusiastic work which some regard as conclusive, to of the toy stores of the present day, other good cause. We wish Mr. and show that whatever was the date of The "hobby horses" sometimes seen Mrs. Hall every prosperity in their Christ's birth, December 25 could in our theatres were a distinctive new home," - Dresden Times Dec.,

## The Empty Stocking

From many a little bed.

Each sleeping curly-head; And the vision gathers nightly houses, it formerly was customary Of a day that's soon to come to hang the mistletoe with much Where little feet should patter To the music of the drum.

with the idea of allowing the fair

damsel who walks under it be

hung over a doorway, when it can-

Mistletoe Love Test.

about to jump. If they move clos

The wassail bowl is another fea-

in England, though it must be ad-

mense bowl is filled with rice wine

of the liquor. If the family cannot

afford wine, ale is substituted.

When the Yule log is burning, all

parts of England that these practices

The Christmas Pudding.

No description of Christmas cus-

toms would be complete without

mention of the English plum pud-

flourish.

In some parts of the United States

There's an empty stocking hanging By many a wind-blown door, genuinely surprised. It is often That must wait in vain for Christ-

In the gray haunts of the poor; And eyes that now shine brightly Shall, through a train of tears. e nothing there on Christmas But the sorrow of the years to the maiden as a souvenir. When all the berries are gone, the kissing

But out where splendor centres In the mansions of the Great, No tot will vainly wait: The Christmas horn will summon-The Christmas drum will roll

The tide of lov in magic Through the gateway of each soul there is a little love test which re- But where one gift would brighten The dark of weary days No reindeer's hoofs will thunder

Out poverty's drear ways: And so, for God's white season For some wee dreamer's cause Don't you think that you might whis

Just a word to Santa Claus?

The Christmas day was coming; the Christmas eve drew near. is known that when Pope Gregory a custom dating from the time of The fir trees they were talking low at midnight, cold and clear, And this is what the fir tree said. all in the pale moonlight. 'Now, which of us shall chosen be to grace the holy night?"

> The tall trees and the goodly trees raised each a lofty head glad and secret confidence though not a word they said.

But one, the baby of the band, could not restrain a sigh. You all will be approved." he said. "But oh, what chance have I? "I am so small, so very small,

one will mark or know ture of the day before Christmas thick and green my needles are mitted that this is sharing the fate Few toys and candles could I hold. but heart and will are free And in my heart of hearts I know am a Christmas tree.

roasted apples afloat on the surface The Christmas angel hovered near he caught the grieving word: And, laughing low, he hurried forth with love and pity stirred. hands partake of this drink. Nat- He sought and found St. Nicholas

urally the Yule customs are better the dear old Christmas saint. suited to the country than to the And in his fatherly, kind ear recity, and so it is in the more remote hearsed the fir tree's plaint. Saints are all powerful, we know, so

> it befell that day That, ax on shoulder, to the grove woodman took his way. One baby girl he had at home, and he went forth to find

> > suited to his mind.

was a matter of some ceremony, and Oh, glad and proud the baby fir amid its brethren tall. To be thus chosen and singled the first among them all! He was a real Christmas tree

> had his wish at last One large and shining apple, with cheeks of ruddy gold: tapers and a tiny doll

that he could hold The baby laughed, the baby crowed, to see the tapers bright: The forest baby felt the joy and shared in the delight.

And when at last the tapers died and by his sergeants.

when the baby slept

tient vigil kept. Though scorched and brown its needles were, it had no heart to grieve. "I have not lived in vain." he said.

"Thank God for Christmas

-Susan Coolidge

# of Accident While **Hunting Rabbit**

Warrick Winacott, Son of Darling tal Mishap.

Oshawa, Dec., 22.-A sad accident which eventually proved fatal occurred on Monday afternoon last about three o'clock when Warrick, the fifteen year old son of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Winacott, of Lot 31, Con. Darlington accidently shot him

Shortly after leaving home he dis covered a rabbit which entered a hole and while trying to scare it out by using the butt end of the rifle on the ground his fingers came in contact with the trigger causing the gun to be discharged. The shot passed through his right wrist and entered his abdomen. He was found soon after by some neighbors who immediately summoned Dr. Slemon of Enriskillen. On examination. the doctor found that some of the shot had not only passed into his body but had gone through to the shoulder as well as other places. Blood poisoning set in and his condition became worse till he passed

away about eight o'clock Tuesday evening From the time of the accident till his death Warrick never lost conbut owing to the fact that blood poisoning developed his death occurred in a much shorter time than it would otherwise have

## **BODIES OF 4 BABIES** FOUND IN BOX

Heads Crushed Apparently With Grate Shakers, Also Found

Clyde, N. Y., Dec. 22 .- The bo dies of four babies were found in a wooden box on the ice of the barge canal here yesterday. The heads of all infants were crushed, probably with two heavy grate shakers which were found in box. The infants appeared newly - born. The bodies were well preserved by the cold wea-

The only clue is a Rochester news paper dated Dec., 11.

## Liquor Was Stolen

Wet Goods Lowered From Upper Window by Means of A

Ogdensburg, Dec., 22 .- J.C. Dolan district attorney will be called upon to make an investigation of the circumstances surrounding the theft of six cases of whiskey and a suitease filled with wet goods from the Norman Hotel last week.

When wartime prohibition went no into effect Joseph H. Norman proprietor of the hotel placed a portion of his best wet goods in a storeroom on the third floor of his hostelry. Among the selections were eight cases of Arnold's India pale ale. three cases of Gordon gin, two cases of Mount Vernon Whiskey one case of Tom Moore whiskey and a suit-

case of whiskey held in trust. With the exception of the eight cases of Arnold's ale everything was taken, the ale probably being left be hind because of its bulk. The loss is estimated by Mr. Norman at about \$700.

Two negroes accused of killing a white man were taken from a train at Chanmanville W. Va., and lynch

Wages paid to workers in Japan have increased from 38 per cent to 346 per cent, since the pre-war pe-

U. S. railroad earnings increased during the first ten months of 1919 but were more than offset by the in crease of expenditures. 19 year old boy was sentenced

at Lyons N.Y., to die in the electric chair for murder of a night watchman while robbing a store. Peace time industrial preparation

for war was recommended by Bernard M. Baruch former chairman of the U S. War Industries Board.

Soldiers testifying in the trial at New York of Capt, Detzer a U. officer told of implied threats of death and of being beaten and held