

The Christmas Festival:

HOW THE JOYOUS CELEBRATION HAS BEEN EVOLVED—SOME ANCIENT CUSTOMS

of the Nativity was... How the joyous celebration has been evolved—some ancient customs. The Christmas festival is a joyous celebration that has evolved from ancient customs. It is a time of giving and receiving, of feasting and merriment. The festival is a time when the poor are helped, and the rich are reminded of their duty to the less fortunate. The festival is a time when the spirit of Christmas is alive and well.

HEBREW MISER LEAVES \$100,000.

Lived in Rags and Died in a Charity Ward.

HIS GRY REVEALED RICHES.

Lived on the Alms of Hebrew Benevolent Society for Twenty-Five Years—'My Vest! My Vest!' His Last Cry.

A Toronto despatch says: Eli Hyman, a Hebrew, who used to gather rags and sell newspapers on the streets, died in the public ward No. 6, at the General Hospital, yesterday afternoon, and over \$100,000 worth of scrip was found upon him, representing securities in various corporations.

He slept in a shed in the rear of another Hebrew's place on York street, and occupied his time in gathering rags in the morning, and in the afternoon sold newspapers, and in the evening, he would go to work, suffering to the feelings of some of them that donations of silver were often forthcoming.

He gave his name as Henry Zolinski at the hospital, but Eli Hyman is his right name. He also went by the name of Davis.

Claimed to be Destitute. Last Saturday he was admitted to the Hospital a very sick man, suffering from pneumonia and pleurisy. He said he was in destitute circumstances. He was raggedly dressed, and from his appearance it was judged that water and he had been strangers for a long time. He said he had no money, and that he had to borrow a street car ticket to get to the hospital.

His Dying Outcry. In his last breaths he gasped out: 'My vest, my vest!' Then he left his bed.

When Hyman entered the hospital he had a parcel, which he asked the nurse attending him to put away for safe-keeping. She took it away for safe-keeping. She took it away for safe-keeping. She took it away for safe-keeping.

Deal With Many Firms. There were receipts also for cash deposits with A. E. Ames & Co. He had securities in the Canada Permanent, Western Assurance Co., Belknap Canadian Loan Co., Canada Land and National Investment Co., British-American Assurance Co., Toronto Electric Light Co., Consumers' Gas Co., Dominion Savings and Loan Co., Union Loan and Savings Co., London and Canada Loan and Investment Co., and other corporations.

Begged Even Postage Stamps. Whenever Hyman bought securities he left instructions that dividends were not to be sent to him, but that he would call for them. When he did call he always insisted on having the two-cent stamps which the company saved by not having to write to him.

By agreement Britain will build a railway line through Abyssinia, connecting the Sudan with Uganda territory.

NEWS IN BRIEF

CANADIAN

The Toronto Ministerial Association discussed the Bible in the schools.

There is an outbreak of "black-leg" among cattle in the neighborhood of Verona.

The report that three lives were lost in the Victoria Hotel fire at Quebec is confirmed.

The long-talked-of movement of Manitoba wheat to Minneapolis for grinding in bond has begun.

The C. P. R. has ordered 500 new freight cars to be built at Sault Ste. Marie.

Mr. A. M. Little was nominated for the vacant seat in the Legislature by the Liberals of North Norfolk.

Among the bequests of Mrs. Ward of Kingston is one of \$5,000 for a new organ in St. Mary's Cathedral.

Fire destroyed the Grafton cheese factory, and the employees sleeping on the premises had to make their escape through a window.

The Toronto Board of Control has ordered the purchase of more fuel, including 1,000 tons of Hooking Valley coal, at \$5.50 in Toronto.

Ald. Marquis has announced his candidacy for the Mayoralty of St. Catharines, in opposition to ex-Ald. Burgoyne.

A despatch from Sydney, N. S., says nine vessels are ashore there. A Government steamer will be sent to relieve them.

Navigation is closed. Thirty-three thousand tons of hard coal have reached Toronto by water since the strike ended.

Mrs. Steven Plested committed suicide at Rosseau by taking strychnine.

The corner stone of Brantford's new library was laid by Rev. Dr. Mackenzie.

Mr. Judson C. Crowe has been appointed Registrar of Willand, Mr. George Elliot to be deputy.

The executive of the Ontario Conservative Association met to make plans for the coming bye-elections.

The funeral of the late Principal McLean of the Presbyterian College, will take place on Thursday afternoon.

The steamer Glenary filled and sank at her dock at Kingston, water getting in through an open sea-cock.

The Port Huron Engine and Traction Co. are organizing a company to start a branch institution in Winnipeg.

HARVESTER TRUST A FACT.

Its Completion Has Been Accomplished at Last.

\$50,000,000 STOCK DELIVERED

Chicago, Dec. 23.—The details in the completion of the International Harvester Company were completed yesterday by G. W. Perkins, partner of J. Pierpont Morgan, when he delivered in Chicago \$50,000,000 worth of stock in the combine.

After lunch they went back to the office again and held another long consultation. Mr. Perkins refused to make definite statements concerning the corporation more than yesterday.

Mr. Perkins declared that he does not see any reason for alarm because of the condition of the money market, and he took exception to the statements which have lately been made by well-known financiers that the country had seen its greatest prosperity.

"Because of our phenomenal resources," he said, "the country is in just as sound condition as ever. Stocks are of the same value because they continue to earn the same amount, although the selling price is lower."

LAME BOY'S MOTHER'S JOY

Sent Doll to Armour Girl Treated by Lorenz.

GREAT SURGEON WILL TREAT BOY

New York despatch: There has been no more tender incident in the experience of Professor Lorenz in this country than that of yesterday, when he examined the child of a humble cabman.

Accompanying this letter was a doll, cheap, but neatly dressed in white baby clothes and named: "OK LOLLIE ARMOUR."

FROM A LITTLE BOY WHOSE LEG IS CRIPPLED.

The simplicity and sincerity of one mother's note of sympathy to another whose wealth had enabled her to procure the services of a world famous surgeon at a princely price touched Mrs. Armour so deeply that she induced her husband to write to Mr. Black thinking her letter would endeavor to have Professor Lorenz see "the little boy whose leg was crippled" before he left America.

True to his promise, when Professor Lorenz had finished his demonstrations at the New York Polyclinic yesterday and gone to Dr. Newton M. Shafer's residence for luncheon he was asked to look at Captain Black's boy, a child of five years, who had been crippled by the loss of his leg.

MELANTHON FIREBUGS FREE

Chief Figures in Famous Conspiracy Cases on Parole.

Nearly six years ago startling disclosures were made with regard to what seemed a widespread conspiracy of incendiarism in the township of Melancthon, in Dufferin County. Fires were frequent, and there appeared to be a carefully planned system of operation.

HOUSE 3,000 YEARS OLD.

Built by Prehistoric Man, Discovered Near Point Barrow.

TACOMA, Wash., Dec. 23.—Not since humanity began diving into the mysteries of the existence of primordial man has a discovery been made so rich in its suggestiveness as that made by the prehistoric man who lived near Point Barrow, Alaska, on her recent cruise to the Arctic Ocean.

A house built by human beings at least three thousand years ago, and probably of antiquity four times as great, was discovered near Point Barrow, and many of the utensils used by the people who made it their habitation were secured.

The house was built after the plans of houses of the primitive inhabitants of America. It was of an enormous size, and of some animal now extinct, were used for the framework, and over these skins had been stretched. The skin was rotted away ages ago, but the framework was intact.

DEAL INVO. VES \$500,000.

Whole Lumber Cut of 1803 of One Firm is Sold.

Ottawa, Dec. 23.—One of the most important lumber transactions involving the sale of the entire cut of one of the Ottawa Valley mills is reported. Watson & Todd, of Liverpool, well-known British buyers, have secured the 1903 cut of McLachlin Bros.' mill at Amqui. It will aggregate fully 40,000,000 feet, including white and red pine. The cash value of this cut will be fully half a million dollars. The contract includes all the board lumber to be cut at the mill during the next season. Every board turned off the saws from the day the mill opens in the spring to the hour it shuts down in the fall will be included.

WESTERN BRANCH LINES

From Moosejaw to the Coast C. P. R. Track

Winnipeg despatch: W. M. Whyte, assistant to President Shaughnessy, of the C. P. R., who returned here to-day, from Montreal, announced that the company will undertake considerable construction in the west.

"West of Moosejaw," said Mr. Whyte, "the line to the coast is to be almost all rebuilt. That is, the line is to be more or less changed to straighten out curves and lessen grades. The expenditure will be considerable. The early spring will see a start of the work."

"The biggest construction scheme that has been decided upon," continued Mr. Whyte, "is a new line that will be built from a point on the main line between Yorkton and Prince Albert, westerly and northwesterly, to a point on the North Saskatchewan River, in the vicinity of Battleford, from there to Wetaskiwin on the Calgary and Edmonton line. A line will also be constructed by the C. P. R. from a point near Church bridge to a point to connect with the branch to Pleasant Hill."

The C. P. R. are now turning a great deal of attention to the bringing in of fuel, and Mr. Whyte said that now that the rush of the grain traffic was over there should be a long and complete relief from the fuel scarcity in the west.

"The traffic this year," said Mr. Whyte, "has been enormous. The road has been taxed to its utmost capacity, and in the last two or three years has grown greater by 200 or 300 per cent."

\$198 A SQUARE FOOT. Site of the Trinity Building Brings \$2,215,277.

A RECORD FOR NEW YORK CITY

New York, Dec. 23.—The negotiations for the purchase of the Trinity Building at 11 Broadway by the United States Realty and Construction Company and the Lawyers' Title Insurance Company were concluded last Friday.

The trustees of the J. C. Ayer state that the purchase at a higher figure than that obtained by the interests which had sold out, and achieved their purpose. They secured about \$90,000 more than they would have done had they sold at the valuation accepted by the other interests.

For their two-ninths they received \$562,500. The other seven-ninths brought \$1,652,777. The property, therefore, cost its new owners \$2,215,277.

DISPUTE OVER WILLS.

Father and Son Litigants in Interest Case.

Rochester, N. Y., report: The contest over the will of Alda Maud Smith, who died here on July 29th, is becoming very exciting. The stake is \$17,000, and the contestants are father and son, the latter a boy of six, who resides in Toronto, and whose interests are being looked after by his uncle.

There are two wills offered for probate. The first, dated July 9th, 1901, leaves all the property to Kenneth Smith, the son. The second, dated July 28th last, leaves all but \$2,000 to A. Hamilton Smith, the testatrix's husband. He is named as executor, and \$2,000 is bequeathed to the deceased's mother, Mrs. Sarah Johnson, of Toronto. It is with Mrs. Johnson that the boy Kenneth is living.

The husband is the petitioner for the second alleged will, while Robert Johnson, a brother of the deceased, is the petitioner of the first instrument, which leaves all to the testatrix's son. The boy is now in New York City, alleged that on July 28th the testatrix was of unsound mind and wholly incapable of executing a will.

The hearing will be continued tomorrow.

Toronto Council rejected the proposal to submit to ratepayers the question of approval or disapproval of the expenditure of \$2,540,000 on a septic tank system of sewage disposal. Council also fixed the terms of the proposed grant for a consumption sanitarium.

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