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THE TIMES WISHES TO EVERYBODY A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS

TEUTONIC WILL RUN TO CANADA

White Star Liner On Route In May

CHRISTMAS SENTIMENT

Lord Strathcona Speaks for Canada And Her People — Hamar Greenwood, Who Goes Into Government, Has Likely Safe Seat in Sunderland

(Times' Special Cable)

London, Dec. 24—The White Star Line steamship Teutonic will be transferred to the Canadian route on May next. The saloon will be converted to second cabin accommodation for 826 passengers.

The headmasters' conference at Eton has decided to accept the request of McGill University, Montreal, to conduct its entrance examinations in England. The conference suggested co-operation regarding a common matriculation for all universities of the empire and the publication of an official calendar. These proposals will be laid before the imperial universities conference in 1912.

The following from Lord Strathcona will appear in tomorrow's Lloyd's Weekly:—

"The peace and prosperity of the British Empire rest upon the solid foundation of love of liberty, veneration of justice and the restraining and ennobling influences of Christianity. The ambition of all the citizens of the Dominion of Canada is to build up a nation within the empire whose people shall conform to the best traditions of morality and justice. For all the blessings she enjoys on this Christmas morn, Canada is profoundly thankful, and there will arise from her home gatherings today a prayer for the king and queen and empire."

The Canadian Associated Press learns that Homar Greenwood succeeds Mr. Partington in the office of junior lord of the treasury. It is anticipated that Mr. Greenwood has secured a sufficiently safe seat in Sunderland to hazard re-election.

John Rogers & Co's Liverpool cable today states that the Birkenhead market was very firm and showed a general advance of one half cent in price. Indications denote that the market will hold firm. Quotations are:—States steers, from 12 to 13 cents and Canadians from 11¾ to 12½ cents a pound; no ranch cattle here.

There were 826 bales of Danish bacon landed today. The market is rather unsettled and demand slow. Canadian is 54 to 58; longcut hams, quiet at 56 to 74, cheese firm but quiet, finest colored 58 and 59, white 57 and 58.

GUILTY IS VERDICT ON HER SECOND TRIAL

Woman Dynamited Home of Judge Against Whom She Thought She Had Grievance

Oakland, Cal., Dec. 24—The jury in the case of Mrs. Isabella J. Martin, charged with having dynamited the home of Superior Judge Ogden on March 11, 1907, returned a verdict of guilty, last night, recommending the defendant to the mercy of the court. The verdict marks the end of the second trial of the case.

In the first trial, at which testimony was given that the woman had plotted to killed several public men, she was convicted and sentenced to life imprisonment. An appeal to the supreme court brought an order for a new trial.

During the trial the accused woman conducted her own case. The evidence showed that Mrs. Martin plotted to destroy the residence of Judge Ogden because of the jurist's alleged unfairness toward her in the trial on an insurance case in which she was interested. "Baby" John Martin, who, she claims, is her own child, testified at both trials that he set the dynamite and fired the fuse under fear of death at the hands of Mrs. Martin if he failed.

STEAMS 14,000 MILES WITH ONLY ONE STOP

Seattle, Wn., Dec. 24—The American Hawaiian Line steamship Honoluluan arrived at Seattle last night after steaming from Baltimore to Puget Sound, a distance of 14,000 miles with only one stop. The Honoluluan took on 14,000 barrels of fuel oil before leaving Baltimore on October 30, and this supply was found ample to bring her to her berth in Seattle harbor.

The vessel brought 7,000 tons of coal from the Atlantic Coast.

THE WEATHER

Unsettled; rain, changing to snow colder tonight; Sunday snow flurries, colder, moderate west winds

DISASTERS ON TRAINS; 16 KILLED

Wreck of Express Carrying 500 People Home to Scotland for Christmas—Fatal Collision In Ohio

Kirby, Stephen, Eng., Dec. 24—Eight passengers were killed, some of them instantly, and the others burned to death, and twenty-five more injured in the wreck of Scotch Express near Hawes Junction today.

The express carried 500 people bound for their home in Scotland to spend Christmas. It was running at its ordinary speed when near the Junction it collided with a pilot engine and was derailed.

Fire broke out in the wreckage and the whole train with the exception of the locomotive and a rear baggage car was reduced to ashes.

Upper Sandusky, Ohio, Dec. 24—In a collision between passenger train No 15 and an express train on the Penna. R. R. at Attica, Ohio, eight miles east of here today at 2 a.m., eight people were killed outright and twelve seriously injured.

The wreck occurred on a curve and the two trains crashed into each other head-on. Engineer Kreggs of Fort Wayne, Ind., of the express train was killed and fireman Miller of Crestline, Ohio, was also killed. Three in the list of injured are members of the train crew.

PRESENTATION BY GOLF CLUB IN WOODSTOCK TO REV. G. D. IRELAND

Black Seal Golf Bag Gift to Minister—Death of Wm. Grass — Mr. Kitchen For Mayor?

Woodstock, N. B., Dec. 24—(Special)—Rev. George D. Ireland, whose resignation as pastor of St. Paul's Presbyterian church, will take effect on March 1, was waited on by a large number of the members of the golf club last evening, and the President, A. B. Connell, in an appropriate speech, presented to Mr. Ireland, an address accompanied by a handsome black seal club bag. Mr. Ireland, was much taken by surprise. He expressed his appreciation of the kindness shown him, and hoped that the club would continue to prosper.

Wm. Grass, aged 22, son of the late John Grass of Hartford who has been ill with typhoid fever for about three weeks died this morning, pneumonia having set in. He is survived by his mother and three sisters—Maud, Edith and Estella.

T. C. L. Ketchum is freely mentioned as a candidate for mayor in the coming election. Mr. Ketchum served the last two years in the council as chairman of the finance committee.

CANADA THE ELDER BROTHER; SOUTH AFRICA WOULD FOLLOW EXAMPLE

Toronto, Dec. 24— (Special)—Premier Botha of South Africa, in response to a cable sent to him cables the Globe that the government of South Africa most gladly sends the people of Canada their heartiest compliments of the season and wishes them continued and increasing prosperity. Botha says the people of South Africa looks on the Dominion of Canada as an elder brother whose example it desires to follow.

NEARLY $10,000 FROM "DEAD LETTER" SALE

Washington, Dec. 23—The sale of articles accumulated in the division of dead letters of the post office department during the last few days, embraced 7,391 catalogue items, aggregating $9,846.89, or an average of $1.33 for each parcel sold. The net revenue, $8,739.75, which amount will be deposited in the treasury department to the credit of the postal revenue.

Failure to restore this matter to the owners, in nearly all instances, was due to the neglect of the sender to place his card address upon the wrapper, or to securely enclose articles so that they could not become separated from their wrappers in transit.

STEARED STEAMER 2,300 MILES BY HAND GEAR

New Pork, Dec. 24—The Dutch tank steamer Rotterdam, which arrived at quarantine last night, in ballast, steered the last 2,300 miles of her trip by the hand gear. Her steam steering engine broke down on December 12, in very heavy weather, and for a time she lay helpless with the water breaking over her from stem to stern. Part of the bridge was smashed, the companion way to the bridge was carried away, and one lifeboat was stove in.

CHATHAM TENEMENT WAS AFIRE

Three Families Rendered Homeless—Checks Received to Pay for Property Expropriated

Chatham, N. B., Dec. 24—(Special) — A serious fire broke out here a little after 10 o'clock last night in the block of tenements known as "the Barracks" and situated in the lower part of the town. The buildings are among the oldest in the town and several houses were so far destroyed as to be rendered quite uninhabitable. At least three families are made homeless.

A second alarm was rung in a little after midnight for the same place, but little further damage was done. The loss is almost total, as what is left of the buildings is hardly worth repair.

The money to pay the claims in respect to the properties expropriated by the government for the purpose of the new railway into the town has now been received by W. C. Winslow and cheques are being handed to those to whom the money is payable.

Time checks are being distributed among the men until lately employed by the pulp company, but nothing has been heard as to when they will be exchanged for cash. Robt. Murray, barrister, is looking after the interests of the men.

LARGE FISSURES IN EARTH IN KANSAS

Dodge City, Kansas, Dec. 24—Professor Erasmus Hawarth of the University of Kansas yesterday investigated several large fissures that lately appeared in the earth twenty miles southwest of Dodge City. He is as yet unable to determine the cause of the phenomenon.

The largest fissure is about 300 yards long and three feet wide. A forty foot rope did not touch the bottom of the fissures. When the smaller crack opened smoke issued from it, and the ground rumbled and shook. Several years ago there were several miniature volcanic eruptions west of here.

SIR WILFRID'S WORDS OF GOOD CHEER IN CABLE TO LONDON PAPER

(Times Special Cable.)

London, Dec. 24—Sir Wilfrid Laurier has cabled the Daily Telegraph the following Christmas greetings:

"Montreal, Friday—Canada cordially reciprocates the greetings of the Daily Telegraph. I hope the coming year will be one of prosperity for the whole empire. Canada today meets Christmastide in a better financial position than ever before, and looks forward with confidence to the year of the coronation. The dominion sticks by the principle of British preference and hopes it will be extended throughout the empire.

"WILFRID LAURIER."

SIXTEEN UNION MINERS TO JAIL FOR A YEAR

Violated Injunction Against Interfering With Non-Union Men During Strike

Denver, Dec. 24—Sixteen members of the Lafayette Coal Union of the United Mine Workers' of America will spend the next twelve months in the county jail. The sentence was imposed by District Judge Whitford for the violation of a temporary injunction restraining striking miners of the Northern Colorado coal district from interfering with non-union men. A stay of execution and the privilege of bonds pending appeal were denied.

The injunction restrained the miners' union in Lafayette, Louisville, Marshall and Superior from picketing as well as attempting to induce strike breakers to quit work and from gathering in groups at the stations or in the streets.

His Life for Crime

Wheeling, W. Va., Dec. 24—Thomas Wayne, a Fayette county negro, was hanged at the West Virginia penitentiary last evening for the assault and murder of Mrs. John Ailiff, near Quinnamont last summer.

Ailiff at the last moment was persuaded by relatives not to witness the execution, though he had come 300 miles for that purpose.

FREDERICTON DOCTOR IS ASSAULT VICTIM

Was Ejecting Undesirables From Grounds—Rev. J. C. Berrie 70 Years Old Tomorrow

Fredericton, N. B., Dec. 24—(Special)—Dr. W. L. Turner who lately moved to Gibson from Meductic, was assaulted last night by two young men whom he found prowling about his grounds. They had been drinking and the doctor undertook to eject them. Policeman Gunter was called from the city, but failed to capture them, and during the hunt somebody made off with his bicycle.

Rev. J. C. Berrie, pastor of Marysville Methodist Church, will celebrate his seventieth birthday tomorrow.

The Christmas market was quite up to the usual standard. Poultry was plentiful and, owing to the soft weather, took quite a drop. Turkeys sold for twenty-four cents and geese for $1.50 each.

HALF TON OF GOLD

Seward, Alaska, Dec. 24—Half a ton of gold was brought out over the trail on dog sleds by a party of five miners who arrived from the Idatared district yesterday. This is the camp's largest clean-up since the close of navigation for the winter.

The gold will be sent to the government assay office at Seattle.

THE TIMES' NEW REPORTER

MR. BINKS'S GLAD HAND.

Mr. Peter Binks this morning wore an expression of benevolence that thawed the sidewalk as he passed along. He grasped the hand of the Times new reporter and astonished the young man by wishing him more kinds of good luck than he had ever dreamed of. Then he became more general in his remarks.

"We are not living any more in poor old St. John," said Mr. Binks, "but in young new St. John. I have never seen so cheerful an outlook at any Christmas in my time. Santa Claus has got a sugar refinery, a paper mill, an armory, a new railroad, a lot of wharves and steamers, a dry dock, a new city government and a

new system of taxation in the St. John stocking. I think he will bring along an industrial farm for inebriates and no-goods, and the real cost of a bridge across the harbor. The old gentleman has his eye on this city. He has been doing things out Vancouver way for a Christmas or two, and now he has taken on St. John. Young man, I almost wish I was twenty-five again. Have a cigar—have two. If you call around next week I'll give you a deed of a lot in Crouchville. No, not a word. I'd give you a turkey if I could reach one, but they are flying very high this year."

The new reporter observed that his friend, Mr. Hiram Hornbeam, had already anticipated this want with one of the finest birds in the Settlement. Mr. Binks extended congratulations, shook hands once more, and passed on to spread good cheer among all the sad-eyed seekers after appropriate Christmas gifts.

EXPRESS RATES ARE TOO HIGH

Sweeping Report is Made by Railway Commission

NEW CONTRACTS

Present Forms Declared Unfair and Must be Replaced by New Ones — Companies Capitalized Too High and Finances Are Gone Into

Ottawa, Dec. 23., — (Special)— Judgment has been delivered by the Railway Commission as the result of their inquiry into express rates in Canada. The board desides that the tariffs of Canadian companies are too high and that the forms of contract between shippers and companies are unfair and must be replaced. New tariffs must be fyled within the next three months.

The opinion is expressed that the capitalization of the companies is far too high yet, the companies are really only the agencies for the railways. The companies pay for station facilities much more than they should, the presumption being that this is a convenient way of disposing of excess profits.

It is noted that the Canadian Express Company, when bought by the G. T. P., in 1892 for $660,000 was valued at $600,000, the $600,000 being presumably for the franchise. The $60,000 has grown to $212,719, and there are three millions of stock outstanding in the hands of the trustees of the G. T. P. All there is in tangible assets to represent the three millions is the $212 719.

The Dominion Express Company, controlled by the C. P. R., is capitalized at $2,000,000. All the actual cash ever paid into the company, so far as the board could ascertain, was $24,500. The assets now stand at something less than $600,000. Out of a total revenue of $21,473,696, earned by the Dominion Express in the seven years prior to 1909, $13,409,240 or sixty-three per cent. was paid to the C. P. R.

During the same period the Canadian Express paid $8,467,307 or fifty-five per cent out of $13,362,266 to the G. T. P.

The board states that there is no reason for the existence of separate companies to handle express business.

Dealing with the proposal of the fruit growers that an order should be issued in respect to the rough handling of fruit, the judgment says that nothing would be accomplished by this. An order of the board would not prevent an employe damaging or pilfering, besides an action for damages lies with the shipper.

CHRISTMAS SPIRIT IN ST. JOHN

Presentations in Industrial Establishments and In Other Local Business Houses Mark the Season of Good Will

The Simonds Canada Saw Co., Sheffield street, presented to each of their employes, from the apprentice to superintendent, a $5 gold piece. This is their usual custom.

The proprietors of the Royal Hotel, Messrs. Raymond & Doherty presented to their employes the usual cash presents which amount to a good sum annually. The employes presented to their employers each a handsome set of Siler Deposit ware, silver lined, with placque.

The employes of the Dufferin presented to Manager John H. Bond a handsome solid mahogany chair, and they in return were remembered suitably by the proprietors. The married men received plump turkeys.

A. L. Phillips, proprietor of the Victoria received from his employes a magnificent clock in a glass case and Mr. Phillips remembered each of his employes with cash presents.

The members of the office staff of Murray & Gregory Co., presented to J. Fraser Gregory a handsome silver mounted smoking cabinet, suitably engraved, while the employes in the wood-working department made him the recipient of a pair of Persian lamb driving gloves. They also presented to John Mowbray, foreman of the wood-working factory, a valuable Morris chair. Alfred D. Smith, manager of the glass department, received a set of military brushes from the staff.

MRS. FULTON'S WILL IS SUSTAINED BY COURT

Oromocto Probate Judge Gives Decision—Husband Gets Some $25,000 Under the Ruling

Fredericton, N. B., Dec. 24—(Special)—Judge Gilmore, in the Oromocto probate court yesterday gave judgment in the Fulton will case, sustaining the will of late Mrs. Charles D. Fulton, bequeathing property valued at about $25,000 to her husband. The will was subsequently proved in solemn form, a citation being returnable on August 5.

Mr. Fulton was her second husband and her daughters by the first marriage contested the will on various grounds.

Mrs. Fulton's first husband was Robert Moore ,a son of the late Mrs. Sherry Moore, who inherited a large estate in Belfast, Ireland.

THE WARFARE IN MEXICO; BRIDGES ARE BURNED

Chihuahua, Dec. 24—An American who has been ten days with the insurrectos has returned here bringing news that the rebels recently executed ten civilians hostile to the revolt.

While the revolutionists surround Navarre at Pedernales, his situation, according to this information, is not precarious. He could march out with his force and do battle, but is waiting reinforcements.

A daring squad of four insurrectos rode into this city last night, distributing circulars stating that citizens should remain within doors after 5 o'clock this afternoon, as the rebels intended to enter the city. The warning is not regarded seriously.

A patrol of eight soldiers who fired many shots, drove them from the streets and they disappeared in the direction of the mountains. Reinforcements of more than 1,000 are now in the city. A wireless tower has been erected at the penitentiary and material is on hand for another tower to be erected in the disaffected district. Government troops, which started a week ago from Sonora, are reported within two days march of Guerrero, one of the insurrecto strongholds.

El Paso, Texas., Dec. 24—The Mexican northwestern train which left here yesterday morning for Casas Grandes, running without ord rs, returned late last night and reported that dozens of bridges had been burned below Lena station. The train was first stopped sixty-five miles below Juarez by a section of dynamited track. An eighty foot trestle between Lena and Conejos has been burned and every bridge of importance for miles was in flames.

STOCK YARD FIRE STILL BURNING

Chicago, Dec. 24—The stock yard fire in which twenty-four lives were lost, including that of Chief Fire Marshal James Horan, was still unsubdued today. Flames continued to shoot upward through thick clouds of smoke from the ruins of Morris & Company's beef warehouses, but no additional spread of the fire had occurred and none was expected.

Dozens of streams of water were incessantly being poured on the smouldering mass and probably will be for some days to come.

BIG GUNS COSTLY

Bids for Ten 14-Inch Ones for the United States Navy

Washington, Dec. 24—The lowest bidder for the ten 14-inch guns with which one of the new 27,000-ton battleships will be equipped is the Bethlehem Steel Company of South Bethlehem, Pa.

That company proposes to build the guns for $74,770 each, exclusive of mounts, the first gun to be delivered within 13½ months and the others at the rate of two-month intervals.

The Midvale company was the lowest bidder for mounts for these guns. The figure which that company proposed was $52,854 each, the first mount to be delivered in 17 months and the remainder at two-month intervals.

Each of the two new battleships will be equipped with ten 14-inch guns. Ten of these guns and sixteen of the mounts will be built by the government at the Washington navy yard, which has already begun work on them.

The question of awarding contracts to the Bethlehem and Midvale companies depends largely upon the action congress will take upon the request for an additional appropriation of $1,000,000 for the government to undertake the construction of the new battleship New York at the New York navy yard.

NO WORD OF GRACE

London, Dec. 24—The search for Cecil S. Grace, the amateur aviator who lost his way in a fog while attempting to return over the English channel to Dover, on Thursday, was continued today without success.

The only development this afternoon was an unconfirmed rumor current at Amsterdam that an aeroplane had been picked up in the North Sea. It was said to be without a pilot. A fleet of torpedo boats sent out from Sheerness to scour the waters of the vicinity had not returned up to 2.30 o'clock this afternoon.

PARENTS BUYING PRESENTS; BABES BURN TO DEATH

Avant, Okla., Dec. 23—No Christmas stockings will be hung up in Frank McCoy's home this year. His two children, Ethel, aged one year, and Raymond, aged two, were burned to death today, when the McCoy home was destroyed by fire, while the parents were out buying Christmas presents.