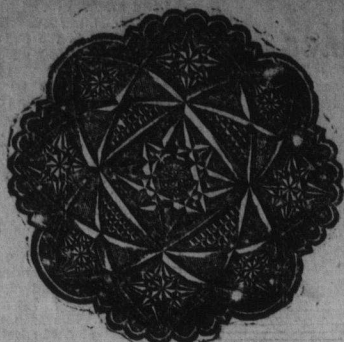


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CHRISTMAS 40 YEARS AGO.

A Veteran Fireman Recalls the Olden Days.

And Tells How the Holiday Was Spent in What is Now No. 2, Fire Station.

It was the year 1863 and the day was Christmas, a bright, crisp day with a goodly covering of snow upon the ground. The air seemed infused with the good cheer of the time and every countenance seemed lighted with goodwill toward toward his fellowman. A stranger passing along the north side of King Street on that far away Christmas—it was forty years ago—would have passed when hearing the Court House and have listened curiously to the jarring, careless banter issuing from the little stone pitched-roofed building which nestled under the rear height of its companion edifice of justice.

A frequenter of the neighborhood, however, would have passed heedless of the noise that unavoidably dinned upon the ear.

Be the passerby stranger or friend, it was all the same to those who were the creators of the noise. The day was Christmas and they very seriously regarded the fact that it came but once in a year.

"Let the canteen roll boys; tip her up once more" was the law that held all intemperately an unflagging participation in the day's cheer. It was "light ale" they were drinking, its stimulation was but temporary and necessarily needed renewing. And so the canteen rolled on ceaselessly on this Christmas day, and the light talk and harmless repartee, mixed with song and dance, kept up unflaggingly till the Christmas of 1863 was no more.

The building from which the noise of so many voices came was the very building that occupies the same spot today, and then as now it was the abode of firemen. No. 2 engine house of today was forty years ago also known as No. 2 engine house, but its interior bore an altogether different aspect. Those were the days of the volunteer firemen, when human prowess was relied upon more than it is today for the subduing of flames. The steam fire engine, and the other innumerable fire-fighting appliances of the present time were hardly then dreamed of. The volunteer firemen gave their services gratuitously to the community, and the community in return was very indulgent of the peccadilloes of their generous protectors, to whom they granted a practically unlimited freedom of the city. If the volunteer firemen sometimes abused their freedom, they more often used it in rendering invaluable service to their townsmen.

The members of the old St. John Volunteer Fire Department were ever a lively aggregation of human-lives, in both senses of the term—but the members of No. 2 hose and engine company were particularly entitled to the plums. It was said that they were always alert, they were always ready for true this might have been the fact remained that they were a hearty lot of "laddies," as ready to enter into a convivial occasion as they were prompt and trustworthy when duty sounded its call.

A peep into the house of old No. 2 volunteer fire company, especially on the Christmas day in question, would afford to a present day St. Johner a rather interesting view. There would be found present not only the company's own members, but as well a few of the members of the old hook and ladder company, invited for the occasion. In fact the "boys" of these two companies were always known to go together in their spears. One of the first things to catch the eye of the present day beholder would be the curious engine. It had been remarked that the old hand-engine much resembled at a distance a hay-wagon, but nevertheless in its day it was considered a serviceable piece of fire apparatus. A closer inspection of the engine in old No. 2 engine house, would show that after all it was quite a complicated machine. The engine was kept spotlessly clean, and as a matter of fact the firemen were noted for the care they took of their engine, with the pride they manifested in them. On the opposite side of the large room would be discovered the old style of hose reel. The attention of the beholder, however, would soon be attracted to the firemen, and he would hardly be able to repress his admiration. They were, as a rule, big muscular men—they had to be, because muscle in those days did what steam does now. There were about forty firemen present.

While the present day St. Johner was yet looking at the scene, he would be suddenly startled to see the stalwart form of Capt. Langan, long since dead, arise and move towards the big table in the rear of the house. The interest in the occasion had somehow waned and Capt. Langan was evidently intent to restore it. With a sweep of his brawny arm he struck the table a thunderous thump and roared as he had often been heard to roar at a fire: "Shake her up, boys." Almost instantly the jingle of glasses denoted another "rolling" but the canteen and soon all present were holding brimming bumpers ready to tip at the word. John Jackson, of the hook and ladder company, the veteran mill maker, who is yet a familiar figure on the streets, would then shout "pull together," and simultaneously would disappear each sparkling glass of "light ale." A lively song would follow with all joining in at the chorus, and thus would speed the day.

FEARS A MASSACRE.

Literature Denouncing the Jews is Being Scattered Through Russia.

NEW YORK, Dec. 26.—In a special cablegram from Kissingof Dec. 19, via Iglau, Dec. 25, the correspondent of the New York World says:

"I can state with grim and gloomy certainty that unless the government at St. Petersburg entirely reverses its attitude, unless the expressed indignation against the horrors of last April will be repeated on the Russian Christmas day, January 7.

"The Jews here are terrified already and their terror is well founded. 'Leaflets' vehemently calling on Christians and Russians to arise against the Jews' natal day and to annihilate the Jews were found strewn in 'The Moscow' a tea shop today.

"It was in the Moscow that the pamphlets denouncing the Jews for alleged ritualistic murders and inciting the massacre in April were first discovered."

LOTS OF ORANGES NOW,
But They Were Not Here When the Dealers Wanted Them.

During the past two weeks dealers looked forward to the expected arrival of the Furness liner Florence, which was to replenish the stock of oranges for the Christmas trade. But day after day passed with no word of the steamer and the supply of oranges kept going down, until during the few days preceding Christmas there were scarcely any of the foreign varieties to be had in the wholesale houses. Then when the rush of Christmas business was over, another Furness liner reached St. John, bringing lots of fruit. Yesterday the Florence arrived at Halifax with the consignments which would have been eagerly received two weeks ago, but which are now not required. When the cargo of the Florence is landed here the orange market will be overstocked at a time when there is no great demand.

CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH.

The following is the Christmas music in the Congregational church tomorrow:

Morning.

Carol—"Joy Fills Our Inmost Hearts Today."—Gadeby.

Hymn—"O Come, All Ye Faithful."—Anthem—"And There Were Shepherds."—Fears.

Hymn—"Once in Royal David's City."—Anthem—"As With Gladness Men of Old."

Evening.

Carol—"Hark the Glad Sound."

Hymn—"The Angel's Song."—Anthem—"White Shepherds Watched."—Fears.

Hymn—"If Came Upon the Midnight Clear."

Hymn—"Hark the Herald Angels Sing."

ST. JOHN'S STONE CHURCH.

Service—Stainer in B flat.
Anthem—"O Zion that Bringest."—Stainer.

Offertory—"Cradled All Lowly."—Gounod. With pastoral symphony.

Carol—"Wake All Music's Magic Power."—Stainer.

Evening.

Service—Kimmins in E flat.
"Nazareth."—Gounod.

Carol—"We Three Kings."—Traditional.

Carol—"Once in Bethlehem."—Maund.

Carol—"Twas in the Winter Cold."—Barnaby.

Carol—"All My Heart this Night Rejoices."—Arnold Fox.

Carol—"Bethlehem."—Gounod.

Carol—"Arnold Fox, organist and choir-master."

A BIG FIRE RAGING.

MARRIETTE, Oh., Dec. 26.—A big fire is raging here in the business center of the city. The loss, it is believed, has already reached \$500,000. Among the buildings destroyed is the First National Bank. The local fire department is unable to cope with the flames.

A cantata will be held on Tuesday evening, Dec. 23, in the Carleton city hall under the auspices of the Carleton Baptist church. Besides a chorus of sixty voices, a number of well known St. John singers will take solos.

In St. Mary's church tomorrow evening, there will be a Christmas carol service by some of the Sunday school children, assisted by the church orchestra. The church has been beautifully decorated.

feet and catching up a trumpet shouted: "Man your ropes!" The apparent confusion of a moment before was instantly replaced by order and quiet. A new life seemed to enthrall all present. The men quickly and quietly took their places, the doors of the engine house were flung open, and with a "pull steady, boys" they eagerly bent to their work. At a pace that could hardly be eclipsed by the fire horse of the present day they raced to the scene of the fire. To their chagrin the fire proved slight. They returned to the engine house and resumed their Christmas cheer.

MAGISTERIAL RECEPTION.

Judge Ritchie Greets Old Acquaintances and Forms New Ones.

He Delivers Some Good Advice to Those Who Partook Too Freely of the Bowl Which Inebriates

In point of attendance and in brilliancy the magisterial Christmas reception held this forenoon was not a patch on that of last year, but in spite of this it was not without interest. One or two new features were added, and some of the old and time honored customs were again to the front. For instance, the magistrate used just as much earnestness as he ever did in pointing out to the assembled drunks and the great unwashed that there was not a single Jew in court. This, and several other remarks of an appropriate character relieved the monotony of the proceedings. The magistrate neglected to explain why Jews should celebrate Christmas.

Last year there were twenty-five prisoners on the bench and eleven out on deposit. Today there were only nineteen in court and seven on deposit, which would indicate rather poor business in the stagger juice shops, business on the part of the cops, or a shrinkage in the storage capacity of the gang. The nineteen were all men, and of them there were only two or three worth noticing.

John Brown, who comes from Sussex, bought a ladies' hat on Thursday and was going home with it. On the train in the depot another man from Sussex, named Hooley, kicked the hat and then used bad language. Brown stood it as long as he could, but finally after a particularly offensive remark he hit from the shoulder and both were arrested. Hooley got out on deposit and has not since been heard from. The remarker cost him twenty-eight dollars. This morning the magistrate expressed his satisfaction at the knowledge that Hooley had been soaked good and hard. He was glad Brown had hit him on the mouth. That was the proper place, and if it is at any time necessary to strike a person who uses foul language, it is well to strike hard. Brown was let go.

John Thomas, an Englishman, who has been in St. John for a week, was sober this morning and wanted a chance to go away. But last evening in a street car this same man made himself very objectionable by staggering over other passengers, and announcing in a maudlin manner that he wanted to be sent home to mamma. Thomas is thirty years of age. He was sent to jail for ten days.

David Hennessey was arrested for assaulting Ambrose Pelkey by smashing a jug on his head. Pelkey, who was attended by Dr. D. B. Berryman, is said to be quite merrily drunk. Hennessey was this morning remanded without being asked to plead.

Robert Titus admitted being drunk but did not know anything about pointing a revolver at James Jones and threatening to shoot him yesterday. He was also remanded.

George Halfpenny and David Guffoff were scopped for fighting on Mill street. Guffoff said it was all his fault and the two were let go.

The other prisoners, including the irrepresible Mag Sullivan and Mary Ann Reid, were all ordinary drunks, who pleaded guilty and were fined the usual amounts.

WILL DIG UP CITIES.

BOSTON, Mass., Friday.—To search among the hidden cities in Western Afghanistan and the Crimea an expedition of scientists, supplied with funds by the Carnegie Institute, will start from here on January 2.

COLD WEATHER.

Reports Show That St. John Was Especially Favored With Mild Weather.

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., Dec. 26.—A raging blizzard, accompanied by a sudden and decided drop in the temperature, struck Indianapolis last night. The gale was the worst experienced in this city for some time. Early reports from other Indiana points and from the northern boundary to the Ohio river indicated a terrific wind storm.

LOUISVILLE, Ky., Dec. 26.—A gale, blowing at the rate of fifty miles an hour, struck Louisville yesterday afternoon, and within two hours the mercury dropped over thirty degrees. The gale was accompanied by a blinding snow storm.

COLUMBUS, Ohio, Dec. 26.—A blinding snow storm occurred last night. The wind blew fifty miles an hour. Traffic is maintained with great difficulty.

CHRISTMAS FESTIVITIES.

MURDERS AND SHOOTING IN THE LAND OF THE FREE.

EUREKA, Utah, Dec. 26.—One man lying dead in the morgue with two shot gun wounds in his body, another man fatally wounded from the same kind of a shot, a woman badly bruised about the face and two other men in the county jail, is the result of a row which took place at Finn Hall early yesterday and broke up a dance and social gathering in the local colony of Finlander.

HOPKINSVILLE, Ky., Dec. 26.—Threats of mob violence having been pronounced, during the past two days, nine negroes charged with murder were yesterday spirited away to Madisonville for safe-keeping. The negroes are charged with the murder and the mutilation of an unknown man a week ago. One of the prisoners confessed that the stranger was murdered and robbed of \$100 by himself and companions.

MONTGOMERY, Ala., Dec. 26.—Geo. Calhoun, a negro, here last night shot and killed his wife and wounded four other negroes. Calhoun called his wife to the door and standing within ten feet of her, fired both barrels of a double-barrelled shot-gun into her body. He then fired into the house wounding two negroes. The other two persons received their wounds while in pursuit of Calhoun who made his escape.

JAPAN WANTS SHIPS.

Baron Hayashi is of the Opinion that War is Inevitable Unless Russia Backs Down.

LONDON, Dec. 26.—It is believed that hostilities between Russia and Japan may commence on or after the seventh of next month. The Daily Mail's Kobe correspondent says that it is reported that the Japanese government has given Russia only two weeks to reply to Japan's claims.

Japan is steadily making preparations for the inevitable.

ST. PETERSBURG, Dec. 25.—The Russian government is still considering the reply to the Japanese government to its note which was sent in answer to Japan's demands. It is believed that concessions may be made to the satisfaction of Japan.

NEARLY AN ACCIDENT.

The passengers on the train from Boston which arrived at noon today had no idea how near they came to being mixed up in an accident. While passing the station at Rooth, or Green Point, as it is known, a long link from the brake on the tender became detached and dropped out, falling end up on one of the sleepers. The top of it caught in some of the underwork of the baggage car, lifting it from the rails. Luckily, the car dropped right back on the rails and the train was at once stopped. The baggage car was badly jolted and even after the train had been held twenty minutes for repairs, the effects of the jar were still noticeable in the continuous rattle while the car was in motion.

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THE WEATHER.

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