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As a Xmas Box to Your Fellow-Citizens Decide To-Day to Work for the Power Bylaw

TROUBLE IN THE EAST LOOKING AGAIN

Question Now is, What Will Britain Do?—Some Alarmist Editorials.

NEW YORK, Dec. 24.—The movement of the United States fleet to the Pacific has aroused a great deal of international speculation.

The cruise was originally announced during the "critical period" between the United States and Japan, some months ago, and received a mixed welcome from the press of the republic.

The New York Herald, however, was an enthusiastic supporter of President Roosevelt from the first. With its elaborate service from all parts of the world, The Herald may have been acting on "inside information."

Now that the big armada is well on its way to Pacific waters, in spite of the friendly assurances which have appeared in the Japanese press and have been uttered by Japanese statesmen, The Herald continues to show possibilities of trouble for the far east.

Jap Designs on India The Herald this morning says: England was not given the benefit of the most favored nation clause by Count Okuma in the speech which that influential Japanese statesman delivered recently before the members of the Kobe Chamber of Commerce.

On the contrary, the strictures upon the British regime in India were so rancorous that one wonders what he would have said had England been the avowed enemy of his country instead of being its ally.

"Oppressed by Europeans," read the English, "the three hundred million people of India are looking for Japanese protection. Why should the Japanese not stretch out their hands toward that country now that its people are looking to the Japanese? Any place where the Japanese flag flies may be regarded as Japanese territory, and Japanese dominion extends to the Pacific, the Chinese waters, the Indian Ocean."

It will be interesting to see what English public opinion will say of this new doctrine of India and the entire east for the Japanese. Attempts will probably be made to minimize the importance of such declarations, and, in fact, of everything that Count Okuma has said, but the man of a party already large, and constantly increasing in numbers, that is working for the supremacy of Japan in the far east, and the reduction of Caucasian influence in that part of the world, his utterances, therefore, are not to be pook-phooed or ignored.

CHRISTMAS DAY CAN BE BUILT ON ESTIMATES

Electrical Contractor Says Transmission Line Figures Are Quite Within Bounds.

H. D. Symmes of Niagara Falls, the electrical contractor who built the Ontario Power Co. plant, told The World yesterday that he would guarantee to build the transmission lines on the prices set forth in the estimate of the hydro-power commission.

"By a new system recently invented and thoroughly tried," said Mr. Symmes, "it will be possible to construct lines from Niagara Falls to Toronto underground for practically the amount estimated and which will make it absolutely free from all danger of interruption by lightning, etc."

An unpleasant day, with probable storms, is the best the Weatherman can promise. Observatory records give the startling information that since 1854 Toronto has had sleighing on Christmas only seven times before this year. These times were in 1855, 1864, 1872, 1876, 1884, 1887 and 1906.

Since 1854 there have been 24 Christmases without snow on the ground and 22 others with not enough for sleighing. Christmas, 1872, was a rare old day, the temperature being 13 below zero and there being 20 inches of snow on the ground. The coldest Christmas since the middle of the last century was in 1851, when the thermometer touched 15 below zero. Some high Christmas temperatures were 53 in 1859 and in 1893 and 52 in 1895.

The day will be spent quietly in this city of homes, while the spirit of the season, which impels us all to deeds of kindness, will be manifested in the hospitals and charitable institutions and in a dinner to 500 new-boys and a supper to a similar number of immigrants who have not yet been able to settle down.

The new-boys, of whom 500 are expected, will meet on Adelaide-street in front of the postoffice, at 10.30 and will march by way of Toronto, King and Bay-streets to the city hall, where pupils from the public school will meet them at the Municipal Leaf and Save the King. The parade will be headed by the Headquarters' Band of the Salvation Army, which will be followed by the band of the Salvation Army, offered by Bandmaster McGrath.

Dinner will be eaten in the large assembly hall of the Temple Building. Forty young ladies have volunteered to serve as waitresses. Premier Whitney will address a few words to the boys before the banquet. The mayor and the majority and controller candidates have accepted the invitation to dine with the boys, and each will be given two minutes to wish them the compliments of the season. J. M. Wilkinson will be pleased to receive any further suggestions toward the banquet fund.

The British Welcome League supper will be held at 6 p.m. in the Temple Building, the large banquet hall having been provided for the occasion thru the courtesy of the I.O.F.

The Executive of the Toronto License Holders' Protective Association, distributed the second annual gift of the hotel men, amounting to \$1200, among the sick young ladies at the Toronto Sick Children's Hospital \$200. Toronto Free Hospital for Consumptives \$200. Providence \$300. Protestant Orphans Home \$100. Sunnyside Home \$100. Children's Aid Society, Simcoe-street, \$50. Infants' Home, St. Mary's-street, \$50. Sisters of the Good Shepherd, Park-don, \$50.

NOT MONOPOLY'S ST. "NICHOLS"

THOSE WHO STAY IN CIVIC RACE

Half-a-dozen Aldermanic Nominees Retire—Beattie Nesbitt has Two Meetings.

The five majority and 14 control-ship candidates all filed their qualification papers with the city clerk before the fateful hour of 9 o'clock last night, thereby complying with the statute, and removing any lingering doubts as to the sincerity of their intentions.

Of the aldermanic candidates who had given the impression that they would stay in the race, only one or two failed to make good their stand, while three aspiring school trustees fell by the wayside.

The necessary qualification for the office of mayor, controller or alderman, is the possession of freehold property valued at \$1000, or leasehold at \$500, write for the books of education it is merely necessary to be a ratepayer. In every case the candidate must swear, however, that he is a British subject.

The majority candidates qualified as follows: J. J. Geary, 902 West Bloor-street, \$1884; household tenancy Traders Bank, \$825. Joseph Oliver, premises 588 Sherbourne-street, \$1225, leasehold. James Simpson, premises at 13 Barton-avenue, assessed at \$2025, in right of wife. Miles Vokes, premises 102 St. George-street, \$1450. Dr. Beattie Nesbitt, premises 71 Grosvenor-street, \$12,000 in right of wife.

The control-ship candidates filed as follows: J. M. Briggs, premises 24 Maitland-street, \$2275, leasehold. Robert Blust Noble, premises 40, 44, 72, 82 Harward-avenue, \$5000. Oliver Barton Sheppard, premises 104 Pembroke-street, \$600. Hugh MacMath, premises 30 Lansdowne-avenue, \$4, 98, 1310, 1312, 1314, 1316 and 1317 West Queen-street, \$20,000. H. C. Hocken, 563 Euclid-avenue, \$2500.

J. J. Ward, 1282, 1284 West Queen-street and 54 Gwynne-avenue, \$5000, in wife's name. William Peyton Hubbard, 606, 615, 617, 619, 621, 623 Wellington-street, \$3, 57, 59, 61, 63 Bathurst-street, 57, 59 Stewart-street, \$10,000 (freehold and leasehold). Robert Fleming, 108 Carlaw-avenue, \$1900. James O'Hara, 321 Ontario-street, 137 West Berkeley-street, \$2000. W. S. Harrison, 32 Borden-street, \$3000. S. Spence, 554 Spadina-avenue, \$5811. J. Enoch Thompson, 104 St. Vincent-street (leasehold), 132 Bay-street, \$2000. Mrs. Lindala, Wickson-avenue, 159-161 York-street, \$1000. John Shaw, 49 Roxborough-street, \$1000. John Dunn, 100-102, 110, 112-114-116 Givens-street, 57-59 Dundas-street, \$15,000.

The Aldermen. In the first and second wards all of the candidates who accepted nomination were on hand with their qualifications. Chas. Heal was the solitary absentee from the ranks of the Third Ward starters. In the Fourth Ward, William Harold Black, and the Post Sabine alone failed to deposit the necessary papers. Mr. Black did not appear, while Mr. Sabine was unable to convince the city clerk that he was duly qualified. All of the nine candidates in the Fifth Ward came up to time. In the Sixth Ward, John Geary, Patrick J. Corcoran and Samuel Wright, who were nominated on Monday night in their absence, failed to turn up and were counted out.

Three hundred of education nominees were also numbered with the missing, two of them, Arvid Sunstein and Luigi Del Negro, being Socialist standard-bearers. The third was J. W. Siddall, architect. Nesbitt at Labor Temple. Dr. Beattie Nesbitt's meeting in the small hall of the Labor Temple was handicapped by the counter attractions of Christmas Eve. R. E. Elliott opened the meeting. Dr. Nesbitt was well received and loudly applauded for the points he made in connection with labor questions. He apologized for occupying Christmas Eve, but when he had a job to do he liked to get it at and finish it up in quick time. He was more interested in the power bylaw than in his own election. The future of the city was his main subject. If the bylaw were passed it would be of lasting value to the city for all time, while if elected mayor it would only be for a year or two. They would not turn the water-works over to a private company, and he could not understand why anyone should object to turning the light company over to themselves. He urged them by all means, whatever else they did, to pass the power bylaw. Other questions could be settled later. If elected mayor he would guarantee to straighten out the middle-class. He would undertake to return the honor of the city at the end of the year as untarnished as it was to-day. To the Labor Men. He would especially address himself

AGED ARTIST SUICIDES IN PRESENCE OF WIFE

"I'm Tired" Lionel Stephenson Said As He Swallowed Fatal Fluid—Intention Not Suspected—Had Been Living in Adversity.

Lionel Stephenson, about 61 years of age, an artist in reduced circumstances, late last night swallowed half an ounce of acetic with suicidal intent. He was taken to St. Michael's Hospital, where he died shortly after midnight, seven minutes after being taken in.

Stephenson, who leaves a wife and an 8-year-old boy, has been known around the city for years. He had lived in poverty for some time and was occupying an upper room at 13 Duchesse-street, when, in a fit of despondency, made acute by his inability to enjoy the Xmas tide, he swallowed the poison.

Altho he had sometime ago threatened to end his life, his wife, who saw him empty the vial, did not suspect what had happened until, in bed, he was seized with convulsions. Dr. St. Charles was sent for, and he notified the police and ordered the man removed to the hospital, which he entered unwillingly. He died in violent paroxysms.

"I'm tired, tired, I can't try any more. It's no use," he had said as he took the dose. In the next room his 8-year-old son slept. Beside the lad was 58 cents, the family's all, a part of which was to be the only Christmas present he would get.

He fell with his arms sprawling over the sheets of letters which he had been copying to supplement the pittance gained from the sale of his pictures. His wife, when she noticed his distress, hurried to his aid, while a neighbor ran to summon the doctor. The man was still conscious and talking incoherently of the pictures he would sell on the morrow when placed in the ambulance. He was conscious till he reached the hospital door.

He left a weeping wife in a scene of desolation. In the adjoining room from that where the deed was done the lad lay sleeping peacefully. "How shall I tell the boy how shall I ever tell him?" sobbed the mother after the occurrence. "How can I let the others know? I have no money. What shall I do?" She pointed to a Charley which hung upon the wall of the room. "That was the last thing he got for us. He was so good, so good."

Stephenson had been working recently at the Salvation Army barracks. He was an Englishman, but had been in Canada 22 years. Once, in the old country, he had attempted suicide. Nine years ago Stephenson's head was injured in an elevator accident at the Metallic Roofing Co.'s premises. Since then he had been able to work but little.

Monday his daughter, Ivy Lyons, who with her husband is with the Marks Brothers' theatrical company at Perth, Ont., left her parents, having spent Sunday with them. A son, Charles Stephenson, is in advance of the "California Girls" at the Folly Theatre in Chicago. Messages were sent to both early this morning. Plain Clothes Policeman Armstrong was detailed to investigate the case.

MRS. EDDY NOW PLANS A \$1,000,000 CHARITY

Would Found Great Christian Science Institute for Special Benefit of Poor.

BOSTON, Dec. 24.—Mrs. Mary Baker Eddy's latest project is the founding of a \$1,000,000 Christian Science Institute for the special benefit of the poor and the general good of all mankind.

She is now in consultation with Archibald McLellan, one of the three trustees of her estate, in regard to the details. The plan was announced by Mrs. Eddy in a letter to Mr. McLellan published to-day in The Christian Science Sentinel, the weekly organ of the cult, which is published in Boston, in which she says:

"I desire to commence immediately to found a Christian Science Institution for the special benefit of the poor and the general good of all mankind. The founding endowment of this institution will cost at least \$1,000,000." Leaders of the church in this city say they know nothing of the details. One of them suggested that Mrs. Eddy probably has in mind an institution something like the Associated Charities.

And at Newcastle. NEWCASTLE, Pa., Dec. 24.—Ten of the 30 mills of the Chenango tin mills here will resume operations Jan. 6, next. Ten additional mills will resume shortly after, and it is expected that the entire plant will be running full force before the end of January. The mill, said to be the largest tin plant in the world, has been idle since July 2, fully 3000 men are affected.

CAN'T HELP SETTING FIRES. Brooklyn Man Gets Four Years for Dangerous Mania. BROOKLYN, N. Y., Dec. 24.—Judge Dink in sentencing John Ludvig to Sing Sing for four years for arson in setting fire to 3 buildings in two years, said: "He appears to me to be a man who has made no effort to check a desire to burn, which is a common and normal condition in childhood. He appears straightforward, and I do not believe he is trying to deceive, but I find nothing to indicate insanity in any form except that he is doing things which no reasonable man would do."

The King's Xmas. King Edward has gone to Sandringham to spend the Christmas holidays.

GUARDING DRUG GRAVE WITH GORDON OF POLICE

Temporary Building Being Erected and Coffin Will Be Opened in Presence of Authorities.

LONDON, Dec. 24.—Extraordinary precautions are being taken to prevent tampering with the grave of T. C. Drace, which will be opened in the course of the next few days to prove whether or not it contained the body of Druce or a roll of lead. A large force of police was sent to Highgate Cemetery this morning and took up positions on all the approaches to the grave. A special cordon was drawn up around the vault, which is being rapidly shut in with a high board fence. The structure will be roofed so that unauthorized persons will have no chance of witnessing the exhumation. Only officials and those directly concerned will be permitted to see the opening of the coffin.

Readers of The World will kindly report irregular or late delivery of their paper to Phone M. 32.

ENGINEER JUMPED. Feared Collision Which Was Narrowly Averted. BOWANVILLE, Dec. 24.—(Special.)—Engineer Robert Reid of York, seeing a rear-end collision with another freight train as its train was approaching Newcastle Station this afternoon, jumped, sustaining dislocation of one shoulder and a sprained ankle. The two freights also jumped, but escaped injury. The first train moved out just in time to prevent a collision.

FREEDOM HIS XMAS GIFT. Engineer Murray Stephens Released This Morning. ST. THOMAS, Dec. 24.—(Special.)—The minister of justice has pardoned Murray Stephens, Constable in connection with the fatal wreck at diamond crossing. The sheriff of Elgin has received the papers and the engineer walks out of jail a free man Christmas morning.

Dr. Beattie Nesbitt at Labor Temple. Dr. Beattie Nesbitt's meeting in the small hall of the Labor Temple was handicapped by the counter attractions of Christmas Eve. R. E. Elliott opened the meeting. Dr. Nesbitt was well received and loudly applauded for the points he made in connection with labor questions. He apologized for occupying Christmas Eve, but when he had a job to do he liked to get it at and finish it up in quick time. He was more interested in the power bylaw than in his own election. The future of the city was his main subject. If the bylaw were passed it would be of lasting value to the city for all time, while if elected mayor it would only be for a year or two. They would not turn the water-works over to a private company, and he could not understand why anyone should object to turning the light company over to themselves. He urged them by all means, whatever else they did, to pass the power bylaw. Other questions could be settled later. If elected mayor he would guarantee to straighten out the middle-class. He would undertake to return the honor of the city at the end of the year as untarnished as it was to-day. To the Labor Men. He would especially address himself

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Many Happy Returns. To Mr. William East of East & Co. Bcn Dec. 25, 1907.



SMALL INDUSTRIAL BOY: Gee! This is the first time Santy ever came near us. He used to only call on the rich kids.

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Dr. White advertisement with portrait of a man and text describing a medical treatment.

Advertisement for 'His Christmas Gift' featuring a list of names and addresses.

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