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FRENCH ARMY IN BAD SHAPE, HOUSE OF DEPUTIES IS TOLD

Associated Press Despatch.

Paris, Dec. 20.—The statement that the French army is badly disorganized, made by Col. Jean Fabry, former minister for the colonies, and Marshal Joffre's aide during the marshal's visit to the United States in 1917, threw a chill over the members in the chamber of deputies while the budget of the war ministry was being discussed yesterday. Col. Fary contended that professional soldiers were not numerous enough and that the instruction of recruits was thereby endangered.

"If the army cannot perfect itself in peace time, we cannot count on it in war time," declared the colonel.

MUSIC OF HANDEL, CAROLS, MARK CHRISTMAS SERVICES

Traditional Songs Feature Sunday Services in City Churches—Varied Programs From Great Masters Given by Many Choristers—Seasonal Messages Bring Great Crowds.

With the singing of Christmas carols and traditional Christmas songs in the city churches yesterday, the Christmas spirit took possession of London. Citizens turned out in large numbers to hear the music associated with the birth of Christ. Sermons centered about the nativity, and the very atmosphere of the churches took on a joyous Christmas feeling. Never were choirs in better voice, and never did soloists put forth such effort to bring the Christmas message to the people.

The beloved Hallelujah Chorus by Handel was featured most generally throughout the city. It became the main feature of many of the musical programs offered, while the traditional carols and familiar nativity songs were repeated in church after church.

For the most part choirmasters favored a varied program, which included selections from several of the great master musicians, and from carol music. In some of the churches, however, lengthy and beautiful cantatas were presented as part of the service.

At the Metropolitan United church, C. B. Hawley's cantata, The Christ-Child, was presented at the evening service under the direction of George C. Carrie. At Dundas Center United church Saint-Saen's beautiful Christmas oratorio was given, with J. Parnell Morris directing, as the latter part of the evening service. The Holy Nativity, well-known cantata by Harry Wildermere, was presented by the the choir of the King street United church at the evening service, with Miss Catherine Moore directing.

Children's Choir Leads.

The evening service at the King street church was featured by a children's service, a children's choir, led by Mrs. A. J. Smith, furnishing sweet Christmas music.

At the Maitland street Baptist church the great Holton cantata, The World's Redeemer, was presented in the evening by the choir, under the leadership of Mrs. George Kenny.

The Nativity, by Geibel, was effectively presented at the evening service at the Wellington street United church, Miss Doris Werner directing.

It was white gifts Sunday at many of the Anglican and United churches of the city, the children of the Sunday school offering their gifts and singing Christmas carols. Throughout the city, everywhere, choirs, clergy, men, women and children united in one great paean of praise to God for the gift of the Christ-Child. Music and words may have varied in the different churches and through different forms of service, but every heart was raised in a great Hallelujah chorus.

Shelley and Handel.

Special music marked the Chirstmas services at the Wesley United church in the morning and evening yesterday.

Under the direction of Dr. James H. Smith, organist and choirmaster of the church, the choir presented a number of beautiful anthems and carol numbers. In the morning the services by the choir included Harry Rowe Shelley's beautiful anthem, The Nativity, and the carol The Holy Mother Sings. The numbers played by Dr. Smith were also of a Christmas nature, Prelude and Reverie, by Romaine Callender. An ancient Christmas carol by Guilmant was the offertory number, and the postlude was The March of the Magi Kings, by Dubois.

J. B. Hills sang The First Christmas Morn, by Newton, in a pleasing bass voice. The soloist of the evening was Mrs. M. G. Magnusson, who sang It Came Upon the Midnight Clear, by Oley Speaks.

The numbers by the choir in the evening were the Messiah choruses, And the Glory of God, For Unto Us a Child is Born, and the Hallelujah Chorus, by Handel.

The Sunday school orchestra also contributed to the musical program at the evening service. Hope Divine, by J. H. Smith, was the prelude, and Hosanna, from Stringer, was the postlude. The offertory number was Andantino, by Lemare. The work of the orchestra was exceptionally good.

Metropolitan Church.

The choir of Metropolitan United church at last evening's service presented Howley's cantata, The Christ-Child, a composition of great merit that calls for high technique on the part of choristers and accompanists. The church choir was at full strength last night, and every member in good voice.

Under the direction of George C. Carrie, with Kingsley Ireland at the piano, the choir was quite capable of this great cantata. Solo parts were well taken by G. C. Carrie (tenor), Luther Jackson (baritone), Mrs. E. Wyatt (soprano), and Miss Gladys McEvoy (contralto). The combined efforts of the choir were of much merit.

At Latter Day Saints.

A Christmas service was held at the Latter Day Saints church last evening by the choir, conducted by Mr. Fred Heddington. A quartet, Madoline Timbrell (soprano), Grace Perry (alto), Fred Heddington (tenor), H. A. Koehler (bass) sang Holy Night from the gallery. The organist, Dorothy Timbrell, rendered Evening Prayer, by Petrie, after which the choir sang a cantata, The King in Zion, by Herbert. Mrs. Thomas Brown sang The Star of Bethlehem. Elder James Winegarden was the first reader, taking the prophetical part of the narrative, the historical part being taken by Elder Frank Gray. The pulpit, platform and organ were ablaze with candle light.

PIONEER MISSIONARY DIES WHILE SAYING HIS PRAYERS

Canadian Press Despatch.

Saskatoon, Sask., Dec. 21.—Death called the Rev. Father J. D. Eby of this city, pioneer of the Canadian west and the mission field of Japan, while he was saying his prayers Sunday morning. Going to his room at breakfast time, Miss E. S. Eby heard her uncle praying. She waited until he should finish and entering the room found him head. Dr. Eby was 81.

SEVEN SENT TO GUELPH FROM MIDDLESEX JAIL

Goldstein and Brindner, Convicted For Receiving Stolen Chickens, Commence Terms.

Seven prisoners were removed from the county pall here today and taken to Guelph, where they will begin their terms for the various offenses for which they were convicted. One young man was taken to the Ontario hospital, London East.

Alex. Goldstein and Louis Brindner, convicted at the recent sessions of the county court of receiving stolen chickens, were among the men taken away. Both men were sentenced by Judge Talbot Macbeth to serve terms of three months to two years less one day in the Ontario reformatiory at Guelph.

News Briefs

Hollywood, Cal.—Anna Q. Nilsson, screen star, sustained a dislocated vertebrae, cuts and bruises when thrown from a horse.

OLD RULE STILL GOOD.

Chicago, Ill.—Mrs. Lucinda Blodgett celebrated her 100th birthday by advising young people over the radio that early to bed and early to rise was a good rule.

SAFE BUT ABROAD.

Boston, Mass.—Two Gloucester fishermen, Frank Mitchell and Charles Smith, missing since Dec. 8, are safe aboard the steamer Neuyhall, bound for Gibraltar.

TWO CHILDREN GASSED.

Pawtucket, R. I.—Stanley Kokoska, 9, and his sister, 5, were found dead in their bed from gas poisoning. Their father was lying beside them unconscious.

BOYS ROB DRUNKARD.

Boston, Moss.—Six boys ranging in age from 8 to 13, were arrested after they had pushed a drunken man into a doorway and robbed him of eleven cents.

NEW SHELLEY POEMS.

Boston, Mass. — Two unpublished poems by Percy Bysshe Shelley have been discovered in a notebook in the Harvard library, according to Prof. Walter Peck of Wesleyan university.

GIVES BUSINESS AWAY.

New York.—Because he has made all the money he wants, Morris Rosenturn over to his employees on New Year's Day his half-million-dollar-a-year business.

BOY CAUGHT AT LAST.

Hackensack, N. J.—Samuel Amato, 12, who shot John W. Hamilton, Jun., 10, with a small rifle and eluded police officers for two days, has been caught. He is held for action of the juvenile court. The wounded boy lost an eye in the shooting, which was believed to have been accidental.

ESCAPE THROUGH FLOOR.

Houston, Texas. — Fifteen convicts escaped from the prison here by cutting a hole through the floor of their dormitory.

SOCIAL WORKER DIES.

Barry Wales, Dec. 21. — Elizabeth Phillips Hughes, educational leader, writer and Red Cross worker, is dead here. She was 64 years old.

EXTENSION FUND DRIVE SUCCEEDS

Most United Churches Either Beyond or Close to Objective.

FIGURES FOR TWELVE

Figures from 12 of the 18 United churches in London indicate that they have raised $59,179 of their $60,265 allocation for the maintenance and extension fund of the church.

These figures, in some instances, are not final, while the campaign in the remaining six churches is either not sufficiently advanced to have figures available or the campaign has been laid over until early in the new year for local reasons, but it is definitely assured that London's churches will raise the total of $66,961 allocated to them by Middlesex United church presbytery a short time ago.

St. Andrew's and Metropolitan churches both realized their individual objective of $14,000, thus giving a fine lead to the whole campaign in the city. First and Wesley churches, subscribing $5,615 and $6,174 respectively, also did well, while Dundas Center church has raised $6,300 to date toward its $7,741 allocation.

Far Over Objective.

Colborne street has raised $3,800, going far over its objective of $2,905, and confidently expects to reach $4,000 before the close of the campaign. The campaign is proceeding in Pilgrim church to raise $500, and in Wellington street church to raise $1,821, but figures are not available yet from those churches.

Other churches, which have accepted their allocations from presbytery, but in which the actual campaign is being delayed for a few weeks, are as follows: Grace and Chelsea Green, $130; Beecher, $500; Hyatt avenue, $1,474; Knox, $2,075.

Several of the churches put on a campaign for their own funds, some figures in this connection being as follows: Robinson, $500; Hyatt avenue, $1,100; Dundas Center, $2,500; Wesley, $3,000; First, $8,000; St. Andrew's, $14,000.

Figures in Twelve Churches.

Figures, which are more or less accurate and final in twelve of the churches are as follows:

Church.	Allocation	Raised To Date
Colborne street	$ 2,095	$ 3,800
Metropolitan	14,000	14,000
Calvary	1,709	1,700
Centennial	2,180	1,750
Dundas Center	7,741	6,300
Empress	1,962	1,750
First	5,615	5,615
Robinson	1,785	1,785
King street	1,750	1,850
St. Andrew's	14,000	14,000
Trinity	444	455
Wesley	6,174	6,174
	$60,265	$59,179

CANADIAN SECTION FOR INDUSTRY FAIR

Manufacturers of This City To Number of Four Will Join Display.

G. F. Braddock, British government trade commissioner, reports that the Canadian chamber of commerce in London, by arrangement with Hon. P. C. Larkin, the high commissioner for Canada, has agreed to assist in organizing a section at the British Industries Fair, to be held from Feb. 15 to 26 at the White City. The London, Ontario, firms which have made plans to exhibit their goods at this fair now number four, while others are expected to take similar action soon.

This decision, which has as its object the promotion and encouragement of Canadian export trade, has already met with a response by exporting manufacturers in the dominion and their agents.

It was recently reported that, as a result of the Canadian exhibit at Wembley, not only were large orders placed for articles of Canadian manufacture, but 130 Canadian firms not previously represented in old London have now permanent representatives there.

The East African colonies also have decided to take part in the British Industries Fair, and for the first time in history Kenya, Uganda, Nyassaland, Northern Rhodesia and Tanganyike Territory will collectively display an exhibit of their products, which include cotton, maize, coffee, sisal, tobacco and tea.

Full particulars and invitation tickets can be obtained from the London chamber of commerce.

JAMES PARK OF PARKHILL ON ALLOWANCE BOARD

James W. Park of Parkhill has been appointed to fill the vacancy on the widowed mothers' allowance board caused by the death of J. D. Drummond, one time member of the federal house for West Middlesex, Miss Mary Grant announced this morning.

At the meeting of the board held in Strathroy, five new applications for help were dealt with.

Two of these were recommended and one declined because of the value of real estate owned by the applicant.

Two applications were laid over for investigation and further consideration. This action was taken because in both cases there are older children in the family and the board wanted to find out if there were any wages at all coming into the family coffers.

In one of these families, said Miss Grant, there are two older boys, who are both ill, but there are others over the age of 16 who may be helping.

CARSHOPS BRIGADE CONGRATULATED BY ROBB

Word has been received from Vice-President Robb, of the Canadian National Railways, by Superintendent Messeroll, of the local car shops, congratulating the car shop fire brigade No. 1 on their wonderful achievement of winning the shop brigade trophy of the central region.

In part the letter read: "I appreciate that the time which was made indicates a very high degree of efficiency and familiarity with the fire brigade equipment on the part of the London team."

White Gift Sunday Held By Many Church Schools

Relief of Needy Is Given by Children at Special Christmas Services in City Churches—Carol Singing, Gift Giving, Baptisms Mark United Church Programs.

Yesterday was White Gift Sunday in many of the churches of the city.

The service, believed by many to be one of the most beautiful in the whole calendar of services, centers around the children of the congregation bringing gifts of food and clothing for the relief of the poor and less privileged children, catching the spirit of Christmas in doing something for others.

The practice of the White Gift Sunday was more general in the Anglican and the former Methodist church than any of the other denominations, and thus those churches which have now become units of the United church of Canada continue the practical service, though former Presbyterian churches also had similar services yesterday.

United churches which held White Gift services yesterday, either at the regular Sunday school hour or at the morning service, were as follows: Calvary, Wesley, Empress, Wellington street, Metropolitan, Centennial, Colborne street, Knox and King street churches.

Fully 200 boys and girls participated in the White Gift service held at Knox church yesterday morning, with the result that an abundance of good things will be distributed to the poor of the city today. Marching in line, the children placed their gifts on tables and in baskets arranged in front of the pulpit and then they proceeded to the gallery of the church, where they sang carols.

Originated With a Child.

Pointing out that Christmas originated with a child, Rev. Malcolm McArthur, pastor of Knex church, dwelt upon the spirit of Christmas in his sermon, which was exceedingly appropriate to the occasion and to his congregation.

"Expectation plays a large part in a child's Christmas," observed Mr. McArthur, "and so also should expectation play a large part in the adult's Christmas. Children soon forget their quarrels and troubles, especially around Christmas time, and so should adults forget their grievances and become more brotherly in their relations, the one with the other.

"Christmas means service because Christ came to serve," concluded Mr. McArthur, "and we, as children of Christ's kingdom, should manifest the same spirit of service to others even though that service means sacrifice upon our part, as it certainly meant in Christ's death on the cross to atone for the sins of the whole world."

The Knox church choir, under E. W. G. Quantz, rendered a program of special music, in addition to the children's carols, including the following numbers: Anthem, Star of the Orient, Mme. Corrine Cherry and choir; quartet, The First Christmas Morn (Rodney), Mme. Cherry, Miss Alma Gregg, Robert Patterson, F. O. Kester.

Baptismal Service.

The children's service at King street United church yesterday morning was particularly interesting and beautiful because of the children's baptisms by Rev. W. R. McIntosh, D.D., pastor of the church. Dr. McIntosh adapted his address, "The Angel With the Golden Touch," to be attractive and helpful to the children, who were present in large numbers and who had a choir all their own under Mrs. Albert Smith, and who sang several numbers. The musical part of the service included the following: Chorus, Hail Christmas Morn; chorus, Holy Night; chorus, Night Divine, and chorus, Prince of Peace, all by the Sunday school choir; duet, Babe in the Manger, A. Forsyth and S. Doherty; quartet, Sweet Be Thy Slumbers, W. McKenzie, E. Forsyth, G. McIntosh, L. Fawkes.

Where the White Gift service was held in the afternoon at the regular hour of the Sunday school the service was open for all the members of the congregation and the parents of the children turned out in large numbers.

The annual day of white gifts to the King was celebrated at Wellington street United Sunday school, with an attendance of over 500. The orchestra, under the leadership of James Cresswell, gave several fine selections and a delightful Christmas story was given by Mrs. J. W. Hibbert. Miss Helen Wilkes contributed a pleasing Christmas song and a recitation was given by Harold Mitchell. The Sunday school was daintily decorated with a Christmas tree, the star of the east and a manger. A little babe was in the manger and the Sunday school pupils, from the primary department to the adults, marched past the manger and presented their white gifts, a great abundance of Christmas cheer being thus presented.

Over 700 attended the white gift service of Wesley United. Herbert Childs, the superintendent, gave a short, interesting talk on "The White Gift." The gifts were piled up on the platform of the auditorium and Rev. J. E. J. Millyard, the pastor of the church, gave the dedicatory prayer and an interesting talk. The program included a solo by Miss M. Rousom, a reading by Miss Minnie Dobbyn, special music was given by the orchestra of 35 pieces, and interesting colored pictures were shown on the screen. The church was prettily decorated with holly, yellow 'mums and red streamers.

Calvary United.

The members of Calvary United Sunday school held their white gift service in the afternoon. F. Trace was chairman and Wilfred Boyce read the scripture lesson. Miss Eleanor Boyce contributed a most beautiful and appropriate solo, The Spirit of Love and Giving. F. Bainard spoke on "The Intensiveness of the Work in the School." The church was beautifully decorated with a large white cross over the altar and 30 classes, ranging from the beginners to the adult Bible class, participated in the service, each class bringing its contribution to the altar with a verse of scripture or something appropriate on giving. The most touching presentation was made by two little girls of the beginners' department, who brought to the altar a daintily decorated basket full of handkerchiefs, expressing their wish that they be given to the Protestant orphans' home. Rev. A. E. M. Thompson stated that the abundance of gifts that were brought in by the scholars showed the love and generosity that was in their hearts. The gifts consisted of food and money, and all the Sunday school collection over the average amount will be used along with the white gifts to be distributed among the needy of the city. This was the largest and best white gift service ever held by the Sunday school.

WHEATLEY BANKER IS FOUND DEAD IN VAULT

Teller Takes Own Life After Sending Christmas Messages to Family.

Wheatley, Dec. 20.—A tragic occurrence was enacted here during Saturday night, when Warren Moses, teller of the Royal Bank, ended his own life with a revolver. He was last seen alive by D. M. Macgregor, manager of the bank, at 10 o'clock Saturday night, in the bank.

Christmas cards and parcels were lying near-by, ready for mailing, and two letters—one to his mother, Mrs. Annie Moses, Hamilton, and the other to J. A. Thompson, teller in the Bank of Montreal here, in which he referred to his intention.

When Moses did not arrive at his boarding house Saturday night, nor for breakfast or dinner on Sunday, a search for him was instituted, and his body was found in the vaults of the bank. It was decided an inquest was unnecessary. No suspicion is expressed as to the condition of the bank's accounts, but, as is usual, an audit will be held.

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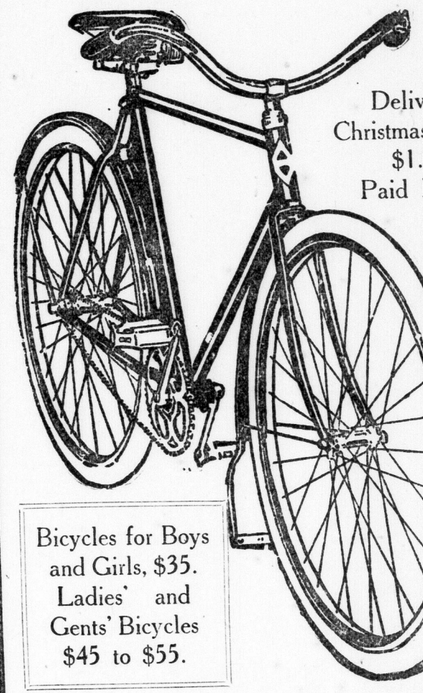

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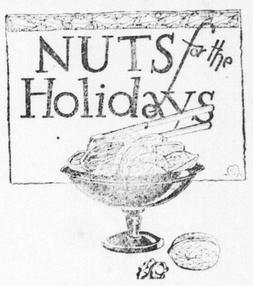

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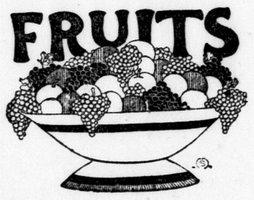

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