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WOMAN'S WORLD.



A CASHMERE SHIRT WAIST DRESS.

A very attractive little gown, built on shirt waist lines, is shown in cashmere of darkest red. There is a simple grace about the dress which appeals to the artistic, as well as the practical-minded, and its realization is even more fetching on girlish figures than the sketch would suggest.

One of the local papers has been conducting a contest on the lines of "Is Santa Claus a dead issue or should he still be exploited?" or words to that effect, and many and diverse are the opinions expressed.

Could you have imagined a world without fairies when you were a child? Think of the long, desolate blank of childhood years if we had simply had the matter-of-fact, dry-ast materialism of "grown-up-ness."

Do let the children keep them as long as you can. You can inculcate a moral with almost every fairy story. Show the penalties of disobedience by the story of little "Silver Locks," the punishment of malice and envy and the reward of disinterested goodness by "Cinderella."

The Santa Claus myth is such a beautiful one, with its idea of the benevolent fairy who scatters his largesse of bounty over all the world at this glorious Christmas time.

Which of you who have children in your house would bear to deprive them—and yourselves—of the Santa Claus joy?

Can't you hear them to-night calling up the chimney to "Dear Old Santa"? Can't you hear their requests for a doll and a sleigh and a top and a ball and a new pair of shoes and a drum and a doll's carriage and lots of candy and nuts and raisins?

Think how soon the other boys at school will say, "Aw, you chump, there ain't no Santa Claus! You're crazy!"

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PUBLIC AMUSEMENTS.

The attraction at the Princess Theatre for Christmas week, opening this (Monday) evening for an engagement of three nights and three matinees, Tuesday (Christmas Day), Wednesday and Saturday, is "The successful English farce, 'Mr. Hopkinson.'"

The Christmas week offering at the Grand Opera House with the usual Wednesday and Saturday matinees and a special matinee performance Christmas Day, will be "His Last Dollar," with David Higgins in the stellar role.

Trifle Friganza, who was one of the brightest stars of the Grand Opera House & Fields Music Hall, will be the feature of the splendid bill at Shea's Theatre. This will be her first appearance on a vaudeville stage.

"Queen of the Convicts," in which Selma Heaman in the title role, is at the Majestic Theatre this week. It is a thoroughly original play, founded on the assassination of the late king and queen of Serbia.

One of the best shows that come to the Star is underlined for this popular place of amusement Xmas week. Williams' Ideal Extravaganza Company have always had a first-class reputation in this city, and the patrons of the company are delighted to witness the pleasure of seeing a really first-class show when "The Ideal" returns.

The members of the Scarlet Mysteries, who will give two holiday performances New Year's afternoon and evening, are eight in number. These eight eminent London artists will present a new program. The names of the company are: Arthur, comedian, from Daly's Theatre, London; W. Wals, character artist, London and Glasgow theatres; Percival Mackenzie, lightning cartoonist; the Patil and Santley concert; Ben Calvert of the Carl Rosa Opera Company; Henry Lombard of the Savoy and Terry's theatres; Gavin Wood of Covent Garden Opera; and David Norton, accompanist of Queen's Hall, London.

The Yuletide production of "The Messiah" at the Grand Opera House, Massey Hall, by the Toronto Festival Chorus and Orchestra, marks the ninth annual production under the direction of Dr. Torrington's direction. "The Messiah" has been presented more than any other oratorio, and there will be in the audience the brightest and oldest residents of Toronto who have not missed a performance. Dr. W. B. Gaskie, dean of Trinity, will preside, for example, is able to say that he has attended every performance of "The Messiah" since its first production in that occasion. John Carter was conductor of the Choral Society. With the advance made in the orchestral music and with the eminent soloists engaged, it may easily be said that next Thursday should be the finest production of Handel's immortal oratorio ever given in Toronto.

New York, Dec. 23.—The city administration has decided to turn to the civil courts for assistance in bringing to an end theatrical performances on Sunday. Oscar Hammerstein will be cited to appear in the supreme court and show cause why the license of his Victoria Theatre should not be revoked.

Warsaw, Russian Poland, Dec. 22.—The central Polish election committee consisting of forty-four representatives of Polish parties, to-day unanimously elected Henryk Slonkiewicz, the novelist, to be president of the committee.

Stratford, Dec. 22.—(Special)—Triplets, three girls, were born to Mr. and Mrs. Robert English, the first in the history of the city.

Stratford, Dec. 22.—(Special)—A Life Insurance Underwriters' Association has been formed covering the Counties of Perth, Huron and Bruce. A. Waddell is president.

30 Years in Sing Sing. New York, N.Y., Dec. 22.—Harry Diamond, 34 years old, who shot and killed his mother-in-law, and seriously wounded himself in an attempt at suicide, having pleaded guilty to manslaughter, was to-day sentenced to serve twenty years in Sing Sing by the judge.

Stars and Stripes in Abyssinia. Washington, D.C., Dec. 22.—Frank R. Mower, the first consular representative of the United States in Abyssinia, has arrived at Addis Ababa, the Abyssinian capital, and opened an office there, according to a despatch to the state department to-day.

Beecham's Pills

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PRaise FOR THE I.C.R.

Toronto Passengers on the Empress of Ireland Speak Well of Service. Montreal, Dec. 23.—(Special)—In spite of the C. P. R.'s criticism, the Halifax, the following speaks for itself: "Just this day one week ago I had dinner in Liverpool; and to-morrow morning I will be breakfasting in Toronto. I must say that I am more than delighted with the service on the Empress of Ireland. It was a most noteworthy record."

So spoke A. O. Hurst of Toronto, who arrived in Montreal on board the C. P. R. line Empress of Ireland, which anchored in Halifax on the 6:18 last evening. Mr. Hurst was enthusiastic about the run from Halifax to Montreal over the I. C. R. a distance of 387 miles. The average speed was something over 43 miles per hour, and considering the season, this was a noteworthy record.

FREE WOMAN IN AN HOUR.

South Dakota Records for Quick Divorce Are Broken. St. Paul, Minn., Dec. 22.—The special to The Pioneer Press from Yankton, S.D., says: A divorce was granted to-night to Mrs. James G. Blaine, wife of the son of the former secretary of state, on grounds of non-support and desertion. The case began before Judge E. Smith at 7 o'clock, and at 8 o'clock a degree had been granted and the divorced wife had taken a train for the east.

HOTELMAN'S SUGGESTION.

Suggests That Day's Receipts Be Turned Over to Charity? Editor World: I notice thru the press a letter from the secretary of the Licensed Victuallers' Association re the "ten-dollar levy."

Now, Mr. Editor, I as one who has not paid the "levy," nor do I intend to, strongly protest against the same; not because I do not wish to pay the same, but on account of the manner in which it has been brought about.

I suppose I am one of the small class satisfied to be in said letter. Well I am not alone. I think it a great mistake connected in any way with this matter, even by rumor. If the L.V.A. wish to distribute charity, why not appoint a committee of themselves for such purpose?

Now, Mr. Editor, I have a proposition to make to the L.V.A. as follows: Let the association name one of the year to be known as "Charity Day," and give the entire receipts to the charitable institutions of the city.

I would have two outside of the association and one outside the liquor business, say his worship the mayor, as a committee to distribute same. Now, sir, is this a fair proposition, and are the other willing? I am waiting to hear from you.

Turnbull Smith Hotel Gladstone.

BISHOP COSGROVE DEAD.

Davenport, Iowa, Dec. 22.—Bishop Henry Cosgrove of the Catholic diocese of Davenport died to-night after a long illness.

AN XMAS MESSAGE.

A Greeting That is in Every Paper in Canada To-day. The Copeland-Chatterton Co. of Toronto sent this message to-day to their friends in every village, town and city, from the Atlantic to the Pacific: "We extend our Christmas wishes for a glad Yuletide, and hope that the New Year will be productive of much happiness, and of bountiful prosperity."

A Change in Agents. New York, Dec. 22.—Charles O. Brown was appointed general passenger agent of the Mallory, Clyde, Eastern, Metropolitan, People's and Troy lines of steamers to-day. A. H. Hancock, formerly general passenger agent of the Eastern, has been appointed assistant to President W. A. Austin, and J. H. Allaire of the Troy line, have resigned to accept other service.

OBITUARY.

Thomas Houston. The death is announced, after a short illness of Thomas Houston, who for over forty-two years has been connected with the Mercantile Agency of R. D. Dun & Co. for some years a traveler and for thirty years as cashier. Deceased was a native of the County Derry, Ireland, and was in his 73rd year.

He was well and favorably known in the business community, and was highly respected for his integrity and high character. He was a member of St. Peter's Episcopal Church, and leaves a wife and one daughter to mourn his loss. The funeral will take place at 2 o'clock from his late residence at 269 Carlton-street.

The wedding of Mrs. Augusta Street to Harry Marks, of the firm of Lyons & Marks, will take place on December 26th. The bride is Miss J. P. Graves of Wainipeg spending Christmas with her daughter, Mrs. Frederic Carman, 254 Cottingham-street. A. H. Martens, of Messrs. Usher, Playfair & Martens, leaves to-day to spend Christmas in Kentucky.

DAngerous Conditions FROM CHINESE FAMINE

Brigandage and Rioting Reported —Government to Provide Work.

Washington, Dec. 22.—Consul-General Rodgers at Shanghai to-day cabled the state department as follows: "Kiangpoo famine conditions are daily growing worse. Brigandage and rioting in adjacent districts resulting."

"Very dangerous state of affairs anticipated by officials. Chinese government will probably provide work on a grand canal for the destitute hordes. "Immense numbers unquestionably starving. Sickly, afflicted and old left in the famine district. "Refugees concentrated in adjacent cities, where they are poorly provided for."

ALLEGED BIGAMIST ARRESTED

Franklin J. Harrison Taken From Train at Niagara Falls. Niagara Falls, Ont., Dec. 22.—A man, giving his name as Jefferson Harrison, was arrested last night on a warrant charging him with bigamy. The woman was Mrs. Annie J. Ballantyne, said to be a trained nurse of Buffalo. Harrison also was said to be an insurance agent residing in Buffalo. He was accompanied by his mother and was going to St. Thomas, Ont., on a Christmas visit.

Miss Ballantyne is said to charge that Harrison married her in Toronto, Oct. 28, 1904, and that his first wife was then living and she was Helen May Ledwig, whom he married in Hot Springs, Ark., Feb. 1, 1897.

Shortly after her marriage to Harrison, the second wife ascertained the existence of the first wife. The two co-operated and the Buffalo nurse secured a certified copy of her marriage certificate in the name of the Buffalo woman. Miss Ballantyne learned that Harrison was going to Canada at this time, and she came to Niagara Falls and secured the warrant. The man was arrested on a train just after it arrived at the Canadian side. He was well attired, wore several diamonds and a high hat, but had little money when searched by the detectives.

Harrison was committed to jail to be arraigned to-morrow before Police Magistrate Cruikshank. The magistrate declined to admit Harrison to bail at the request of his brother, who went to aid him. Harrison is about 52 years old.

SHOWS HOW IT'S DONE.

Experiment in Liquefying Blood at a Certain Temperature. Rome, Dec. 22.—At the people's palace here to-day Signor Giacchi gave a visible and comprehensive demonstration of the yearly "miracle" of the liquefying of the blood of St. Genesio, which is kept in a phial in the Church of St. Genesio at Naples. Signor Giacchi showed that this change was effected by the use of a chemical combination, known to the ancients, for the preservation of blood, and that blood treated with it liquefied at a certain temperature. Signor Giacchi performed his experiments with calves' blood, adding thereto a substance the nature of which he did not reveal. He will make a scientific communication in the matter.

FIRST LABOR LAW CONVICTION

Naval Contractor Fined for Exceeding the 8-Hour Limit. Boston, Dec. 22.—In the United States circuit court to-day Judge Dodge imposed a fine of \$500 on William H. Ellis, a contractor, for violating the federal eight-hour law at the Charleston navy yard. The case will now go to the supreme court, the defence contending that congress has not vested with the authority to regulate the hours of labor on public works.

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BEGINNING HIS LIFE TERM.

Patrick Goes to Woodworking Dept.—Allowed to Attend "Church." Ossining, N.Y., Dec. 23.—Albert T. Patrick on Saturday began serving his life sentence in Sing Sing Prison. He spent the night in cell No. 174 on gallery 22, which will be his quarters. When the prisoners on that tier were turned out at 6:30 in the morning, Patrick was one of the first to fall in line to march to the big mess hall for his breakfast of coffee and bread.

During the years Patrick occupied a cell in the death house he was supplied with choice meats. He did not appear to have much of an appetite to-day. From the mess hall he was sent to the wash and door factory, where he began work. He wore a plain striped suit except for four small stripes on the left sleeve, indicating four years already served in the state prison.

For the first time since his incarceration Patrick had an opportunity to-day to attend divine service. Clinton St. Methodist. To-day's services are: Morning—Organ prelude, "Angelic Voices" (Battist); organ solo, "The First Christmas Morn" (New-ton); offertory prelude, "Consolation" (Mendelssohn); offertory solo, "A Song of Bethlehem" (J. A. Wiggins); Miss Nita Brim-ston; postlude, "Christus Animatus" (Rossini). Evening—Organ prelude, "Angelic Voices" (B. Battist); solo duet; chorus, "The First Christmas Morn" (New-ton); Mrs. Callan and choir; tenor solo, "Star of Bethlehem" (Adams); Mr. Charles Newton; duet, "Tarry With Me" (Nicola); Mrs. Callan and Mr. Newton; anthem, "O Come, and Let Us Adore Thee" (Nicola); Misses Brimston and Mrs. Roberts; Messrs. Low and Hooper (Vandewater); Mrs. Agnes K. Callan; quartet, "Keep Us in Thy Care" (Gurr); Mrs. Low (Chord); Mrs. Callan, Miss Watts, Messrs. Newton and Wiggins; tenor solo, "Festal March" (H. J. Storer); Fred J. Liddle, organist; John A. Wiggins, choir-master; J. T. Morris, B.A., Pastor.

MONEY IN CANARIES

Pittsburg Industries Pouring Stream of Money Out to Employees. Pittsburg, Dec. 23.—The extra Christmas pay at the mills, furnaces, offices, stores and factories in the Pittsburg district will exceed \$100,000,000. This estimate is furnished by the banks which make up many of the payroll. The Carnegie Steel is distributing \$1,300,000 from its special pay car. The Westinghouse interests will pay more than \$1,000,000 to their employees, while an equal amount will be paid by the building trades. The Christmas payroll of the National Tube Company is \$400,000; the Jones & Laughlin's Company, \$250,000; the Pittsburg Steel Company, \$100,000; the Crucible Steel Company, \$100,000; the American Steel Wire Co., \$250,000; American Bridge Company, \$100,000; American Sheet & Tin Plate Co., \$50,000.

TEN MILLIONS FOR XMAS.

Liverpool, Dec. 22.—Among the passengers on board the Cunard line ship Caronia, which sailed for New York to-day, were Sir Aston Webb, ex-president of the Royal Institute of British Architects, Lady Webb and Mme. Nellie Melba.

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