

CANNOT TELL MARITIME RATE HEARING DATE

Hon. H. A. McKeown, in City, Speaks of Matter

IMPORTANCE IS APPRECIATED

Head of Railway Commission Spends Christmas in Home City

Hearings at Saint John and other points in the Maritime Provinces by the Board of Railway Commissioners for Canada will be held some time this winter...

It is difficult for me to say the exact date of these hearings, Hon. Mr. McKeown said this morning. A great deal of the work of our board is routine matter and we usually try to fix our hearings for the interims. I may say we are booked up now until the middle of January but whether the hearings will take place immediately after that, I cannot say with certainty...

CORNELL REPORT

The report of F. C. Cornell, the rate expert engaged by the three Maritime Provinces to investigate and report on their case to the Board of Railway Commissioners, His Honor said probably would be submitted to them for their consideration prior to the hearing...

Forty Carloads of Cattle For Here

Fourteen carloads of cattle will arrive here tonight via the C. P. R. from Montreal for the steamship Manchester Brigade, for Manchester. Twenty-six more carloads will arrive on Dec. 23 for the West Noaks for Liverpool...

Notices of Births, Marriages and Deaths, 50 cents.

BIRTHS

DEATHS

IN MEMORIAM

CARD OF THANKS

MORRIS SERVICE

THEY DEDICATED TEMPLE



Rev. Louise Greve is priestess of the new Buddha Temple in Los Angeles. She is shown here holding two-year-old Ushio Giza, dressed in the robes he wore at the temple dedication.

DINNER IS GIVEN AT DRY DOCK PLANT

Staff and Members of Federal Public Works Department at Table

The annual dinner for the office staff, superintendents and foremen at the Saint John Drydock and Shipbuilding Co., Ltd., and the local Federal Public Works Department staff was held yesterday afternoon at the company's office at East Saint John. About 42 persons attended and a very enjoyable time was spent.

LIQUOR IS SEIZED

Three Bottles of Alleged Moonshine Taken in McGivney Jet, Reid



Xmas Gifts For Father, Mother, Sisters and Brothers

DISTRIBUTION OF STOCKINGS WELL ARRANGED

Nearly 3,000 Pairs Taken From Times-Star Office By Noon

WORK WENT ON ALL THROUGH NIGHT

Total Provided by Generosity of People Approaches 4,000

Distribution of the well up to 4,000 pairs of stockings, which through the generosity of friends, The Times-Star Empty Stocking Fund is able to send out this year, began early this morning and by noon some 3,000 pairs had left the office on their way to the homes of the children who were to be the recipients.

WARE FIRE ABOUT TREE

BEWARE OF AN INDISCREET CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION. AROUND THE CHRISTMAS TREE MANY AN ACCIDENT HAS HAPPENED YET.

DIGNITY STRIKE IS BROUGHT TO END

Bricklayers Accept Alderman's Change in Time Required to Lay Brick

LONDON, Dec. 24.—Dignity marked the settlement yesterday of the walkout of 40 English bricklayers, who went on "dignity strike" last week, declaring they would not resume labor until Alderman Edward Price, of the Lambeth Borough Council, retracted his declaration that they required one minute and 12 seconds to lay a brick.

BUSINESS LOCALS

Skating South End rink tomorrow afternoon. Band in the evening. 12-26

GO TO LOUIS GREEN'S FOR MAGAZINE SUBSCRIPTIONS.

COUPONS GIVEN.

PRESENTATIONS TO HEADS OF INDUSTRY

Wm. F. Knoll of Pender's and F. M. Logan, Creamery, Recipients

A pleasing event took place this morning at the James Pender Co. plant when a presentation was made by the employees to their popular superintendent, William F. Knoll. The words which accompanied the gift were in line with the fine spirit of co-operation between company and men that has marked this organization and which has been given recognition throughout the Dominion, the U. S. and across the Atlantic.

HELPED IN WORK

The staff committees has been greatly assisted by energetic workers in filling the stockings and in distribution of them, volunteers giving up hour after hour of the busy Christmas week to make tomorrow morning bright for the kiddies in the homes of the poor.

Local News

CHIMNEY FIRE

The chimney at No. 6 station Street caught about 6 1/2 o'clock this morning by a still alarm for a chimney fire in a house in Queen street, West Side, occupied by Patrick Sullivan. The blaze was extinguished with a bag of salt.

DIED THIS MORNING

The death of Gustave Johnson, a respected resident of Saint John, occurred at his home at 12 Champlain street. Mr. Johnson is survived by one son, Frederick, and two daughters, Mrs. John Traitor and Miss Nellie Johnson, all of Saint John.

REPAIRS COMPLETED

Repairs to the Jibboom and gear of the schooner C. Mauk Gaskill, which suffered damage last week in a heavy storm in the bay, have been completed at Digby, where the vessel went for harbor, it was reported this morning by Kerrian and Linton, operating agents of the vessel. The schooner will proceed on her voyage to Barbados with general cargo at the first opportunity.

OFFICERS ELECTED

Council Saint John, No. 470, C. O. F. has elected: Chief ranger, W. H. McDonald; vice-chief ranger, H. Lowe; financial secretary, F. S. P. MacFarlane; recording secretary, S. H. Arthur; treasurer, A. C. Powers; chaplain, W. Scott; senior woodward, Gilbert Ducey; junior woodward, W. H. Fabry; senior beadle, J. W. Boyd; junior beadle, Roy Currie; auditors, J. E. Arthur and H. C. Martin; trustees, W. W. Morrell, J. W. Stephenson and A. F. Webb.

PLATES WERE DENTED

A few small plates on the side of the steamer Fanad Head were dented about 7 o'clock last evening when the anchor of the steamer Hastings County struck against her when that vessel snapped the hawser attached to the tug Chateau which was sliding in dock at No. 6 berth. The Fanad Head was at No. 2 berth at the time. Captain C. E. Dalton, Lloyd's surveyor, made an examination of the steamer this morning and found only the few slightly dented plates on the Fanad Head.

TO OPEN FIVE NEW INDIAN OIL FIELDS

Standard Oil Subsidiary Makes Arrangement With Dutch East Indies Government

GOOD THINGS COMING TO THEATRES OF SAINT JOHN

IMPERIAL SHOW CHRISTMAS DAY

Betty Bronson in Charming Story—Our Gang Comedy and Special Christmas Music

The spirit of Christmas will reign in Imperial Theatre tomorrow when old and young alike will have a chance of winning some of the prizes set apart for that day. The special picture feature will be Betty Bronson, that charming "Our Girl" in a western mining story entitled "The Golden Princess"—one of Bret Hartie's loveliest tales. There will be an "Our Gang" comedy headed "Fast Company" in which Hal Roach's rasicals will make all kinds of fun for holiday-makers and for those who are following the serial story, "The Perils of the Wild," which is screened in its 7th episode. The orchestra, under Director A. E. Jones, and organist, M. C. Ewing, at the Wuritzer, will discourse special Christmas music, Mr. Ewing giving a 15-minute recital before the evening show begins and starting at 7 o'clock. There will be four shows as usual at the ordinary scale of prices.

ROSSLEY KIDDIES AT OPERA HOUSE

All roads point to the Opera House Christmas Day. Thirty-five children, feature pictures, prices only 10c.

U. S. TO TAKE WAR MOTHERS TO FRANCE

Pilgrimage, at Government's Expense, to Graves of Sons Proposed in Bill

United Press. WASHINGTON, Dec. 24.—A pilgrimage of war mothers to the graves of their sons in France at government expense is authorized today by representative Fish of New York, who presented to the House a bill authorizing the Secretary of War to arrange as soon as practicable for a visit to the cemeteries in France of Mothers of more than 1,000 soldiers and sailors killed there. A similar bill was reported favorably to the House last Congress.

ACCUSES MAYOR OF MORAL SLACKNESS

Butler Claims He Lacked the Courage to Enforce Dry Law

Canadian Press. PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 24.—Brigadier-General S. D. Butler yesterday was dismissed as director of public safety of Philadelphia in a scolding by the Marine Corps. Butler, a former Marine officer, was accused of moral slackness in enforcing the prohibition law. General Butler asserted in a memorandum he gave out that the mayor ordered him to lay off big places.

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Canadian Press. LONDON, Dec. 24.—A despatch from Batavia, Dutch East Indies, received by way of Amsterdam, reports that the Dutch Colonial Petroleum Company which is a subsidiary of the Standard Oil Company of New Jersey, has concluded an agreement with the East Indian government for the exploitation of five new oil fields in the East Indies.

PERSONALS

Carl Bright Flemington, formerly of the staff of the Bank of Montreal here and now of Halifax, left on Tuesday evening for Providence, R. I. While in the city he was the guest of Gordon Vincent Adams, 166 Waterloo street.

CHRISTMAS HINTS

CUT LEMONADE TUMBLERS 1/2 Dozen in Box \$1.50. CUT WATER TUMBLERS 1/2 Dozen in Box \$1.50. CUT SHERBETS 1/2 Dozen in Box \$2.00 and \$2.35. CUT GLASS WATER SETS In Gift Boxes \$3.00. O. H. WARWICK CO., Ltd. 78-82 KING STREET

Busy at Armories For Tree and Ball

The Armories are beginning to take on a festive appearance with the decorations for the annual Christmas tree and reception to be held on New Year's Day by the Officers' and Sergeants' messes of the Garrison. Trees and bunting are already appearing on the main floor in preparation for the Regimental Ball of the Saint John Fusiliers held annually on New Year's Eve.

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