CHRISTIANITY IS HERALD OF PEACE

Head of Laymen's Missionary Movement Issues Christmas Message.

WILL PREVENT ALL WARS

Consequence of War Will Be to Place Religion Above Commercialism.

A Christmas message on the war has been issued by J. Campbell White, International Secretary of the Laymen's Movement for Missions in the United States and Canada, in which the point is emphasized that Christianity is a sure herald of peace. The message, which is endorsed by the Canadian Laymen's Mission Council, says:

"As a direct result of this war Christianity has been brought infinitely nearer the day it will wield a power in the world sufficient to prevent war. The awakening of humanity to what modern warfare really means, and of the destructive and brutal consequences of the revival from the dark ages of the right of might, will bring about a universal appreciation of the upbuilding and humane spirit of religion. It will place it where its influence in the affairs of the nations will exceed that now held today by commercialism. Striving solely after material gain, under the guise of ambition, led to the development of a spirit of covetousness that ultimately brought about the present struggle for supremacy. A revulsion of feeling must be the outcome. A people laying claim to Christianity will have to throw out from their religious belief the sham that permits a war born of the ambitions of commercialism. The war commenced as one of jealousy, but not of race hatred, altho the latter has followed as an inevitable consequence.

"This war will place the necessity of a sincere belief squarely before the people and so impress itself upon their convictions that naught will dislodge it. The result will be the rebuilding of the Christian faith thruout the world on a basis of such sincerity and honesty that it will become the controlling power in the affairs of nations, which for centuries past it had failed to attain.

"The horrors and terrible consequences of this war have already begun to make the human race desire peace almost above all other things, and to realize that a permanent peace may only be had by a world that is sincerely Christian in the truest sense of the word. Humanity will reach out after Christianity as never before. Those who would scoff at religion as powerless to prevent war and bloodshed will live to witness the coming year as a turning point in the religious progress of the world. It will mark the beginning of an evolution wherein many thousands of non-believers will not only be ready to listen to the gospel, but willing and eager to be convinced and made believers. A transformation of startling magnitude will take place, and to the people will be fulfilled the prophecy, 'And they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation; neither shall they learn war any more.'" Isaiah ii. 4.

WANTED SIX MONTHS, LAD FINALLY TAKEN

Elmer Bruce Locked Up on Return to City After Escaping From Shelter.

After staying out of Toronto since July, while he was wanted by the police, Elmer Brooks, 16, returned yesterday, and was arrested by Acting Detective Wickett. Brooks was recognized while on the street.

According to the police Brooks escaped from the morality department last July by jumping thru a window. He was being held while investigations were being made.

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YORK COUNTY ...AND... SUBURBS

TODMORDEN RATEPAYERS TO HELP UNEMPLOYED

The unemployment and distress problems in Todmorden were discussed at a meeting in St. Andrew's parish hall, under the auspices of the Todmorden Ratepayers' Association.

The Rev. A. Franks, pastor of the Don Mills Road Methodist Church, occupied the chair, and pointed out that the distress in the neighborhood warrants immediate relief. Two sums of money from the Ratepayers' and Conservative Associations were given towards the fundwhich was started at the meeting. Several suggestions were made as to the way the township council might provide work for the unemployed, and finally Robt. Barker, second deputy reeve for York Township, stated that in the event of any heavy falls of snow work might be given in clearing the sidewalks, and he would endeavor to have this matter attended to.

Committee Appointed.

A committee, who will look after the district from the Don Mills road on the west to Leslie street on the east was formed of the following gentlemen: Rev. A. Franks, chairman; P. Pedlar, secretary, and Geo. H. Moses, sr.; Geo. H. Moses, jr.; J. Toban, A. Alpress, D. Graham and Mark Maynard, to whom donations may be sent.

People requiring help are requested to apply to this committee. In all cases submitted to the committee work will be found if possible for those in distress.

WARD SEVEN

The Ward Seven Ratepayers' Association is holding a special meeting on Monday evening next in Annette Street School for the purpose of hearing the candidates for the mayoralty, board of control, council and board of education. Every ratepayer of West Toronto is invited to be present.

Several minor accidents have occurred during the past few days on the Baird Park civic rink. The rink is in splendid condition and a large number of people patronize it nightly, but as yet the lights have not been installed. The wires are in position, waiting for them, and the patrons are hoping that the lights will soon be forthcoming, as skating in the dark is fraught with danger.

ETOBICOKE NOMINATIONS THREE BY ACCLAMATION

Reeve Charles Silverthorne was re-elected by acclamation at the township nominations held in the public library building Wednesday. First Deputy-Reeve James Dandridge and Second Deputy-Reeve W. G. Jackson were also re-elected.

Messrs. S. Wright, S. L. Wright, Albert Mercer and W. Gillman will contest the councillorship. Two men will be elected to this office. Dr. E. Bull of Lambton presided as chairman at the public meeting.

FAIRBANK

A public meeting will be held in the West Fairbank Ratepayers' Hall, Caledonia road, next Monday night, to discuss York Township affairs. Members of the council and all candidates are invited to deliver addresses.

BEACHES CHRISTMAS BOX CAR LINE EXTENSION

King Street Service Will Be Extended to Neville Park Boulevard.

Residents of the Beaches district will get a nice little Christmas box today in the shape of a car service from McLean avenue to Maple Park boulevard. The King street cars will run right thru on the new line and the regular city service will be extended to Neville Park boulevard. This section was formerly served by the King street stub line, which aroused so many complaints that the city had to take action to compel the company to extend the service.

BRITISH SERVICE TO THE UNITED STATES.

Editor World: Don't you think that our friends to the south of us are becoming just a little more contemptible every day? Surely their pusillanimity as a nation has now been exposed, and it only required this war to reveal them in their true colors. What must the world think of a nation, which for generations has been announcing from the mountain tops, in screeching vociferations that they, par excellence, are the great apostle of humanity, liberty and civilization, now that their hypocrisy has been discovered? They stand disgraced for all time, because their government has failed to raise even a protest against the brutal atrocities, which are being committed by Germany in this war. Is it nothing to them, apart from all questions of inhumanity, that Germany is violating the rules of the Hague convention, which she solemnly agreed with them and other countries to observe? We have seen how nobly our mother country acted when Germany broke the treaty with her regarding Belgium, even to the extent of sacrificing tens of thousands of lives and unheard of treasure, but when Germany breaks an agreement with the United States, the government of the latter country not only takes no action, but has not so much as a voice with which to raise the most feeble protest. Ye Gods and little fishes what a sight they present! How are the mighty fallen from the pedestal on which they placed themselves and to which other nations only knew they had attained by hearing them chanting their own virtues!

One would have thought that the Americans would have been stirred up a bit over the last attempt of the Germans to impose some of their "Kultur" on Great Britain, when they bombarded defenceless cities and killed a number of innocent people, including women and children, and particularly so, considering the wonderful indulgence of Britain towards the United States since the war began.

Germany is not the only country which was firmly convinced that Britain was a decadent nation, anterior to Aug. 4 last. That view was just as prevalent to the south of us as it was in Germany. For a long time past American wit has taken keen delight in depicting John Bull as in his dotage, his lion screaming with pain, owing to the violent tail twisting administered by Uncle Sam, Britannia looking dejected and sad, because of the supposed passing of the nation's commercial greatness to our neighbors; New York, in no time, was to displace London as the world's financial centre, etc. When the day of trial came, however, instead of collapsing, as Germany and the United States had predicted, our motherland arose in her might and majesty, and, after the smoke had cleared away, we saw her emerging from the upheaval, carrying not only her own children on her shoulders, but other nations as well. The principal of these nations was Uncle Sam, who had fallen by the wayside, dazed and stunned, and knew not what to do. He has now been set upon his feet again by his benefactress and protectress, and we hear no more about Britain's decadence. It is not realized by Americans, but it is a fact, nevertheless, that the United States has been hiding behind the British fleet for years past in just the same way as we have been doing in Canada. The Monroe doctrine, characterized by Germany as a piece of international impertinence, would long ago have been cast on the scrap heap by that country had she not known that any assault upon it would find the British fleet standing in the way. In addition to this constant protection and support from Britain, which the United States has had, she has, since the war broke out, been rendered three great and outstanding services by the motherland.

First, when the world's credit came crashing to the ground in August, and it was found that America had no way of liquidating her floating indebtedness of about $500,000,000 to Britain without exporting gold, Britain permitted her to extend her debt, and agreed in effect to take payment largely in trade by placing orders for war material and equipment in the United States.

To export gold for the full amount of the obligation would have caused such a panic as would have brought almost absolute havoc and ruin on the United States.

The American financial position had reached such a pass that Sir Geo. Paish, who was, at the request of the United States Government, sent over by Britain to show them how to straighten out their affairs, was urged most strongly to endeavor to arrange a fresh loan for them of one hundred million dollars ($100,000,000) from the Bank of England, so that they might be able to take care of the avalanche of selling orders which it was anticipated the New York Stock Exchange would have to face when its doors were opened.

The term which is applied to individuals and corporations when their position corresponds to that of the United States to Great Britain a short time ago, is that of insolvency, and to speak plainly the United States as a nation was technically involvent to Great Britain.

The second great service which has been rendered by Britain to the United States has already been referred to, viz., the placing of several hundred million dollars' worth of orders for goods, which has caused a great revival in business and prevented much misery from an increased measure of unemployment.

The third great benefit to the United States was Britain's agreeing not to make cotton contraband of war. Had this been done, the south would have been placed in a desperate plight.

The United States can also thank Britain that she has any foreign trade at all, for without the dominating power of the British fleet she would be unable to convey her goods abroad, not having any mercantile marine of her own at all commensurate with her trade.

In view of the above facts, surely the Americans are under a debt of evelasting gratitude to Great Britain. This war is being waged as much in the interests of America, as any other nation, and while we might, with perfect reasonableness, expect the United States to put an army in the field on our side, we realize that she could render no assistance worth having in this way, but we do ask her to make a vigorous protest to Germany, for humanity's sake, against the commital of further atrocities and brutalities upon innocent and unprotected people, whether in Belgium, Britain or anywhere else, and this can be done without any breach of neutrality.

Speak Now.

Toronto, 24th Dec., 1914.

DUNNING'S CHRISTMAS GREETINGS

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WESTON SANITARIUM EFFICIENT INSTITUTION

Director of Social Service Congratulates President W. J. Gage.

Representatives from the department of social service of the University of Toronto recently visited the Weston Sanitarium, and the following extract from a letter to W. J. Gage, president National Sanitarium Association, from Franklin Johnson, jr., director of social service, bears witness to excellent work being done at the Weston institution:

"On behalf of the department of social service, and on behalf of myself personally, I wish to express the pleasure we felt at our visit to the Weston Sanitarium. The completeness of the plant, the evident efficiency of its management, and the noticeable atmosphere of satisfaction and contentment on the part of its inmates, were points which impressed themselves. You have a good right to feel proud of such an institution, and the way in which it is conducted."

OLD-TIME CAROLS SUNG IN BALTIMORE STREETS

Revival of Ol English Practices Noticed in Fashionable Sections.

Canadian Press Despatch.

BALTIMORE, Dec. 24.—Carols were sung tonight around the community Christmas tree in front of the court house here, after which many of the singers visited railroad stations and sang for the travellers. Practical charity was more in evidence today than veer before, and the illumination of residences tonight was more general.

In the fashionable suburban residential section the old English system of "waits" was revived, tho there had been a heavy snowfall.

INDIAN UNDER ARREST WIFE'S DEATH MYSTERY

PATRIOTIC CHAIRMAN PRESENTED WITH SWORD

Canadian Press Despatch.

LONDON, Dec. 24.—James Kisheko husband of the Indian woman whose badly battered body was found on the Muncy reserve, west of here early Monday morning was arrested today pending the outcome of an inquest into the affair which will be held at Melbourne on Tuesday next.

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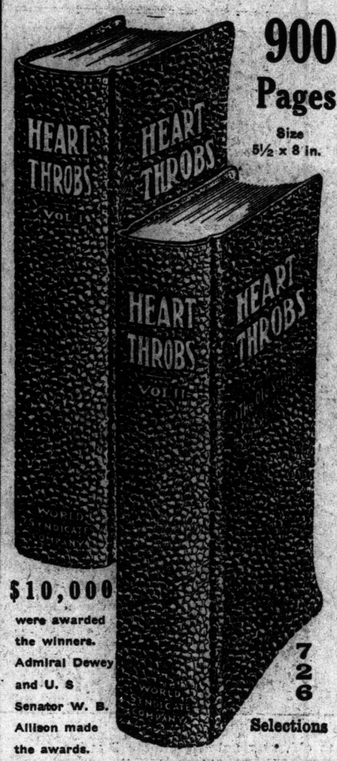

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LOOK FOR THE TRIPLE COUPON IN THE DAILY WORLD

SANTA CLAUS VISITS RECREATION CENTRE

Six Hundred and Fifty Children Enjoyed Christmas Entertainment.

Six hundred and fifty children, together with their parents and friends, enjoyed the annual Christmas entertainment and Christmas tree at McCormick Recreation Centre, 163 Brock avenue, last night. Despite his numerous engagements Santa Claus himself paid a visit and brought with him good cheer and gifts for all. The program was but half completed when the jovial gentleman made his appearance and the welcome he received was hearty to say the least.

Thru the kindness and generosity of Miss McCormick and the co-operation of Mrs. S. H. Armstrong, this Christmas festival at McCormick has now become an annual affair. There are no useless presents; every article is given with a definite idea in view.

Excellent Program.

During the first part of the evening comic selections by Mr. Emery contributed largely to the happiness of all, and Miss McBrien's piano selections were much enjoyed. Mary Lindon danced the Highland fling to perfection, and Helen Fleming, Lillian Strutt and Nana Hayes gave an exhibition of the Irish lilt that was very pretty and graceful. Miss Walker, representing Miss McCormick, gave a short talk, explaining the object of her interest in the children. S. H. Armstrong was chairman, and Hobert Butler proved an ideal Santa Claus.

RETAIL MERCHANTS DEMAND ECONOMY

Circular Sent Out Denouncing Municipal Extravagance and Enterprises.

A circular is being sent out by the Retail Merchants' Association of Canada, Toronto branch, urging the merchants to support business men.

"There are hundreds in the City of Toronto," says the circular, "who are capable of representing us, only they fear defeat because they cannot agree with the host of fad schemes that the moment they appear as candidates they are asked to endorse.

The circular condemns the civic car lines, "which are losing money every day;" the three public markets, "which never earned and never will earn a dollar"; public baths, "which will never pay one cent of the investment"; a public abattoir, which "can never compete with private enterprise"; a cattle market, "that is a sink hole." and a civic hydro-electric salesroom on Yonge street, "the lease of which is $30,000 per annum."

Municipal extravagance is denounced and a prediction is made that taxes will be higher yet if the merchants remain silent or vote without knowing for what they are voting.

Pandering to theoretical socialists is charged against Ald. Wanless and Controller James Simpson.

FOUND WITH OPIUM.

Acting Detectives Ward and Anderson arrested Charlie Sing at 7 Chestnut street last night on a charge of smoking opium. They got two pipes and about $40 worth of opium

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