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PERSISTENCE OF AUSTRIA IN MOBILIZING ITS ARMY IS CAUSING GRAVE ALARM

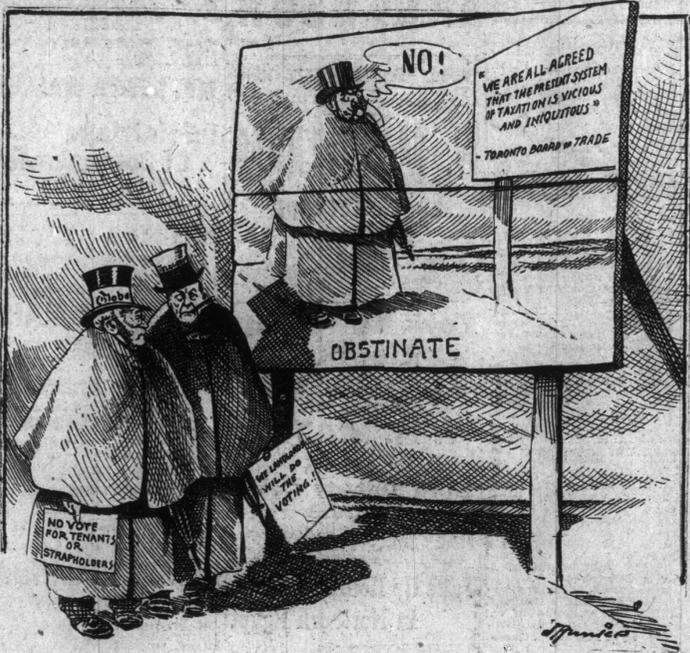
With Quarrel Between Austria and Serbia Settled, Europe Is Unable to Understand Why War Preparations Do Not Cease—Turkish Delegates Are Manifestly Seeking to Delay Ultimate Disarmament of Territory

LONDON, Dec. 24.—(Can. Press.)—The Turkish delegates to the peace conference, altho they realize that eventually they must accept the conditions laid down by the allies in order to bring about peace in southeastern Europe, and following their usual course of procrastination and will take advantage of every diplomatic device to postpone the inevitable dismemberment of the territory which has been their armed camp for 500 years. Meanwhile, however, the allies are so confident that the outcome of the peace negotiations will be in line with their demands, that they already have agreed on the boundaries for an autonomous Albania. These boundaries will be submitted later to the ambassadorial conference, which has adjourned to early in the new year.

The question looming sinister in the European sky is not when

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THERE ARE OTHERS—OR THE THREE WISE MEN!



JAFF: Is he no' th' obstinat' mon, John?

CHRISTMAS TRAVEL BREAKS EVERY PREVIOUS RECORD; HALF A MILLION TRAVELERS

More Than a Hundred and Fifty Thousand People Passed Thru the Toronto Union Station Yesterday—Two Hundred Trains, With Extra Cars, Needed to Accommodate Passengers and Every Coach Was Crowded.

That the Christmas business handled by the railways at the Union Station during the past few days had easily exceeded the half million mark, as the statement made last night by J. J. Beck, station superintendent. The number of people passing thru the Union Station yesterday alone was well over a hundred and fifty thousand.

A station official said to The World that the most remarkable thing about the Christmas rush this year was the fact that more than double the number of people from the west are spending Christmas in Ontario than has been the case in other years. All during the week the Canadian Pacific Railway Company have found it necessary to run their trains from Vancouver and Winnipeg in three sections, and the Grand Trunk Railway Company have done the same with their trains from Chicago.

Two Hundred Trains. Some idea of the immensity of the traffic done can be gathered from the fact that more than two hundred trains passed thru Toronto before midnight last night, and that practically all of these had several cars added to them. About fifty of yesterday's trains were extras. In all, nearly half a hundred more trains were used to handle the Christmas traffic from Toronto this Christmas, even than was the case last year, when all previous records also were broken. Almost every train yesterday was run in two sections, but even with this the case, many hundreds of travelers were forced to stand for lack of sufficient seating accommodation on the trains.

Great excitement was caused in the Canadian Express Com-

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LEASIDE TO GET BRASS FOUNDRY

Montreal Firm Has Secured Two Acres For the Erection of a Large Plant.

Announcement was made by the Canadian Northern Railway Co. yesterday that a large brass foundry is to be established at Leaside by a Montreal firm. More than two acres of land have been secured for the erection of the plant, the construction of which will be undertaken early next spring. The foundry will start in with the employment of between three and four hundred men.

Regarding the placing of the Leaside on the market, The World was informed that in order to get all arrangements perfected this would not be done until Feb. 1. The announcement of the price at which the land is to be sold will be made about the middle of January.

HYDRO IN GALT BOON TO PUBLIC

Great Increase in Power Used Cuts Rates, But Highly Satisfactory Balance Is Shown.

GALT, Dec. 24.—(Special.)—The report of the Galt municipal light committee shows most gratifying success of the hydro-electric service. Operations began in June, 1911. There are about 1000 private consumers, and the system is in shape now to adequately serve every building in town. The result of the first year's operations was such that the discount was increased. This saved the users in five months \$2912, while another saving of over \$2000 was effected in the sale of lamps by the corporation, while fifty-two miles of wire were strung in the past year and 500 street brackets installed, to be increased to 1000 as fast as possible. There are 25,500 feet of conduit now for ornamental lighting.

ANGLO-SAXONS STAND UNITED

Public Men of Great Britain, United States and Canada Join in Cordial Expression.

BELFAST, Dec. 24.—(Can. Press.)—The celebration of the 98th anniversary of peace between the United States and the British Empire was made the occasion today for expressions of appreciation by many of the leading public men in Great Britain, the United States and Canada, thru

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Merry Christmas, Good-fellows.

And you will be glad to know that 232 kiddies have been helped to a merrier Christmas thru your Good-fellowship. A few have been missed, there have been mistakes in addresses and so forth, of course, but The World Good Fellow will still try to take care of these. But it's made us all happier, hasn't it, being a good fellow. And we'll give it a whirl again next year. Yours for the kiddies, The World Good-Fellow.

DIED SUDDENLY WHILE SHOPPING

Mrs. W. J. Watsworth Stricken as She Was Buying Christmas Presents—Family Prostrated.

A Christmas Eve tragedy of a triple nature has thrusted several West Toronto homes into the deepest gloom. Mrs. W. J. Watsworth, 130 St. John's road, stricken with heart failure on Dundas at about 9.30 last night, while doing her late shopping, died a few moments later in "Kates" store. Her husband, who is foreman at Abell's factory, on King street, became perfectly prostrate when he heard the news, and Mrs. W. J. Watsworth, Jr., wife of an only son, went into a similar condition upon learning the facts. Dr. R. R. Hopkins, who was called in, told The World last night that he believed the condition of both the father and daughter-in-law was most precarious, altho he did not anticipate any fatal results.

CHINA DECLINES TO MAKE TREATY

Rebuke Is Given to British Policy of Sending Troops to Tibet.

PEKIN, Dec. 24.—(Can. Press.)—China's reply to the recent note of Great Britain, calling upon China to come to an agreement with her regarding Tibet has been delivered to the British ambassador here. It is courteous in tone, but firmly declines to negotiate a treaty. It cites the Anglo-Tibetan agreement of 1908, under which Great Britain agreed not to interfere in the administration of Tibet, nor annex any territory, China undertaking to prevent other nations from doing the same. It points out that the agreement also provided that China must police the trade routes in Tibet and protect communications.

The note insists that China has properly regarded all her obligations. China has found it necessary, he says, to send large numbers of troops into Tibet to do police duty, but the Chinese Government sees no necessity for Great Britain to send troops there from India. It explains that it is as much to the interest of China as of England to maintain the present status in Tibet. Regret is expressed in the note that the Indian government should close all the roads between China and Tibet by way of India, declaring that such an act is rarely resorted to except between nations at war. It regrets Great Britain's refusal to recognize China, saying that recognition would be mutually beneficial.

MEXICAN REBELS TAKE TOWNS.

MEXICO CITY, Dec. 24.—(Can. Press.)—Minister of the Interior Herberdes tonight denied officially that the rebels had taken Casas Grandes and Acconston. He said the government forces were removed from these places owing to the necessity for the use of all available troops in the campaign in the southern and middle states.

SIXTY PASSENGERS STRANDED AT SEA

Steamer Turrialba Is Pounded by Heavy Seas, But Christmas Was Made Bearable For All on Board.

SANDY HOOK, N.J., Dec. 24.—(Can. Press.)—Ad came tonight to the steamer Turrialba as she lay hard and fast aground on the Jersey Sands south of Barnegat, pounded by a sea still heavy, the falling, and with more than sixty passengers on board, anxiously awaiting rescue. Summoned to the rescue by wireless the revenue cutter Seneca, after a run under forced draught from New York, reached the side of the United Fruit Co. liner not long after midnight prepared to give what assistance might be necessary.

As the Turrialba, the beginning to list badly, was not making water, it was decided not to transfer the passengers before morning. The dry ship and the assurances of the officers that the vessel was not in immediate danger of breaking, served to make their Christmas Eve on it, if not exactly merry, at least bearable.

LINER MERION IN COLLISION

British Steamer Oceano Receives Serious Damage, While Merion Has to Return to Port.

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 24.—(Can. Press.)—The steamship Merion, which sailed today from Philadelphia for Liverpool, and the British steamer Oceano, bound for this city, from Narvik, with a cargo of iron, collided tonight in the lower Delaware Bay, at Cross Ledgo Shoals, 75 miles below Philadelphia. Fearing that the vessel was badly damaged, Capt. Hill of the Merion ran her nose in the sand of a narrow shoal, but later started back to Philadelphia under the steamer's own power. The Oceano, whose bow was stove in, and is leaking badly, also proceeded up stream and passed Reedy Island shortly before midnight.

The particularly sad feature of it is Mrs. W. J. Watsworth connection, the parents, son's family and son's wife's family, were making elaborate preparations for a reunion at the parental home on St. John's road. Today the home is the scene rather of the bitterest grief.

The late Mrs. Watsworth was about 70 years of age. She had been in comparatively good health for many years, altho it is known that she had complained somewhat of late.

CHRISTMAS IS A GOOD DISEASE

Happy Newyearitis Is Its Sister Malady, But Victims of These Illnesses Need Not Worry.

Dr. Hastings, M.O.H., yesterday assured The World that "Merry Christmas" is a highly healthful disease and was calculated to act as a prophylactic against all the malvolent diseases except broken leg and ringworm. He declared that it is exceedingly contagious and is at the same time acutely conducive to the infection with its sister malady "Happy Newyearitis."

He declares that no one properly inoculated with the germs of "Merry Christmas" can fall to be the better for it and declares that it is the only one of the contagious diseases which his department is making no effort to quarantine, curb or dispel. He remarked that its principal symptoms are a bright and cheery smile, occasionally breaking out in hearty laughter, and a apt to be accompanied with acute outbursts of generosity and good cheer generally.

It is an affection of the heart, he says, and tends to the enlargement of the organ and is calculated to abate the most severe cases of tight-lippedness, and has been even known to dissipate, temporarily at least, the most chronic cases of the grouch.

The M.O.H., however, fears the usual epidemic of stomachache noticeable at this period of the year and declares that while this cannot be said to be so benevolent a disease as "Merry Christmas," it is, nevertheless, not among the most malignant of ill, and says that he cannot say that he would view with dismay the prospect of its becoming prevalent for the season only in the poorer districts of the city. This, however, he views as only the remotest of dangers.

THE SEASON'S GREETINGS.

A Merry Christmas and the heartiest congratulations of the season from Dineen's, corner Yonge and Temperance streets.

THE CASE OF THE WOMAN.

Who the outstanding personality on that first Christmas morning? The woman more than the babe! The Man was in the background. And the woman is our great problem today. Two million women have been enfranchised in the United States, and they seek to better things that men ignore or say must be. In England the women are fighting with politicians, with the mob in the street, to get a voice in these questions, even once granted there in the old land. And yet they think they see a star!

WE WISH YOU A MERRY CHRISTMAS!

DON'T THINK WE CONCERN OURSELVES OVERMUCH NOW
 WITH ONLY THIS LAND OF OUR OWN
 FOR—CHRISTMAS IS HAPPENING, ANY OLD HOW
 FROM HERE TO THE LAND OF THE LONE;
 AND—AWAY TO THE POLES—
 THERE'LL BE ONE OR TWO SOULS
 WHO'LL FOREGATHER IN SEASONAL MEETING—
 WITH MAKINGS AND MIXINGS
 OF PUDDINGS, AND FIXINGS
 AND—EVER THAT HEART-BINDING GREETING.

SURE!—WE WILL SEND OUT OUR MESSAGE, WORLD-WIDE—
 AND—SURE!—IS OUR MESSAGE SINCERE,
 THE WISH THAT THE DAY OF THE YEAR SHALL PROVIDE
 ALL DWELLERS ON EARTH WITH GOOD CHEER!

FOR WE WOULD THEY MIGHT KNOW
 THAT OUR LADY OF SNOW
 HAS A HEART WHICH IS HOPEFULLY BEATING—
 IN TUNE WITH ALL MEN,
 FOR THEIR HAPPINESS, WHEN
 SHE OFFERS HER CHRISTMAS-TIDE GREETING.

C.T.B.

The Proverb Contest Department Will Be Closed Today. Open Again Tomorrow Morning