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LONDON, SATURDAY, DEC. 25.
CHRISTMAS.

"Peace on Earth, Good Will to Men." So the song rose and fell on the quiet, moonlit hills of Galilee telling the sleeping world that the first Christmas day had dawned, nearly two thousand years ago.

A few days passed, a few years slipped silently away, and there walked among these quiet hills the One whose life mirrored the angels' song of love.

Men silenced the singer, but the song lived on; for some had heard it, and its half-remembered notes still stole with wistful longing on their hearts.

But Christmas after Christmas passed, and only a faint, far echo of the song remained. That and the nameless hummer in the hearts of men to hear the song again.

So they took up the tangled music that remained, thinking to make another song. And they covered up the broken places with the blare of trumpets and the tramp of armed men, marching eastward with Christ's cross upon their breasts. They built their great cathedrals, and called mighty multitudes to sing, but the song fell to earth voiceless and found no echo in longing hearts. They forsook the noise and turmoil of the marketplace and the love and hates of men, and stole away in solitude to listen and remember. Statesmen arose boasting loudly that they could make a new song. But their songs were loud and strident and brought no peace. And men looked at one another and said: "There is no song."

And then in the heat of battle a wounded soldier gave his cup of cold water to a dying comrade. Before the great Duomo of Florence a man laid down his life for his faith. In the quiet cloister another man thought of the lepers for whom Christ died, and went to a living death on Molokai. And so the song came again, faint and far off at first, but growing ever stronger as new voices caught up the melody. And the name of the song was Love.

This was the song for which the world had been waiting long. For love is the strongest thing in the world; stronger than sin and suffering or sorrow, broader than peoples and creeds and tongues, deeper than hate and envy and self-seeking. It is the Christmas song, the Christ song.

There are many notes in the song, but its themes are only two; all that we should remember, all that we must forget. And no one can teach the song to another, but each one must sing it for himself. "That is the sweetest thing about God," said one of James M. Barrie's heroes. "He lets us do so much of it ourselves."

And these are the notes of the song, that we must fling the curtain of forgetfulness about all hate and bitterness and envy. We must learn to keep a heart slow to smile with the scoffer and the cynic, quick to answer to the laugh of a child. To make a grave for our ugly thoughts, whence they may rise again pure and sweet and beautiful and true. To find in the happiness of others the perfect joy. To forget the mean and the sordid and the selfish, to remember the weak and the lonely and the suffering. To do not only our duty, which is a poor thing after all, but to add that something more, that kindly thought and deed which is the pure white margin on the page of life. To find in the Christmas-tide a great, buoyant optimism; the faith of a child, in memory of the Child who made the first Christmas day. To learn above all, that Christmas was born in the hearts of the many. It cannot live in a selfish heart. This is the Christmas song as the little cripple boy sang it: "God bless us everyone," said Tiny Tim.

WAR AND ARBITRATION.

One of the foremost advocates of international arbitration as a means of preserving peace among nations is Judge Joseph B. Moore, of the Michigan Supreme Court. In a recent address Judge Moore deplored the barbarity and waste of war, pointing out that the civil war in the United States cost the North alone \$5,000,000,000 in money and the lives of 500,000 of its

bravest people, and the country is still paying annually to veterans of that war the immense sum of \$160,000,000. The wars of the last century cost the nations involved in them 4,500,000 souls, with an expenditure of \$15,000,000,000.

Judge Moore is not without hope. He believes that those who rule the nations profoundly desire peace, as do also the financiers and the business interests of the world. The most powerful forces operating in every nation are back of international arbitration and peace movements, and in the fullness of time they will be brought to successful issues. Intelligence is on the side of peace, and the most highly civilized nations are more and more settling international disputes by arbitration. During the past century the United States Government was party to forty-seven arbitrations, while since the Jay treaty was signed, 620 disputes between nations have been arbitrated.

The judge expresses the belief that if Great Britain, the United States, France, Germany and Russia would sign treaties of obligatory arbitration, the expenses for increasing and maintaining the armies and navies of those powers could at once be cut in two. Then, he says, the day of universal peace would not be far off.

PLAGUED BY FORMER SPEECHES.

The speeches of Mr. Balfour and Mr. Chamberlain in other days are rising or being resurrected, to testify against the present attitudes and arguments of these gentlemen. Nothing could be more destructive of the case for the House of Lords than the following passage from an address by Mr. Balfour in the House of Commons in 1907:

"The immense benefit of our present system is that, while parties change, politics change, there can never be a deadlock of the administrative machine. Money can always be voted, and the Government can always remain in office as long as this House (the Commons) gives them a continuity of power, and that power they possess no matter what the Lords do. I should not like to be a party to making any change in the constitution which would make the House of Lords a partner on equal terms with ourselves, and enable it to do that which I think only one assembly can do with advantage."

A deadlock of the administrative machine has occurred. The Government has been forced out of office by the House of Lords. Mr. Balfour has become a party to the usurpation of the rights and privileges of the House of Commons by the House of Lords.

When Mr. Balfour was confronted with the above quotation by Mr. Asquith, he lamely replied that the House of Lords would only rarely do what it had done on this occasion.

Mr. Chamberlain's old speeches are an armory for the champions of the budget. "I cannot call to mind," he said in 1885, "one single great or beneficent reform which has been promoted at the instigation of the landed gentry, or which has not received their persistent hostility." The following excerpt from an address he delivered at Birmingham in 1885 is curiously pertinent to the present situation:

"I want to see that the burden of taxation is distributed, according to the ability of the taxpayer, and in the second place I want to increase the production of the land, and I want to multiply small owners and tenants. All this clamor about confiscation and blackmail and plunder is so much dust raised by men who are interested in maintaining the present system, and who are either too prejudiced to read my proposals or too stupid to understand them. Let them keep their investive for some better occasion, for more apposite uses. If it be blackmail to propose that the rich should pay taxation in equal proportion to the poor, what word is strong enough to describe the present system under which the poor pay more than the rich? If it be confiscation to suggest that land be acquired at a fair value for public purposes, what language will fitly describe the operations of those who have wrongfully appropriated the common land and have extended their boundaries at the expense of their poorer neighbors, too weak and too ignorant to resist them? If it be plunder to require the restitution of this ill-gotten property, I should like to know what we are to say to those who perpetrated the original act of appropriation."

This sounds like a speech by Lloyd George today, who stands where Chamberlain stood twenty-five years ago. There is something tragic in Mr. Chamberlain's betrayal of the great reforms to which he dedicated his marvelous abilities for the better part of his life. He is now a broken old

man, fighting from a sick bed against the principles and causes which he so fearlessly championed until middle age. There is not a single useful measure for the betterment of the people during the past quarter of a century with which posterity will link his name.

BRITISH IN INDIA.

[London Spectator.] We hold our dominant position in India because we supply exactly those forces, those influences and those instruments which are required by India so that she may survive in the political sense and take her place as a well-ordered community. Just as Voltaire said that if there was not a deity he would have had to invent one, so one could understand a philosophic Hindu declaring that if the British had not existed they would have had to be invented.

PRACTICAL.

[Punch.] Examiner—What innocent, Mr. Smoothly, theologically speaking, by necessity and free will. Candidate—Well, where a man gives because he belongs to the church himself, that is free will. But where he gives because his wife belongs, that is necessity.

SCIENTIST LOSSES TO LANDLADY.

[London News.] An editor was talking about the famous English astronomer, Sir Robert Ball, who has recently declared that radium proves the earth to be 500,000 years old. "Sir Robert Ball is as full of fun as of learning," said the editor. "Once I dined with him and a half-dozen other scientists at Stratford. At the end of the dinner Sir Robert's eyes twinkled and he said to the landlady of the quaint Stratford inn: 'Madam, I am going to give you a lesson in astronomy. Have you ever heard of the great platitude year, when everything must return to its first condition? Listen, madam. In 25,000 years we shall all be here again, on the same day and at the same hour, eating a dinner precisely like this one. Will you give us credit till then?' 'Gladly,' the landlady replied. 'It is just 25,000 years since you were here before, though, and you left without paying them. Sit the old bill, and I'll trust you with the new.'"

CANADA'S NEW RAILROAD.

[Everybody's.] Port Arthur and Port William, sister cities, on the north shore of Lake Superior, constitute Canada's central pivot. They also constitute the railway pivot of Canada. Eastward and westward from these cities a continuous line of land and water communication. But northward from them there has been nothing—that is, no roads and no towns.

In other words, Canada, 3,000 miles long, has had on the north shore of the Pacific, has had here a vast meadow of about twenty miles. The new line, by passing 10 miles north of Port Arthur and Port William, will increase Canada's girth some 60 per cent, accomplishing an improvement of the national figure which has been long desired.

COLLEGE CHUMS ABROAD.

[New York Tribune.] Two young men who had been chums at college went abroad together. One conscientiously wanted to visit every spot mentioned in the guide books; the other was equally conscientious about having an hilarious time. In the course of one of these, the lover of pleasure said triumphantly: "Perhaps you are doing these places so thoroughly because you are going to write a book about your trip." "I should," replied the other promptly, "if Robert Louis Stevenson hadn't pre-empted the title I want to use."

HER CHARM.

[S. E. Kiser.] She used to wear her hat tipped over to the right. And then she was, indeed, a most bewitching sight. In later years she wore it tilted up behind, and so contrived to rob me of my peace of mind.

The fall she wore it far, far over on the left. She seemed so fair that I of calmness was bereft. And likewise when it flared up high above her brow. She kept on being just as beautiful somehow.

Now that she wears a hat which lops down all around. So that one has to search before her face is found. She manages to have her way as heretofore. And still possesses charms that thrill me to the core.

There is a doctrine which I'll cling to all my days. The style which she affects may merit scorn or praise; She has a charm with which to bring or banish cares. But it is in herself, and not in what she wears.

IN COLLUSION.

[Tilt-Bits.] Officer—Stop! I'm an agent of the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, and I see you are driving a horse which can scarcely crawl. Cabman (confidentially)—Hist! Th' hoss is all right. It's me thet's holding him in. I've got a passenger wot pays by the hour.

THE DIFFERENCE.

[The Globe.] In Britain the Liberals want to tax land which makes it cheaper, and the Conservatives to tax food which makes it dearer.

REBUKED.

[Meggendorfer Blatter.] Elsa—Oh, mamma, my bread and butter has fallen butter side down again! Mother (to her governess)—Miss Smith,

I must ask you to be more careful to butter the child's bread on the right side.

A SYMPATHETIC LISTENER.

[The Delinquent.] Adelaide's sister was playing a sad, plaintive air on the piano. Adelaide had been listening, and she said to her mother, "Mamma, don't you feel sorry for that piece?"

TRULY ACCOMPLISHED.

[Punch.] Mrs. Dibs-Smythe—We are just back from the continent, where my daughter has been finishing her education. She speaks all languages. The Professor—Ah! Does she speak Esperanto? Mrs. Dibs-Smythe—Like a native.

CHRISTMAS CAROLS

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In a body. A solemn high mass will be held at 10:30.

The Anglican Churches. At St. Paul's Cathedral there will be services at 6:30, 7:30, 8:30 and at noon, at which service Bishop Williams will preach.

On Sunday evening the choral service which was given some time ago with such success will be repeated.

At All Saints' Church, the auditorium will be opened for the first time after its renovation. Communion will be celebrated at 8 o'clock, and at 10:30 there will be a service at which the pastor will preach, followed by the communion. The music will be of an especial Christmas character, and will be repeated on Sunday night.

Christmas services will be held in the Memorial Church at 8 o'clock and 11 a. m. On Sunday evening a new feature will be introduced, when a choral service will be held following the regular evening gathering.

There will be two services at St. James' Church this morning, at 8 o'clock and at 11, when Dean Davis will preach. There will be special music which will be repeated Sunday evening.

At St. John's Church services will be held this morning at 7:30, 8:30 when holy communion will be administered, and at 11, when the pastor, Rev. W. J. T. Hill, will speak on the subject "The Birth of Christ."

The service at St. Matthew's Church will be held at 10:30 this morning, when the pastor, the Rev. Wm. Lowe, will speak on the subject "The Word Was Made Flesh." Holy communion will be celebrated at St. Mark's Church, Pottersburg, at 3 o'clock.

There will be the service of the holy communion at St. Luke's, Broughdale, on Christmas morning at 9:30 o'clock. On Sunday evening there will be a choral service with Christmas anthems, carols and hymns bright and vigorous.

Special services will be held tomorrow at Christ Church under the direction of the rector, Rev. R. S. W. Howard. Holy communion will be celebrated at 8:30 a. m. and at 10:30 there will be morning prayer, and holy communion and a sermon by the pastor. The music at the services will be of a special nature.

At St. George's Church, West London, the regular Christmas services will be held at 11 o'clock, when the music will be of an unusually attractive nature.

In Presbyterian Edifices. The Sunday evening service at the First Presbyterian Church will take the nature of a memorial service in memory of the members of the congregation who have died during the year. In the morning the pastor, Rev. J. G. Inkster, will preach a special Christmas sermon to the children. The music will be of an especial nature.

The Christmas service at St. Andrew's Church on Sunday promises to be unusually attractive. Several of the most beautiful selections from "The

C. P. R. COMPELLED TO USE STORED COAL

Owing to the Tie-Up of Traffic Caused by Stranding of the Ashtabula.

As a result of a coal shortage, caused by the grounding of the Ashtabula on the bar of Port Burwell, the C. P. R. have had to use part of their 60,000 tons in store at Tillsonburg. Arrangements are being completed as rapidly as possible for bringing the coal for this division around by way of Detroit, but owing to the jam of ice in the river it is likely that considerable difficulty will be experienced in doing this. Express trains coming through from Chicago have been delayed right along, owing to the very large amount of ice in the Detroit River. Railwaymen state that the ice jam is unusual for this time of the year.

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Health Association, on their farm near Byron. In the distance can be seen the administration building in process of construction. There will be four of these shacks, two private and two public.

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NINE MEN KILLED IN ROCK ISLAND SHOP

Locomotive Explodes While Repairing Was Being Done and Causes Dreadful Loss of Life.

[Special to The Advertiser.] Oklahoma City, Dec. 24.—A dozen or more men were killed at Shawnee, Okla., near here today, when a locomotive exploded in the repair shops of the Chicago, Rock Island and Pacific Railway during the noon hour.

The men were sitting close to the engine, eating their dinner, when the explosion occurred. Parts of human bodies were scattered in all directions for blocks around, and the building was demolished.

In Methodist Churches. At the First Methodist Church on Sunday Rev. Richard Whiting will speak in the morning on the subject, "Christ Came at the Right Time." The anthems at the morning service will be, "Drop Down, Ye Heavens" (Barnby), and "Christmas" (Shelley). In the evening there will be a special musical service, consisting of a first part of Handel's "Messiah," comprising some twenty numbers, by soloists and choir. The solo parts will be taken by Miss Beatrice Hunt, Miss Mabel Mountjoy, and Messrs. Bull and Clement. The doors of the church will be opened at 2:30.

The Sunday evening service at the Askan Street Methodist Church will be of a choral nature, and a number of the favorite selections from the "Messiah" will be rendered and there will be a brief address delivered by Mr. Maine. From 6:30 till 7 o'clock the organist, Mr. Quantz, will give an organ recital.

There will be special music at both services at the Dundas Centre Methodist Church tomorrow, and the services will be of a distinctly Christmas character. At the Sunday school service in the afternoon a tablet will be unveiled to the memory of Charles E. Cowley, the late assistant superintendent of the Sunday school, and for fifteen years general secretary of the school, who died on Dec. 2, 1908.

The Christmas music at the Colborne Street Methodist Church on Sunday will be unusually beautiful. There are a number of solo and choruses. In the evening Miss Reed will sing "Calm on the Listening Ear of Night." There will also be an anthem, "Hark the Strain," by Miss Reed and chorus.

In all the other churches there will be special music, and the pastors of the different churches will speak on themes appropriate to the season.

The Baptist Churches. Very special preparations have been made for the Christmas services in the Tabbot Street Baptist Church. The music will be of a festive nature, and the pastor, Mr. Vining, will carry out the spirit of the day in his addresses.

In the Adelaide Street Baptist Church, too, there will be extra music. Mr. Peatfield, in the First Congregational Church, and Mr. Claris, at the Southern Church, will both speak on subjects connected with the season, and there will be special music of an appropriate nature.

The services in the King Street Presbyterian Church on Sunday will be of a very interesting character. In the afternoon at 3 o'clock the service will be conducted by the Bible Class, under the leadership of Mr. Samuel Baker.

SOME PECULIAR SLATES ARE DOING DUTY NOW

"Warnings" to the Electors Come From Mysterious Sources.

The municipal campaign is commencing to warm up, and slates are being circulated with much enthusiasm at the present time.

Someone has issued a statement to the electors warning the voters not to vote for eight of the candidates.

One of these slates labelled "Dangerous!" was seen last evening, but there was nothing in it to denote from whence it originated. Electors are asked to keep it for reference.

The Calgary Eye-Opener is also being quoted in the campaign, a selection from that "famous" journal doing duty as a campaigner.

The gist of it seems to be that the taxes in London are high, and that there are no Sunday cars. Also that there are "200 barrels" in London.

Other slates will be issued in a short time. It is also rumored, but the nature of them will not be made known for a day or two.

ROCKEFELLER'S GIFTS.

Tarrytown, N. Y., Dec. 24.—William Rockefeller distributed gifts tonight to his employees here at the rate of \$3 for every year of service. Three men received \$100 each. The total exceeds \$2,500.

SANTA CLAUS BURNED

Young Lady Who Assumed the Guise Seriously Injured.

Charleston, Dec. 24.—Putting on the garb of Santa Claus last night to amuse the children of Charleston at a public entertainment, Miss Clara McGlory drew too near the candles of the Christmas tree, the false beard she wore caught fire and today she is in a serious condition from burns.

The Russian Minister of Justice is to be questioned in the Duma concerning the shooting of a little girl 7 years old, who was standing at the window of a cell at Yaroslavl prison, in which her exiled mother was interned.

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HODGINS HOUSE TO CHANGE HANDS

Said That T. H. Bastia Will Be the Purchaser.

Mr. T. H. Bastia, formerly proprietor of the Hotel Iroquois at Windsor yesterday completed negotiations for the purchase of the Hodgins House and the property on King street that goes with it.

The purchase price has not been given out, but it is understood that the estate sold well.

The transfer of the license will come before the commissioners at their first meeting in the new year.

STEAMSHIP ARRIVALS.

New York, Dec. 24.—Arrived: St. Paul, from Southampton; Tacoma, Genoa, Sicily, Genoa, Montreal, London.

Liverpool, Dec. 24.—Arrived: Freshland, from Philadelphia.

Southampton, Dec. 24.—Arrived: Majestic, from New York.

Have, Dec. 24.—Arrived: La Lorraine, from New York.

Nantes, Dec. 24.—Arrived: Regina d'Italia, from New York.

Genoa, Dec. 24.—Arrived: America, from New York.

New York, 24st.—Luisiana, New York, Palermo, Dec. 24.—Arrived: Verona, from New York.

London, Dec. 24.—Arrived: Lapland, from New York.