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LONDON MAN TAKES A LISTOWEL BRIDE

Mr. John F. Meredith Married To Miss May Stainton.

A very pretty wedding was celebrated at the residence of Mr. Richard Stainton, Listowel, on Christmas Day, when his daughter, Miss May, was united in marriage to Mr. John F. Meredith, of this city.

The home of the bride was beautifully decorated with holly, mistletoe, and other Christmas decorations. The ceremony was performed by Rev. Mr. Fife, in the presence of a number of the friends of the young couple.

The bride was attended by Miss Marguerite Thompson, of this city, while Mr. Harry Stainton, brother of the bride, was groomsman. Little Bessie Stainton made a very charming flower girl.

After a wedding dejeuner, the young couple left on the evening train for points west.

On their return they will reside at 515 Grey street, this city.

STEAMER VANISHES

30 Days Since Stickelstad Left Glasgow—Supposed to Have Gone Down.

Sydney, N. S., Dec. 27.—With the completion of an even month since the Norwegian steamer Stickelstad left Glasgow for this port, the mariners interested in the vessel gave up all hope of seeing her again. It is generally believed that the steamer foundered with all on board in the terrible gales of early December. Ordinarily the passage across occupies about a week.

The steamer Falco, also from Glasgow, arrived here several days ago, after a rough passage of 23 days. It was believed up to that time that one of the steamers might have met with a mishap, and was being convoyed into port by the other.

The missing steamer carried 100 tons of coal less than the Falco. As the latter steamer had but three tons left when she arrived here, it is certain that if the Stickelstad has survived she is now hard pressed for fuel.

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Mr. Joseph H. Davies, of 83 Wellington road south, wishes it understood that he is not the party who is mixed up in the alleged grain-stealing case.

Visited the Hospital.

Victoria Hospital was visited on Christmas Eve by the following members of the Church of England Bible Flower Mission: The Misses Lougheed, Martin, Bartram and Raymond, who presented each patient with carnations and appropriate texts, which were much appreciated.

Ferguson—Henderson.

A quiet wedding was solemnized recently at the manse of the First Presbyterian Church, when Miss Alice Henderson, of this city was married to Mr. Arthur Day Ferguson. The ceremony was performed in the presence of the immediate relatives by Rev. J. Gibson Inkster. Mr. and Mrs. Ferguson will reside in this city.

Tuberculosis Tent.

The tuberculosis tent is again vacant, and may be had on application, free of charge. The tent is double and can be heated and made comfortable for the patient during the coldest day in winter. Clergymen and physicians have done good service, reporting cases and their co-operation is asked for in the future. Address postoffice box 447, London.

A Presentation.

A presentation of a beautiful gold watch was made to Mr. Douglas Omond by his associates at Lawson & Jones, a few days ago. Mr. Omond is severing his connection with the firm at the end of the year, having accepted a position with a firm in another city. Mr. Omond was also the recipient of a travelling bag from the young men of his Sunday school class at New St. James', who sincerely regret his departure.

May Be a Frenchman.

Chief Williams received a telegram yesterday from A. Summers, of the Northwest Mounted Police, at Hanley, Saskatchewan, as follows: "Name of man killed here may be Le Blanc or Le Beau, as he is French." This is the corresponding name in French for White in English. The police are investigating the affair as there are a number of French families around Longwood, and it is thought the man killed may belong to one of them.

Surprise Their Teacher.

A deputation from the Boys' Home Mission Club, Knox Church, South London, gave their president, Miss Flora McColl, a very pleasant surprise on Christmas morning, when they called at her home, 40 Askin street, and presented her with a beautiful pearl crescent. Master Victor Mooney, first vice-president, in a neat speech, made the presentation on behalf of the club. Miss McColl replied, expressing gratitude for the gift and appreciation of the responsive and enthusiastic spirit among the boys, which helped to make the meetings during the past year so pleasant and profitable. Their motto for 1909 is: "If I'm Never Willing To Do More Than I'm Paid for, I'll Never Get Paid for More Than I Do."

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ORANGE LODGE OPENED AT BYRON

Officers Were Installed on Saturday Night.

A large number of local Orangemen visited Byron on Saturday evening to be present at the opening of the first Orange lodge ever formed there, known as E. T. Essery Loyal Orange Lodge. The officers of the new lodge were installed. Worshipful master, E. Langford; deputy master, Lewis Hern; chaplain, John Clarke; recording secretary, Ely Davis; treasurer, Peter Forbes; director of ceremonies, F. Weller. The installation ceremony was conducted by Grand Organized Rob. Birmingham, assisted by District Master T. H. Tipp, County Master George Loney, Joseph Murray and Bro. R. De Coursey. During the evening fraternal address were given by the new lodge officers and by Bros. A. Hale, J. Murray, R. De Coursey, C. A. Luck, of Barrie; and T. H. Tipp. The evening was brought to a close by a supper.

DEATH OF WELL-KNOWN RESIDENT OF LOBO

Mr. Duncan A. P. Graham Has Passed Away.

An old and esteemed resident of Lobo Township died at his home, lot 14, con. 8, on Saturday night, in the person of Mr. Duncan A. P. Graham. Mr. Graham was 74 years old and was widely known and esteemed. Mr. Graham's death occurred rather suddenly, as up to the time of going to bed he was in his usual good health. After he had retired, however, his wife heard him breathing heavily, and before assistance came he had died. For many years Mr. Graham had acted as a county magistrate, and was well known as Squire Graham. Besides his wife, he is survived by one son, Carlyle, of Toronto, and one daughter, Mrs. Ellis, Hodgins, of London Township. Messrs. Neil, Dougald and Peter Graham, of Ivan, and Archie Graham, of the county jail, are brothers, and Mrs. McIver, of Rodney, Mrs. McLaughlin and Miss Flora Graham, of this city, sisters. Deceased was a staunch Liberal all his life. The funeral will be held on Tuesday afternoon to Ivan Cemetery.

Death of Mrs. Bayley.

The friends of Mrs. Margaret Bayley will hear with regret of her sudden death at Victoria Hospital, only being there two days. She was in her 84th year, and was predeceased by her husband, the late William Bayley, eighteen years ago. She is survived by four sons and two daughters: William, of Vancouver, B. C.; John, of Battleford, Sask.; James, of Minneapolis, Minn.; Thomas, of London, Ont.; Mrs. A. Miller, of Hamilton, and Mrs. E. M. Nutkins, of London, Ont. The funeral was held at 4 o'clock, Dec. 26, from the undertaking establishment of John Ferguson & Sons, to Mount Pleasant Cemetery, the service being conducted by Rev. Mr. Lanceley, of Dundas Centre Methodist Church.

A Good Christmas Box.

Mr. George Gregory, of 182 Langarth street, received on Saturday morning the handsome china cabinet given by W. M. aPtten, the well-known furniture dealer, of Dundas street, Mr. Gregory being the largest purchaser between Sept. 1 and Christmas. Mr. W. E. Jackson, of Ormsby street, received a beautiful mahogany parlor table, Mr. Jackson being the second largest purchaser.

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CHRISTMAS CAROLS WERE RENDERED

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SERVICES IN OTHER CHURCHES

Sermons on Interesting Subjects Preached in Many Pulpits.

St. Paul's Cathedral was filled to the doors last evening, when, instead of the regular Sunday evening services, the special programme of sacred Christmas carols was rendered by the choir. The service was one of the most beautiful of its kind ever held in London, and the congregation was impressed and delighted with the numbers.

In the morning Canon Dann preached, and, yesterday being the anniversary day of St. John the Evangelist, took his text from the Book of Revelations, and his sermon was in the nature of a Christmas message to the people.

On Thursday evening the Sunday school children of St. Paul's will hold their annual Christmas treat, and concert, in Cronyn Hall, and a most attractive programme has been arranged.

Following the concert a special watch-night service will be held to watch the old year out and the new one in.

Chalmers Church.

At Chalmers Church yesterday morning Rev. Walter Moffat took as his subject, "What Is Man?"

"Compared with nature and her forces," said Mr. Moffat, "man is insignificant, and seems as nothing at all. But man has been created in the image of God, and has been given power over all things. Man has a will and the power to rebel against God, and does it." In concluding, Mr Moffat showed the great things any man might attain to if he would follow the teachings of Jesus Christ.

In the evening Mr. Moffat spoke on "If I had my life to live over again what things would I omit?" and mentioned in a general way a number of things. He showed that the only way to fully rectify the mistakes of the past is to turn back to God and accept him.

At the Auditorium.

Rev. S. J. Bartlett, of Toronto, secretary of Epworth Leagues and Sunday Schools of the Methodist Church, spoke at the Auditorium meeting to men yesterday afternoon. "Nothing," said the speaker, "centres into our life but by our choice or consent. We are not creatures of circumstances but the captains of our own life. What have I chosen to have enter into my life during the past year? What have I consented should be put in? The answer to these two questions will decide whether we have a balance or a debit on our account for the coming year. Life does not consist in things, they are merely adjuncts, the overplus of life. Here is a motto that supercedes the idea of 'things,' 'I do always those things that please God.' It is not what occupation you engage in, what pleasures you enjoy, what church you attend. The main question is 'What do you think of Christ?'

"The call to us is not to get all we can, for the ends of personal aggrandizement, but to get that we may give out again. God gives to us not to make us rich but to make us useful.

First Methodist Church.

Taking as his text, Psalms, xc., 8, "We bring our years to an end, as a tale 'hat is told," Rev. Mr. Rutledge spoke last night at the First Methodist Church on the limitation of life. Taking the figure of the Oriental storyteller, telling her story to the band of listeners, who, having heard a tale, pass on their way again. So in life, the simile holds true, the story ends, the sands run out, the curtain of death rises, only to usher into a greater and broader life. So we should submit to the limitation of life. It is only a stage of the journey that sooner or later must end. Man is too big for the world. No man made in the image of God and redeemed by Christ, can be wholly bounded by the interests of this world. It is only a short sojourn, till we are fitted for a better world. And because of its very brevity and limitation, we should strive the harder to put most into it. Life is a series of choices, and it is ours to choose the great instead of the small. The call to engage in the service of God is louder than ever before. The great advance in material things lead people to suppose that these are all important, and there is need for a stronger loyalty in the service of Christ to keep the perspective right. The very brevity of life is a call for a truer life.

Christmas Service.

The Christmas service of the First Methodist Church Sunday school was held in the body of the church yesterday. The church was beautifully decorated for the occasion, and the scholars and the friends of the school occupied the body of the church. There was a large attendance, and the service was one of unusual interest. The scholars have been practicing the musical service for a number of weeks and it was heartily enjoyed by all. The plan of the service was to tell the Christmas story in a series of anthems, recitations and Scripture readings. The superintendent of the school, Mr. Wilson, acted as chairman.

York Street Mission.

Evangelist Belcher spoke from the text, "For we have seen his star in the east and are come to worship him," at the York Street Mission last night. Mr. Belcher said when in the fullness of time the Son of God came down from heaven to take our nature upon him, many circumstances concurred to celebrate the event, and to render it an illustrious epoch in the history of the world. It pleased the divine wisdom that the manifestation of the deity should be distinguished by a suitable glory, and this was done by the ministry of angels, by the ministry of men and by the ministry of nature.

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First Presbyterian Church.

At the First Presbyterian Church last evening Rev. J. G. Inkster preached on "Wisdom vs. Folly," basing his sermon on the parable of the ten virgins. Mr. Inkster showed that they committed two great faults, thoughtlessness and formality. These two things are present in the world today everywhere, and just as the virgins were shut out from the marriage feast by them so many people are shut out from many joys now. From these facts Mr. Inkster drew three inferences, that crises reveal character, the wise man being prepared by wisdom and accepting the unexpected as his opportunity, that there is no reciprocity in moral and spiritual things, and lastly, that lost opportunities cannot be recalled. In concluding, Mr. Inkster urged all to make the resolve at this time to do and live better in the coming year.

St. Luke's Church.

A special Christmas sermon was preached at St. Luke's Church, Broughdale, last night by Ven. Archdeacon Richardson from the text, "Behold I bring you tidings of great joy." This message, he said, was a message of love, life and peace to the whole world. It was also a message which meant salvation for everyone.

Rev. Principal Waller, of Huron College, assisted in the service, and during the evening the choir, under the direction of Mr. A. L. G. Clark, rendered an anthem most effectively. Miss Agnes Burwell presided at the organ. A solo by Mrs. Frank Lewis was also rendered in excellent voice, and was greatly enjoyed.

St. Andrew's Church.

Large congregations were present at both services in St. Andrew's Church yesterday. In the morning Rev. Dr. Ross spoke on "Christmas Gifts," and in the evening took as his subject, "True Christmas Joy."

The choir, under the direction of Mr. Charles E. Wheeler, rendered a very beautiful programme of sacred music, which was greatly enjoyed.

St. John's Church.

The service held at St. John's Church, London Township, yesterday morning was largely attended. Ven. Archdeacon Richardson preached, and his sermon was especially appropriate for the Christmas season. On Sunday morning next a special sermon, appropriate for the New Year, will be preached by him and the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper will be administered.

Christ Church.

At Christ Church yesterday morning, the service was conducted by Mr. Harry Ashby, of Huron College, who preached a splendid sermon that was greatly appreciated In the evening Rev. R. S. W. Howard preached. During the evening service Miss Cullis sang a solo.

Empress Avenue Church.

The services at the Empress Avenue Methodist Church yesterday were very appropriate to the season, the choir singing Christmas hymns, while the pastor, Rev. G. W. Dewey, delivered two very strong addresses, the morning subject being "What Is Christ to Me?" and the evening "What Am I to Christ?"

Among the hymns rendered by the choir at the services were "While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks by Night," "The Lord Is Come," "A Son Is Given," "The Angels' Song," "Hark, Hark, My Soul." Miss W. E. Greenway sang "Oh, Holyi Night,' in an exceptionally pleasing manner. Miss G. Ware sung "The Birthday of a King" pleasingly.

St. Peter's Cathedral.

All masses at St. Peter's Cathedral were well attended yesterday, Rev. Father O'Neil preaching at high mass in an interesting manner. There was no sermon at vespers.

SOME LIKELY SCENES AT INDIAN WEDDING

Walpole Islanders Enjoy a Festive Seance—Wallaceburg Items.

[Special to The Advertiser.]

Wallaceburg, Dec. 26.—A wedding of great interest to the Walpole Island Indians was solemnized on Wednesday afternoon by Rev. Mr. Lawrence, Methodist minister at the reserve. The parties concerned were Charles Mack and Christiana Thomas. The marriage took place at 4 p.m., after which the party feasted until 11 o'clock. Then the older people went home, but the younger ones formed a circle, with the bride and groom in the centre, where they were showered with eight pounds of rice. Afterwards the copper-colored lads and lassies enjoyed a dance until 4 o'clock in the morning.

A. McKibbon has purchased the brick building occupied by A. B. Carscallen, for an office. Mr. McKibbon will not move into the building until July.

M. Golloglу shipped about eight tons of fowl to Toronto during the week.

The new moving picture theatre owned by Wm. McRae was opened on Christmas afternoon, and was crowded both afternoon and evening. The place is well-lighted and attractive.

Charles Taylor and bride are the guests of the former's sister, Miss Annie Taylor, south side.

Albert Harrison, of Crosswell, Mich., is spending a few days in town.

"Santa Claus' Arrival," a cantata given by the Methodist Sunday school last evening in the opera house, was a most decided success. The singing throughout was excellent. Von Ayres, Wallaceburg's boy soloist, assisted in a most pleasing manner. Mr. T. B. Dundas deserves credit for training so many voices to enable them to produce so good an entertainment.

The Baptist Sunday school will hold their Christmas entertainment on Tuesday, Dec. 29.

Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Parker are spending the holidays in Chatham.

Dick Little is visiting in Algonac.

Bert Side and Fred Johnson, of Loraine, Ohio, are spending a couple of weeks at home.

The marriage of Miss Ruby Gordon, daughter of D. A. Gordon, M.P., takes place on Thursday, Dec. 31, at 6 p.m., in St. James' Church.

DEVIL DOGS EAT SETTLERS ALIVE

Ferocious Beasts, Half Wolf Cause Reign of Terror in Labrador.

New York, Dec. 28.—The desolate coast of Labrador, 500 miles from Belle Isle to Hudson Strait, peopled by 4,000 whites and 1,500 Eskimos and frequented every summer by 30,000 Newfoundland fisher folk in quest of cod, is without roads or bridges on land, charts, lights or beacons by sea, and even now travel is by boat in summer and by dog teams in winter across the snowclad wastes.

The dogs employed for this purpose are so savage and intractable that they are known as the "devil dogs," and terrible are the tales of their ferocity. They are largely of the wolf breed, and often attack, and sometimes kill and devour human beings, Dr. Grenfell declares that every season one-half of his pack will eat the other, and only a few months ago he came near being a victim to them himself.

James Humby, aged 35, living near Battle Harbor, started for the forest for firewood with some neighbors, each driving his own team. Humby's dogs were known to be vicious, and he usually took a helper, but this time he went alone. The teams were some distance apart, and suddenly he heard shouting; the other men hurrying to him found him down and the brutes tearing at him viciously. It is supposed they fell to fighting, and he, trying to untangle their traces, fell among them and became a victim. He made a grim fight, though, killing two and wounding five with his axe, but the ended his life, and it took the united efforts of all the men to drive them off and recover the mutilated body.

Nearly every settlement has its tale of the dogs' viciousness. Some years ago a pack nearly killed Nurse Williams, of the Grenfell hospital. She fell and they made for her, and but for the lucky arrival of a man with an axe the affair might have ended fatally. The same summer at Hebron dogs killed and half ate an Eskimo boy of 13 who was dragging a seal from his father's boat to their tent. In Hopedale an Eskimo boy and girl were killed and devoured; at Nain the dogs dragged a missionary's baby out of its cradle and reduced it to bones before the distracted mother found out what had become of it. In Domino they devoured a middle-aged woman, before help could reach her; at Bardana they did the same thing with a 15-year-old girl going to a well for water, and at Chateau they destroyed three little people—two boys and a girl—whose father and mother were absent from home.

A curious fact, however, is that, although every man, woman and child in Labrador has been bitten once or more by these dogs, there has never been a case of hydrophobia known there, according to Dr. Grenfell and his medical associates, during the existence of the mission.

COAL FOR GERMAN NAVY

750,000 Tons Is Wanted From Wales, It Is Said.

Cardiff, Dec. 28.—The application from the German navy authorities for tenders for three-quarters of a million tons of best Welsh steam coal was the leading topic of conversation on the Cardiff exchange the other day, and no doubt exists as to the fact that two or three large firms have been asked to tender.

In times past the Russian and Italian navies have taken on occasions large quantities of Welsh coal, but the Germans have never yet applied for a large quantity. A few months ago the German naval authorities had about 20,000 tons of Welsh coal as an experiment, and it is generally considered that the tenders now asked for provide proof that the experiments tried with Welsh coal were a success, and that it is to be almost exclusively utilized by the Germans in the future. It may be noted that the British navy use annually about one and a quarter million tons of Welsh coal.

In other quarters it is suggested that the real reason of the German naval authorities asking for tenders is to enable them to force down the prices of some of the German firms, who, in times past, have enjoyed practically a monopoly in supplying coal to the German navy. On the other hand, there can be no getting away from the importance with which the Germans regard Welsh coal, which is shown by the fact that the Westphalian syndicate have in South Wales extensive connections through the Frachtcontor Gesellschaft, while, in addition, the millionaire coal-owner, Mr. Hugho Stinnis, has of late figured largely in the Welsh coal trade.

ROOSEVELT COULD NOT INTERVENE

Issues a Statement in Regard to the Labor Leader Sentence.

Washington, Dec. 28. — In an official statement issued at the White House today in regard to presidential interference in the case of Messrs. Gompers, Mitchell and Morrison, of the American Federation of Labor, now under sentence for contempt of court, attention is called to the fact that the cases are still before the courts, and that no matter what the President's opinion may be as to the justness of the sentence imposed, he cannot take any action looking to pardon or express any opinion as to the merits of the case. The text of the statement follows:

"Various appeals have been made to the President to interfere by pardons in the case of Mr. Gompers and his associates. Those making the appeals are unaware of the fact that the matter is still before the courts. It is a civil suit between private parties, and there is no way in which the Government could have intervened, even if it had desired so. Whether the President does or does not think the sentence of Mr. Gompers and his associates excessive is not of consequence, because he cannot take any action or express any opinion while the case is pending before the courts. When the decision is made then the President can promptly consider whether the terms of imprisonment are excessive or improper. But it is, of course, impossible for the President to act while an appeal is pending, for he has nothing whatever to act about. The courts must finish with the case first, and the defendants are at the present moment at liberty on bail. If the defendants see fit to abandon their appeal the matter will then, of course, be brought before the executive, in which case it will receive immediate and most careful consideration.

"But the defendants had a perfect right to prosecute their appeal, and if unsuccessful in the final court, then to ask a pardon or commutation. But as long as they are prosecuting an appeal, then the President has nothing to do with the matter. The President has already instructed the department of justice to keep him fully informed as to the progress of the case, so that in the event of its becoming proper for him to act, he may have at his disposal all of the facts, which will enable him to decide whether there was justification for the sentence, and whether if there was justification for some punishment, the sentence is or is not altogether too severe. But at the present the President has no more to do with the case than with the case of the $29,000,000 fine imposed by Judge Landis on the Standard Oil Company, which is also an appeal, and concerning which the President has also been repeatedly asked to interfere by well-meaning persons."

HAD BATH IN BUTTER

Pleasant Experience of Passenger on South African Trip.

London, Dec. 28.—Miss Alice Balfour, the ex-premier's unmarried sister, tells a very diverting story of an incident which occurred some years ago, during her voyage to South Africa. One of the passengers accompanied a member of the ship's crew into the hold, volunteering to assist in getting up potatoes for stores. His companion asked him to hold open the mouth of a sack while potatoes were poured into it. To do so necessitated the passenger elevating himself somewhat, for he was not over-blessed with inches. Therefore he lightly hopped up on to a cask. As he heaved the sack with a mighty effort, the top of the barrel on which he was poised gave way. It contained butter, and the weather had reduced it to pretty much the consistency of oil. In went the passenger bodily, and out spurted the liquefied butter in a fountain all around. Into the eyes of the sailor some of it splashed, and when he had cleared his face he saw the poor volunteer standing in the cask literally enveloped in butter, and so firmly stuck that assistance had to be procured before he could be dragged out.

APPLIED TO PARLIAMENT

C. N. R. Wants Authority to Build New Lines North.

Ottawa, Dec. 28. — An application will be made to the Dominion Parliament by the Canadian Northern Ontario Railway for authority to construct lines of railway from Nepigon Bay to the National Transcontinental Railway, with two branches of the northerly and southerly ends of Lake Nepigon from Vermillion Bay to the N. T. R. near its crossing of the Abitibi River, from a point on the aforementioned line to the south end of Lake Temiskaming.

Application will also be made for an extension of time to construct the following lines: Washago to Kincardine, Arnprior to Gananoque, Pickering to Owen Sound, Niagara to Goderich, Port Dover to Owen Sound, Hawkesbury to Toronto, line in Leeds or Lanark, Parry Sound to North Bay, French River to Batchwena and Toronto to Ottawa.