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FOOD BLOCKADE IS ORDERED TO ENFORCE WAR

MAJORITY OF LONDON RECEIVED CHRISTMAS GIFTS THROUGH ARMY ORGANIZATIONS

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HEAVY HOLIDAY TRAFFIC ON RAILROADS

Every Coach Is Crowded to Capacity Today.

Through Trains Making Good Time Despite Handicaps.

Every coach, in good condition or otherwise, available on the G. T. R. has been put into service today. The heavy holiday traffic on the railroads is a testament to the popularity of the season.

ESCAPED PRISONER ARRESTED IN CHICAGO

Henry R. Manster Taken After Months of Liberty.

Chicago, Dec. 24.—Henry R. Manster, who escaped from the Massachusetts State Penitentiary, where he was serving a life sentence for the murder of a Boston policeman, was arrested here tonight. He is also known as "Red" and "Foxy" Manster.

NEW YORK CENTRAL SHOPS AT ALBANY CLOSED INDEFINITELY

Albany, N. Y., Dec. 24.—Approximately 1,000 employees of the New York Central car department at West Albany were taken to work today, notice having been posted by the company that the shops would remain closed indefinitely. Officials at the shops assigned no reason for the shutdown.

IRISH TOWN RAIDED BY SOLDIERS; 24 PRISONERS TAKEN

Cork, Dec. 24.—Military forces yesterday raided Clonliffe, County Cork, and made 24 arrests. The prisoners were taken to the military barracks in Fermoy, a mile and a half west of Clonliffe.

BOY ACCIDENTALLY KILLED

Paterson, N. J., Dec. 24.—Last evening Eugene Dixon, aged 12 years, son of Rev. S. B. Dixon, was shot and killed when he was playing with a gun in a field near his home. The bullet entered the boy's chest and he died about a half hour later.

JUST ASK THE EXPRESSMAN

Never before has there been so much sickness in Western Ontario as there is at this Christmas time. If you, gentle reader, do not believe it, ask the expressman.

LENINE GOVERNMENT PROHIBITS PRIVATE OWNERSHIP OF BOOKS

All Existing Libraries Will Be Appropriated by State.

ELÉCTRIFICATION PLAN

Financial Cost of Project Is Estimated at 1,500,000 Gold Rubles.

London, Dec. 24.—A wireless dispatch received here from Moscow says Nikolai Lenin, the Bolshevik premier, addressing the All-Russian Congress Soviets, dealt in detail with measures for the economic restoration of the country. He declared that the restoration of the railway and the production of agricultural and industrial goods was only possible if the Government's program for electrification was realized.

BRANTFORD MAN IS FINED \$500

Admits Ownership of Three Sacks of Whiskey.

Tried to Bribe Officers

Pair Arrested At Crumlin Last Night by Local Sleuths.

Fred Marsden of Brantford pleaded guilty in county police court before Justice W. H. Chittick and Capt. T. P. O'Brien to the charge of being in possession of three sacks of whiskey. He was fined \$500.

SCOTT'S LOSS

Business District of City the Scene of Disastrous Blaze.

Halifax, N. S., Dec. 24.—A half-million-dollar fire in the business district of Halifax this morning destroyed the store and stock of Wood Bros. Limited, and seriously damaged the premises of William Gates, music store, and a building occupied by Alfred Beniger, furrier, and owned by the Bank of Nova Scotia.

COMMERCIAL TREATY COMPLETED BETWEEN BRAZIL AND BELGIUM

Reciprocal Trading Is To Be Carried Out Between Two Countries.

Washington, Dec. 24.—A commercial treaty between Brazil and Belgium has been completed whereby credit amounting to \$14,500,000 is opened to the Belgian Government at the Bank of Brazil.

QUEBEC FACTORY IS PARTIALLY DESTROYED BY FIRE; LOSS \$300,000

Montreal, Dec. 24.—Damage paid by the resident assessor at \$300,000 was done last night to the plant of the Dominion Blank Book Company, Limited, by a fire which started in the factory building and spread to the adjacent warehouse.

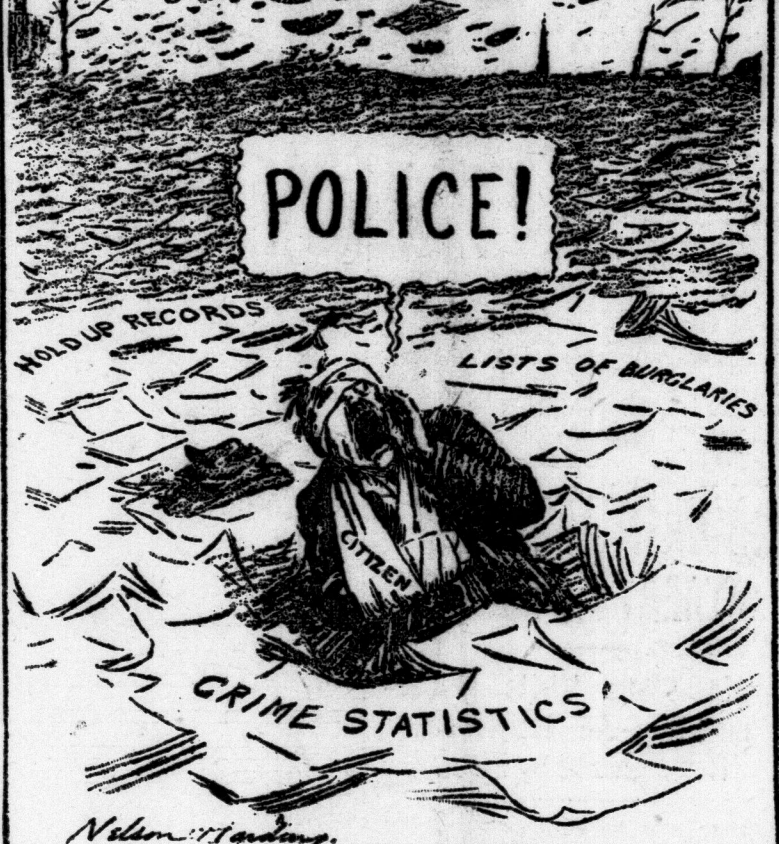
ROMANCE THAT BEGINS IN COLLEGE ENDS IN WEDDING IN INDIA

Frederick, N. B., Dec. 24.—A telegram received by Mr. and Mrs. G. M. Machum of Devon, today announced that their daughter, Miss Grace Machum, formerly of Dundas, Ont., was married to a young man from India.

FIRE CAUSES \$10,000 DAMAGE TO DOLLAR SCHOOL IN MONTREAL

Montreal, Dec. 24.—Damage estimated at \$10,000 was done last night to the Dollar School when a fire started in the first floor of the building making its way clear up to the third floor.

A VOICE CRYING IN THE WILDERNESS



AERIAL POLICE BRING FLYING FUGITIVE TO GROUND; PLANE IS RIDDLED WITH BULLETS

New York, Dec. 21.—Canadian Press—A special dispatch from Minneapolis to the Tribune this morning says: Machine gun of an aeroplane manned by members of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police and private detectives, riddled a plane piloted by Joseph G. Gaudry, alleged to be a fugitive, near Winnipeg, and resulting in his capture. Minneapolis police learned today.

BRUTAL ATTACK ON AGED WOMAN

Brother Charged With Pouring Boiling Water Over Her.

Waukegan, Dec. 24.—Archibald Brown, aged 76, of Dunblane, is in the county jail here, charged with deliberately pouring boiling water over the head of his sister, Mrs. Isabella McNeill, who is 85 years old, and a widow. The charge was laid by Reeve George Jamieson of Saugeen Township.

MOTHER BURNS CHILD TO TEACH HIM NOT TO PLAY WITH FIRE

Des Moines, Ia., Dec. 24.—Singing her little son over a blazing newspaper to teach him not to play with fire was one of the methods of discipline used by Mrs. Merriman Lyman of Des Moines, according to testimony of her husband, Charles P. Lyman, in their divorce trial at Nevada.

MOUNTED POLICE RIDING SCHOOL DESTROYED BY FIRE; LOSS IS \$25,000

Regina, Sask., Dec. 24.—Fire from an unknown cause last night destroyed the riding school at the Royal Canadian Mounted Police barracks. The loss is estimated at \$25,000. It was only after a great effort that the fire was brought under control.

JURY UNABLE TO AGREE AT ARNSTEIN'S TRIAL

Washington, Dec. 24.—The jury in the case of Julius W. "Nicky" Arnstein and others reported to Justice Gould in it was unable to agree on a verdict after nineteen hours' deliberation.

C. N. R. WEEKLY EARNINGS

Ottawa, Dec. 24.—Canadian National Railway earnings for the week ending December 21, 1920, \$2,600,000; same week, 1919, \$1,842,000; January 1 to date, 1921, \$1,842,000; same period last year, \$1,842,000.

APPOINTED POSTMASTER

Ottawa, Dec. 24.—Canadian Postmaster General has appointed Miss Mabel Smith as postmistress at Mount Forest, Ont.

C. P. EARNINGS INCREASE

Montreal, Dec. 24.—C. P. Earnings for the week were \$1,454,000; increase of \$765,000.

CRIMES OF VIOLENCE ARE REPORTED FROM ALL PARTS COUNTRY

New York Times Is Scene of Holdup Today.

SALESMAN MURDERED

Jewelry Traveler's Trunks Are Missed After Killing.

New York, N. Y., Dec. 24.—The hope that New York's crime wave had begun to recede, engendered by an apparent lull in serious outbursts during the last two days, was smashed this morning when a holdup was staged in the Albany Hotel on Park avenue.

SHOOT BY THUGS

While Trying to Save Money

Highwaymen in Motor Car Attack E. J. Whitworth Near Hamilton.

VICTIM IS DYING

Well-Known Veterinary in Hamilton Hospital—No Hopes of Recovery.

WHISKEY STILL IN CHURCH BASEMENT

Sanford, Wash., Dec. 24.—Fire which broke out in a church of Sanford yesterday was caused by whiskey still which was in full operation in the basement.

DEMANDS CASH FOR FIVE YEARS' SALARY

Public Utilities Has To Foot the Bill.

STAFF TO RESCUE

Donations Received and Employee Turns Over Long Green to Charity.

NO CHRISTMAS TURKEY FOR INMATES OF JAIL

Ottawa, Dec. 24.—Canadian Press—Jail life is to be real punishment here tomorrow, when for the first time since the Carleton County battle was established there will be no Christmas turkey.

THE WEATHER

Following are the highest and lowest temperatures recorded in London during the 24 hours previous to 8 o'clock last night: Highest, 44; lowest, 27.

TOMORROW—COLDER, SNOW.

Forecast. Fresh west to northwesterly winds, colder tonight and on Saturday snow flurries.

FAMILY HAS HIGH HOPES THAT MISSING BALLOONIST SAFE

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D'ANNUNZIO AND FOLLOWERS TO BE SUBMITTED BY ORDER ITALIAN GOVERNMENT

Food Blockade Will Be Enforced to the Limit Against Poet-Soldier—Latest Proclamation Issued by D'Annunzio Urges People to Sacrifice Lives in Opposition to Rapallo Treaty.

London, Dec. 24.—Starvation is expected soon to bring to an end the state of war now existing between the "regency of Quarnaro" at Fiume and the Italian Government.

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ONE ALDERMANIC CANDIDATE MAY BE DISQUALIFIED

James H. Harley Was Listed As Deputy Returning Officer.

ONE ERROR IN LIST

Donald Menzies Will Be Labor Candidate for Education Board.

AVIATOR CONFIDENT THAT BALLOONISTS WILL BE LOCATED

Missing Men May Be Wounded and in Far North.

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