

FIVE PLAGUES IN WORLD IS VIEW OF POPE

Thirst for Pleasure and Hatred Among Brothers Two of Greatest.

SUGGESTS REMEDY FOR WORLD STATE

Dislike for Work One of the Things Troubling Modern World.

Rome, Dec. 26.—"The world is afflicted today by five great plagues," said Pope Benedict, replying to the greetings of the Sacred College, presented by Cardinal Vassallo, at a reception to the Pontiff.

The Pope enumerated them as: neglect of authority, hatred among brothers, thirst for pleasure, dislike for work, and forgetfulness of the supernatural objects of life. These evils can only be overcome with the aid of the Gospel, said the Pope, and therefore he would never cease to remind the people of it, this being his mission and his intention.

Rome Is Started.

News that Marquis Della Torretta, Italian minister at Vienna, participated in the official reception given by the papal nuncio in honor of the new president of the Austrian republic has created a considerable impression here, being the first time an Italian diplomat has officially recognized a representative of the Pontiff abroad.

"RED" RUSSIANS FREE NOW AFTER YEAR IN PRISON

Soviet Government Would Make No Terms With Canadian Powers.

Vancouver, B. C. Dec. 26.—W. C. Vanday, former prohibition commissioner for British Columbia, was sentenced to serve two years in the penitentiary in the spring of 1919, on a charge of having stolen government liquor.

Fourteen Russian deportees, ordered returned to Russia more than a year ago and detained at the penitentiary also have been given their liberty. It is stated that owing to the chaotic condition of government administration in Russia, the Canadian immigration authorities were unable to get the government to accept the responsibility for them on their return or to assist in deportation arrangements. The fourteen men were arrested as "revolutionaries" by the Royal Canadian Mounted Police here.

ANOTHER 100,000 MEN FOR TURKS

Cholera Reported in the Russian Camps Outside Constantinople.

Constantinople, Dec. 26.—The staff of Mustafa Kemal Pasha, the Nationalist leader, has decided to reinforce the Nationalist army on the Smyrna-Brous to 100,000 men for the purpose of an attack on the Greek forces.

Cholera has broken out in the Russian camp outside of Constantinople. The Allies have taken measures to prevent spread of the disease.

EDITOR BECOMES LIEUT. GOVERNOR

Ottawa, Dec. 26.—The appointment of Walter C. Nichol, proprietor of the Vancouver Province, as lieutenant-governor of British Columbia, was announced officially on Friday night.

FOUR BELOW AT HALIFAX
Halifax, N. S., Dec. 26.—Christmas Day was ushered in with a decided drop in the temperature. Last night was the coldest of the season, and at three o'clock on Christmas morning the mercury dropped to four below zero. There was a 26-mph gale blowing from the northwest, and coming after a week of mild weather, the cold was felt very much.

MONTREAL VERY COLD

Montreal, Dec. 26.—Zero weather was experienced in Montreal for the first time this winter on Christmas Day and the experience was repeated on Sunday. On the festival the thermometer registered five below zero. On Sunday the lowest point recorded at McGill University observatory was 7.5 below zero.

YOUNG GIRL IS DROWNED

St. John's, Nfld., Dec. 26.—Festivities at Christmas at Port De Grave were marred by a sad accident on Christmas Eve, the victim was a young girl, Fanny Patten, a housemaid in the Church of England parsonage. Her death was due to drowning.

MURDERED WHEN HE ANSWERED CALL OF WOMAN IN TROUBLE

Dressed Christmas Tree for His Kiddies Only a Few Minutes Earlier.

Vancouver, B. C. Dec. 26.—Within a few minutes after dressing a Christmas tree for his motherless children, John Knight Palmer was brutally icked to death on Christmas eve when, responding to a woman's cry for assistance, he intervened in a brawl in an adjoining suite. Wm. Hewlston and Amos McNutt are held on a charge of murder. The suite was occupied by Mr. and Mrs. McElroy, where Hewlston, McNutt and others were allegedly drinking.

FIVE THOUSAND C.N.R. WORKERS ARE LAID OFF

Silence in All the Shops for a Week to Reduce Expenses.

SHORTER TIME TO START ON RE-OPENING

But on April 1 the Shops Will Go Back to Full Time.

Moncton, N. B., Dec. 26.—For the first time in the history of government ownership and operation of railways in Canada this week will witness complete silence in all the shops at the various centres on the government system of railways in Canada. In a nutshell this means that about five thousand shopmen will take a week's enforced holiday and there will be no more work in the C. N. R. shops at Fort Rouge, Winnipeg, Strathcona, Leaside, Toronto, St. Malo, Que., River du Loup and Moncton than is actually necessary to keep the machinery in order for the resumption of operations on the third of January.

Wages Cut, Too.

In addition to the closing down of the C. N. R. shops for a week, there will also be a reduction of working hours from a forty-four to a forty-hour week when the temporary cessation from work terminates. The reduction in working hours lasts three months, from January 1 to April, and was mutually agreed upon between the management and men as preferable to laying off a percentage of the employees during the winter months.

OSCAR GLADU, M. P. FOR YAMASKA, DIES AFTER SHORT ILLNESS

Intimate Friend of Late Sir Wilfrid Laurier Dead in Montreal.

Montreal, Dec. 26.—After rallying to such an extent as to justify the physicians in thinking that there was a chance of recovery, Mr. Oscar Gladu, M. P. for Yamaska, died at one o'clock Christmas afternoon at the Dupont private hospital here. He has been ill for only a little over a week with general physical troubles. He was fifty years of age.

Mr. Gladu was a notary by profession but had of late years devoted all his time to politics. He was a devoted follower and an intimate friend of the late Sir Wilfrid Laurier.

WIDOW ENTERS HOME OF FORMER MONARCH

Athens, Dec. 26.—The seals were broken on the apartments of the late King Alexander today. Queen Sophie, Madame Lanes (King Alexander's widow) and an officer of the ministry of justice were present.

Juso Stavia has announced that he is now renouncing his alliance with Greece and will wait until the Allies have declared their policy.

LISTED STEAMER HAS BEEN RIGHTED

London, Dec. 26.—The British steamer "Clyde," which was reported in distress off the Newfoundland banks with a bad list, has been righted and is proceeding to Malmo, Sweden, according to a wireless message received at Liverpool from the steamer "Queen Louise," which had gone to the assistance of the former vessel.

GERMAN ARMY NOW ONLY 100,000 TROOPS

Berlin, Dec. 26.—The effective of the German army have been reduced to 100,000 in accordance with the Sime agreement with the Allies, it was officially announced today.

SINN FEINERS WRECK OFFICE OF NEWSPAPER

Cork "Examiner" Visited by Thirty Armed Men in Dangerous Raid.

TWO WHO ATTACK SOLDIERS KILLED

Christmas Day Rioting Leads to Three Being Wounded in Dublin.

Cork, Dec. 26.—Thirty armed men masked raiders ravaged the offices of the Cork "Examiner" Christmas Eve, wrecked parts of the building with explosives and set fire to the property. They escaped before the arrival of the police.

The fire was extinguished, but the other damage was very extensive.

Active Under Orders

The raiders, who wore civilian clothing, said they were acting under "orders of the Irish Republic." They forced their way through the front entrance, carrying sledge-hammers, with which they smashed two large panes. Cutting the telephone wires, they proceeded to place bombs and sticks of gelatin under the machines, some of which were blown to pieces.

The raiders remained twenty-five minutes. It is believed the attack was caused by the attitude of the Examiner on the recent pastoral letter issued by the Bishop of Cork.

Two Shot Dead

Dublin, Dec. 26.—Two men, who fired on the Crown forces today at Tralee, were shot dead by the military when they tried to escape. They had revolvers and "tom-dum" bullets in their possession.

Two civilians and one soldier were wounded here in disturbances over Christmas.

TOO COLD FOR ICE RACES AT FREDERICTON

Matched Race Had to be Postponed Because of the Poor Footing.

SIXTEEN DEGREES BELOW ZERO MARK

Many Arrests for Drunkenness Mar Christmas at the Capital.

Special to The Standard.

Fredricton, N. B., Dec. 26.—The weather man cut quite a big figure in curtailing some of the Christmas festivities in Fredericton. The weather became suddenly cold on Christmas Day about noon, the changes came in time to put a sudden end to outdoor festive and drove everybody inside, but it came too late to provide ice for public skating at the rink, although there was enough ice for hockey practice on Christmas night, and the curling had ice at their rink.

The annual curling match for the Coleman Cup, President John Nellis' rink led the vice-president's selections by 77 to 61.

Too Cold to Race.

Although the horsemen had plowed out a track near the highway bridge in anticipation of some matinee races on Christmas Day the sudden change to cold weather upset their plans.

When the gale reached the portions of a gale early in the afternoon the horsemen left the river. It was proposed to stage the matched race of E. O. McDonald's Linda Higgins and All Harold Young's Ilio Moments, 2:10.4, on Government House Lane, but the footing was unsuitable and the event had to be postponed until New Year's Day.

Sixteen Degrees Below.

Christmas night the weather got even colder and this morning the thermometers showed 16 degrees below zero, while the gale continued.

There were unusually large crowds of out of town shoppers in town on Christmas Eve and Fredericton merchants report their turkeys sold for 45 and 50 cents in the Christmas market. Christmas business was exceptionally satisfactory. There was evidence of liquor about town and the number of arrests was larger than usual and many of the prisoners had bottles of liquor, not only one bottle is said to have borne a prescription label.

For the first time in some years there was a midnight service on Christmas Eve, Rev. E. J. Conway, the new pastor of St. Anthony's Catholic church, visiting the custom.

There were large congregations at the Christmas service and the usual celebrations at the various public institutions.

WORLD NEWS TODAY

CANADA

Oscar Gladu, M. P. for Yamaska, Que., is dead.

The Rev. Dr. J. C. Antliffe, well known Methodist minister, expired suddenly at Montreal.

S. Lindsay, mail carrier near St. Stephen, N. B., is found dead on his mail route.

Dr. M. J. Whitworth is killed by motor bandits at Hall's Corners, near Hamilton, Ont.

Mother of two little girls kills her husband at Toronto on Christmas night in self defence, she alleges, because he threatened to kill her.

Vancouver man who went to rescue woman attacked by street thugs is beaten to death.

Five thousand U. S. R. employees are laid off for the week; when they resume work it will be on reduced hours.

UNITED STATES

The Forney emergency embargo bill will appear in the United States senate tomorrow.

New York police hold \$100,000 ball man believed to be nationwide leader of crime wave.

THE BRITISH ISLES

Office of the Cork Examiner is raided by thirty Sinn Feiners and much damage is done.

Two killed and three injured in Christmas fights in Dublin City.

EUROPE

The ex-empress of Germany is much worse again.

The army of Germany has been reduced to 100,000 men officials announce.

Fiume City, surrounded by the Italians, already feels the pinch of hunger.

MAIL CARRIER IS FOUND DEAD ON HIS ROUTE

George Lindsay Expires Near St. Stephen While Delivering the Mail.

HORSES STANDING GAVE THE ALARM

Animals Had Stopped at Box and Investigated Drunken Driver Dead in Seat.

Special to The Standard.

St. Stephen, N. B., Dec. 26.—Christmas brought special sorrow to the home of George Lindsay of Old Ridge, five miles from St. Stephen. Mr. Lindsay was mail carrier on route No. 4 from St. Stephen to Old Ridge and returns via Basswood Ridge and Heathland, about twenty-one miles.

Friday his mail was very heavy and it was after seven o'clock when he had covered the outward route and crossed at Katie's Corner to Basswood Ridge Road for the return trip to town.

Dead in the Seat.

Soon after seven o'clock his team was found stopped at a mail box and Mr. Lindsay dead in the seat, death having resulted from heart failure.

The body was brought to town and later taken home, where the funeral service was held this afternoon. Mr. Lindsay was fifty-four years of age and is survived by his wife, four sons and a daughter.

A cold wave, the first of the season, struck this section Christmas Eve and has since continued, the mercury registering from 8 to 12 below in different sections of the town last night.

Miss Stewart Dead.

The death occurred at the Cipman Hospital on Christmas Eve of Miss Jessie Stewart, adopted daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Silas Stewart of Old Ridge. Miss Stewart had not been well for some little time. She had a large circle of friends who will hear of her demise with much sorrow. The funeral will take place Monday afternoon.

Celibate Clergy Must Remain in Catholic Church Says Pope

Secret Consistory Denounces the Jeonots Who Seek Democratic Church Rule.

Rome, Dec. 26.—In the secret consistory on December 16 the Pope again denounced the schismatic association, known as the "Jeonots" in the Czechoslovakian Catholic church, which would never abolish or mitigate the law imposing celibacy on the clergy and would never introduce into church discipline such democratic forms as were asked by certain Czechoslovakian priests.

The Pontiff said that German priests who at first belonged to the "Jeonots" had later withdrawn from that organization and he expressed the hope that the Czechoslovakian clergy would do likewise.

DOCTOR SHOT TO DEATH BY TWO BANDITS

Defending His Till He Was Fatally Injured by Italian Assaulters.

ABANDONED AUTO CLUE TO CRIME

Forty Dollars Was All That Pair Got for Slaughter of Veterinary.

Hamilton, Ont., Dec. 26.—Dr. M. J. Whitworth, veterinary surgeon of Hall's Corner, Wentworth County, Ont., who was shot by two motor bandits last Thursday night while trying to defend the till in the office from being rifled by the bandits, died in the General Hospital here on Christmas Day. He was forty-eight years of age and single.

Shortly before his death, Dr. Whitworth made a statement, it is said, to James Clark, Chief of Police of Wentworth County, and said the bandits were Italians, about twenty-one years of age, one of them of medium height, and the other short, and both wearing dark suits and peak caps.

Find Abandoned Auto

Chief Clerk found an abandoned automobile in Mohawk Park, Brantford, on Friday and believes it is the one used by the two slayers of Dr. Whitworth. Just previous to the shooting the two suspects had obtained gasoline from a Hall's Corner garage. They entered the veterinary's office ostensibly to pay for the gas, and at once began to rob the till. Dr. Whitworth gave battle. Then one of the bandits shot him while the other emptied the till. Forty dollars was taken.

WANTS MORE PAY TO SECURE BEST MEN FOR POLICE

Chicago's Police Chief Wants Expenditure of Additional \$3,000,000 on Force.

FEW MEN BUT BETTER SALARIES

Declares City is Safer With Men Paid "Decent Living Wages."

Chicago, Dec. 26.—Chief of Police Fitzmorris has sent a letter to the city council asking that the police department's payroll be increased by about \$3,000,000 annually so that "the men responsible for the safety of Chicago's citizens would receive a decent, living wage and not be likely to give in to the temptations of bribe offers to which they necessarily are subjected."

Chief Fitzmorris does not ask for more men, explaining that he could "do more to stop crime in Chicago with a moderate sized, but well paid force than with a large force which was under-paid."

EMBARGO BILL UP TOMORROW

Keen Battle in U. S. Senate is Expected Over Measure.

Washington, Dec. 26.—The open clash in the Senate on the emergency tariff bill, which passed the House last week is expected tomorrow. Blocked by the Democrats last week, the Republicans plan for tomorrow another effort to refer the measure to the finance committee. Senator Harrison of Mississippi, and other Democrats opposing the bill, plan to use every parliamentary tactic in their power to play for time.

Prospects are that there will be a much more solid Democratic line-up against tariff legislation in the Senate than in the House and Republican leaders accordingly plan to forego formal hearings before the committee and hasten action in other ways. The majority leaders concede privately that interminable debate in the Senate is in prospect and see slight possibility of obtaining the necessary two-thirds vote to invoke closure.

GEORGE R. ELLIS DEAD

Toronto, Dec. 26.—George R. Ellis, of this city, well known in municipal circles, is dead. He was a native of St. John's, Nfld., and was a son of the late Wm. Henry Ellis, M.P.

Peace Commissioners Have Fatal Conflict At The Conference

Bulgar Colonel Killed Serbian General and Then Took His Own Life.

Buda Pest, Dec. 26.—During a meeting of the commission appointed to delimit the Serb-Bulgar frontier a quarrel broke out and a Bulgarian colonel killed the Serbian general, who presided, says a Sofia dispatch today. The colonel then committed suicide.

Fiume City To Fight To Last Against Italy

Mayor Implores Every Citizen to Adopt the "No Surrender" Policy.

REFUSES NEGOTIATIONS WITH THE ITALIANS

D'Annunzio Given Great Reception Wherever He Goes.

Trieste, Dec. 26.—Riccardo Giganteo mayor of Fiume, has addressed a proclamation to the people of the city inciting them to extreme resistance and announcing that he takes upon himself the responsibility for shedding blood.

Late reports from Fiume say the work of putting the city into a state of defence is going on feverishly. All foreigners have been asked to leave within three days in order to diminish consumption of the necessities of life. Theatres must close at 10 p.m., while circulation in the streets at night is prohibited.

Cut Off Italians.

Fiume, Dec. 26.—Captain Gabriele D'Annunzio, has refused to receive any further communication from the Italian officials outside of Fiume, either oral or written, considering that hostilities have begun. Whenever the post or the "commander," as he is called here, moves, trumpets blow while his march "Eja Eja Alla Italia" resounds.

Most of D'Annunzio's time is occupied by individual and was counselling and in issuing proclamations and addresses to what he describes as his "loyal population of Fiume." The people here have declared themselves in favour of the "commander," as he is called here, moves, trumpets blow while his march "Eja Eja Alla Italia" resounds.

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REV. DR. ANTLIFFE DIES SUDDENLY

On Way Home from Christmas Re-union When Stricken in Street.

Montreal, Dec. 26.—With startling suddenness a death came on Saturday afternoon to the Rev. James Cooper Antliffe, D.D., a well known Methodist minister in this city, who had 45 years standing in the ministry of this country, as well as a few years in England. He participated in a happy family reunion on Christmas Day in Westmount and when walking home was seen to be ill on Tupper street and was assisted to his home on 45 St. Mark street. There he went to bed and before a doctor could arrive he passed away. The cause of death was heart failure. He was born Feb. 1, 1844, at Huddersfield, England.

"DRYS" WIN FIGHT IN DUTCH HOUSE

Increase Internal Revenue Tax on Spirits 150 Per Cent. Now.

The Hague, Dec. 26.—"Dry" forces have succeeded in putting through the Dutch parliament, after a hard fight, a law increasing the internal revenue on spirits 150 per cent. after January 1. As the present tax amounts to approximately 1.20 guilders a litre on gin manufactured in Holland and 2.50 guilders a litre on imported whiskey, cognac, etc., the effect of the increase according to the "drys" will be to make spirits practically prohibitive for the poor. The beer tax increase is not expected to change the price materially.

BABIES SAW MOTHER KILL THEIR DADDY

Grief-Stricken Woman Tells Police Husband Threatened to Murder Her.

GRABBED KNIFE TO COMMIT THE CRIME

In Scuffle to Save Life from Drunken Husband He Was Stabbed to Death.

Toronto, Dec. 26.—Black tragedy drove the Christmas spirit out of the home of George Adams in this city Saturday evening.

Instead of the peace and good will and merry making that should have brightened the Adams household, murder threw its terrible shadow over the home, and the day of all days to children closed with two little tots of girls left fatherless and their mother dragged off to the police station on a charge of murder.

Just about the hour when the kiddies should have been retiring after a day of delight with toys and candies and everything that goes to make Christmas the one great festival of the year, Clara and Elizabeth Adams were frightened and puzzled at the awful thing that had happened. Their father was lying dead in a pool of his own blood. Their mother was distractedly crying aloud in an agony of mind until, in sheer desperation she fled from the house shouting at the top of her lungs:

"Daddy's Dead"

Later, when police officers arrived at the Adams residence to place the wife of the dead man Isabella Adams, under arrest, the elder of the two, Clara, six years of age, sobbingly told them "Daddy's dead." She and her three year old sister, Elizabeth were the only witnesses to the tragedy beyond their mother.

The story of the affair is pretty much a repetition of the old, old story of drink ending in crime.

According to Mrs. Adams' story, as told by the police, she killed her husband in self-defence. She said he had been out Christmas evening and returned home about 8:30, the worse of liquor. She and the two children were in the kitchen at the time, and her husband seemed to be in an ugly mood. He threatened to beat her, according to her account of the crime: "I'll give you just five minutes to get out of the house and take the children with you."

Attacked by Husband

Mrs. Adams said she replied to this that she would not go. Her husband thereupon reached out to the kitchen table on which was a knife, seized it in his right hand and, declaring that he would cut her throat, made a dash at her. She caught hold of the knife handle and turned it towards his breast. The blade was keen and entered his ribs, severing an artery over the heart. Adams fell dead at her feet.

Realizing what she had done Mrs. Adams was seized with a paroxysm of grief and rushed out to the street, crying aloud.

Called the Police

Herbert Groves whose home is near the Adams' above 55 Orlor Avenue, heard and saw Mrs. Adams and telephoned to the Keele Street police station. Inspector Duncan and Detective Alexander responded to the call and placed Mrs. Adams under arrest. She spent Christmas night in the police station, there being no hall for her. The two little girls were taken by Mr. Groves to his own home at 59 Orlor Avenue, where they were cared for.

Adams was forty years of age and had been employed at the stockyard in the West End of the city for many years. His wife is 29 years of age. Mrs. Adams told the police that her husband had been the worse of liquor more than once last week and had threatened her on each occasion.

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