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CHRISTMAS
"This is a beautiful Christmas."
These words were spoken by the secretary of the Associated Charities in this city, and had reference to the efforts put forth by churches and other organizations to make Christmas a day of pleasure and comfort for the poor. It is a pleasing thought that such a spirit prevails, and that there is much giving of the substantial sort, which does not merely please but affords actual relief from necessity. As the Times has observed, there is difficulty in getting at some of the most deserving cases of poverty, because of a natural pride and reticence, which does not like the word "charity." On the other hand there are the underserving who are forever seeking, and who perhaps get too much. Between the two it is difficult to make a fair distribution and relieve all wants, but on the whole Christmas beneficence is well directed.
The Times, in extending to all its readers best wishes for the happy season, trusts that all will find pleasure and a real sense of vital human fellowship in the observance of the festival.

PEACE AND WAR
The advocates of universal peace are perhaps a little impatient because that which they and all sane persons so much desire is not nearer accomplishment. There is really no reason for discouragement. The spiritual forces which have been at work through the centuries, slowly but surely leading the human race out of darkness into light, are operative still; but they cannot be hastened by the passage of resolutions at a peace conference. That which will bring about universal peace is a radical change in individual human nature. It will reveal itself first in the relations of man to man in everyday life, and when it is sufficiently pronounced in that relation it will extend to international affairs. It is useless to cry peace when there is no peace, and to talk of peace or good-will between nations when it does not exist between individuals. The world will tomorrow commemorate the birth of One who was called the Prince of Peace. When the world has adopted the principles for which He lived and died; when churches cease to wrangle and the nations accept the doctrine of human brotherhood, there will be no need of armies and navies. But before that happy time arrives there may yet be great wrongs to right, and great wars to be waged. "The mills of the gods grind slowly."

ABOUT DREDGING
The fact that the government is spending a considerable sum of money in dredging at St. John, the chief winter port of Canada, is sometimes referred to as if the port were highly favored, and under a special compliment to somebody, because this national work is being done. In this connection St. John people will read with interest a statement of what is being done in the St. Lawrence. We quote from the Montreal Star:—
"The work of improving the ship channel of the St. Lawrence has progressed during the past season of navigation in a very satisfactory way, and a large amount of dredging was done between Montreal and Quebec and also below Quebec. The work has been going on for a number of years now and the object is to give an available channel thirty feet deep from Montreal to Father Point, a distance of 240 miles in all. In order to get this thirty-foot depth, seventy miles of the channel required dredging and at the end of the last season fifty-six out of the seventy were finished, while during the past season four more were completed, leaving only ten miles to dredge yet. The reason of the comparatively small extent of ground being covered this year was the fact that some of the dredges were working in shale rock at summer, where the progress is of necessity slow. The work this season started on the first of May and ended on the 29th of November. The department of marine and fisheries had during this time six elevator dredges at work between Montreal and Quebec and the hydraulic dredge, J. Israel Tarte in Lake St. Peter, while below Quebec the Galveston, or No. 9, was working. The new dredge Beaujeu, built during the year by the department, was completed and also worked below Quebec for about ten days."

EXIT MR. BARNES
One of the least conspicuous members of an inconspicuous government has been invited to step aside in the hope of saving the rest. Hon. Mr. Barnes, in the smooth phrase of Premier Robinson—or is it of Dr. Pugsley—"has informed me that he desires to withdraw from politics, as he has been in the field for many years;" but "the government hopes to have the benefit of his experience in carrying out his colonization policy and the development of the coal mining industry."
This is the sugar-coating of the pill. Mr. Barnes is not a retiring man. It was but the other day his forward movement carried him into the government. But since he must now go it is perhaps proper that his descent to lucrative office under the government be smoothed with gracious words.
It must have been a great shock to the premier and all concerned to have the whole story told in yesterday's Telegraph. Even the Sun must have been impelled to sit up and take notice.
Of course the only reason of the sacrifice of Mr. Barnes—or, rather, the creation of an office for him—is the fact that the situation in Kent is hopeless, and the government is trying to patch up matters in the hope that the tide may turn. Mr. Barnes has shown no special capacity for colonization work and is simply being shelved because there was no other satisfactory method of getting him out of the government and out of the way in Kent county. The Robinson government is on the run.

THE FUTURE FARMER
It is a long step from the crude agricultural methods of the pioneers, who, with primitive implements, wrung a bare subsistence from the virgin soil of Canada, to the modern system of farming in those sections which are most advanced and progressive.
A remarkable illustration of this statement is found in a communication sent by an Ontario farmer to Hon. Adam Beck, in relation to the distribution of power from Niagara Falls. The writer of the letter is Mr. J. A. Webster, of Sparta, Ont., who suggests a means by which farmers might be supplied with power through the medium of the transportation companies. We quote a portion of the communication:—
"The Southwestern Traction Company will likely secure its power from Niagara, and, as it will serve our section, I trust you will see that farmers may obtain electric power, light, heat, etc., from it at fair rates.
"I am at present considering the purchase of an automobile truck, of about five tons capacity, to do my general farm teaming. I intend that the truck shall carry its load and haul wagons, as any steam traction engine would do. I shall also be capable of doing my heavy farm work of plowing and cultivating, seeding and cropping.
"Here is where the coming farmers may use electric power as well as for stationary work, such as threshing, grinding grain, and sawing wood. At present I shall have to purchase gas power, but in the future I may want electric power. Street railways and traction companies serving the public should be required to supply the public with power at fair rates under government supervision. This should apply to anyone obtaining Niagara power and in a position to serve the public."
When the farmers use electric power, and perhaps utilize airships to convey their produce to market, a new set of problems will confront the legislators, possibly quite as serious as that of providing passable highways for the farmers of today.

A GAME OF BLUFF
In an interview in the Sun this morning Dr. Pugsley announces that he is ready to discuss that matter of the corruption fund of 1904 with Mr. Borden either in parliament or elsewhere. He also says that his statements have not been denied either by Mr. Borden "or the gentlemen in this province." Montreal, who were cognizant of the fact.
The time and place for Dr. Pugsley to have spoken was when he was challenged in the house by Mr. Kemp. He has been urged to make his statements in such a way that they can be dealt with, but has failed to do so. While inviting a libel suit he has carefully avoided making a single statement on which any man could base such a suit.
The oftener Dr. Pugsley returns to this subject without naming names and making specific charges the more convinced the public becomes that he is playing a game of bluff. It is worth while to recall once more the Globe's observations concerning the late Mr. Tarte:—
"It is to his credit that he never gave away the secrets of his party to his new friends, and never scandalized the old ones by any discoveries or theatrical announcements in or out of parliament."

Both sides claim the Centre York election. Even if the liberal has won it is by so small a majority that the result is a further indication of the waning power of the Laurier government.

Santa Claus has been very good to Mr. Barnes, of Kent. He brought that gentleman a toboggan.
Harold White, son of Col. G. R. White, came home yesterday on the Boston train to spend the holidays with his parents.

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All alone.
A was stocking droops from the mantel
And the dust of a decade is there;
There's a shoe, and of pudding a cantle,
And a chair.
Time was when a laugh in the hallway
A half-mothered chirp on the stair,
Would have startled the Little Old Mother
From her care.
But time in its coming and going,
Like a coming and going of snow,
Effaced the chirp and the laughter
Long ago.
And with her tokens and seeming
At Noel-tide, bereft of her own,
The Little Old Mother sits dreaming
All alone.

CHEERFULNESS
If any little word of mine
May make a life the brighter,
If any little song of mine
May make a heart the lighter,
God help me speak the little word
And take my bit of singing
And drop it in some lonely vale,
To set the echoes ringing.

PURPOSE-IN LIFE
I live for those who love me,
For those that know me true,
For the heaven that smiles above me,
And waits my coming too;
For the cause that needs assistance,
For the wrongs that need resistance,
For the future in the distance,
For the good that I can do.

MY PRAYER
(Lurana W. Sheldon, in N. Y. Times.)
Long, long ago, when all was new,
Life seemed so sweet, so grand, so true,
Alas! I lost this faith no dear,
O bring it back, O bring it back, O bring it back, Dear Yuletide Gay.
In youth my veins ran warm with fire,
And all earth thrilled with sweet desire,
When ripest age had thrilled my breast
With life's foreboding, and I knew,<
I knew I loved and was loved by me—
O, bring it back, Sweet Christmas Gleam.
The years are shorter as I go
Along the fields I used to sow;
A fair content would ease my way—
O, give it me, Sweet Christmas Day!

IN LIGHTER VEIN
RIVALS GOSSIPING CIRCLES
Mrs. Bronson—Well, where did that bit of gossip come from? From the sewing circle?
Mrs. Woodson—No, indeed, it came from my husband's wrist, club on the 433.

NO SHOW AT ALL.
Charley—Your father seems to have gotten over his dislike for me.
Carrie—Yes. When we first met they were afraid it might lead me to something. DON'T BUY WHEN YOU SHOP.
Mrs. Wyatt—Do you think Mrs. Just will make a good shop?
Miss Wise—No; often when she's out shopping she forgets herself and buys something.

THE DIFFERENCE.
Jennie—He has promised to give me every dollar he earns.
Harry—You're up against it. He has a political job. He gets it, but he doesn't earn it.

MEAN OF HER.
Reggy—I was aw—out late last night, and the aw—wasn't I had a head on me, this morning, doncher know?
Peggy—Well, if I were you I'd stay out late every night.

THE UNEMPLOYED
Many of Them Are Also Unemployable and Should Have Remained at Home.
(The Shareholder.)
The financial stringency which prevails in this country, has, as I frankly admit, led many of our large employers to take in sail until the present tightness in the money market is relieved. Those who are not alive to the country's interests, but seek to influence political or personal objects, are making every effort to injure the country and prejudice would-be emigrants from other countries against making Canada their home. If they succeed in keeping away the undesirable classes they will do well, but if, in addition thereto, they prevent from coming hither the desirable classes, they are doing their country a great injustice. While it is true that there are more out of employment this winter than in former years, much of this is due to the fact that many of this year's immigrants are not not only unemployed, but are, at the same time, unemployable. They are not accustomed to work, and will not work. Many of those brought out this year should have remained at home. Had they done so it would have been a benefit to this country. They were not wanted here and the country would do much better without them. But as to the better class of immigrants, those who are not only able but willing to work, we question very much that any number of them are without work. The class that is without work is that which, on their arrival here, make for the public house. As winter approaches these make their way to the cities and swell the number of unemployed.

It is expected that the annual overhauling of the Boston will be completed about Jan. 15th. It is rumored that the ship will then relieve the Prince Rupert on the Digby-St. John run—Yarmouth Glaces, Dec. 20.

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