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D'ANNUNZIO PROCLAIMS STATE OF WAR

POST OFFICE STAFF ENDURING LARGE QUOTE OF CHRISTMAS
WORKING OVERTIME, CLERKS KEEP UP WITH LARGEST HOLIDAY RUSH IN HISTORY OF POST OFFICE—THOUSANDS OF EXTRA STAMPS SOLD TO LONDONERS.

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CRIME WAVE HITS MONTREAL, HOLDUPS BECOMING COMMON

Highwaymen Failed in an Attempt to Rob Man and Wife.

Montreal, Dec. 23.—The holdup crime wave has begun to affect Montreal, and last night Rob Rabinovitch of 222 Ontario street west, who had just stepped, with his wife, into the courtyard of the Berthelet apartments, where he lives, when three men jumped on him, ordering him to hand over his money. He gave them a few dollars, and they left. The woman was not hurt, and the man was not injured. The woman was not hurt, and the man was not injured.

REVISED EDITION BURKE'S PEERAGE

Re-issue Is Made After Break of Four Years.

London, Dec. 23.—Canadian Associated Press.—The revised edition of Burke's Peerage, which has been out of print for four years, is now being reissued. The new edition contains many changes, including the names of many new peers and the names of many old peers who have died. The new edition contains many changes, including the names of many new peers and the names of many old peers who have died.

WILL RETAIN MILITIA WORKERS FOR WINTER

OTTAWA, Dec. 22.—In view of the unemployment situation, the militia department has decided to retain the last remaining members of the Canadian Expeditionary Force, who are still on duty at headquarters and military districts. A small number of these men are engaged in clerical work at Ottawa, and the department has decided to retain them for the winter.

A "GREEN" CHRISTMAS

The possibility of a "green" Christmas is looming on the horizon, and has already been the topic for the oldtimers of the district, who recall rare Yuletide seasons of the past when such was the case. A few veteran citizens discussed the possibility on the market this morning, and one of them said: "It might not be a green Christmas, but it will be a dry one. Others present disagreed with him, and regretted their lack of diplomacy when he said that he was calling on them for some Christmas cheer."

POET PROCLAIMS CITIZENS FROM LEAVING FIORE

D'Annunzio Proclaims State of War.
SEVERE RESTRICTIONS
Any Person Speaking Against Him Liable To Be Shot.

London, Dec. 23.—An official dispatch from Fiume states D'Annunzio has proclaimed that a state of war exists, and he has forbidden the population of Fiume to leave the city, says a Rome dispatch to the Exchange Telegraph. D'Annunzio's proclamation of a state of war adds that anyone speaking against him will be liable to be shot, the Central News agency correspondent says.

ITALIAN GOVERNMENT STARTS CAMPAIGN AGAINST D'ANNUNZIO

London, Dec. 23.—Military operations have been begun by the Italian Government troops against forces in and about Fiume, commanded by Capt. Gabriele D'Annunzio, who refuses to evacuate the city and permit Italy to put into operation the provisions of the treaty of Rapallo. Dispatches received here state that military works along the line marking the frontier of the "Regency of Quarnero" have been raised, and an Italian destroyer is said to have shelled D'Annunzio's batteries on the island of Veglia, southwest of Fiume.

An attempt on the part of D'Annunzio to seize control of the Montenegro Canal, running down the Adriatic coast, has been foiled, Men dispatched to Trieste, northeast of Zara, a point which commands the southern entrance to the canal, were forced to retreat, and the Italian government forces, which it had been acting as a check on the regular army, are said to have fled from that city.

ITALIAN REGULARS PUT D'ANNUNZIO'S ARDIT TO FLIGHT

Encounter Takes Place Between Rival Forces At Jeleno.

London, Dec. 23.—An encounter between Italian regulars and D'Annunzio's legionaries is reported to have taken place at Jeleno, 10 miles from Fiume, says a dispatch to the London Times from Trieste. One regular soldier was killed and two were wounded.

THOUSANDS SEEKING CHARITY IN TORONTO

Unemployment Situation in Queen City Is Serious.

Toronto, Dec. 23.—The central relief station reports today that 18,000 individuals in the city of Toronto have asked for charity to tide them over "present desperate conditions in which they find themselves." It is officially announced that the unemployment situation in the city is "extremely serious."

DEPARTMENTS OF ARMY AND NAVY ASKED TO REDUCE ESTIMATES

London, Dec. 23.—Estimates submitted by the army and navy departments have been returned by Mr. Lloyd George, as chairman of the cabinet's finance committee, and he has instructed the departments to reduce their figures by more than one half, says the Daily Mail.

MONTEAL FIREMEN INJURED

Montreal, Que., Dec. 23.—Firemen LePrieur and Capt. Arthur Ferron were injured, and Fireman A. Langelier had a leg broken, when they were fighting a fire which destroyed the premises of a wine company on St. James street last night. The fire started in the basement of the building, and the firemen were fighting it for several hours before it was brought under control.

HE FOLLOWED HIM UP AND HE'LL FOLLOW HIM DOWN

JAMES CHRISTMAS REPEATS WILL CONSIST OF SOUP AND VEGETABLES
Roast Pork Used To Be On the Bill of Fare.
BUT NOT ANY MORE

Christmas cheer for the 40 or 50 incarcerated of established society who will spend the holiday in the Middlesex county jail will not be very bright. The prisoners are not allowed to have any extra food, and the only food they are allowed to have is the food that is served to the prisoners. The prisoners are not allowed to have any extra food, and the only food they are allowed to have is the food that is served to the prisoners.

FIFTY UNFORTUNATES WILL SPEND HOLIDAY BEHIND WALLS OF BASTILLE

Most of the prisoners are, of course, offenders against the law. Some of them were not very drunk when arrested, and in the old days would have been sent to the workhouse. But now they are sent to the jail, and they will spend the holiday behind the walls of the Bastille.

CONSTANT STREAM OF NOMINEES FOR PUBLIC OFFICE INVADERS THE SANCTUM OF CITY CLERK BAKER TO FILL OUT QUALIFICATION PAPERS

With the possible exception of the public utilities commission there is no other office in the city of London where a constant stream of nominees for public office invades the sanctum of City Clerk Baker to fill out qualification papers.

QUITE SO, QUITE SO!

Constable William Middleaugh was giving evidence in court today in an effort to convict a man of gambling. The man was charged with gambling, and the constable was giving evidence in court today in an effort to convict him.

BOOZE BANDITS SECURE SUPPLY FROM CELLAR OF BRANTFORD TP. FARMER

Brantford, Dec. 23.—Two masked men last night held up Ira Baker in his home in Brantford Township while a third party went into the cellar and removed seven cases of whiskey, a legal shipment, which Mr. Baker had secured. The robbery was reported to the police about 8 o'clock last night.

STATE DEPARTMENT TAKES EXCEPTION TO EMBASSY'S NOTE TO U. S. SENATOR

Washington, Dec. 23.—The United States State Department has taken exception to a note from the British embassy in London, which was sent to the U. S. senator. The note was sent to the U. S. senator, and the State Department has taken exception to it.

U. S. VETERANS OPPOSE MENNONITES MOVING INTO MISSISSIPPI

Jackson, Miss., Dec. 23.—Officers of the Mississippi branch of the American Legion announced here last night that they will immediately file a protest with the authorities at Washington against the immigration to Mississippi of a large number of Mennonites from Canada. The Mennonites are being encouraged to move to Mississippi, and the U. S. veterans are opposing it.

MURDERED CANADIAN SOLDIER NOT FROM THIS DISTRICT, NO RECORD OF MAN CAN BE FOUND

Dan Cleary, Found Dead Near Grosse Point With Bullets in Head and Body—Class A Button and Identification Number 103510.

Windsor, Dec. 23.—Canadian Press.—Dan Cleary, believed by the Detroit police to have been a Canadian soldier stationed at London, Ont., was found dead this morning on the Seven Mile road near Grosse Point with a bullet through the temple and six shots in the body. He was wearing a blue suit with a white stripe and a brown overcoat. On the body were found a Class A button and identification No. 103510.

SEEKING POLITICAL ALLIANCE TO SAVE GOVT. OF MANITOBA

Meighen Will Be Asked To Go To Winnipeg To Assist.

Toronto, Dec. 23.—The Toronto Star has the following special dispatch from Winnipeg: "Feeling that the Government of Manitoba is in danger of the Labor-Farmer alliance, following the failure to agree to a tentative working arrangement which spells security for the Norris Government at the caucus last night, the Conservatives in the Legislature are seeking a political alliance with the Government of Ontario. Premier Meighen is to be asked to go to Winnipeg to assist."

THREE CANDIDATES IN MAYORALTY CONTEST IN MOUNTAIN CITY

Labour Member of Parliament Among Aspirants.

Hamilton, Dec. 23.—Municipal nominations are being held today, and three candidates are expected to run for mayor. The candidates are expected to run for mayor, and the nominations are being held today.

CLOSER FRIENDSHIP BETWEEN PROVINCES

Quebec, Dec. 23.—In an interview here today on his return from Ottawa, Hon. J. E. Carson said: "I observed in my friends of Ontario, and in my friends of Quebec, a closer friendship between the provinces. There is no hostility between them, and there is no hostility between them."

CURRENT LOANS IN CANADA DECREASING

Bank Statement for November Shows a Decided Slump.

IRISH RAILWAYMEN TO BE REINSTATED

British Government Agrees to Workers Returning to Jobs.

ACCIDENTALLY SHOTS HIMSELF

Quebec, Dec. 23.—Nelson Canin, aged 25 years, a brakeman on the Quebec Bridge in St. John's, was shot to death at his home yesterday, while he was preparing to go out. It is supposed that the young man reached for his rifle, which was beside his bed, and that it accidentally discharged.