

The Standard Extends To All Its Readers Its Very Best Wishes For A Merry Christmas and A Happy and Prosperous New Year

CHRISTMAS MESSAGE TO CANADIANS

Premier Borden and Sir Ed. Edward Kemp Send Greetings to Men in Khaki.

PLAYED A GREAT PART IN THE WAR

After Many Years Celebrate This Christmas Season Dawn of Honorable and Durable Peace.

PAYS TRIBUTE TO MEMORY OF DEAD

Urges Men Who Proved Themselves Best of Soldiers to Prove Best of Citizens on Return to Canada.

London, Dec. 23. (Canadian Associated Press)—Premier Borden's Christmas message to the troops is published through the Canadian Daily Record as follows:

"To all Canadians in France and Britain I send warm Christmas greetings. Their irrevocable valor and determination have enabled them to play a great part, especially in the last hundred days in the struggle which has happily come to conclusion in the triumph of right and justice.

"After many weary years, we celebrate this Christmas season in the dawn of an honorable, and I trust a durable peace. In our rejoicing let us not fail to recall the evocative memory of the sons of Canada who made the last sacrifice that civilization and Christianity might endure. They have passed into eternal peace, but let us pray that their unselfish and devoted spirit may animate all true Canadians in the days to come, to the end that we may build worthily—and not for ourselves alone, but for future generations as well—the trust which our heritage has imposed on us.

"I am glad to think that this Christmas, for the first time in five years, we may sincerely and joyfully wish one another a happy and even a merry Christmas. At the same time our thoughts turn in sad memory to those friends and comrades who gave all that peace and goodwill should come to men on earth this Christmas. They have not died in vain, however. In vain far beyond any material advantages that may result from the victorious conclusion of the war is the firm establishment in the world of those high ideals, in the spirit of which we have been fighting and working for the last four years, namely, the ideals of democracy, brotherhood and friendship, of mutual understanding and co-operation in the lives of men and nations.

"As you proved yourselves in those long years of war to be the best of soldiers, so when the time comes, I hope I shall find you to be the best of citizens. Before many months of the new year have run their course, I hope you will all once again be safely home in Canada. I can wish you nothing better."

Ottawa, Dec. 23.—Major General Hon. S. C. Mowbray, minister of militia and defence has sent the following Christmas message to the Canadian troops overseas:

"On behalf of your comrades in Canada, I have the proud privilege of sending Christmas greetings this year to a victorious Canadian army, occupying the territory of a conquered foe. Last year you looked back upon a year of desperate, if glorious fighting, and forward to a doubtful issue, for the enemy was known to have gained new strength and to be meditating a tremendous blow against us. Today you can look back upon a year in which the British arms bore adversity with fortitude, refused to respond when things were at their darkest, returned to the offensive at the critical moment and in three months of fighting such as the world had never seen before won a victory unexampled alike for the glory won and for the service rendered by it for humanity.

From Nine to Twelve Months Before Australian and New Zealand Troops Home

Melbourne, Dec. 23.—It will take from nine to twelve months before the Australian and New Zealand troops will be ready for transportation from Europe to Australia, according to an announcement made in the federal house of representatives. A scheme has been devised whereby the soldiers will be trained in agriculture and manufacture during that period.

RECEPTION AND PRESENTATION TO SOLDIER

Campobello Tendered Hearty Welcome to Sergt. Carson, Just Returned from Prison Camp.

Campobello, ec. 23.—On Monday last Sergt. Charles W. Carson, who enlisted in the 6th Mounted Rifles and was taken a prisoner of war on June 2nd, 1916, and has been in the prison camps since, arrived home. A committee for reception of returned soldiers was previously formed, consisting of Rev. G. E. Tobin, Everett Parker, Hazen Carson, Arthur Mitchell and John F. Calder. On Saturday evening Sergt. Carson was tendered a reception, Mr. Arthur Mitchell presiding. Rev. Mr. Tobin gave an address.

The young ladies sang patriotic selections. A wash bearing the inscription, "Presented to Sergt. C. W. Carson, C. E. F., by the Citizens of Campobello, N.B.," was presented by John F. Calder. Mr. Carson gratefully acknowledged the receipt of the present and for the first time in five years he appeared before an audience by accounts of his experiences in the prison camps.

N. S. TO GIVE XMAS BONUSES

Executive Gives Notice to Beneficiaries Under the Patriotic Fund of Gift.

Halifax, Dec. 23.—The Executive of the Patriotic Fund in Nova Scotia have notified the representatives of the Patriotic Fund throughout the province to pay \$5 extra, as a Christmas bonus, to all families of soldiers connected with the fund. This action will mean the payment of \$16,000 extra to beneficiaries of the fund. The committee have the funds, and they decided that this was a good way to use part of them. So far as known the similar action has been taken in other provinces.

The trouble at the gas works in this city is, it appears, only indirectly connected with the bad coal. The real trouble began last week when the men at the works went out on strike, demanding higher wages. The company secured all the men they needed to take the place of the strikers, but they were not skilled, and it is taking time to break them to the work, keeping the retorts and pipes in proper condition to produce a sufficient supply. The result was that today the city was without gas, for most of the day, and the restaurants and newspapers, and many private houses, depending on it, were in a bad way. The gas came on in good supply tonight, but what may happen tomorrow the company are not in a position to say. They don't know.

TORONTO BOY BESTS BURGLAR

Fourteen Year Old Lad Compels Thief to Give up Jewelry and Other Valuables.

Toronto, Dec. 23.—Citizens and police are today acclaiming fourteen-year-old James Russel McLeod, a son of Mr. and Mrs. G. B. McLeod, of this city, who, although knocked unconscious by a daring burglar, last night recovered himself and in turn held the burglar and made him turn over jewelry and other articles of value and still covering his man with a small rifle, spurned for help. Before the arrival of a neighbor, however, the burglar made his get-away with about \$20 in cash which the boy did not know he had secured. The lad's parents were at church at the time.

RESEARCH WORK IN FISH INDUSTRY

Council Cooperating With Department of Mines to Publish Bulletin on Stone.

MONTEREAL JEWEL THIEVES HAVE MADE ESCAPE

Rubies and Emeralds to Value of \$100,000 Secured by Robbers at Michaelson & Sons.

Montreal, Dec. 23.—The police are working on the theory that a stranger who called at the office last week claiming that he was representing a Philadelphia house was a "blind," and that his real mission was to see the arrangements and the stocks so as to know when to make a raid on the office.

The firm has been in business here for a month only and the office had not been completely arranged. Diamonds with some rubies and emeralds to the cost value of \$75,000 and worth upwards of \$100,000 today were the big haul made by robbers who blew open the safe at the office of L. L. Michaelson and Sons, 8th floor, East-10 city detectives under Inspector Harry Cowan locating the office.

"PEOPLE'S HOUSE" LEADER SANE?

Dr. Jewett Says Ellis B. Jones is Sane, But "He Has Done the Most Insane Thing Ever Heard of."

New York, Dec. 23.—Ellis B. Jones, author of manifesto proclaiming Bolshevik government for the United States beginning December 13, is not sane, according to Dr. Stephen P. Jewett, acting director of Bellevue Hospital, who has spent the last ten days examining the mental condition of the "people's house" radical. Dr. Jewett's verdict was read in magistrate's court today when Jones was re-arrested to plead to a charge of disorderly conduct upon which he was arrested when he appeared in Central Park to lead a "mourning parade" of Bolsheviks on the day set by him for the radicals to take up the reins of government. The alienist qualified his assertion that Jones was sane with the statement that "he has done the most insane thing I have ever heard of."

WILSON OPPOSED TO SINKING OF SHIPS

Does Not Approve of Plan to Destroy German Warships Surrendered to Allies.

Washington, Dec. 23.—It may be stated authoritatively that President Wilson was opposed to the most direct fashion proposals for any source to sink the warships surrendered by Germany under the terms of the armistice. Since word came from Paris that American delegates to the peace conference, with British support, intended to advocate destruction of the enemy vessels to avoid competition over their distribution the subject has been discussed with much interest among American and Allied naval officers here—some officers favouring reasons for supporting such a course particularly in the difficulty of incorporating into other naval craft of German construction.

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MISSING DIAMONDS WORTH \$10,000

Twenty Detectives at Work in the Case, But so Far no Trace of Burglars Has Been Found.

Montreal, Dec. 23.—Although no arrests have yet been made in connection with the robbery last night of the premises of L. L. Michaelson and Sons, jewelers, in the eastern townships bank building on St. James street, the police believe they know the man responsible for the theft. Mr. Michaelson, after looking over his stock this morning estimated that the robbers had gathered in about \$50,000 worth of gems and miscellaneous jewellery.

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DOUBLE DEALING BY AUSTRIANS

Representatives of Bohemia Charges That Huns Are Making False Statements About That Country.

Washington, Dec. 23.—Charles Furgler, diplomatic representative of Bohemia, made public today a statement from the Czech-Slovak government charging that at the very moment Vienna was begging for help, the Austrians were furnishing arms to hostile Germans in Bohemia.

ERNESTO MADERO ADMITS GUILT

He and Two Accomplices Will be Sentenced on January 27 for Theft of \$102,900.

New York, Dec. 23.—A plea of guilty to first degree larceny was entered in court here today by Ernesto Madero, former minister of finance in the cabinet of his nephew, Francisco Biazoro, when the latter was president of Mexico. Teodoro L. Mille and Nathan Lazarus, who were associated with Ernesto Madero in a sulphate firm here which bore his name, also pleaded guilty. The three defendants will be sentenced on January 27, having their freedom meanwhile.

NO STANDARD TOMORROW

Tomorrow, Christmas Day, The Standard will not be issued.

Loyal Russians Administer Decisive Defeat to Bolsheviks

Washington, Dec. 23.—Defeat of the Bolsheviks on the Eastern front in a decisive battle by an army of loyal Russians, was reported today in an official despatch to the Russian Embassy from the Omak government. The message said the disorganized Bolsheviks were retreating northward toward the Perm and that this was the first independent action of moment against the Bolsheviks and part of a campaign that was expected to unite some of the loyal districts of Russia and Siberia. Much war equipment and booty was captured.

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The festive season is furnishing an unusual amount of business for the police officials. Today was something of a record-breaker for recent years in the matter of the number of cases brought before the magistrate, immediately preceding Christmas Day. Fourteen cases with charges ranging from common drunk to assaulting and beating constables, while in the discharge of their duties, were on the docket. Two parties, Alex. Steele and Jas. McDonald, were sent to the county jail for three months under the anti-lodging law.

GENERAL CURRIE DESCRIBES THE RHINE CROSSING

Tells of Canadians Entering Germany With Colors Flying and Bands Playing.

Ottawa, Dec. 23.—The following communication from Lieutenant General Sir Arthur Currie to Sir Edward Kemp, minister of overseas military forces of Canada, concerning the crossing of the Rhine by the First and Second Canadian divisions has been received here by the director of public information:

"At half past nine this morning I took up my position on the eastern end of the bridge spanning the Rhine to witness the march past of the Second division, the First having crossed at Cologne, where they were reviewed by the army commander. "It was raining hard all morning, a condition which continued throughout the day. "The march began promptly on time and was one of the most inspiring and impressive I have ever seen. It was good fortune to witness, "Although men and horses had just completed a long and trying march, they looked as if they were in the pink of condition and I did not see one unhappy face throughout the day. They had their clothes and equipment put on well, had their heads up, with a look of strong determination and earnest confidence in all faces. "As each unit had a band, they swung by like a victorious army should. The populace of Bonn seemed to be intensely interested in the march and I have no doubt was as much impressed as anyone. The troops all carried the British flag which His Majesty has given permission to be regarded as colors, provided they are properly consecrated, something we shall have done at once, and these flags will form valuable trophies for future generations. "They mean much to our country these flags which our heroes carried after four years of the greatest war in the world's history in which no unit has played a prouder part than that in which they were so great a factor in bringing about the final decisive and conclusive defeat of the enemy. "Tonight not a single Canadian gun is in German hands, while there are now units who can truthfully say that they have never failed to take an objective, nor ever lost an inch of ground."

ROYAL GRAFTER IN AUSTRIA

Newspaper Charges That Austrian Archduke Was Paid Too Much on Army Contracts.

Berlin, Dec. 23. (Associated Press.)—The newspaper Abend charges that the Austrian archduke, Leopold Saluator, former imperial master of ordnance, cleared 20,000,000 crowns on army contracts. The archduke, according to the newspaper, supplied the government with dried vegetables, for which he was paid from 100 to 200 per cent. more than the market price. His contracts for three years, the Abend says, totalled 45,000,000 crowns.

JELlicoe WILL VISIT DOMINIONS

Admiralty Sending Him to Confer With Overseas Governments in Regard to Naval Plans.

AUSTRALIA WILL BE VISITED FIRST

One Policy for Colonies and Mother Country in Future Building of Warships.

PERMANENT BOARD OF NAVAL CONTROL

May be Established on Which Overseas Dominions Would Have Representation—Canada Probably Last Place Visited.

London, Dec. 23.—Announcement by the Admiralty of the early departure of Admiral J. Jellicoe, on a visit to the overseas dominions, for the purpose of advising their governments on naval matters, is the result of an understanding which was arrived at by the representatives of the overseas dominions at their meeting here last August, following the submission to them of a tentative scheme for the naval defence of the Empire by Chiefs of the Admiralty in conformity with a request to that effect made by the imperial war conference in March, 1917.

The proposal of the admiralty was considered by representatives of the dominions with the result that a memorandum was drawn up by Sir Robert Borchers on behalf of Canada and subscribed to by all the Dominions suggesting a permanent overseas naval policy on the basis of the general principle and administered by the Dominions on a system which would permit close co-operation with the British navy. The memorandum on this point said:

"It is thoroughly recognized that the character of construction, armament and equipment and the methods and principles of training, administration and organization upon which proceeded upon the same lines in all the navies of the Empire. For this purpose the Dominions would welcome visits from a highly qualified representative of the admiralty who had by reason of his ability and experience would be thoroughly competent to advise the naval authorities of the Dominions in such matters. As naval matters come to be dealt with on a considerable scale by the Dominions, it may be necessary hereafter to consider the establishment for war purposes of some supreme naval command upon which each of the Dominions would be adequately represented."

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BRANTFORD COURIER FALLS BY WAYSIDE

Brantford, Ont., Dec. 23.—The Brantford Courier, which has been in existence for 57 years, makes announcement in its afternoon edition that after December 31, it will discontinue publication owing to the increasing handicaps limiting publishers. The subscription list and goodwill have been purchased by the Brantford Express, and it is expected that the Courier plant will be dismantled.