

THE STANDARD WISHES EVERYONE A MERRY CHRISTMAS

OBSERVANCE OF CHRISTMAS VERY GENERAL

Charitable Organizations Make It Possible For City's Poor To Enjoy Festive Season—In The Institutions.

Tomorrow and Monday the people of St. John will celebrate Christmas in much the same fashion as it will be celebrated by fully one-fourth of the inhabitants of the world.

Christmas With the Poor. All over the city the churches, the Salvation Army, charitable organizations and public institutions are arranging Christmas treats for the people in the public homes, and making provision to bring good cheer and pleasure into the homes of the poor and needy.

At the Protestant Orphans' Home the boys and girls will have turkey and plum pudding, and two Christmas trees laden with gifts donated by friends of the institution.

At the Provincial Hospital the 450 patients will be given turkey dinner, and Santa Claus will pay them a visit and distribute gifts.

At the Municipal Home, the festivities will be continued for two days, and at the Wiggins' Male Orphan Institute there will be a great feast with a tree, presents and entertainment on the following Thursday.

The Boys' Industrial Home will observe the day in the usual manner, and this evening the boys will be given an entertainment attended by the governors.

HONDURAS READY FOR CHRISTMAS

Revolutionary Leaders Suspected To Be On Board Gunboat Hornet Which Sailed From New Orleans.

New Orleans, La., Dec. 23.—Coinciding with the departure late yesterday of the steamer Hornet, Gen. Manuel Bonilla, former president of Honduras, Gen. Leo, Christmas, soldier of fortune and one of the leaders of the alleged revolutionary expedition against President Danila, of Honduras and several Americans who have seen service in several Central American wars, disappeared from this city.

That the Hornet took on arms and ammunition after sailing from this port and that she is planning an attack upon one of the gulf ports of Honduras will be reported to the state department by the Honduran minister with the request that this country intercept the alleged filibuster.

STORM COMING.

New York, Dec. 23.—The local weather bureau has received the following special from Washington: Heaviest southeast storm warnings 2.30 p. m., from Delaware Breakwater to New York city. Disturbance over Alabama moving northward; increasing northeast winds becoming high tonight and probably shifting to northwest Saturday.

SEATTLE ALBERT SCHOOL MATTER

Chief Superintendent Makes Arrangement By Which Principal Will Remain And People Are Satisfied.

Special to The Standard. Albert, N. B., Dec. 23.—The Riverside-Albert school matter is settled.

W. S. Carter, the chief superintendent, reached Riverside on the afternoon train today and had the full board of trustees and the principal, W. C. R. Anderson, before him at seven o'clock this evening.

The meeting was a particularly interesting one and the result is entirely satisfactory to the Albert people. The suspended children from Albert are to go back to school again at the first of the New Year without suffering further penalty.

The motion passed pressing for the resignation of the principal at the last meeting of the board was rescinded on the motion of Trustee Prescott, seconded by Trustee Tingley.

The matter of the children taking short cuts was up for discussion and it was considered by the chief superintendent a matter that did not call for the principal's action unless special complaint was made.

CARLETON TEACHERS' INSTITUTE IN SESSION

Much Profit Derived From Programme At Woodstock Gathering—R. B. Masterton Is Elected President.

Special to The Standard. Woodstock, Dec. 23.—The annual meeting of the amalgamated Carleton and Victoria counties teachers' institute was brought to a close this afternoon and was the most successful yet held by this association, some 113 teachers registering.

This morning Miss Beatrice Welling B. A., principal of the Victoria county grammar school, presented a most excellent paper on English literature and Principal R. L. Simms gave a very interesting and forceful paper on constitutional history and political ethics.

The institute then divided and in the primary division Miss Winnie E. Thompson, of the college school, gave an excellent paper on arithmetic for the primary grade, and Principal R. B. Masterton, of Centerville, gave another on Common School Arithmetic in the advanced division.

In the afternoon Principal Emerson C. Rice, of Hartland, gave a well prepared paper on Physical Training and Military Drill, ending with a practical lesson before a class.

It was decided to hold the next meeting of the institute in Florenceville early in October next.

POSTAL SAVINGS BANKS ON TRIAL

Washington, Dec. 23.—All is now ready for starting the machinery of the postal savings banks throughout the country on January 3, next. The forty-eight postmasters, each representing a state, who have been in Washington acquiring information concerning the management of the postal savings work, have finished their training at Postmaster General Hitchcock's office and the last of them left for home tonight.

All of them are postmasters at second class offices, each office selected as the most representative one in its state for the try out in postal banking.

LEWIS GAINING.

Altoona, Pa., Dec. 23.—The returns in the miners election from District No. 2, which are now complete, show a big change from last year. National President T. L. Lewis, who lost the district last year by 4,000 votes, has carried it this year by nearly 1,500.

CHRISTMAS SHOPPING



SIR WILFRID:—"I need look no further for Bourassa's present."

FIRE OCCURS IN CROWDED STORE

Fall River Has \$35,000 Blaze—Employees And Firemen Overcome By Smoke—Customers In Panic.

Fall River, Mass., Dec. 23.—Scores of holiday shoppers were driven into the streets in a panic tonight, when smoke oozed up through the floor of the stores in Merchant's Block on North Main street from a fire in the basement. Most of the excitement was in the store of C. E. Gilford & Co. jewellers, directly beneath the store where the fire originated.

After the customers had been assisted to the street, in safety, the clerks in this store went about the work of covering up the counters loaded down with Christmas goods, and remained at their work so long that two of them were overcome by smoke, and were carried from the building unconscious. Three firemen were also overcome.

The fire had gained such headway before it was discovered that the jewelry store was practically destroyed while other places of business in the block, including a millinery store, a tailor shop, and other small business places suffered to some extent. The loss is estimated at \$35,000. It was more than four hours before the all-out signal was sounded.

GUTTER GRESHAM HAS SCHOONER IN TOW

U. S. Government Vessel Picks Up Lame Duck Off Nantucket And Heads North For Boston—Identity Unknown.

Vineyard Haven, Mass., Dec. 23.—The revenue cutter Gresham today took in tow from Great Point, Nantucket, an unknown schooner with which she proceeded north, headed probably for Boston. Efforts to communicate with the Gresham by wireless were futile up to midnight, although fragments of conversation by the Gresham's operator were picked up at various wireless stations along the coast.

From none of these wireless points, could the identity of the schooner which the Gresham has in tow be gleaned. It is not improbable that she is the schooner Thomas B. Garland, which ran aground at Great Point during the blizzard of a week ago, the crew of which was taken off by life savers.

FESTIVITIES CONTINUE.

Gravesend, Dec. 23.—Rear Admiral Howard and the officers of the fourth division of the United States Atlantic fleet, gave a reception and deck dance on board the battleship Georgia tonight. Five hundred guests from London and Gravesend were present. The ship was decorated with emblems of the Yuletide.

IN THE CABINET.

Ottawa, Ont., Dec. 23.—Hon. W. S. Fielding, Minister of Finance, who has just returned from the South, where he has been recruiting, was at his office today and was hard at work. He states that his health is much improved, and that he will be in the house when the session resumes on January 11. Hon. L. J. Macdonald, who is expected to resign from the cabinet shortly, has just sold his Ottawa residence.

LITTLE HOPE THAT GRACE HAS ESCAPED

Young English Aviator Probably Victim Of North Sea—Careful Search Reveals No Trace Of Aeroplane.

London, Dec. 23.—With the approach of midnight and no tidings yet received from Cecil S. Grace, the intrepid young aviator, who disappeared Thursday afternoon while essaying a return cross Channel flight from Calais to Dover, in an aeroplane, the belief that generally prevails in London is that the cold North Sea holds somewhat in its turbulent breast, the story of a tragedy.

Every nook and cranny, shore and inland where it was thought possible, young Grace might have landed, were searched today, but unavailingly and the boats that churned the Channel and portions of the North Sea, on the lookout for the youth or wreckage of his machine, likewise reported that their search had been in vain.

Grace carried with him petrol sufficient for a flight of about five hours. His biplane was not fitted with pontoons. He wore a cork jacket but in case of a fall into the water, he would have been encumbered by his heavy fur lined top boots.

The general belief is that it would be impossible for his machine to float for any length of time and that unless the aviator was rescued by a ship bound for some distant port, there is slender hope that he escaped death in the sea.

WALL-TOPPLING HABIT SPREADS TO NEWARK

Newark, N. J., Dec. 23.—The collapse today of a temporary steel structure supporting the roof of an old theatre undergoing reconstruction, brought down a large portion of one wall upon seventy laborers working beneath.

Monday, December 26, being a public holiday, The Standard will not be published.

24 BODIES RECOVERED

Pathetic Scenes Witnessed At Chicago Fire Ruins—Relief Committee Asks For Fund Of \$250,000.

Chicago, Dec. 23.—Alexander D. Lannon, a captain in the fire department, who was injured at the stock yards fire Thursday, died late today. He had assisted in finding the body of a man who had been killed in the fire and refused to leave until that of his father was recovered.

The citizens relief committee, of which Harlow N. Higginbotham is chairman, established headquarters at a downtown bank today. It was announced that a fund of \$250,000 is desired. Of this sum, \$50,000 had been subscribed when the committee's office closed for the day.

TUGS FAIL TO FLOAT

SCHR. LAURA C. HALL Believed That Ridge Of Sand Has Formed Outside Vessel And That She Cannot Be Pulled Off.

Boston, Dec. 23.—Two unsuccessful attempts were made today to float the British schooner Laura C. Hall, which ran aground on Long Island in Boston harbor early yesterday morning after weathering the blizzard of a week ago off Cape Cod. Five tugs strained at hawsers attached to the Hall in each attempt today, but could not budge the stranded vessel.

It is believed a ridge of sand had been formed outside the vessel and that it will be necessary to wait until the high course of tides to remove her. Although suffering from the blizzards effects of last Friday's blizzard, the Hall's crew remains aboard.

ONE LEFT OF STEAMER CREW

Valencia, Spain, Dec. 23.—The steamer Yac today landed here the sole survivor of the French steamer Jean Concel. The man says his vessel was run down by an unknown craft off Oran, Algeria, and sank in a few minutes, carrying down all hands except himself.

Available maritime registers have no record of the steamer Jean Concel. There is, however, a French steamer, Jeanne Consol, owned by the Sons of the Odeur Consol, of Bordeaux. The vessel is of 2061 tons and was built in 1883. According to last reports she was engaged in the Mediterranean coastal trade.

GLACE BAY HAS SERIOUS FIRE

Chemical Engine Disabled By Skidding On Ice And Flames Secure Firm Hold On The Building—Loss \$5,000.

Special to The Standard. Halifax, Dec. 23.—Glace Bay was visited by a rather disastrous fire this afternoon which resulted in the destruction of almost the entire wholesale stock of R. W. Roper, general fruit dealer. The fire was discovered in the warehouse on Fletcher street, about 4 o'clock and a fire alarm was sounded.

Firemen were prompt in answering and were soon en route to the scene. While turning Senator's corner the wheel of the chemical skidded on ice and broke off at the axle, disabling the machine. This caused delay and when the apparatus arrived at the fire the interior of the building was enveloped in flames. Streams were poured in from hydrants near but it was impossible to save the inflammable stock. The entire building was gutted and little of the stock was saved.

The building was owned by the Harris Abattoir Co., from whom it had been leased by Mr. Roper to store his stock. The stock was valued at about \$5,000 partly covered by insurance. The building was insured.

Mr. Roper was out of town at the time and knew nothing of the fire until his return this evening. The loss is a serious one to him, coming at this season which is usually active in the fruit and confectionary business.

SUMMARY EXECUTION OF TEN CIVILIANS

Insurrectos Make Short Work Of Prisoners Hostile To Their Plans—Navarro Surround-ed But Not In Danger.

Chihuahua, Dec. 23.—An American who has been ten days with the insurrecto forces returned today bringing news that the latter recently executed ten civilians hostile to the revolt. Their number includes one judge.

While the revolutionists surround Navarro at Bademares, his situation according to this information, is not precarious. He could march out with his force and do battle, but is awaiting reinforcements. When he wishes fresh meats, he is compelled to send a good fighting force for it. Small parties are not safe.

A daring squad of four insurrectos rode into this city last night distributing circulars stating that citizens should remain within doors after five o'clock tomorrow afternoon as the rebels intended to enter the city. The warning is not regarded seriously. A patrol of eight soldiers, who fired many shots drove them from the streets, and they disappeared in the direction of the mountains.

Reinforcements of more than a thousand are now in the city. A wireless station has been erected at the penitentiary and troops arriving today brought material for the tower to be erected in the disaffected district.

TO CONVINGE CHILD MOTHER DRINKS POISON

Supposed Bottle Of Medicine Contained Carbolic Acid And Woman's Life Paid Forfeit—Little Girl Distracted.

New York, Dec. 23.—"I'll show you how easy it is to take," said Mrs. Josephine Barone, to her daughter Susie, 11 years old today, and lifted a bottle to her lips in proof. Susie had objected to taking a teaspoonful of what was supposed to be cough medicine, which her mother had poured out of one of a row of bottles, all on the same shelf, and the demonstration was intended both to convince and persuade.

Mrs. Barone fell to the floor in convulsions, and died before an ambulance arrived. She had drunk from a bottle of acid by mistake. Susie was almost distracted over the thought that her obstinacy had contributed to her mother's death.

MURDER OF PRIEST.

Hong Kong, Dec. 23.—Father Merigot, who has been a French missionary in China since 1903, was murdered Thursday by natives at Yunkoh in the province of Yunnan.

SYMPATHY NOW DEVELOPS FOR THE DAULBYS

Scene In French Court Yesterday Called "Amazing Drama Of Passion And Pathos"—Tell Of Charities.

Tours, France, Dec. 23.—"An amazing drama of passion and pathos," is how a local paper tonight sums up the trial of "Count" and "Countess" D'Aulby de Gatinny, who are charged with having swindled the Duchess de Choiseul-Praslin, formerly Mrs. Chas. Hamilton Paive, of Boston.

This epigram was based on today's sensational developments at the trial which so moved the auditors that the customary scenes of disorder, laughter and cheering, changed to a burst of weeping.

Reputable business and professional men of Tours on the stand at today's session painted D'Aulby and his wife as the incarnation of honesty and charity, declaring that their misdeeds were the result of the sick and needy had caused them to be loved and esteemed throughout the country.

M. Diot, president of the Tours association of lawyers, who drew up the contract for the sale of the picture "Antiope," to the late Mr. Paive, testified that D'Aulby had insisted on the insertion of a clause in the contract that he could not guarantee the authenticity of the picture. M. Diot also said that neither D'Aulby nor his wife had any idea of business or of the value of money of which they received \$12,000 almost every year from Boston.

They were passionately fond of music and lived a happy family life until Mrs. Paive entered D'Aulby's life, which until then had been irreproachable. D'Aulby, the witness declared, was the victim of the wiles of others who were now trying to ruin him. As M. Diot detailed the finances of D'Aulby's alleged charities, sobbing was heard in various parts of the courtroom. The witness said that it was always D'Aulby's intention to forward the wine for which Mr. Paive had given him \$3,200. Every witness called by the prosecution today, turned out to be a defender of the D'Aulbys while the testimony of M. Desmoulins, a member of the jury of the Beaux Arts salon, Paris, plainly produced an impression favorable to the accused.

D'Aulby, who under the French system is constantly questioned on various points brought out by the witnesses, shows signs of breaking down as a result of the ordeal. As M. Diot and others lauded him today, D'Aulby with his head bowed on his knees, a handkerchief hiding his features. It is announced that he has spent eight months of his life in prison composing music and writing his memoirs.

TORONTO ASPIRANTS FOR CIVIC HONORS

Mayor Geary Will Have Two Opponents For Chief Magistrate—Six Named For The Board Of Control.

Special to The Standard. Toronto, Ont., Dec. 23.—Three citizens were nominated for the mayoralty of Toronto, and six for the Board of Control this morning.

The nominees for mayor are: Mayor G. R. Geary, Herbert Capewell and R. E. Noble.

The candidates for the Board of Control are as follows:—Controllers F. S. Spence, J. W. Ward, Thomas Foster and T. L. Church, ex-controller C. Hoeken and ex-wardman Thomas Davies.

Ex-controller W. P. Hubbard, at his own request, was not nominated for a controllership.

AMERICANS HOPE TO SECURE CONTRACTS

Washington, D. C., Dec. 23.—Bids for the construction of the two new Chilean battleships will be opened in January, and it is said at the state department that the prospects are favorable for securing a modification of the proposed contract so that British shipwrights will not be given a particular advantage in the building, over American interests.

There has, at this time, been no change however, in the original plan which provided that armor and armament for the two vessels must be bought in England. American contractors, it is said, will bid for the vessels and it is believed here that the discriminatory provision will be eliminated.

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PROBLET MEDICINE WELL KNOWN WOMEN

GLADLY TESTIFY FOR "FRUIT-A-TIVES"

One reason why "Fruit-a-tives" is winning a welcome in the hearts and homes of thousands from coast to coast, is because so many of the leading citizens of Canada have spoken so strongly in favor of this wonderful fruit medicine. In every province—in every city—in every hamlet—throughout the three million, seven hundred square miles of the Dominion, there are many who owe their health and some who owe their lives, to the marvellous virtues of "Fruit-a-tives".

HOLIDAY SURPRISES FOR FATHER



THE JANITOR'S SURPRISE. THE HASHHOUSE SURPRISE. THE NEIGHBOR'S SURPRISE. LITTLE WILLIE'S SURPRISE. MOTHER'S SURPRISE. AND IN THE MEANTIME.

\$1,500,000 GRANT FOR COLUMBIA

Donor Who Withholds Gives Money To Affiliate Presbyterian Hospital With University Medical School.

New York, N. Y., Dec. 23.—In behalf of a donor who withholds his name, Geo. L. Rivers, chairman of the board of directors of Columbia University and Robert W. DeForest, president of the Presbyterian hospital, announced tonight that \$1,500,000 had been pledged for the construction of a new hospital building on the campus of the university.

GOLDEN WEDDING ON CHRISTMAS DAY

Family Reunion at Home of Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Wetmore at Clifton, Kings Co., on Monday.

In no place in the province will Christmas be more happily celebrated than in the old homestead of Mr. and Mrs. Richard W. Wetmore, at Clifton, Kings county, where, on Monday, there will be an interesting family reunion the occasion being the celebration of the golden wedding of Mr. and Mrs. Wetmore.

\$5,000 CONTRIBUTED TO CHINESE FAMINE

American Red Cross Society Cables This Amount For Immediate Use—More Will Be Needed.

Washington, Dec. 23.—For the relief of the famine-stricken people of China, acting Secretary of State Huntington Wilson today cabled \$5,000 to the American Red Cross society. Disbursement of the money will be left entirely in the hands of the minister and the question of further contributions will depend upon the development of the situation which at present is serious.

MEDAL WINNERS RECEIVE AWARDS

Closing Exercises at the High School Largely Attended—Prominent Citizens Make Presentations

The city schools closed yesterday for the Christmas vacation, and in all the buildings pleasing and appropriate exercises were carried out. In the high school the exercises were largely attended. The programme was outlined yesterday, was carried out and the medals and prizes won by the pupils were presented.

CONNAUGHT MAY NOT COME

Semi-Official Hint Received at Ottawa That King Cannot Spare Royal Uncle from Court—On Return Journey

Ottawa, Dec. 23.—It is reported here that the Duke of Connaught cannot come to Canada as governor general in succession to Earl Grey because King George wishes to have his help in England to represent him at functions, the Prince of Wales being too young.

SALVATIONISTS NEED \$200 FOR CHRISTMAS

Hope to Get This Sum in Pots and Subscriptions Today to Carry Out Full Amount of Relief Work Planned.

The Salvation Army inaugurated some days ago its campaign for funds to provide the poor with a good Christmas dinner. Appeals were made to many prominent citizens and the Army contribution pots which have done like duty in previous years, were placed in position at a number of the principal corners of the city with an invitation to passersby to help along the Army Christmas dinner to the poor.

HOLD EXERCISES AT KINDERGARTEN CLOSING

Large Attendance of Parents and Others Interested at All Three Schools Yesterday—Distribution of Gifts.

The free kindergartens closed yesterday for the Christmas vacation and pleasing exercises were conducted. At the Alma street school, in St. Mary's school building, under the direction of Miss D. Belle Miller and Miss Hazel R. Seelye, about 54 children carried out a pleasing programme in the presence of a large number of parents and other visitors.

Advertisement for Dykeman's store, featuring a variety of Christmas goods like gloves, belts, and handkerchiefs. Located at 59 Charlotte Street.

Large advertisement for Labatt's beer, including Ale and Stout, London Lager, Comet Beer, and Premier Beer. Features the Labatt's logo and contact information for John Labatt, London, Canada.

Advertisement for a meat and cheese dealer, listing items like ham, bacon, and sausage. Encourages customers to ask their dealer.

FINE PROGRAMME ARRANGED FOR SMOKER

Best of Talent Will Furnish Entertainment at Gathering of Commercial Travellers on Wednesday Evening.

A special committee met last evening to arrange the programme for the commercial travellers' smoker next Wednesday evening in Keith's Assembly rooms.

GIVE DECISION IN SALVATION ARMY CASE

Original Organization Founded by William Booth Found to Have Exclusive Right to Name in New York.

New York, Dec. 23.—Exclusive right to the use of the name "Salvation Army" so far as the State of New York is concerned was given to the Salvation Army in the United States, the organization founded by Wm. Booth in 1850, in a decision handed down today in the appellate division of the supreme court.

CHURCH SERVICES

Exmouth St. Methodist Church. Class meetings Sunday morning at 9.30. Preaching service at 11 a.m. Rev. Mr. Tanner. Sunday School and Bible classes at 2.30 p.m. Preaching service at 7 p.m. Pastor Rev. W. W. Brewer. Service of Song at close of regular evening service.

CHURCH SERVICES

Sunday services—11 a.m. and 7 p.m. Minister, Rev. C. R. Flanders, D.D., morning and evening. The choir will render music in keeping with the day, and will be assisted by the young people's choir.

CHURCH SERVICES

St. David's Church. St. David's Presbyterian Church, Sydney street, Rev. A. A. Graham, M. A., B.D., minister.—Morning service at 11 a.m., special Christmas carols by children's choir. Anthem, "I Came Upon the Midnight Clear." Sullivan, with soprano obligato by Mrs. Gerow. Evening service at 7 p.m. Music, Shepherd's Nativity Hymn, "Bethlehem," Gounod; "The Birthday of a King," Neidinger, contralto solo by Miss Thompson; anthem, "O Holy Night," (cantabre) Noel; Adolphus Adam, soprano solo and obligato, by Mrs. Gerow and choir. Sabbath school and Bible classes at 2.30 p.m. Strangers cordially welcomed.

Vertical strip of small advertisements on the right edge of the page, including mentions of 'POTTS', 'The Glo', 'A. R. CAM', 'HIGH-CL', 'S H', 'FAT FALL', 'JAMES', 'ROBT.', 'Mason and', 'Brick', 'Tile', 'General Jobb', 'Office 1', 'Res. 38', 'One Large', 'Apply', 'A. E. H.', 'Erin and', 'Whole', 'FULL ASSOR', 'ABLE FRUIT', 'A. L. C.', 'M. & T', 'Direc' impo', 'the leading b', 'uors; we also', 'best houses in', 'Windsor, Alex', 'Domestic Gilt', '11 and 15', 'White', 'Scotch Whi', 'Just landing', '12 Quar', 'For Sale', 'R. Sull', 'Agents', 'WHOLE', 'WM. L. Fina', 'H. A. Fina', 'Wine and Sp', '312 Prince W', '1870. Write f', 'Xmas', 'Cakes and', 'Robinson', '173 Unio', '78 City F', '50', 'Phones Ma', 'Ma'.

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Building.
F. L. POTTS, Auctioneer.

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day morning, Dec. 24, at 12 o'clock
noon.
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on their farm at Golden Grove, con-
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acres. Eight miles from city. Terms
cash.
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SEALED TENDERS will be received
at the office of the Common Clerk,
addressed to him, until noon of the
31st day of December instant, for the
following estimated quantities of stable
supplies required for the under-
mentioned City Departments:

Fire Department
140 Tons Best Upland Hay, in pres-
ent bundles.
4000 bushels Ontario Best White Oats
35 Tons Oat Straw.
20 Tons Wheat Bran.

Water and Sewerage De pt
1200 Bushels Best White Oats.
4 Tons Wheat Bran.
10 Tons Pressed Upland Hay.
35 Tons Loose Upland Hay.
3 Tons Oat Straw.

Public Works Department.
3500 Bushels Best White Oats.
4 Tons Wheat Bran.
10 Tons Pressed Upland Hay.
65 Tons Loose Upland Hay.
3 Tons Oat Straw.

The above supplies to be delivered
at the various stables in such quan-
tities and at such times as ordered by
the Director of Public Safety or City
Engineer for their respective depart-
ments, and all to be subject to their
inspection and rejection, or that of
any other officers appointed by them,
and to be weighed as may be ordered.
The city reserves the right to in-
crease or diminish the quantities here-
in estimated by ten per centum.
Each tender to be accompanied by
a certified bank cheque, payable to
the City of Saint John, for five per
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People's Pulpit.
Sermon by Pastor Russell of Brooklyn Tabernacle
Need of Great Confidence
In the Promises of God
Light Should Not be Hidden, but Always Exposed
Reward Will be a Position in the Mediatorial Kingdom
to Be Set Up in the World Shortly

Hartford, Conn., Dec. 18.—Pastor
Russell of Brooklyn Tabernacle was
here today. He addressed large audi-
ences in the Opera House. He had
excellent attention. We report one
of his discourses from the following
text:
"Cast not away therefore your confi-
dence, which hath great recompense
of reward."—Hebrews x, 35.
Our English word confidence, is a
synonym for faith. It is a very pretty
thought that we should not cast away
our faith, but hold firmly to it and
gain a reward. This thought is ex-
pressed elsewhere in the Scriptures,
but it is not the thought of our text.
Here the word confidence, more pro-
perly signifies assurance, more pro-
perly signifies assurance of out-
spokenness, courageous presentation
of a message not always kindly receiv-
ed. The Apostle is urging the follow-
ers of Christ to be of good courage, or,
in the language of the Saviour, that
they should not put their "light
under a bushel, but on a candlestick,"
where it would shine out for the bless-
ing of men.
There is a practical side to the Gos-
pel. Everything enjoined upon the
followers of Christ and all their ex-
periences in life are wisely in-
tended to work out for their charac-
ter development of good, firm, fine
texture. It is a mistake to think, as
some of us have thought in the past,
that it is the will of God that we
should merely hear of Christ and
give a nominal assent to the message
of his death as our Redeemer and
turn from outward forms of sin—
then, contented with our progress, help
others to the same low standards.

The Father does the Drawing
Quite to the contrary, the teachings
of Jesus and his Apostles ignore the
world as a whole and merely seek for
a special class with hearing ears and
appreciative hearts. The Gospel mes-
sage set forth in the Bible knows
nothing of the ordinary mission work
of rescuing drunkards and harlots and
the profane. While not refusing pub-
licans and harlots if they come to
seeking them. It waited for them to
seek for righteousness and, as the
Master said, "No man can come un-
to me except the Father which sent
me draw him"; and whosoever com-
eth unto me I will in no wise cast
out" (John vi, 37, 44, 65). As a mat-
ter of fact, those who have been in-
terested in his message, and who
have not, in any large proportion,
been the rich, the great, the learned,
the noble, according to the course of
this world, but chiefly the poor, rich
in faith toward our God.
Take as an illustration St. Paul's
course when he went to Athens. We
do not find that he started a mission
Sunday School and offered to give
them the prospect of a picnic or a
Sunday School treat, in order to gather
them for a half hour's talk about
nothing. "To keep them off the street."

A Great Fight of Afflictions.
St. Paul is criticizing some who had
for quite a time been Christians and
who had been granted large opportu-
nities for growth in grace and knowl-
edge. He says, "For ye ought to have
ought to be teachers, but ye need
that one teach you again which be
the first principles of the doctrine of
Christ." They had lost the first prin-
ciple, but they had not engaged
with vain philosophies and their spiri-
tuality was at a low ebb. Conditions
are very similar today. After eight
centuries of divine instruction
and with the wonderful Bible now at
our command and with help for Bible
study, what manner of Christians
ought we to be—in faith, in love, in
obedience to our God?
St. Paul points out the necessity
for the Lord's people to assemble
themselves, together for fellowship
and for the study of his Word and to
keep the commandments which he
gives. The necessity for this, he sug-
gests, is the sin on the part of those
who have received a knowledge of
the Truth, and been made partakers
of the Holy Spirit, and who have
serious matter than the same con-
duct would have been before they
came into the precious relationship
of spiritual children of God. He
says, "For if we sin after that we
have received a knowledge of the
Truth, there remaineth no more a sacri-
fice for sins, but a certain fearful
looking for of judgment, fiery indig-
nation which shall devour us as
God's adversaries" (verses 26, 27).

PROBATE COURT
CITY AND COUNTY OF ST. JOHN.
To the Sheriff of the City and County
of Saint John, or any Constable of
the said City and County.—Greeting
Whereas, The Executor of the
estate of Sarah Taylor, of the said
City of St. John, in the said City and
County of Saint John, Spinster, de-
ceased, has filed in this Court an ac-
count of his administration on the
said deceased's estate, and has prayed
that the same may be passed and
allowed in due form of law, and dis-
tribution of the said estate directed
according to the terms of the last
Will and Testament of the said Sarah
Taylor, deceased.
You are therefore required to cite
the devisees and legatees of the de-
ceased, and all of the creditors and
other persons interested in her es-
tate, to appear before me at a Court
of Probate, to be held in and for the
City and County of Saint John, at
the Court Room, in the Puseley
Building, in the said City of Saint
John, on Monday the sixteenth day
of January next, at ten-thirty o'clock
in the forenoon, then and there to
attend and to pass and allow the
said account, and at the making of
the order for the distribution of the
said estate as prayed for and as by
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on Monday, the ninth day of January
next at eleven o'clock in the forenoon
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ing and allowing of the said account,
and at the making of the order for
the distribution of the said estate
as prayed for and as by Law directed.
Given under my hand and
Seal of the said Court of Probate,
Court, this tenth day of No-
vember, A. D. 1910.
(Signed) J. R. ARMSTRONG,
Judge of Probate.
(Signed) H. O. McNERNEY,
Registrar of Probate.
(Signed) STEPHEN B. BUSTIN,
Proctor.

NEVERTHELESS BE NOT DISCOURAGED
These things were written, not only
for the comfort of Christians of Paul's
day, but intended by the Holy Spirit
for all the household of faith. We
should not rock ourselves asleep, nor
close to each other's eyes. While the
world is not yet out of trial for eternal
life, the Church is now being tested
for life or death eternal. The thought
should sober us. As the Apostle sug-
gests, "Be sober, be vigilant, because
the faithful, following in the footsteps
of Jesus.
But St. Paul, or, rather, the Holy
Spirit through him, took cognizance
of the fact that the people of God
in a world that is "no friend to grace
to help them on to God." The Apo-
stle recognized that we might become
discouraged with our own faults and
weaknesses. Hence, after earnestly
exhorting to faithfulness and energy
and after pointing out the dangers of
slothfulness and of being over-charged
with the burden of this life and the
deceitfulness of riches and this los-
ing the spirit of Christ, he turns from
this threatening attitude and uses en-
couraging words.
He says, "Call to mind the former
days in which, following your illu-
mination of the Holy Spirit, you endur-
ed a great fight of afflictions." St.
Paul's intimation that at that time,
while suffering persecutions, he was
while we were rely in a better, more
alive, spiritual condition than later.
The prosperity, privileges, freedom
from persecution enjoyed, have made
them slothful and less courageous. He
would have them and us call to mind
the victories won in the past, that
we might have courage for the pres-
ent. The future, how glorious, how
helpful, are all the provisions of
our God for those who now hear his
call and seek to walk in Jesus' steps!
The Holy Spirit guarantees that every
experience of life which his providence
shall permit shall work for good, for
blessing, for valuable experience and
education along lines of righteousness
and character development.

Two Classes of the Faithful.
In time of war not all can go forth
as soldiers. Some, unfit for such ser-
vice, may perform a useful part at
the home supporting, encouraging, send-

ing supplies to those at the front, etc.
And so it is in the spiritual world.
Jesus is the Captain of all those who
voluntarily enlist as soldiers of the
cross to battle against sin, especially
in themselves—fighting a "good fight
of faith" and overcoming the evil
of the world which surges all about
them, threatening to overwhelm them
as New Creatures in Christ.
St. Paul intimates a strong persecu-
tion, openly manifested by the world-
spirited, Satan-deceived people of
God. He says, "Ye endured a great
fight of afflictions, partly whilst ye
were in a master's stock, both by
proaches and afflictions and partly
whilst ye became companions of them
that were so used. For ye had com-
passion of me in my bonds and took
joyfully the spoiling of your goods"
(verses 22-24).

St. Paul and others prominent among
the Lord's followers naturally
would receive the brunt of Satan's
attacks. It is presumed that the Epis-
tle of which our text is a part was
written while St. Paul was a prisoner
at Rome. Fellow Jews, so far from
being sympathetic for a countryman,
reproached him as a traitor, unortho-
dox, seeking to tear down the work
of God and to ignore the Divine prom-
ises belonging to Israel and their sac-
red traditions. By the Romans, too,
he was regarded with suspicion, as one
giving allegiance to another King,
Jesus, and not therefore disposed to
use his Roman citizenship specially
for the pride and glory of the Empire.
St. Paul declares that thus himself
and those who espouse the cause of
the Lord are despised and rejected by
all. He says that we are counted as
the filth and offscouring of the earth
—that which nobody cares for or
values, but which all would like to
get rid of, as the darkness of night
hates the light and seeks to quench
it and reigns completely only when
all lights are extinguished. Christ-
ians far and near, either by express-
ing sympathy for the Apostle or fol-
lowing him, or by defending him from
the unjust and malicious slan-
ders circulated against him,
thereby exposed themselves to reproaches
and disrepute, opposition from
their neighbors, etc.
History tells us of various terrible
persecutions of the Christians by the
Roman Emperor, Nero, for instance,
that to gratify his depraved
mind Nero, the Emperor, caused a
certain portion of the city of Rome to
be burned by incendiaries; and that
when he found how angry the people
were he blamed the entire matter upon
the inoffensive Christians—partly,
no doubt, because these had no
valuable property, and they might
be put to death with impunity and the
Emperor's own vicious criminality would thus be
hidden. On this account hundreds of
Christians were publicly and brutally
put to death.

"Great Recompense of Reward."
Poor human nature finds it difficult
to stand alone with God and with
the few who are on his side—the side
of righteousness and truth. When, ad-
ditionally, there comes persecution it
tries their hearts, proves their loyalty.
This is exactly what the Lord designs.
He is now seeking a special class of
overcomers to be joint-heirs with his
Son on the same plane as the Bride
of Messiah. Through these he intends
shortly to grant to Israel and, through
Israel, to all mankind glorious bless-
ings of instruction and restitution. To
be qualified to thus serve in in-
struction and uplifting of humanity it
is necessary that these called ones
should be of strong character—copies
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the outset and gradually dwindled to
near the vanishing point as the ses-
sion proceeded. At 2 p. m. the total
sales were \$6,000 and at this writing
the prospect is that the day's volume
will be well under the 100,000 share
mark. No significance therefore
could be attached to the nominal
fluctuations. The day's news was of
negligible character as a whole. The
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amount of cash during the week and
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CHRISTMAS-TIDE.

Tomorrow, Old Father Santa will knock early at your doors, and in the name of The Standard wish you all a Merry Merry Christmas. It may seem to many of you but a day since he did the same thing in 1909. But, alas! it is true, twelve whole months have since run their course. And now again the Christmas-tide, the mad, merry Christmas-tide, the sad, wistful Christmas-tide, fills our streets, pushes wide open our doors, floods us with its merry laughter, and chastens us with its silent tears. How many Christmas-masses have come and gone to the innumerable hosts of the departed since Christ came to make a Christmas possible, and how many more will come to the future innumerable hosts of the departing—each recurring one marked with its distinctive tints of joy and sorrow.

To the young an eager, boisterous, well-filled day, crowded with surprises and excitements; to the adult it wears a more sober hue in which the vivid colors of the imagination blend with the quieter greys of reality; to the aged, the reflection of the dying sunset and the fading twilight that precedes the long darkness. For Christmas is not all a mad merry carnival, nor is it fitting that it should be. It mirrors a life in which comedy and tragedy keep even step, where sunlight companions shadow, where joy touches the hand of sorrow and life listens for the ever approaching foot-step of death.

At its cheerful firesides the babe crows, careless in its mother's arms, the child romps gaily amid its playthings, youth dreams its wondrous day dreams, middle life watches the play of past and future on the even present, and old age sits quietly, wrapped in its memories, and summons back to it the friends of youth, so many, so long gone, so sorely missed. And when the busy, glad, sad day is over, satiated with its fulness we rise and salute the dying hour, chastened and sobered by the thought of what has been, and what shall be to us and ours before another Christmas takes its record of our lives. Sadness and gladness intermingled, and yet we are stronger, and, if we have rightly gauged the Christmas spirit, better by much for its coming, its reminiscences, its joys, and its final going.

And musing thus, we think of the genesis and characteristics of the Christmas time, and note the changes which have come, and explore the fact that its old significance has been overlaid and deadened. The natal gift, the Saviour's advent, the life, the passion, and the great world sacrifice—these account for its existence and its early commemoration. Are these facts clearly discernible in our present day celebrations, these root facts of the Christian civilization we boast? Or must we, to discover the primal life idea, dig deep and long through the overlying folds of feasting and gift-making and commercial barbaric show, which each year seem more and more to smother and stifle the simple glorious fact on which it is founded?

God's gift was essential, saving, blended of love and sacrifice, to save the world and lift humanity from darkness to light, from suffering to enjoyment, from ways of death to the paths of life and infuse humanity with a new and sufficing measure of the God-like—this was the purpose of the great gift. And ours? Measured by the standards of gold and silver, and precious stones, and fine raiment, what incalculable values will be heaped on the Christmas tables of the world on Christmas morning. The rich will be made richer, the comfortably will be rendered uncomfortable by the very excess, the well fed will be gorged and the well-clad loaded with the silk and velvet, furs and jewels of over-adornment. But in all this we fail to discover the real Christmas spirit, the Christ-like idea of gift making, the divine helping hand. Human kindness may be the spring of much of it, but rank commercialism and barbaric survivals account for most. It does not comport with the Christian ideal, and it distorts and degrades the infinite significance of this Christian festival.

But, fortunately, Christmas presents another side and a beautiful one. Into the homes of the poor, to the bed-sides of the sick, to the chair of the aged and infirm, and the cot of the helpless and almost hopeless, countless are the material messengers which come bringing warmth and food, medicines and delicacies, cheer and comfort, how many the human ministrants of sympathy and help and love! No officials record these visits, no register shows the lists, but Heaven knows and gladdens through all its bounds as the Christ-like legions sweep through the bye-ways and lanes and homes of the derelicts and the suffering, and leave for each a cup of cordial, a smile and word of human sympathy, and a substantial reminder of the divine charity.

And yet how vast an area of suffering remains untouched, where no hand appears to help and no ray of the divine enters. And what a large part of this would be swept and garnished and sweetened, if only for one day, were the Christ spirit regally dominant in our rich Christmas-tide, and the better social forces unloosed upon the submerged brotherhood of the human family. There is a mighty reserve of kindness and helpfulness in this old world reservoir of ours, if only it were tapped and let out through practical and systematized channels—enough in very truth to re-vitalize and save the whole mass of errant humanity.

Again to all our readers, a Merry Christmas—and a pledge with you to bring back this fine old Christian festival more and more to its original idea of simple helpfulness and cheerful self-sacrifice, patterned on the example of Him who made it possible.

OPPOSED TO SANTA CLAUS.

As is customary at this season, says the Mail and Empire, the demand comes from matter-of-fact people for the abolition of Santa Claus. It is said, with a good deal of truth, that Santa is a myth; and it is added, with not so much truth, that because he is a myth he should not be mentioned in the presence of children. The fiction, argue the opponents of the grey-bearded gentleman, takes hold of the juvenile mind firmly. When the awakening comes it is found that deceit has been practised systematically, and the child concludes that falsehood is in order. Under these circumstances the young should be instructed that there is no, and never was, a Santa Claus, and our old friend should be permanently discarded.

What of Jack the Giant Killer? What of the other Jack of Beanstalk notoriety? What of Cinderella and Little Red Riding Hood? Should these myths also be condemned? If all were to go, the poetry—the only poetry that can appeal to the young mind—would be taken out of life, and there would be no amusement save such as can be gained through the indulgence in dolls and tops. But it is a question whether, followed to its legitimate conclusion, the opposition to Santa Claus would permit of the retention of dolls. Is it not a fact that some children treat these playthings as if they were living beings? Do they not regard them as babies, talking to them in the tone employed by the mother to the infant? Is not the discovery that they differ in several important particulars from the real baby a lesson in deceit highly injurious to the morals of the child?

Those who take this view of the fictions and imaginations of youth lose sight of an important fact, namely, that all these things, whether designedly or not, are the agencies through which the young mind can be reached, and, indeed, instructed. Dolls are absurdities to other people. But they create in the young a feeling for their kind, and especially for the infantile and the helpless. All the stories convey their lessons. Jack the Giant Killer tells of physical strength and courage. Cinderella is a sermon on the merits of modesty and the wrongfulness of pride. Santa Claus is a practical disquisition in favor of disinterestedness, of charity, and of labor in behalf of others. Destroy all these fictions, and poetry—the useful poetry—has been taken from life. It is a question, however, whether the young are really deceived by the Santa Claus story. The reasoning faculties soon get to work on the problem, and the suspicion is rapidly developed that the good saint is, after all, a pretty near relative.

Let the fictions then that have grown up for the amusement of the children long continue. The harm they do, if it be a fact that they are not altogether harmless, is infinitesimal compared with the pleasure they bring and with the good principles they implant. If their elders were not to bring the children of today into the world, or under the Santa Claus disguise, the young would find this a very plain matter-of-fact world, full of austerity and devoid of pleasure. But, in addition to this, the large-heartedness which the clandestine liberality encourages would soon cease to be.

THE WAY TO DRESS.

The way for a woman to be artistically gowned is to discover her best feature and then dress up to it. This law has been laid down to the class in artistic costume which was recently added to the fine arts department of the New York Teachers' College, and the instructor, who formerly designed for a Fifth-avenue dressmaker, applies it to emphasize the importance of developing individuality.

"If you have attractive eyes," says the expert, "make the most of them by your style of dress. If your hair is your sole claim to beauty, the tone of the dress should be such as to make the hair seem to beautify the entire face. If the pink of your cheeks is alluring in its delicacy choose some complementary shade for your dress."

Conversely, unattractive features—a prominent nose, eyes that squint, or a too ample mouth—should be "dressed down," and the expert affirms that such features may be subdued and better features given prominence by a knowledge of the secret of the new art of beauty.

These secrets are to be imparted, it is understood, before the winter is over. "Any woman," whether a member or not, may pose before the class, which will frankly discuss her good points and poor ones, and plan an artistic costume of the proper fabric and the most becoming color, on the lines best suited to her figure. She will be a brave woman who undergoes that ordeal of detailed, pin-pricking criticism; but, even if it diminished her conceit, it might ultimately increase her knowledge and her charm.

Current Comment

(Brockville Times.)

We have yet to learn that there is anything to be ashamed of in loyalty to the British Empire and the crown, though it is no more to be bragged of than chastity by a woman or honesty by a man. But the Globe and others of its ilk never lose an opportunity of sneering at it, forgetting, apparently, that this Dominion of Canada was founded and made what it is today by United Empire Loyalists, plucky men and women who were probably being hunted out of their homes by the ancestors of those who now sneer at "loyalty."

(Bogaycegon Independent.)

A St. Louis man has invented a noiseless soup spoon. The old injunction to little boys to be seen and not heard can never be extended to soup spoons. The human family has been too long attached to a spoon with a noise like a cow drawing her feet from a mud hole, to have its cherished delight banished by an ordinary St. Louis man. No, sir! This old world will certainly have arrived at a pretty pass of finicky fussiness when noiseless soup spoons come in.

(Vancouver Province.)

They are always doing something original in the rhythmic town of Walla Walla. The latest organization is the Christmas Tied Wad Club, the members of which pledge themselves not to purchase any Christmas presents costing over a nickel. It will be interesting to know how these slot machine Yuletide greetings will be received in certain circles, and the premature dissolution of the club is freely predicted.

(Canada, London, England.)

The New Brunswick Government's exhibition of fruit at the Ipswich Fat Stock Show, and the persuasive powers of Mr. A. Bowder, the representative of the province in London, should go far to convince the general public that New Brunswick can, and does, grow apples.

(Christian Register.)

"Tell me," said the newly-rich lady, as they were discussing points of pronunciation, "do you say 'the Rhine' or 'the Rhone'?" "I hear it both ways."

(Boston Transcript.)

They have all kinds of queer things in China, for instance the Chinese senate is heading the reform movement.

Sun's up! You too! Before you dress, get in shape for the day; drink a glass of
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BUDGET FROM SACKVILLE

House Burned to Ground Near Amherst on Monday—Death of Jeremiah Mahaney—Lumbering Operations.

Sackville, Dec. 22.—The residence of Miles Mills at Stanley, seven miles from Amherst, was destroyed by fire at an early hour Monday morning. The fire broke out on Sunday afternoon and after two or three hours work by neighbors and friends of the family, was thought to be completely extinguished, but towards morning they were aroused by the smoke and the fire had made such headway that nothing could be done to save the building. Mr. Mills carried a partial insurance.

Inspector Cain of St. John is engaged in preparing a new berth at the dock for steamships, so that two will be able to discharge their cargo at the same time as well as one or more sailing vessels. The engagement is announced of Miss Jennie Carter, daughter of the late Gideon Carter, Point de Bute, and Ernest Embree of East Amherst. A pleasant social event in Dorchester last week was the wedding of Miss Lillian Milton to Arthur B. Chambers. Rev. D. E. Hatt performed the ceremony. A recherche luncheon was served at the Art gallery. A collection of gifts was received. After the ceremony the happy couple left for a trip to Boston, and will reside in Plymouth Mass.

The steamer Minto is now making regular trips from Prince Edward Island to Cape Tormentine, and the N. B. and P. E. Island railway have changed their time table for the winter. The train now leaves Sackville shortly after dinner and returns the same evening.

Mount Allison institution closed today for the holidays, and after a strenuous period of examinations the students here left for their homes or to visit friends. A large number of visitors were at the Art gallery on Friday afternoon when Professor Hammond's most recent paintings were on exhibition. The work of the students in china painting and craft work received more than the usual amount of admiration.

Lumbering operations in this part of the county are now in full swing. The cut is expected to be above the average. Among the larger operators may be mentioned C. S. Hickman, J. L. Bleek & Sons, P. S. Mayes and John L. Hicks, each of whom have a large crew of men in the woods. The home of Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Murdoch, Spring street, Amherst, was unexpectedly invaded by a large number of their friends on Thursday evening the occasion being the 25th anniversary of their marriage. Addressed by Revs. Dr. Wiers, Dr. Hertz, Dr. Chapman and Mr. Wigle. Hearty congratulations and a handsome silver tea service were presented to the host and hostess.

The death of Jeremiah Mahaney occurred at his home in Melrose last week, at the age of 35 years. Two sisters, and six brothers survive. They are, Albert, of John, Walter, of Sackville; Thomas, of Sydney; John, of Port Elgin; Frank, of the United States; and Edward at home.

W. B. Fawcett returned on Monday from Ottawa where he attended the Dominion gathering of farmers. The smallpox alarm in Amherst has not developed to any extent. Only five cases are reported and these are in three homes.

The first skating party of the season was given on Saturday evening by the Curling Club and the Mount Allison A. A. It was held in the curling rink and the attendance was large. The Citizens' Band furnished music and an enjoyable time was spent.

Crystal Council of the Royal Arcanum elected the following officers last week: Regent, R. S. Pridmore, V. R. Professor Kilm; orator, Robert E. Fawcett; sec. H. R. Fawcett; treasurer, R. C. Williams; chaplain, Rev. Thomas Marshall; collector, C. G. Steadman; scribe, Gordon Amos; warden William A. Fawcett; sentry, Martin Crossman. The trustees are J. E. Hickey, A. C. Wry and Silas W. Copp.

An interesting event took place at the home of Mrs. Sarah White, Charlotte street on Wednesday, when her niece, Miss Hazel Dixon, became the bride of Fred Patterson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Amos Patterson, Coles Island. Rev. H. Cann performed the ceremony in the presence of a number of the intimate friends of the young couple. The honeymoon is being spent in parts of Nova Scotia. Mr. and Mrs. Patterson will reside here.

At a special meeting of the Quarterly Board of the Methodist church on Thursday, the resignation of the pastor, Rev. J. A. Rogers, D. D., was accepted. A committee of five was appointed to take in hand the question of inviting a successor to Dr. Rogers at the beginning of the ecclesiastical year.

PROBATE COURT.
Estate of Katharine McElroy, unmarried woman. Last will proved whereby deceased, after directing that a personal remembrance be handed to her sister, Mrs. John Kelly and that the sum of \$50 be paid to the Redemptorist Fathers of St. John for charitable purposes, gives all the rest of her property to her sister, Ellen McElroy, and nominates her as executrix, who is accordingly sworn in as such. No real estate. Personal estate \$500. Dr. R. F. Quigley, K. C. proctor.
Estate of Samuel Corbett, livery

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DIED.
GAN.—In this city, on the 22nd
inst., after a long illness, Harry
Jogan, in the 41st year of his age,
son of Mary A. and the late James
Jogan, leaving besides his mother,
one sister and a loving wife to
mourn.

LLIVAN.—In this city on the 22nd
inst., at his father's residence,
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aged 23 years, fourth son of Henry
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leaving four brothers and two
sisters to mourn.

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Swings of the Week

the city spending Christmas with Mrs.
James Dever.
Mrs. Stratton is visiting her daughter,
Mrs. Alex. Fowler, Mecklenburg
street.

Prof. D. J. Fraser is in the city the
guest of Col. and Mrs. M. B. Edwards,
Queen Square.

The New-wood pupils returned to
the city on Wednesday for the holi-
days. Among the pupils who returned
are Miss Alice Green, Miss Marie
Flemming, Miss Catherine McAvity,
Miss Doris Sayre, Miss Isabel Jack,

Mr. Wm. Rankine, of Toronto, will
spend Christmas with his mother,
Mrs. T. A. Rankine.

Dr. J. W. Daniel returned to the
city on Saturday from Ottawa. He
will spend the holidays here and will
return to the capital for the session
which opens on Jan. 11.

The Tennis Club are giving a dance
in the assembly rooms on Friday, Dec.
30th.

The St. John scouts are coming to
the front. The first prize offered by
the Canadian Order last week for the
best article written by any scout in
Canada was won by Jim Hazen,
leader of the Otter patrol.

Mr. James S. Harding, of St. John,
is visiting in Montreal, the guest of
Major John T. McBride.

Dr. Preston and his son Harold, left
on Saturday evening to spend the
holidays with his daughters in New
York.

The tea at the Badminton courts
last week was in charge of Miss Elise
McLean and Miss Katie Hazen.

The first meeting of the Monday
Evening Skating Club was held Wed-
nesday. The tea was in charge of the
ladies' committee, Mrs. F. A. Jones,

Mr. Ernest Alford returned from
Montreal on Thursday from McGill
University.

Mr. and Mrs. deMille will spend
Christmas with Chief Justice and Mrs.
Barker, Mount Pleasant.

Mr. John Robinson of Sydney, C.B.,
is in the city visiting his parents on
Wright street.

Mr. Wm. Pugsley, jr., will spend
Christmas in St. John.

Mr. George Melrose and Mr. Ken-
neth Machan, U.N.B. students, re-
turned home on Thursday.

REV. W. R. ROBINSON
REPLIES TO LETTER

Will Vindicate Character in
Courts of Law and Issues
Challenge to J. H. Crossley
to Make Definite Charge

To the Editor of The Standard,
Sir.—The communication of J. H.
Crossley in the Daily Telegraph of
yesterday morning in which he states
that his daughters Misses Ethel and
Jesse Crossley, who were expelled
from the Ludlow street United Baptist
church for slandering myself and
interfering with the work of the
church, were not given a fair trial,
is absolutely unjust and void of the
truth. They were expelled largely on
the evidence given by themselves,
although there were other witnesses
who gave testimony which no doubt
had some influence on the committee
in coming to the decision they did.

Mr. Crossley also insinuates that I
had something to conceal. I now
challenge Mr. Crossley, as a respon-
sible man, to make a charge over his
own signature, implicating me in any
wrong doing that would militate
against my Christian character as a
minister of the Gospel, and I will
immediately proceed to vindicate
my character in our courts of law,
when Mr. Crossley will have a
chance to prove his charges.

I will not follow Mr. Crossley fur-
ther in newspaper discussion, let him
make his charges or shut up.

I am, yours,
W. R. ROBINSON,
Pastor of the Ludlow St.
United Baptist Church.

AMUSEMENTS.

Good Ice and Band at the Victoria.
The ice surface at the Vic is very
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band. The sale of season tickets al-
ready unusually large will by Monday,
have considerably exceeded the num-
ber sold last season and every indica-
tion points to a successful winter
season. Remember that by telepho-
ning either the Victoria rink or Uni-
que theatre season tickets will be
sent to any address in the city. The
management request that all orders
may be sent in as early as possible
today.

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day till midnight.

A Russian Melo-Drama.
The W. S. Harkins Company who
will play a two weeks engagement at
the Opera House, will commence their
season with a holiday matinee Mon-
day afternoon, presenting the side-
splitting comedy "The Runaways," and
in the evening the thrilling melo-dra-
ma, "For Her Sake." "For Her Sake"
is one of the strongest plays ever writ-
ten. The story is founded on facts
furnished the author who was in Rus-
sia at the time of writing, and deals
with life as it was then, and still ex-
ists in Russia. It shows how those
who have different opinions from
those in power, are prosecuted by the
police, backed by the government.
Everybody has heard of the terrible
mines in Siberia, where political pris-
oners are sent to what is practically
their death, as few ever outlive their
sentences, be they short or long, and
very few ever escape. The scenes of
"Pro Her Sake" are laid in Russia, at
the Opera House, Monday night, can assure
themselves of witnessing a splendid
performance.

Mr. Hugh Teed came home on
Thursday from the Royal Military Col-
lege, Kingston, on Thursday.

Mr. Kenneth Christie of the Royal
Bank of Canada, Newcastle, has been
transferred to St. John.

Mr. Robert Thomson and Miss Mar-
bel Thomson returned from New York
on Thursday after several weeks visit
abroad.

Hon. W. S. Fielding has returned to
Ottawa after his trip south. Mr.
Fielding's many friends will be pleas-
ed to know that he is greatly improv-
ing.

Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Clarkson sailed
on the Hesperian on Friday for Eng-
land.

Miss Jessie Knight returned on
Tuesday from Windsor where she is
a student at "Edgehill."

Mr. Walker Bell of Toronto was in
the city last week.

NEWCASTLE.

Newcastle, Dec. 23.—Rev. Wm. and
Mrs. Aitken, Anderson Aitken and
Mrs. Horatio Walker (nee Aitken)
have left to spend the winter in Cal-
ifornia. En route they are visiting
Hazelton, B.C., general hospital.

Principal B. P. Steeves, who has
resigned from Harkins academy to go
to Alberta, will shortly leave for Cal-
gary where his sister, Mrs. George
Smith, resides and in whose care he
will leave his children.

Miss Jean Morrison, of Fredericton
business college, is spending Christ-
mas with her parents Hon. Donald
and Mrs. Morrison.

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phan Home: Mrs. Hugh H. Mc-
Lean, \$25; Joseph Allison, \$25; Jas.
F. Robertson, \$20; Emerson & Fisher,
Ltd., \$20; Mayor J. H. Frink, \$10;
Joseph Finley, \$10; Geo. McAvity,
\$10; Wm. Bruckof, \$5; J. E. Secord,
\$5; L. G. Crosby, \$5; Canadian Drug
Co., \$5; Hon. J. D. Hazen, \$5; Mrs.
J. K. Schofield, \$5; E. Clinton Brown,
\$5; J. N. Rogers, \$2; Mrs. W. G.
Estabrooks for Christmas tree, \$2;
John P. McIntyre, \$5; "Cash" \$5; J.
Pender, \$5; Misses Yeates, \$5; Mrs.
Percy Thomson, \$2; Edgcomb &
Chaisson, \$2; Thos. Wilson, Fairville,
\$2; W. J. S. Myles, \$1; Friend, \$1;
Jas. Mauro, \$1; S. Rutherford Jack,
\$1; Miss G. Fairweather, \$1; Rev.
David Lang, \$1; J. F. Bullock, \$1;
Mrs. C. H. Dearborn, \$1; Friend, \$1;
H. S. K., \$1; Jno. McAvity, \$1; Miss
Rose Ritchie-for-Christmas tree, \$1.

SEAMEN'S MISSION SOCIETY.
During the month of December the
Seamen's Mission Society have re-
ceived the following generous contri-
butions: R. P. and W. F. Starr, \$25;
Donaldson S. S. Line, \$25; Mrs. M.
M. Woodman, \$25; C. P. Railway, \$25;
J. E. Wilson Co., \$29.94; G. and E.
Blake, \$50; G. Ernest Fairweather,
\$10; W. C. T. Union, \$10; John L.
Peck (Albert), \$10; Henry Smythe,
(Toronto), \$5; James Gregory, \$5; W.
T. C. Union, \$10.

Wanamaker's Notice To The
Public.
In order to give all our employees a
holiday Sunday, Dec. 25th, (Christ-
mas), we will close all day and even-
ing, opening again Monday morning
as usual. Wishing all our patrons a
Merry Christmas. RESTAURANT,
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OBITUARY.
James W. Killam.
Yarmouth, N. S., Dec. 23.—James
W. Killam, one of the best known re-
sidents of Chebogue, died at his home
in Rockville suddenly at noon yester-
day, aged 75 years. He had been
complaining of heart trouble for a
few days, but was in town on Satur-
day. About 11 o'clock yesterday he
was suddenly seized with intense pain
and expired within an hour. He was
an industrious farmer, and held many
positions of trust. He leaves a wid-
ow, two sons and four daughters.

James E. Graham.
Windsor, N. S., Dec. 23.—This morn-
ing the whole community was shock-
ed to learn of the passing away of
James E. Graham, registrar of deeds,
in the 70th year of his age. Mr. Gra-
ham was a prominent citizen whose
death leaves a sad blank in the home
circle and in the town where he led a
useful life as one of Windsor's best
citizens. He leaves his wife, two
daughters and five sons.

NOTICE.
A special general meeting of the St.
John Anti-Tuberculosis Association
will be held at the dispensary rooms,
corner of Carmarthen and Leinster
streets, on Wednesday, the 28th inst.,
at 3.30 p. m., for the purpose of con-
sidering the advisability of making
changes in the composition of the ex-
ecutive committee and of adding
thereto.

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Frank Wootton, who won the Greatest number of races on English turf.

London, Dec. 12.—Of the American sportsmen who were racing on the English turf during the season which concluded on last Saturday, H. P. Whitney did by far the best, winning 25 races. This performance was only eclipsed by one owner, Lord Derby, who won 29.

Capital as is the record of this enthusiastic young American, who is popular on English tracks, it is doubtful whether his trainer, "Jack" Joyner, has succeeded in paying expenses. What with the shipment of horses from the United States, the upkeep of Balaton Lodge, Newmarket, and the numerous other outlays connected with such a big stable, the \$68,820 won by Mr. Whitney cannot by any means be considered sufficient to defray the cost. However as he races for the sport alone, he is well satisfied with the results his clever trainer has achieved.

It is rather curious that of the 21 winning horses Joyner trained 15. The best horse in the stable proved to be the 2 year old gelding, Borrow, which at times showed quite remarkable speed and concluded his winning season by capturing the Middle Park Plate after a desperate race by a neck from Seaforth and Pietri, probably the two best youngsters of the year. Borrow won six other races including a dead heat with Sunstar in the Hope races and Whisk Broom two. The latter ran well in the early part of the season, but he was a disappointment in the race for the Cambridgehire, for which race he was heavily supported.

Mr. Astor's Winning Record

W. W. Astor's winning record of \$28,180 is nearly all the product of one horse, Winkipop. The daughter of William the Third, by winning the One Thousand Guineas, raised hopes of a fine "classic" season for her owner. She failed to stay, won after proving successful in the race for the Coronation Stakes at Ascot, conclusively proved that her distance was under nine furlongs. She won the Sussex and Nassau Stakes at Goodwood, the Durham County Produce Plate at Stockton and the Yorkshire Oaks in succession and these victories encouraged the hopes that she would win prominently in the St. Leger, but the distance proved too far. She afterward won twice at Newmarket. Mr. Astor's winnings exceeded those of last season by nearly \$200,000. His colors were carried in the van on four occasions, won \$16,875. Twelve events of the total value of \$14,650 were won by Carroll's horses and August Belmont's total of nine wins netted him \$14,230. Both J.R. Keene and Mr. Duryea however were unlucky, only one race of the value of \$500 falling to each.

Cracks Beaten.

The outstanding feature of the 1910 campaign has been the frequency with which the cracks of the various ages have been beaten. Bayardo, Lemberg, Neil Gow, St. Nat, Seaforth and Pietri have all suffered defeat, and the season, without being disappointing has been just a fair one. Seldom has two-year-old form presented such a tangled skein for unravelment as that of the last season, and the classics of next year present a very open appearance.

The British turf, financially, stands above that of any other in the world. Its stakes alone the amount won last year totalled more than \$2,500,000, while it is noticeable that in the last twenty-five years the sum paid in jockey championships, the Australian stakes aggregates close upon \$70,000,000. The season's prizes have been fairly evenly distributed, no one owner having to use a turf phrase, "sweep the board." Mr. Fairie has the list of winning owners with a trifling over \$176,000, this sum having been earned principally by Lemberg and Bayardo. The first named, it may be noted, has won during the two seasons he has been racing about \$170,000 in prizes, but even this big sum was exceeded by Donovan and Flying Fox during a similar period. The Lord Derby is the second on the list with \$118,460, and next to him comes H. P. Whitney, whose record has already been given. Alec Taylor, of Manton, is easily first among the trainers as regards

Montreal, Dec. 23.—George Kennedy yesterday signed up Steurs and Hackenschmidt for a match at mixed styles, to be held here on December 28. The Russian undertakes to win the match inside of one hour and a quarter. The style at which the first bout will be wrestled will probably be decided by the flip of a coin. Steurs was averse to meeting Hack at anything but straight Graeco-Roman, while Hack held out for catch-as-catch-can. Kennedy had almost given up hope of bringing the men together when he closed with them yesterday for a match under the foregoing conditions. The Canadian Athletic Club, under whose auspices the wrestling matches at Sobhan Park are held, decided yesterday the main bout of 6 rounds being a directors' meeting on Monday to issue the final \$10,000 stock of their \$50,000 capital. The last ten thousand, it is stated, was over subscribed, and most of the last issue is already spoken for.

LEON FAILS TO PUT OUT JOHNSON JR.

Eastport Me., Dec. 22.—Nearly 500 sports attended the boxing contests at the Opera House Tuesday evening, the main bout of 6 rounds being between Jack Leon and Young Jack Johnson, a colored welterweight of Boston. Leon looked like a giant beside the colored fighter, for he is 6 feet 2 inches tall, weighs 210 pounds and possesses great strength. Johnson weighed 160 pounds, but stayed the limit, and at no time was in danger. Leon forced the fighting, landing many short swings which had little effect. He lacked quickness and the necessary science to put out a fast boxer. Johnson landed several savage swings on Leon's face and jaw and was very clever in the clinches. The men fought clean and there was no chance during any of the 6 rounds to give a decision. Leon was expected to knock out Johnson, but did not make as favorable a showing as expected, while Johnson was well received up to the finish and was in fine condition at all times. George Monecy refereed the bout.

COLUMBIA IS LEADING CHESS TOURNAMENT

New York, Dec. 23.—Columbia went to the front today in the second round of play in the 19th annual intercollegiate chess tournament. Three games taken from Princeton, one by default, put the Morningside Heights lads in the lead. Yale, which suffered defeat at Columbia's hands yesterday, redeemed itself today against Harvard, capturing three out of four games. L. H. Bament of Princeton, defaulted to C. H. Ramsdell of Columbia. He left the city last night for the south. His place will be taken tomorrow by J. W. Alexander. In the final round, which will be played then, Columbia will meet Harvard, and Yale Princeton.

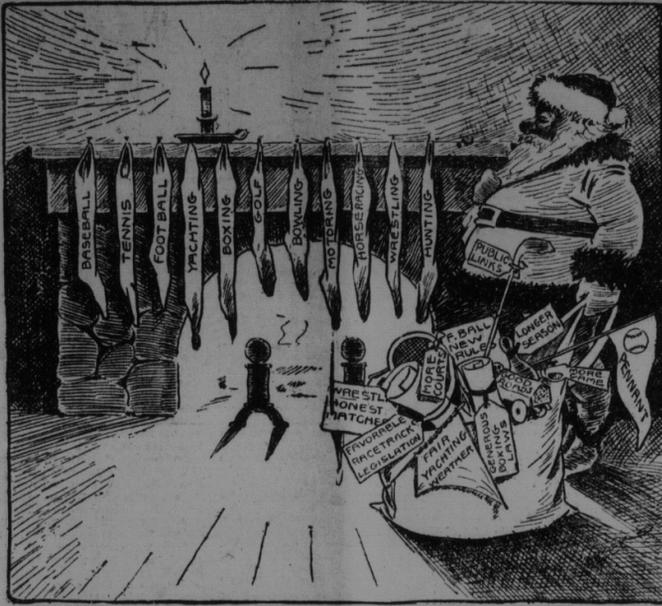
HOXSEY SEES HARBOR FROM HIS AIRSHIP

Los Angeles, Calif., Dec. 22.—Aviator Arch Hoxsey made an inspection from his Wright biplane of the inner and outer harbors of Los Angeles from a height of 2300 feet. From this distance he appeared a mere speck in the sky to those below. Hoxsey reported afterward that he was able to see the ships and docks distinctly from that distance and could have drawn accurate war maps of the entire territory if his hands had been free. He was in the air 26 minutes and made an average speed of more than forty miles an hour.

stakes won, and, as was the case last year, Wootton wound up in the lead of "Danny" Maher in the race for the jockey championship, the Australian beating the American by ten points. Maher's average, however, is the best being 27.66 per cent to Wootton's 21.84 per cent.

So far as the winning sires are concerned, Cyllene comes out on top, his progeny having won twenty-eight races, yielding more than \$185,000. St. Frusquin is second and William the Third takes third place. Other stallions to meet with much success are Marco, Persimmon, Desmond, John O'Gaunt, Sundridge, Santol and the American bred Hamburg. Gallinule again figured prominently, and Admiral Hawke, Lindolya, Jole d'Vivre Phaleron, Gallus, The Gull and Canvass Back should keep the grand old son of Isomony to the front for some

Christmas Trophies



DICK ARNST IN BAD FAVOR



A London paper says: Richard Arnst, champion sculler of the world, is in bad odor in England since his return from South Africa. Guy Nickalls, the noted amateur oarsman, who had charge of the arrangements for the Arnst-Barry race on the Zambesi. Mr. Nickalls made an extended statement verifying the report that he had been held up by Arnst for an additional \$500 for expenses, though already allowed \$1500. The New Zealand lander refused point blank to go on with the race without the extra inducement, though admitting that he had originally agreed to accept \$1,250 which the company voluntarily increased by \$250. It was then Thursday morning, and he said: "Unless I have the money I shall pack up and leave on Saturday." Mr. Nickalls said: "We call that blackmail in England," but Arnst did not care what Englishmen called it. Special trains had been ordered for the race, a launch had been specially built and taken out from England, and many white men were to attend the race. The race had to take place. There was no way out. Mr. Nickalls in the end had to give Arnst a personal cheque for \$500, dated on the day of the race. "Had he not started," said Mr. Nickalls, "I should have stopped it."

STORIES OF GREAT 'UNS

Jesse Burkett couldn't help being crabbed, when he was enjoying (?) life in the big league, but one of his fits of temper was a boomerang. It happened in St. Louis, when Cleveland was playing the Browns. Burkett had been thinned by the umpire and took his revenge by snarling at the visitors. "Hats off to the king of swat," he shouted, when Lajoie stepped to the plate. The crowd laughed, but Lajoie's only reply was a smash against the club house for a home run. "Oh, ho, ain't he the handsome thing?" shouted Jesse when Charlie Hickman took his position at the plate. "Cheerful" responded by whanging one of Jack Harper's curves about a mile more or less, for another home run. By this time the crowd was gazing at Burkett, advising him to do sundry things, chief of which was to clap a muffler on his jaw. But Jesse could not be stopped, apparently. When Bradley followed Hickman, the grouch one whined, "I suppose you think you can hit it, too?" "There was a cry from the stands, and looking toward the Browns' bench the players saw Burkett lying on the ground, apparently dead to the world. Thinking the sun had overcome him, players of both teams grabbed water buckets. Before Jesse could explain that he was merely simulating a faint he was drenched from head to foot, and he afterward explained that he could not have pulled off a stunt at a more inopportune time had he tried.

When Dr. Jimmy Casey was playing third for Detroit he was also serving an apprenticeship in the office of a dentist. He was alone one morning when in rushed a big fellow, who flopped down into the chair and yelled: "Doc, for the love of Mike, yank that tooth!" Jimmy, glad to get the chance, hustled through the preliminary stages and just as he was shutting the forceps down on the bum tooth, he recognized the victim as a man who always sat near third base and made life unpleasant for him, hooting and jeering every play he made. "So you don't like Casey?" he demanded of the victim, giving the pliers a twist. "Casey" groaned the victim, "pull that tooth." "Presently," returned Casey, showing his forceps in a triumphant manner. "Now, be honest, why don't you like Casey?" The man wriggled and squirmed, but he was powerless. Finally Jimmy shut down hard on the instrument and said: "I'm Casey and I've been waiting for you a long time. Ever going to hiss me again?" "No," groaned the victim. "Louder," demanded Casey. "No!" came from the helpless individual. "All right," said Casey, and out came the tooth. And it's a fact that from that time the nagging of Dr. Casey ceased.

One afternoon when Chicago and Cleveland were playing, a happy boy had possession of a knot hole through which he was viewing the game. McCormick was pitching and when he fanned Bill Sunday the cheers rang long and loud. They were echoing when Mike Kelly caught a fast one on the end of his bat and lifted it over the fence for a home run.

Just at this moment a domestic emerged from the yard of a house carrying a large chocolate cake. The ball struck the cake, scattering it in a thousand bits. "Who done that?" demanded the irate woman, looking around for the perpetrator of what she believed to be boyish devilry. "Mike Kelly" shouted the excited boy without taking his eye from the knot hole. "Is that so?" demanded the girl, and then as she thought struck home she added, "and doesn't that take the cake?"

WOLGAST ENTRY MAKING GOOD



This boy is Ad Wolgast's protegee. Two years ago he was a Milwaukee newsie. Today he is one of the most promising of the younger generation of jockeys. When Milwaukee was something of a fight center, Meripol, like other newsies, was a fight fan. Wolgast was then beginning his climb, and one of his staidest boosters was the little newsboy. Wolgast became interested in the kid and when he went west he took Meripol along. The loyalty of the boy made an impression on the lad who was destined to become lightweight champion, and when he learned Louis aspired to pigskin honors, he secured a position for him with a man who had a string at Emeryville. It wasn't long before the youngster was exercising horses and he displayed such marked ability that he was given a chance to show his ability in a race. Now he is in demand. His track moniker is "Young Wolgast." Meripol's chief bid for fame was at the Emeryville track when he piloted his mount home after having broken both stirrups in the stretch. He retained his seat when the irons gave way, and after a splendid exhibition of riding won the race. Meripol is a mite of humanity weighing but 85 pounds in his street clothes. He is reckless in the saddle and this has led to his being set down twice, although he has been riding less than a year.

QUEENS LOST TO OSWEGO AT BASKETBALL

Oswego, N. Y., Dec. 22.—The Oswego Normal school basketball team defeated the five from Queen's University, Kingston, Ont., tonight by a score of 55 to 22 in one of the few international basketball games ever played in this country.

BURNS GETS ONE FALL IN TIME ALLOTTED

Those wisecracks who decreed Dan McDonald's fate at the hands of the much-heralded "Cyclone" Burns were given a rude jolt last evening when, after one hour of herculean endeavor, the Yankee mat performer failed to keep his promise to throw the sturdy Cape Bretoner twice inside of an hour. It was superior strength, skill and experience against wonderful grit and cat-like agility, and it was this lightning-like speed that saved the Nova Scotian time and again, when it looked as if the big Yankee was about to fulfill his promise. Burns secured the only fall of the contest after 48 minutes and 30 seconds on a half Nelson and bar hold. With but 10 minutes left to complete his contract, Burns demonstrated his right to the title "Cyclone" by going after Daniel in a truly cyclonic style, but here, McDonald, also showed that he too had something in reserve and for the remaining ten minutes there was witnessed the speediest exhibition of wrestling ever given in the city for many a moon. On several occasions the spectators fairly rose in their seats, only to gasp and fall back again, as McDonald, almost gone, would, by a marvellously dexterous head swing, elude the grasp of his heavier and stronger opponent. Upon the call of time, Referee J. E. McCreedy declared the exhibition the best he had ever seen. McDonald's great showing against Burns who is acknowledged as the premier light heavyweight wrestler in America, shows that the Cape Bretoner is as good as the fastest in his class on the continent, and sets aside for all the assertions of his detractors that he was but a second rater.

THIS IS BARROW; HEADS EASTERN



Disatisfied Eastern league club owners slipped the rollers under President Pat Powers at the annual meeting and elected in his stead Ed Barrow, who last season managed Montreal. Barrow is not exactly a novice in baseball affairs. In 1897, 1898 and 1899 he ran the old Atlantic league and had a hand in organizing other leagues, notably the Int. rate. In 1904 Barrow managed the Detroit club. Other clubs he directed were Wheeling, W. Va., two seasons; Paterson, N. J., four seasons; Montreal, two seasons; Indianapolis. In 1907-8 Barrow was not actively engaged, but last year he felt the call and took hold of the Montreal club. The ousting of President Powers was rough work. Pat wasn't handled with gloves. He was practically kicked out of office by the owners of five clubs who were a unit for Barrow.

KILLED IN MINE.

Sherbrooke, Dec. 23.—While at work in one of the pits in an asbestos mine at Asbestos yesterday, Andrew Barnhill was instantly killed when a large piece of rock fell on him.

"HACK" EASY WINNER.

Lincoln, Neb., Dec. 23.—Geo. Hackenschmidt, Russian wrestler, won in straight falls last night from Alberto Mandino, Italian. The first fall came after ten minutes and the second in half that time.

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VETERAN WINS MATCH FROM LEW POWELL

New York, Dec. 23.—Jack Goodman of this city, gained the popular decision over Lew Powell, of California, in a ten round lightweight bout to-night at the National Sporting Club of America. The decision went to Goodman on his energy work in the last five rounds which Powell's rally in the final

"THERE HE COMES"



THE SWEET BELIEF IN SANTA CLAUS.

One of the first tragedies in life, and one of the greatest, is when the child begins to doubt the existence of Santa Claus.

A child's day dreams are the stars of its destiny. The child who has its dreams may in after years dream some of the great things that make the world better and happier. The dreams of one generation become the realities of the next.

It is becoming popular for preachers and writers to argue that it is wrong to deceive the children about Santa Claus, even for the sake of cultivating their imagination. It would be a loss of time to contend with these, for their cold logic brooks no resistance and they can quote all the human and Divine authority against you.

Yet, if we take from childhood the fancies that belong to it, we rob it of its real happiness. A strictly matter of fact child is one of the most pitiful things on earth, and a life lived out along those lines is as mournful as a funeral procession and as unfruitful as a cemetery.

Those who would discount Santa Claus utterly underestimate the meaning of Christmas and the character of its patron saint.

Santa Claus is illogical, of course. He exists only as John Bull and Uncle Sam exist, but in far greater reality to millions who look to him for remembrances and favors.

He enriches us by impoverishing us. He takes our money, but he gives us back a lot of things that money cannot buy—good fellowship, love of family, the smiles of children, tolerance, good cheer, good humor, good living.

He defies all the laws of science by taking sunshine into homes which the sunshine cannot enter.

He puts upon death itself the smile of life, and he starts the year with freshened hearts and finer ambitions.

To deny the existence or usefulness of such a saint is to commit a crime against the most precious joys of life, to draw clouds over childhood and to rob the unfortunate of the only pleasures that come to them in the dreary years.

INFORMATION FOR SANTA CLAUS



"I wanta—I wanta dolly—I wanta doll buggy—I wanta rockin' chair—I wanta set o' dishes—I wanta bottle o' perfume—I wanta washub—I wanta bed for dolly—I wanta—Oh, yes, I want mamma to get me a baby brother!"



Who's toy, pa's or Tommy's?



The real north pole; where the Christmas presents come from.

SANTA IN HEAVEN

BY FRANCES GILBREATH INGERGOLL

Could I but turn backward
old time in his flight,
And be as a child again,
just for one night,
With faith—as a child's in its
christmasy lore—
That the largesse I craved
would be mine as of yore:

I would wish I might empty
the stocking of life,
Of all of its bitterness, envy,
and strife;
Heart-hunger and longing,
and sorrow and ruth;
And dreams unfulfilled of
that faraway youth.



The music and pleasure, the sunshine and glee;
The beauty of living, the clear sight to see

The chances of life, to few only, given;
To walk "bravely shodden" the pathway to heaven.
When embers burn low on the

And the whitening hair speaks the fact "tis late."
I'll pray—"Of thy 'children' tho' poorest I be,
Dear Santa in heaven, forget not thou me."

WHEN HELEN MAY WAS SANTA CLAUS

Being a Christmas Story Which Proves That Even a Little Child Thinks it is Better to Give Than to Receive.



"DOESN'T EVERYBODY GET DOLLS AND DISHES AND TOYS AND CANDIES AND LOTS OF THINGS FOR CHRISTMAS, WHEN THEY ARE LITTLE LIKE HATTIE AND ME?"

CHAPTER I.

"Oh, I know who Santa Claus is," knowingly replied Helen May, when Mrs. Duggan seasonably brought the conversation around to the Christmas festivities. Mrs. Duggan, it may as well be defined in Helen May's words, "is that awfully funny Monday morning for the washing every Monday morning."

Helen May also knew all about Mrs. Duggan's children. She knew that Katie Duggan had to stay at home to mind her baby brother, when the head and mother of the house—both being synonymous in the Duggan home—ventured forth for the day of health and wealthier neighbors.

"I guess Katie knows, too?" inquiringly suggested Helen May. "Why, I have known all about who Santa Claus is ever so long. I found out the next day after last Christmas when I found a Santa Claus face in that trunk in mamma's sewing room."

"Well, for all they'll get this Christmas, Katie and Johnnie too, might as well know," replied Mrs. Duggan. "They breaks me heart with their carping on about dolls and dishes and toys, what has a father making more money than he can count."

"Why, Mrs. Duggan, doesn't everybody get dolls and dishes and toys and candies and lots of other things for Christmas, when they are little like Katie and me?"

As Mrs. Duggan lifted the heavy basket of clothes she hid a tear-filled eye and wearily said: "Them as don't have any fathers living any more don't have them kind of Christmases; they are well off if there's enough to eat in the house."

CHAPTER II.

Helen May was not herself the rest of that day, nor the next, nor even the following several days.

"I am just a-thinking, mamma," she said when discovered buried deeply in thought.

Usually Helen May didn't waste much of the time which rightly belonged to her carefully selected though numerous family of dolls; upon any elaborate thinking programme.

Helen May's papa had said—not only once, either—that Helen May was going to grow up to be like a certain frivolous girl he used to know. But after that he always had to square himself with "the frivolous girl he used to know" with sundry and many kisses.

Helen May finally unfolded her troubles to her mother.

"We'll take some of your old toys to Katie and Johnnie's Christmas morning," was the way Helen May's mamma solved the perplexing problem.

And all would have moved along according to mamma's schedule if Helen May hadn't found herself wandering carelessly around in the room which had been left unlocked for the first time in a long time. Helen May's mamma was not at home, else this story would end right here.

Now if you had asked Helen May what she was doing, she would have told you "I'm just a looking round."

It was not until Helen May had uncovered some boxes that she really be-

came interested. "Oh! isn't this dolly these could be? Oh! isn't this dolly just too cute for anything?" she inquired of no one in particular when a big, curly-haired doll came into view.

"I just know mamma and papa are going to give all these pretty presents to me—I just know they are," added the wise little discoverer. "And this Santa Claus face and these fur clothes presents to mamma and me and auntie and all the rest of us."

But in the tiniest twinkling of an eye Helen May began a thinking again. "Now I know what I'll do. I'll bring up my old toys and Arabelle—the better'n this big dolly, anyway—and I'll give these new presents to Katie and Johnnie."

What Helen May thought was to decide, and to decide was to act. Arabelle and the old toys changed places with the new presents which her mamma had stored away for Christmas.

Just the least bit of persuasion and the winning smile which always enslaved James, the chauffeur, brought the big automobile to the front door.

"It will be lots of fun to have Santa Claus all by myself," observed Helen May, carefully gathering her presents and the Santa Claus mask into her chubby little arms, as they sped over the aristocratic boulevard.

CHAPTER III.

"Oh! I haven't any candy, and all Santa Clauses have candy. I am very sure," exclaimed Helen May. "But I have a quarter at home which Auntie gave me yesterday for learning that verse, you know—and would you just as soon loan me one of your quarters until we get home?"

This financial problem having been carried into execution, Helen May insisted upon breaking the speed limit back to the candy store.

"There, right over on that corner is Mrs. Duggan's house. I know because mamma and I brought some things over for Mrs. Duggan when she was sick. And, say, would you stop right here so's they'll think I came in a sleigh drawn by regular reindeer?"

Carefully adjusting the Santa Claus mask to her brightly glowing face Helen trudged down to the Duggan's home.

CHAPTER IV.

Helen May didn't allow any grass to grow under her feet while playing the role of Santa Claus to the youthful Duggans. "I couldn't stay long, because if I had talked any, Katie would have known that I wasn't a real Santa Claus, and that wouldn't have spoiled it all, don't you think so?" she asked James as he lifted her into the car.

"Katie laughed so much I rather reckon she knew I was only a make-believe Santa Claus, but little Johnnie thought I was a real live Santa, sure enough. I just know he did, and I gave him all the candy, because a boy wouldn't know how to take care of a doll and a set of dishes, would he?"

Soon after Helen May's tired eyes had closed to the world that evening her papa hurriedly dashed down the stairs from the room that had been guarded so closely and held an excited consultation with mamma.

When Mrs. Duggan runs up against women's rights.

A PICTURE AND A STORY



THE CHRISTMAS BABY TODAY AND THE BABE OF BETHLEHEM.

And there were in the same country shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night.

And lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them, and they were sore afraid.

And the angel said unto them, Fear not; for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people.

For unto you is born this day, in the city of David, a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord.

And this shall be a sign unto you: Ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger.

And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the Heavenly host, praising God and saying: Glory to God in the highest, and

on earth peace, good will toward men.—Luke ii, 8-14.

Blessed are the poor in spirit; for theirs is the Kingdom of Heaven.

Blessed are they that mourn; for they shall be comforted.

Blessed are the meek; for they shall inherit the earth.

Blessed are they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness; for they shall be filled.

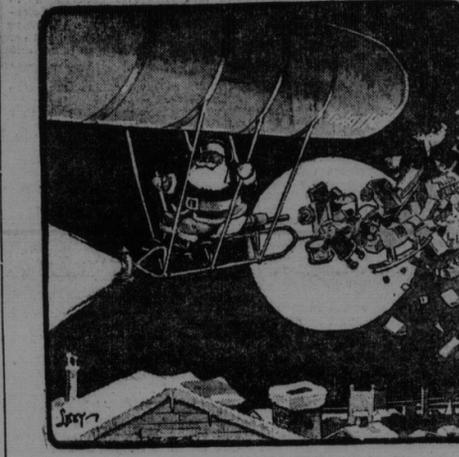
Blessed are the merciful; for they shall obtain mercy.

Blessed are the pure in heart; for they shall see God.

Blessed are the peacemakers; for they shall be called the children of God.

Blessed are they which are persecuted for righteousness' sake; for theirs is the Kingdom of Heaven.—Matthew v, 3-10.

SANTA'S EQUILIBRATOR



BY FRANK R. LEET.

Santa Claus sat before the fire and raved and tore his hair; He thought of a million waiting kids and groaned in wild despair. Then, like a flash, a happy thought straightway he did enforce, He called up Walter Wellman (you've heard of Walt, of course), And to this aviator all his troubles did unfold.

Said he, "My airship's bucking bad and mighty hard to hold," "Well," said Walt, "mine did the same till I found out what to do, I had to add a heavy tail before the blame thing flew. You need an equilibrator to perfect your machine; A bunch of junk tied on behind to steady her, I mean."

"A thousand thanks to you, my friend," said dear old Santa Claus, "I'll add that equilibrator and make it out of toys." So, soon his flight he started, his tail of toys behind, A better equilibrator I believe one could not find.

He flew around this mammoth globe, and everywhere he stopped A piece of equilibrator down the chimney dropped. And when at last his skittish ship was minus all its tail, It turned a somersot or two and quite refused to sail.

Then dumped him in a deep white drift and left in drunken flight, While Santa floundered in the snow and watched it out of sight. How Santa ever will get home I really cannot say, But I surmise he'll foot it there in the good old-fashioned way.

BUYING THE CHRISTMAS TREE



Who's toy, pa's or Tommy's?

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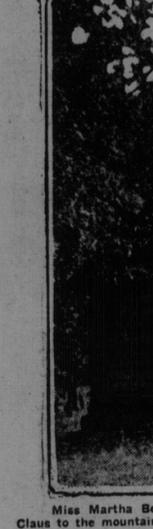
The Wonderful Story of the Tree in the Land of the New Life and Ignorant Mankind

Rome, Ga., Dec. 18.—Christmas came to the mountain region from Alabama. Here were the pools of humanity when of westward migration nothing 75 years ago.

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Miss Martha Berry

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HOW THE SUNDAY LADY BROUGHT SANTA CLAUS

The Wonderful Story of Martha Berry's Christmas Tree in the "Land That Forgot"—How it Started New Life and Hope Among the Isolated and Ignorant Mountain People of the Southland

Rome, Ga., Dec. 18—Here is how Christmas came to the Land That Forgot.

This country, itself forgotten, is the mountain region from Virginia to Alabama. Here were left stranded pools of humanity when the streams of westward migration trickled to nothing 75 years ago.

Today there are 3,000,000 people in the mountain land. In the 75 years, cut off from the world, they forgot even the commonest knowledge possessed by their forefathers. They just slept and forgot like so many southern Rip Van Winkles. They drowned in ignorance and poverty.

So the Land That Forgot is still a land of looms and latch-stings. To step into a mountain cabin is like turning time back a century. A single, windowless room, strewn with dirt and cooking utensils, squirrel life on its peg, log rafters black with smoke from the fireplace. Behind the table is the lean-to with its ragged beds and filthy shakedown.

To a stranger the shy, deer-eyed



streamed out and simultaneously the children literally tumbled in. This wasn't according to schedule. For weeks the children had been practicing a carol, and they were to march in singing it. The woezy melodies began bravely but the tune cut in vain. The children were dumb.

The Sunday Lady turned from the instrument to see. The wonderful tree reached from floor to rafters, blazing with tapers, glittering with toys, bright with popcorn strings, boughs bending under their loads of gifts. Before it the children stood open-mouthed, unable to speak. One ragged urchin lay sobbing for joy on the floor where he had thrown himself. The carol wasn't sung.

So the gift distributing began and then the children's spell was broken. "Oh, pappy, h'ist me clean up, so we-uns can see them that red shoot 'in' crackers."

"H'it 'pears like I'm just 'bliged ter git that doll—h'it's dress is not on same ez a butterfly's wings," cried Minty, from Dark Corners, and later she got that same doll.

There were dolls and toys for the little children, heavy gloves and caps for their fathers, warm stockings and cloaks for their mothers, knitted mittens for the old women, and slippers for the old men, bright ties for the mountain swains and ribbons for their shy girls—happiness for everybody.

By mistake a tiny mirror, intended for a girl, went to Grandpappy Dye. The tears of second childhood dripped down his withered cheeks as he looked at the first Christmas present he ever got. He was so happy with the mirror the mistake was never explained.

And Fighting Bill didn't lose his bulldog head after all. That intelligent animal refused to follow his new owner, so the Sunday Lady made a substitute present.

But Bill scarcely noticed this canine devotion. He had achieved his life's ambition. The finest, fattest pre-



Miss Martha Berry, the "Sunday Lady," and the Georgia mountain cabin in which she brought Santa Claus to the mountain Rip Van Winkles.

people are as harsh to approach and understand as the mountains. And that is why it is so wonderful the Sunday Lady of Possum Trot could win their confidence and tell them about Christmas again.

That was ten years ago. The Sunday afternoon three of the wild children, with the curiosity common to them and to brown raven into the flat woods, that same Sunday afternoon the Sunday Lady then, but was Miss Martha Berry of Rome, Ga., sat reading in her cabin den on a tract of land her father had given her just at the edge of the flat woods.

Miss Martha felt strange eyes upon her and looked up the rose with an exclamation at the sight of three tousel heads at the window regarding her. There was a scampering of feet. When Miss Martha reached the door the three children were peering at her from behind trees.

If you have ever tried to lure the park squirrels to your side with peanuts, you know what the mountain children do. First she tried coaxing, but the children only stared. Finally she stepped back into the cabin and reappeared with three rosy apples.

This bait was irresistible. The children approached fearfully, snatched the apples, retreated a step, and then, as Miss Martha showed no signs of pursuing, followed her timorously into the hut. They ate with wolfish bites for they were hungry. There is always starvation in the mountains.

Miss Martha stuffed them with cakes and apples. Then she questioned them, found they lived along Possum Trot, the brook that tumbles down Mount Lavender, forming pools to which the possums come to wash their faces. They had never been to school, knew not how to read, had never seen a book till that day, had never heard of Sunday school, knew of the Bible only in a vague way.

So all that afternoon Miss Martha told them fairy stories, and the children listened breathlessly, as though fearful lest a breeze might blow this great happiness away. Then, because it was Sunday, she told them the old story of Jesus and his love for children.

Said Minty: "I'm 'bliged not to b'lieve Jesus was ez pore 'n' low-down ez I be."

"Marm 'lows hit 'pears like that haint nobody ez plumb pore ez we-uns," echoed another small skeptic.

They came again the next Sunday, bringing their ragged brothers and sisters to hear the stories. Successful Sundays packed the hut, for wistful men and women, starving for knowledge, came along with their offspring. A few weeks later found a Sunday school established on Possum Trot, and Miss Berry, driving old Roney, the "Sunday school horse," through the mountains, meeting ignorance half way. The few weeks had transformed an idle society girl into a woman, herself and her fortune dedicated to the work of making the Land That Forgot remember again. And to the mountain folk she became simply the Sunday Lady.

Faces were hastily scrubbed, for that was part of the lady's teaching. Then little hands caressed her skirts and tears sprang smarting to eyes unused to them as faded, hopeless women and faded, helpless men told of their yearnings for better things.

The weeks passed. The Possum Trot Sunday school became a day school too. The first good school teacher ever in Georgia mountains

was hired. The people came "tramping down out of the mountains" to attend. There were boys of ten and men of thirty, all learning to say a b's. The average age in the school was twenty.

It is terrible when people forget. It is terrible when they keep on forgetting for a hundred years like the people of these mountains have. They have forgotten farming—the best of it—and so there is famine much of the time. They have forgotten all but the poorest kind of cooking. Their preachers are primitive or there are no preachers at all, and so it is not surprising that the children have forgotten Christmas—that they never heard of Christmas or Santa Claus at all.

So when late that fall the Sunday Lady proposed a Christmas tree for the great holiday there were exclamations of wonder.

"I never neern before o' no man, kind 'puttin' no tootin' horns an' things on a tree," said Grandpappy Dye when he heard about it. Grandpappy can remember the living faces of the soldiers, but he knows nothing of the telephone or the wagon that moves without mules.

It was the purpose of the Sunday Lady to give all the presents on the tree. But the children wormed out the fact that the Christmas spirit means the exchange of gifts.

"Pears like I hain't got nary nothin' ter give you-uns' Christmas tree, 'less sen hit mouht be mah bull-headed dawg," said Fighting Bill.

Bill was sixteen and the terror of the children. He could throw a stone as accurately as his pap could shoot. He was the hardest of the Sunday Lady to train, but once won he was her most loyal champion. The bull-headed dog was the one thing he had ever owned, the one thing that ever loved him. Yet he resigned this tree willingly because the Sunday Lady said one must give as well as receive at Christmas.

Bill led the forces that garnered the tree and he headed the gang that set it up in the schoolhouse. And he was made chairman of the small committee which should assist the Sunday Lady on the great day.

The celebration was to take place at dark Christmas Day, but the Sunday Lady reached the Possum Trot school house at noon so as to have plenty of time to trim the tree. At the sight of the clearing she stopped, amazed. The open space and as far back as the forest she could see was filled with mules, oxen, ramshackle wagons and people. The "mountings" had come down to see the celebration, and they had come early.

"Where DO you all come from," she gasped.

The Sunday Lady was dismayed. She had not expected so many. But not one of these people was to go back into the "mountings" giftless. She started her decoration committee working, then drove back to town. She emptied her own treasures from trunk and drawer, ransacked her absent brother's room for pins, ties, socks and handkerchiefs. She telephoned to her friends for help. And when old Ronie returned to the school house he dragged a buggy loaded with gifts.

Outside the building unkempt men clung to their children's hands and waited. The sun-bonneted, calico-clad women held their babies snug and shivered, for the upland dusk was growing chill. At last the door was thrown open. A flood of ruddy light from the roaring fire of "Fat" pine sent on the trees, a man stied, leather bound accordion went to Bill.

Ten years have passed. The Sun-

day Lady's first efforts to help the Possum Trot people have developed into a great mission. The Martha Berry school near Rome is a great industrial farm, of 2000 acres, with shops, dormitories, classroom buildings, barns and granaries. There are 200 mountain white students getting their "book Valed" and learning scientific farming and housekeeping. As they graduate they go back to the Land That Forgot as teachers, helping to lead it back into the light.

The students come in the spirit of the lad of twenty, who walked 40 miles to the school from Lookout mountain, driving before him the family's only team of oxen to pay for his tuition.

These students have the minds to learn. They have lacked only opportunity. Ordinarily the most ignorant complete the grammar grades in two years. Four years more give them a high school education, besides turning them out good farmers and housekeepers. The students pay half their tuition by working on the school farm. The rest of the school's expenses are met by private subscriptions.

There have been other better Christmas trees following the first one at Possum Trot. Some years the Sunday Lady has provided four trees in different parts of the mountains.

This year—today—there is a different plan. Two wagons are starting out from the school. Each is drawn by two mules. Each is loaded with Christmas presents. It will take each one three days to distribute its gifts. That's carrying Christmas to the people too far away to come down out of the mountains.

If you have a doll with a dress "not on same ez a butterfly's wings," or a dram you will tire of in a week, why not send it to the Berry school at Rome, and help load next year's Christmas wagons?

LEWIS ELECTED.

Halifax, Dec. 23.—Latest reports from Indianapolis indicate that T. L. Lewis has been elected president of the United Mine Workers of America with more than 10,000 majority.

Mdme. Sarah Grand On Seasickness

Madam Sarah Grand, Author of the Heavenly Twins, etc., has this to say of Mother'sill's Seasick Remedy: "Gentlemen—I enclose postal order with thanks for the box of Mother'sill's Seasick Remedy. I have had much experience with the remedy and have never known it to fail in any case either of sea or train sickness. SARAH GRAND.

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"CHRISTMAS" A BITTER JOKE TO THESE 75,000 CHILDREN

"Peace on Earth" Means Hunger and Cold to Great Throng of Innocent Little Victims of the Chicago Strike, Says Miss Price in Vivid Picture of Their "Celebration."

BY LUCY PRICE

Chicago, Dec. 23—Can you remember when you lost faith in Santa Claus? I can, and it's a bitter memory with me yet. I have just discovered 75,000 boys and girls here, all in one bunch, who are about to find out that Santa Claus is a cruel myth, that "Merry Christmas" is a bitter joke, that "peace on earth, good will toward men" means for them going hungry in chill, comfortless homes.

I came to Chicago to find out just what Christmas would mean for the 150,000 people involved in the great garment workers strike. I want to help you live through Christmas day with the families of these girls and men who quit work about three months ago in a great uprising against conditions that drove them to desperate but enthusiastic revolt.

I talked with the strikers; visited their homes; sat down and chatted with their mothers and little brothers and sisters; I held the babies—and kissed them, despite the germs!

Christmas doesn't mean gifts and joy and happiness for them. It's just another cold, dreary day to be lived through somehow.

They won't exactly starve on Christmas day; they won't exactly freeze. Oh, no. They'll have one very plain, scanty meal, for which they are indebted to the pittance doled out weekly from the small fund contributed to keep souls and bodies on speaking terms with each other. They'll sit around and be cold; or perhaps go for a walk past the homes of the more fortunate, where candles gleam on Christmas trees, where music and laughter and joy reign supreme.

The tiny babies won't mind so much. There's a milk fund, to which thousands have contributed providing milk for the babies. The strikers and the rest of the grown up folks of the more fortunate, where candles gleam on Christmas trees, where music and laughter and joy reign supreme.

But the boys and girls who've always believed in Santa Claus and always found SOMETHING in their stockings will have a mighty tough time of it on this one-meal Christmas of 1910. To them comes the physical suffering and the loss of faith in childhood's happy fiction, without their knowing why, without any fault on their part.

Thousands of other Chicago working people, not out on strike, are giving up part or all of their simple Christmas celebrations to keep the strikers from being starved out by the National Association of Garment Manufacturers.

For instance, there's Agnes Johnson, a glove-maker and she doesn't earn so very much. She has to count every penny and make it go twice as far as you'd ever guess a penny COULD go. But by being very careful of every cent all this past year she saved up her pennies until

she had ten big dollars to buy Christmas gifts for those she loved. While I was in the Women's Trade Union league headquarters, Agnes came in. She dropped the 10 dollars into the strike fund. "My people can live without Christmas presents", was all she said. Those words cost a world of self-denial. Factory girls, all over the city, in all lines of work, are doing the same thing, and it means considerable happiness to buy presents for one's family and friends. But they think it's more important to buy bread for homes where there is no pretense of saving more than one meal a day.

The realization of this by the poor and their instant, generous response to the need with gifts from their own scanty store discouraged a club woman who came in with her collection from club members the same day. "I am discouraged," she said. "I hoped for so much more." "It isn't really anything to be discouraged about," Mrs. Raymond Robbins explained to me. "The club women have responded splendidly to our appeal for contributions. The trouble is that she expected the wealthier class to give as much as the poor people do."

Eva and Mary Tuzil are two of the 50,000 to whom Christmas is a mockery this year. There are nine children in the Tuzil family—fatherless. It keeps the mother busy cooking and caring for these nine. Of course, her work isn't so heavy now—there isn't so much food to cook. Two brothers work, but they, like Eva and Mary, are garmentworkers, and all have joined the revolt. The other children are in school.

"Christmas won't be nice this year," Eva told me when I sat beside her at a big rally meeting of the strikers. "And it won't be just ordinary 'not



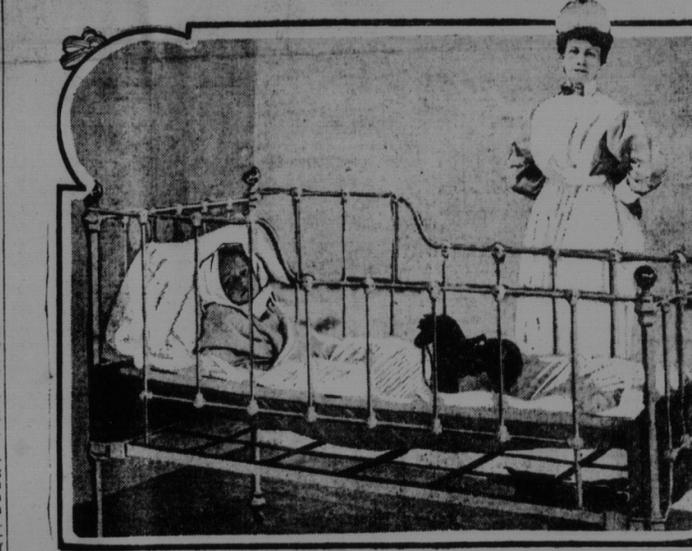
Agnes Johnson, a glove-maker, who smiles because she had \$10 saved up to buy Christmas presents for her loved ones, but she gave it all to the strike sufferers.

and be scolded and worry and cry. Now we like to keep her different."

Eva worked in one of the Hart Schaffner & Marx plants. "Christmas is going to be just the same for her employers this year as it is every other year. There may not be the same legends and quite the same kind of observance in their homes that Eva wants, because she is a Bohemian Catholic and their religion makes some difference. But there will be gifts and lights and joy with them."

"It would seem like every day was Christmas in those homes," Eva said. "They have such grand times, and such good things to eat all the time. I don't see how they know the difference when it's a holiday."

'LEST WE FORGET



HA! THAT LITTLE BOY NEEDS RUBBER BOOTS

HA! THIS LITTLE GIRL NEEDS TO HAVE HER NAILS MANICURED

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PADLOCK BILL BECOMES LAW

Madrid, Dec. 23.—After a stormy all night session the Chamber of Deputies today passed the government's "Padlock Bill" by a vote of 108 to 30.

This is a notable victory for Premier Canalejas, obtained after a bitter fight involving not only the opposition in Spain but the Vatican whose seal of disapproval was set upon the legislation even before it had been submitted to the cortes.

The final fight was waged until the depths were pretty well exhausted physically. Amendment after amendment was voted down. At seven o'clock this morning Canalejas intervened and in a strong speech disclaimed any hostility upon the part of the government toward the religious orders. He insisted nevertheless, upon the necessity of passing the bill in order that the government might resume complete negotiations with Rome.

PLAN ADOPTED IN PORTUGAL

Lisbon, Dec. 23.—The plan of government for the Portuguese Republic has been elaborated by the provisional cabinet. It is based upon the parliamentary system with certain modifications adopted from the United States.

The president will be chosen by parliament for five years and he will be ineligible for re-election until a regular term has intervened. As in France the cabinet will be appointed by the president in accordance with the political complexion of the legislative body, but the ministers of war, marine, finance and public works, being considered non-political, will continue irremovable in the event that the government loses the confidence of parliament. Members of parliament will be elected for three years.

PARLIAMENT OPEN IN JAPAN

Tokio, Dec. 23.—The Diet was opened today. The emperor being indisposed was not present and the speech from the throne was read by Marquis Ka'oura, the premier and minister of finance.

Referring to the annexation of Korea and the conference with Russia, the throne emphasizes the necessity for the maintenance of peace in the Far East. The houses adjourned to Jan. 20.

BAGGAGE CAR DESTROYED.

Fredericton, Dec. 23.—A baggage car attached to the Fredericton train was destroyed by fire at Fredericton Junction last evening. It contained Christmas parcels and a strong box of the Dominion Express Company.

THE WEATHER.

Maritime—Winds increasing to strong breezes and gales southeasterly and southwesterly. Mild with sleet and rain; colder on Sunday.

AROUND THE CITY

Monday, December 26th, being a public holiday, The Standard will not be published.

Give Themselves Up. The three prisoners who escaped from the Fairville jail surrendered themselves yesterday afternoon and were fined \$5 each.

Exmouth Street Church. Rev. W. W. Brewer will preach Sunday evening at the Exmouth street Methodist church.

Nickel Today and Monday. Final Santa Claus matinee at Nickel this afternoon and on Monday the doors will be opened at 10 a. m.

New Thistle Members. At a meeting of the Thistle Curling Club held yesterday, the following new members were initiated: A. G. Staples, T. Albert Linton, Douglas Macaulay, Morris Thompson and W. A. Cameron.

Special for Boys. Sunday morning at 10 o'clock a special meeting for boys will be held at the Y. M. C. A. W. W. Malcolm, of Pine Hill College, will give an address. Music will be furnished by an orchestra and several boys will sing solos.

Gospel Temperance Meeting. A Gospel temperance meeting will be held Sunday evening in the Sons of Temperance hall, West End. The speaker of the evening will be Hon. Robert Maxwell. The chair will be taken at 8.15 o'clock. Gospel hymns will be sung during the evening. The public are cordially invited to attend.

A False Report. Capt. Merriam when he cleared his vessel, the schooner Susie N., yesterday, was somewhat amused to read in Thursday's Times that his vessel had been cleared from St. John last Monday and that she had been caught in the bay in a storm and great fears had been expressed that the vessel had fallen his vessel. This was very interesting reading to those who knew that the vessel was tied up to the wharf at this port, and that she only cleared yesterday for Port Greenville.

Why Did the Clock Stop? A strange coincidence occurred last evening—one that may have some prophetic significance. When the minister of public works arrived in town the light in the tower of the Carleton post office went out and the clock stopped. Over on the West Side last evening avestruck citizens talked excitedly of the strange coincidence, believing it was an augury of the fate of the genial gentleman who has borne aloft the torch of civilization in St. John and converted Courtenay Bay into one of the wonders of the Times. At any rate it is believed that the stopping of the clock, which had been 15 minutes slow for a week, is one of the signs of the times.

SMASHED GLASS IN BOSTON RESTAURANT

John Cook Held on Charge of Wholesale Smashing—Infuriated Because He Was Refused Night's Lodging.

John Cook was arrested on Charlotte street last night about eleven o'clock by Policemen McCollom and O'Neil, on the charge of being drunk and willfully breaking three plate glass windows in the Boston restaurant, of which Hudson Green is the proprietor.

Cook at first entered Charles Clarke's grocery store and asked for a night's lodging, and he was told to go farther along the street. He entered the Boston restaurant and inquired for lodging. He was told that he could not receive any there and had to be ejected from the place.

When he reached the sidewalk, he pulled a gin bottle from one of his pockets and threw it through one of the plate glass windows. There was a crash and the bottle went through into the restaurant and smashed a large cigar case.

Cook was then so enraged that he kicked through one of the panes in the front door, and from there went to the large plate glass windows on the other side of the door and nearer Union street. It only took but a moment when he placed his foot through the glass. In all he did about \$70 damage in a very short time.

The crash of glass was heard a block away, and a large crowd soon gathered about the place.

The police were quickly on the scene and the man was placed under arrest and locked up in one of the cells in the Central Station. The police claim that Cook is an old offender and that about two years ago he escaped from the chain gang. They claim that he has done a term in the Dorchester Penitentiary.

The windows of the restaurant were boarded up. The matter will probably be heard in the police court this morning.

Turkey supper tonight from 4.30 to 8 o'clock at Wanamaker's, 101 Charlotte street.

EMPRESS OF IRELAND ARRIVES WITH LARGEST MAIL ON RECORD

C. P. R. Liner Made Quick Trip Around from Halifax After Being Delayed by Landing of Portion of the Mails--Notables Among Passenger List--Bad Weather During Voyage

The steamer Empress of Ireland arrived in port yesterday afternoon and docked at Sand Point at 3.30. She made a very quick trip from Halifax to St. John. She left Halifax at 12.30 a. m. on Friday and arrived at St. John at 11.30 a. m. on Saturday.

There were 4,900 packages which it is believed to be the heaviest ever landed in Canada from any one steamer. It was also one of the heaviest mails ever sent out of Liverpool.

The Empress had a large passenger list bringing to Halifax 64 first class, 167 second and 442 third class passengers. Of these a few were landed at the sister port, but the big C. P. R. liner brought 34 first, 160 second and 432 third class passengers to St. John.

There are few people of note in her passenger list; as a rule travel in light at this season of the year, as no one takes an ocean voyage if they can help it, just before Christmas.

Among the first class passengers was Miss Nina Bantonier, a Russian actress, who is on her way to San Francisco. She will visit friends in Montreal en route, and will arrive at the western metropolis shortly after the New Year.

Fruit Farming in B. C. Thomas Cantley, of New Glasgow, also came out on the Ireland, disembarking at Halifax. Hon. Price Ellison and Mrs. Ellison, of Victoria, B. C., were other passengers who came around to this port in the big liner.

Hon. Mr. Ellison is interested in fruit farming in British Columbia and during his visit to Great Britain, has interested a number of other men of money to come out in the spring and engage in the same line of effort.

HELD HERE ON WIRE FROM SASKATOON

Would-be Passenger on the Hesperian Arrested on Charge of Obtaining Money Under False Pretences.

Just before the Allan liner Hesperian sailed yesterday afternoon, Police Sergeant W. H. Finney, of the Western division, visited the boat and arrested a young man, who gave his name as D. K. Turner and his age as 21, on a charge of obtaining money under false pretences in the city of Saskatoon.

The arrest was made on the strength of a telegram from Inspector Jarvis of the North West Mounted Police at Saskatoon, and the young man was lodged in Central Station.

He did not take his arrest seriously, and said it was a small matter and could be easily fixed up. He said that he arrived in Canada a year ago last August and had been in Saskatoon for thirteen months where he was engaged in the real estate business.

Although, through the arrest Turner was prevented from sailing on the Hesperian, he will at least be represented when the steamer arrives on the other side, as a trunk, which he claimed, went to sea on the ship. When the officer arrested the young man the prisoner gave him an order for his grip and this was obtained. Then he said he had a trunk on the steamer, but as he could present no check for it, and the Hesperian carried 1,000 pieces of baggage it was impossible to find the trunk before the steamer sailed.

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DOMINION INSPECTOR TO LOOK FOR BROWN TAIL. G. S. Saunders Here En Route to Nova Scotia Says He Will Do Some Work in New Brunswick. G. A. Saunders, inspector in the entomological department of the Dominion government, was in the city yesterday on his way home to Nova Scotia, to spend his holidays.

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