

THE WEATHER:
NORTHWEST WINDS, CLOUDY.
THURSDAY—LIGHT SNOW.

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"SPORTING GREEN"
ON THE STREET AT 6:00
WITH LATE NEWS.

THREE CENTS.

TWO ESCAPE DEATH AS TRAIN SMASHES TRUCK Fire Chief Aitken Urges Increase In London's Force

TWO INJURED WHEN TRAIN DEMOLISHES LIGHT TRUCK

H. E. Hamlin and W. Walker
Have Miraculous Escape
From Death.

NOT BADLY HURT

Driver States He Did Not See
Train or Hear Warning
Signal.

H. E. Hamlin, 26, of 666 Maitland street, and W. Walker, 18, of 392 Regent street, were injured and narrowly escaped death at 9 o'clock this morning, when a half-ton truck which they were driving was struck at the C. P. R. Maitland street level crossing by a westbound freight train hauled by engine number 136.

Walker is at his home suffering from shock. He received a severe shaking up as a result of the accident. Hamlin's injuries are slight. He is suffering from a strained leg and bruised head.

At 9 o'clock this morning, Hamlin, who lives a short distance from the level crossing, took out his truck, No. C-12-729, in order to haul coal for the Buchanan Coal Company. Walker was to have worked with him. As they approached the level crossing, Hamlin, who was driving, states he threw the car into low speed. The C. P. R. crossing at Maitland street has no gates, and the only protection afforded motorists is a bell which rings when a train approaches.

When the small truck was struck by the engine the force of the impact was so great that Walker was hurled fifteen feet from the car to the sidewalk. Hamlin was pinned to the car by a broken steering wheel. The car was turned completely around and thrown toward the sidewalk on the west side of Maitland street.

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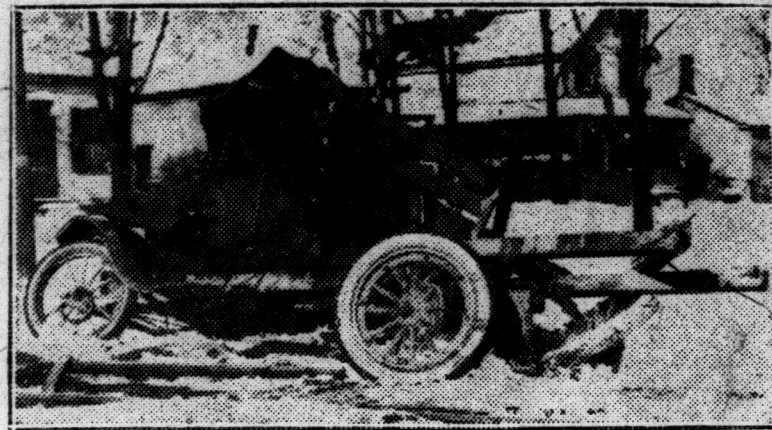
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SMASHED BY C. P. R. FREIGHT TRAIN.
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FRENCH ABANDON HOPE FOR MISSING AIRSHIP

Fifty Officers and Men Aboard
Giant Dirigible, Reports
Paris Government.

SEARCH CONTINUES

Many Cling to Belief the Craft
May Have Landed in
the Desert.

Associated Press Despatch.
Paris, Dec. 26.—Indications that hope of rescuing the missing airship, Dikmude in African or adjacent waters, is approaching the vanishing point, were seen today in the action of the ministry of marine in issuing the list of fifty officers and men aboard, which is seldom done in France until a craft is considered lost. The government, nevertheless, is spurring on the activities of the air, sea and land searchers, as it is pointed out that a disaster to the airship would not necessarily mean death to the crew, although a landing either of a voluntary or an accidental nature would be dangerous.

Those on board the Dikmude are her staff of four officers, ten officers carried as passengers, and her crew of 36 men, fourteen of whom are specially trained to conduct landing operations.

The airship now has been out more than eight days. She carried eight days' rations, and plenty of water, but only a limited amount of gasoline. The principal hope fostered here is that the Dikmude has landed in the desert from whence it might take days for news to come.

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CHIEF AITKEN URGES MORE FIREMEN ON CITY'S FORCE

Recommends That at Least
Ten Additional Men Be
Secured.

AN EXTRA STATION

Several Taken From Central
Company For North
End.

Continued efficiency in the London fire department will necessitate an increase in the personnel of the force for 1924, Fire Chief John Aitken stated.

This is one of the chief's recommendations for the coming year, stating that at least 10 additional men should be added to the department. The strength of the brigade now stands at 52, including the chief and all officers. The men work on the two-platoon system; platoons change daily, at 8 a.m. and 6 p.m. and shifts change every six days in order that each man will have 24 hours of duty every 12 days. During the annual vacation period, May 1 until October 31, four temporary men are engaged.

The North London station (No. 4) was re-opened early in the year and Chief Aitken points out that the men required for this branch of service were taken from the central company or other stations. No additional men were hired, however, for this reason.

"This leaves us under-manned," the chief stated, "and we should be brought up to strength as soon as possible. In the case of a big fire we could use more men to man the ladders than we have available."

Chief Aitken explains also that when any sickness in the department is further handicapped, as there are no others to put in their place.

"The city council this year directed the complete motorization of the fire department," said the chief. "That has been done and now they should bring the department personnel up to an equivalent. This should be done to insure rigid efficiency. A shortage of the necessary men will always prove a serious drawback."

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who declares London's fire force is at present in need of several more men and recommends an immediate increase.

GOVERNMENT WILL NOT AID UNEMPLOYED

Opinion Prevails That Municipalities Must Shoulder
Whole Burden.

REPLIES RECEIVED

It would seem that the federal and provincial governments as well as the case last winter, are viewing with disfavor the request from London or other municipalities, for financial assistance for unemployment relief purposes.

A communication from the city council to the two administrations was acknowledged and the opinion is general, however, that the governments were through with this sort of undertaking two winters ago.

Certain communities are chiefly responsible for the government's relief last winter to interest itself again materially, it is stated; owing to the fact that these municipalities evidently grasped at the offer as an opportunity to undertake all sorts of public works under the guise of relief work, thereby receiving a substantial bonus.

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The Doll Show Is Coming! Ten Prizes For Little Girls With Best Dressed Dolls

The Advertiser Will Hold Doll
Show in January For the
New Dolls.

GET YOUR DOLL READY

Everyone Busy With Frocks,
and Hats and Coats To
Keep Dollies Warm.

Have you ever been to a Doll Show?

There are motor shows and fashion shows and dog shows and poultry shows, but never any Doll Shows. And now London is going to have one.

Nothing but dolls — and dolls' clothes.

Every little girl who has been given a doll by the Doll Lady is busy making dresses and coats and hats for her doll, because it's pretty cold weather for just the pretty organdie frock in which the doll arrives.

So in January The Advertiser is going to have a Doll Show for all these little girls and their new dolls.

There will be ten prizes for the best dressed dolls in the show. The dolls, of course, must be those given by the Doll Lady, and the frocks and hats and coats must be made by the little girl who owns the doll.

The Advertiser will tell you more about the details of the Doll Show before the end of the week, but you can start right away to have sewing parties every afternoon to get your dolly ready in time. And then you can invite all your friends to be your guests at the Show. The most wonderful dolls that have ever been made will be there.

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EIGHT TELL MAGISTRATE OF "MERRY" CHRISTMAS

Ten-Dollar Fines Bring Holiday
Session to Close.

PLENTY OF EXTRACT

Excuses Prove To Be Only Fair
and Contestants Are
"Disqualified."

An extra merry Christmas brought on by extra merry drags at numerous black bottles, gave the extra merry men of Chief Birrell an extra lot of work on December 25, 1923.

Eight bibulous gentlemen, one with a fondness for lemon extract, faced the court this morning and drew away to the cells later on, each with a \$10 fine tacked on to his bank account. It was a fair morning for excuses, but facts are facts and as the magistrate stated, he had no discretion in the matter.

The first to face the court barrier was an old-timer who appeared last Monday and was fined \$10 on a drunk charge.

"You back again?" sadly queried the magistrate.

"Yes, sir, but I wasn't very full."

"If you were full at all you were guilty," stated the court.

Constable Thompson stated he picked up the offender at King and Talbot streets at 1 a.m.

"He was drinking early," observed the chief.

The constable went on to state the prisoner was leaning up against a mail box for support and when

ALL IS WELL, SANTA CLAUS, HIS POLAR KINGDOM

CONTENTED CITY RADIATES GOOD CHEER AND PEACE

Saint Nicholas Views a Panorama of Joy on Christmas Night.

LONDONERS AT HOME

Saint Nicholas, from somewhere in the gray and snow-laden northland, Tuesday night looked for a while on the panorama of London with its every street light, every church candle, and every fire-lamp in mansion and hovel radiating good cheer, decided all was well and went back to the Polar regions for another year.

He left behind a city in which was contentment and peace and Yuletide happiness. It was contentment of that sort born of a good dinner, a good cigar, a seat by the fire, a comfortable disarray, a glimpse into the eyes of children—eyes reflecting, in their starry depths, all the gladness of the ogle big day of the year.

The dawn was still gray and the world was blanketed with snow when church chiming and the twinkling lights behind windows, ornamented with holly and evergreens, announced that Christmas day had begun. Children had tumbled out of bed, eager for the first look of the Christmas tree, with its myriad colors and its myriad gifts. Parents, who had worked until hours to adorn the tree, forgot their weariness.

The day progressed. Traffic cops forgot most of their vocabularies when they halted speeders. The stern businessman in his limousine stopped at the street corner to pick up a woman and her husband, waiting in the cold for a street car, instead of passing by, as usual.

Downtown London during the night was visited by friends and relatives. The streets were empty. Department stores echoed to the voices and footsteps of janitors laboring to prepare for the morrow and the exchange of gifts.

Londoners were at their homes, smoking Christmas cigars that the donors might not be offended, and anticipating or enjoying Christmas dinner with plum pudding, turkey and perhaps an appetizer of forbidden brew.

The day ended as it began, with universal happiness. Clerks and stenographers set their clocks back for 7 o'clock. Children rejoiced that the days when they had to be on their good behavior or else offend Santa Claus were over. And, until the first of the year the efforts of clerks will be devoted to this end.

LONDONER HEARS PORTORICO RADIO

Milt. Jackson, Trying To Get Louisville, Tunes In On Sunny South.

What is believed to be a long distance record in local radio circles was achieved last night, quite by accident, when Milt Jackson, 250 St. James-street, an ardent fan, in trying to tune into Louisville, Ky., heard a concert being broadcasted from Porto Rico.

Mr. Jackson said that last winter he had heard Porto Rico once, and that although he had tried scores of times to tune in on the same station he had been unable to do so. Last night he heard a concert being sent out, and at the end the announcer spoke in some foreign language, Spanish it is believed. Mr. Jackson, thereupon thought he had got in touch with Havana. After a minute, however, the statement was made in English that it was Porto Rico sending.

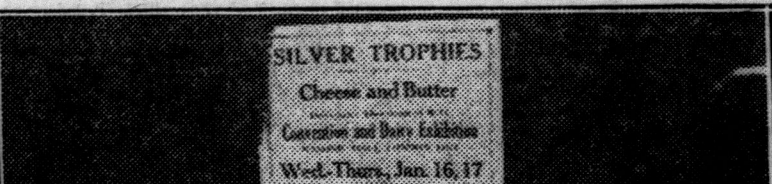
CHICAGO SALOONKEEPER WILL ESCAPE JAIL TERM

Associated Press Despatch. Chicago, Dec. 26.—Philip Grossman, sentenced to one year in jail February 7, 1921, by former Judge Kenesaw M. Landis, for failure to close his saloon in accordance with a federal injunction, was not released on a presidential pardon yesterday when it was found that he never had been in jail.

Robert Levy, United States marshal, said he presumed Grossman would have to check in at the jail before he could be let out properly. Mr. Levy said Grossman was sick and out of town and would surrender after the holidays. After Mr. Landis sentenced Grossman an appeal was taken and recently the higher court found he had been dealt with legally.

WORKMAN KILLED ON RAILWAY

Canadian Press Despatch. Hamilton, Dec. 26.—The body of an unknown man, horribly mangled, was found at the Hunter street entrance of the T. H. and B. this morning. He was about 30 years of age and was supposed to have been an Italian workman. A train evidently passed over him.



SILVER TROPHIES
Cheese and Butter
Competition and Bazaar
Wednesday, Jan. 16, 17

CUPS AND SHIELD OFFERED.
Silver challenge shield and cups that have been offered for competition in butter, cheese and cream contests to be held at the 57th annual convention of the Dairywomen's Association of Western Ontario, to be held in the local Masonic Temple on Jan. 16 and 17.

MEMORY STILL BLANK AS YULETIDE PASSES

"Jordan Smith" Looks in Wonderment at Joy of Fellows.

While practically every other patient at Westminster Psychopathic Hospital was visited by friends and relatives yesterday, Jordan Smith, the veteran who has permanently lost his memory, had to be content with looking on in wonderment at the good time his fellows were having.

Smith was by no means unhappy, however. The Red Cross, the Y. M. C. A., the I. O. O. F. and the local Girls' Council sent him parcels of good things, and when his companions' relatives had departed he joined with others in celebrating Yuletide.

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STARVELED PEOPLE TO GIVE LIBRARY LIST OF THE SICK

Downham Assures More Prevalent Diseases Have To Be Reported.

GREAT PROTECTION WIFE BADLY SCARED

After a conference this morning with Ald. Leonard Douglass, chairman of the health committee, Dr. W. S. Downham, city medical officer of health, announced that his department would institute immediately a different system whereby the public library authorities would be notified of all contagious diseases within the city limits.

"We are changing our system," Dr. Downham stated. "In order that we may include in our notification to the library authorities one disease which for some reason or other has been overlooked in the past years. We don't know why, but it has evidently not been included in the list."

The city medical officer of health assures, however, that scarlet fever and diphtheria cases have never been listed at the library in order that the officials of that department may take the necessary precautions to insure that no books leave the building for that residence during contagion and that any books there when the disease was noted are destroyed.

In connection, however, with the suggested fumigation of all books exchanged continually at the library, Dr. Downham states that such undertakings have not met with any appreciable degree of success in communities where a trial was made.

It is the opinion of the local officer of health that responsible for the spread of contagious disease, and he supports the city's ordinance which compels either pasteurization or the governmental test of the books.

"No person realizes just how many times a book is handled," Dr. Downham stated, "and if they have a germ in the throat or mouth it could easily be passed on to the next person who handles it. The officials will make their rounds just the same and the dealers will not always know when they are coming."

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THIGHT "CO" A HOLED-UP MAN, SPEEDER'S REED

E. A. Wilson Declares He Was Carrying a Large Sum of Money.

WIFE BADLY SCARED

E. A. Wilson, of the Ingersoll Machine Company, was returning to Ingersoll from London recently at 10 p.m. He speeded up a little after passing Crumlin, and hustled along at about 30 miles an hour. There was but one car on the road, and it kept about the same distance behind him.

This worried Mr. Wilson, who had a large sum of money in his possession. He thought he would speed up a little, and he did. So did the other car. Mr. Wilson gave his car more gas, and so did the other motor. The car behind him, however, finally passed him. An arm waved from the car, and Wilson was ordered to stop.

"Why my wife was so scared, she hasn't gone over the shock yet," he said. "I spoke to a man in Brantford about it later and he told me that under those conditions I would have been perfectly justified in shooting the man."

"I waved my notebook at you and asked, 'Nobody would mistake a book for a revolver. I never had any complaints before.'"

"I thought it was a hold-up," he told, Magistrate Hawshaw this morning. "I don't think any speeder could take any chances on the road these nights with so many robberies in the country."

"I had a lot of money on me and I'm not for letting anyone pass me under those conditions," he said. "My wife was simply scared half to death. I was suspicious myself. I think I had been extorting someone."

"I was driving a very quick car on a lonely road at night with a lot of money."

"If motorists who I pull up for speeding give me a good excuse let them go. I use discretion in the matter. The same night as I stopped you Mr. Wilson, I stopped a man who was driving a very quick car on a lonely road at night with a lot of money."

"I told him to go ahead, that the highway was his. You didn't tell me then that you had a large sum of money on you, nor did you give any excuse."

"I wasn't sure then that you were a constable," declared Wilson. "I wasn't saying anything about my money. I won't let anyone pass me on the road when I have a lot of cash."

"Well, you are liable to be pulled again," declared Stratton. Under the circumstances Magistrate Hawshaw decided to dismiss the case.

Hundred Checks For Loss In Fire

To adjust the claims for insurance attention on the recent small blaze at the Empress Avenue School, 190 checks will be received by Secretary Tanner of the board of education.

The damage done, according to insurance adjusters, amounted to a few cents more than \$385, and the checks will be for sums ranging from \$18 to \$4 cents. The large number of checks that will be used is necessary owing to the fact that the schools of London carry a very large number of policies and the loss must be borne proportionately by each.

GIVING MARKET PRICE COSTLY IN GERMANY

Court Fines Newspaper for Printing Cost of Eggs.

Associated Press Despatch. Berlin, Dec. 25.—Market reporting is a dangerous calling in these days of high living costs in Berlin. Erich Dombrowski, the editor on the Berlin Tageblatt, who is held responsible by the courts for everything published in that paper, was charged recently with attempting to raise prices artificially. The case presented against him was that the Tageblatt quote eggs at 150 billion marks, when the official price fixed by the government was 20 billion marks less.

Dombrowski testified that he and his representatives had tried to buy eggs at 130 billion marks, but that dealers would not sell them for less than 150 billion each. Consequently he was of the opinion that the market price was the correct one.

The court was inexorable. It held that since the government fixed the price of an egg at 130 billion marks that was the price, and the publication of a higher price was a crime against the government. For which the editor was fined 30 billion marks.

ROMANTIC ORIGIN OF PREPAID POSTAGE.

In ancient times, long before the days of postage stamps, it was always the custom of the sender of a letter to pay the postage. The way in which this came to be altered is curious. A young man in London fell violently in love with a girl who lived in a distant part of the metropolis. But the attentions of the ardent lover were not desired, and the maiden had no wish to receive letters from the much less to pay for them. After a few had been accepted, and of course, paid for, the girl informed the postman that she would not receive any more letters. This thing set the postman thinking, and as a result, he made a suggestion to the authorities. This was that it would save a lot of trouble if the sender of a letter was made to pay the postage. So the idea was adopted, and as a result today everyone who sends a letter takes it for granted that he must pay for its delivery in advance.

"LITTLE NEW YEAR'S CARD."

Frank D. Leonard of Toronto, who has persisted in ignoring a summons to the local police court for speeding, will get a little New Year's card asking him to "pay up." Chief Birrell intimated today, when Mr. Leonard failed to appear.

BOXING-DAY WITH ITS USUAL GIFTS, AN EVENT IN ENGLAND

Attractions Are Innumerable on National Holiday in the Old Country.

A DAY OF PLEASURE

Hard on the heels of Christmas comes "Boxing Day" with its little "hand-outs" to the butcher, the baker, the candlestick maker, and so on. At least in old England it is always on Boxing Day these Christmas boxes are given, whether that is the reason for the name or not. To begin with Boxing Day, the day after Christmas, as all Englishmen consider, and very rightly, a national holiday and always given over to sports and recuperation after the Christmas spree.

There are always a number of important games played in "Blighty" today, there is always a wonderful offering of plays and shows and concerts and dances and parties to bring the season to a close.

Over in the small and cozy little Isle, at least before the present days of unemployment, one began the day with a handful of loose silver which evaporated as the various tradesmen's boys came whistling up the drive. The morning was usually spent in some pet hobby, mending the motor bike, the car, practicing a new swing on the lawn, or teaching the dog tricks.

In the afternoon a fellow might get a round of golf, go to see a game of football if the weather permitted, taken in a matinee if he lived near town, or a hundred and one things. The evening always took care of itself. There was lots to do.

With it all, it was a very harmless affair, this Boxing Day. Everyone in the land had a good time, and even "Arty and 'Arriet out from Amptstead" or out for a ride with the "Moke" across country in a "barber."

It's a most democratic day, and for the war was one of the events of the year. On this side of the western ocean Boxing Day is merely a name as yet, and it means anything at all, it stands only for that exceedingly trying day following Christmas Day, when everyone is doing their best or their worst to recover from the night before and when tempers and temperamental people are at their worst.

Boxes are given earlier, and by this time have been spent. The mood of doubtless he sports innumerable out in the bright snow and under the friendly sun, if the time was provided. Perhaps as one of the "Blighties" pulled again," declared Stratton. Under the circumstances Magistrate Hawshaw decided to dismiss the case.

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JAIL INMATES ENJOY SPLENDID TURKEY DINNER

Maybe Some Missed Their Usual "Cheer," But All Were Happy.

DONORS THANKED

Spending Christmas in the county jail would hardly appeal to most citizens, but inmates of the county house had a most pleasant day, thanks to the kindness and thoughtfulness of a number of citizens, to whom Governor Byron Dawson is extremely grateful.

True, the usual Christmas decorations were absent, but early in the morning roast turkey could be sniffed even in cells the farthest from the kitchen, and it sure did whet numerous appetites.

There were but two prisoners absent from the grunting tables set in the "debtor's ward" at high noon. They were Sid Murrell and Clarence Topping, who are being held on charges of murder. They, however, were provided for in their cells.

The head warden saw to it that the big 22-pound turkey was properly stuffed and basted, and the big bird was praised at some length by all the "crusties" arrived.

Liberals portions of both

WARNS AGAINST COUNTERFEIT BILLS IN CIRCULATION

CONSUL INFORMED OF AMERICAN FAKE

Secret Service Declares Spurious Notes Are in General Circulation.

ADVISE LONDONERS

Asks Any Discoverer, Be Reported To United States Consulate.

The American consul here has just received circular letters from the secret service division of the treasury department at Washington, calling attention to certain new counterfeit federal reserve notes, recently discovered in general circulation.

The denominations of the counterfeit notes range from \$10 to \$1,000. A \$1,000 U.S. federal reserve note on Federal Reserve Bank of New York was received in exchange at London, England, and made its way to the secret service division of the treasury department at Washington. Some of the notes of the lower denomination are described as poorly done, while those higher are not easily detected.

The American consul points out the most salient defects indicated as follows: Figures are usually irregularly placed and out of alignment; portraits have unlikelikey appearance; the backs of the notes are not done as well as the faces; much of the lathe work on the faces appear in the color instead of fine lines; red and blue lines are used to imitate those made by silk lines.

If any such spurious notes are discovered, the case should be immediately reported to the consul. If any doubt should arise as to the genuineness of any of these bills, it would be advisable before accepting them to get an opinion thereon from a bank.

WOMAN INSPECTOR STOPS SMUGGLING

Rigid Inspection Discourages Fair Shoppers From Buying in United States.

Special to The Advertiser.

Sault Ste. Marie, Dec. 25.—Buying of American-made goods in the Michigan Soo by women in the city is said to have been materially reduced since installation of a woman customs inspector at this port.

The news has been kept very quiet, in fact just leaking around, for several stories told by women travellers who have been inspected. It is understood that merchants of this city agitated the employment of a woman because of the vast amount of trade which is claimed to have been going to the Michigan side.

The smuggling of clothes is said to have been enormous. Women are said to have concealed their parcels beneath their morning frocks, and women carrying back American-made products are said to have been passed up by the men inspectors. It is different now, however, as the women are given a rigid going over by one of their own sex.

TILLSONBURG FIRE DAMAGES GARAGE

Early Morning Blaze Causes Loss of Several Thousand Dollars.

Special to The Advertiser.

Tillsonburg, Dec. 25.—Fire of menacing nature which broke out in the Tillsonburg shoe factory on Main street, early this morning, forced several people from their apartments adjoining the building and caused a loss that will run into thousands of dollars.

The blaze was first discovered at 12:40, and when the firemen arrived dense volumes of smoke and flames were issuing from the building. Fearing that the night employee of the garage might be asleep in the office, the firemen chopped their way through a door, but the man showed up later, having been downtown when the fire started.

It is thought that the blaze originated in the stockroom at the rear of the office. The fire chief was unable to give out the cause of the fire. The loss is partially covered by insurance.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Butt, local restaurant owners, were forced to leave their apartment.

ELECTRIC LIGHT SMASHES, IGNITING OIL IN GARAGE

St. Catharines, Dec. 25.—It is not generally known that an electric light globe falling and smashing may cause fire. Such was the cause of fire last night in Eberhardt's garage here. The exploding bulb carried sufficient flame to set fire to some oil on the concrete floor and the flames spread to a motor car. The burning car was run out on to the street and the fire put out.

SINGER REFUSES TO TAKE GERMAN PAPER MARKS

Associated Press Despatch. Dortmund, Dec. 25.—Emmy Leisner, a Berlin soprano who was engaged to appear with the Dortmund Music Society, refused to sing unless she was paid in foreign money, or some sort of stable currency. As the management had only German paper money the concert had to be cancelled.

AIR ROUTE OVER ROOF OF WORLD IS PREDICTED

U. S. Navy Secretary Approves Proposal For Exploring Far North.

MAP UNKNOWN WASTES

Associated Press Despatch.

Washington, Dec. 25.—Recommendations that the navy's Polar expedition flight be attempted during the coming summer, and using Nome, Alaska, as the main operating base, are contained in the report of the special board of naval officers, headed by Rear Admiral William A. Moffett, chief of naval aviation. The report was made public today by Secretary Denby, who has approved it, subject to possible later modifications.

In its study, the board emphasized that the mission of the expedition would be "exploration of the north polar regions" rather than a dash for the pole. The detailed plan of operation worked out, therefore, contemplates numerous flights by the Shenandoah and charting cruises to "establish the practicability of a trans-polar air route" from Western Europe to Japan "over the top of the world."

Recommendation was made that two vessels, preferably tankers, equipped with mooring masts, six planes equipped for landing on ice or water, a permanent mooring mast at Nome, and mooring facilities at certain other northern points, be employed.

"The ships, with three planes each, will go to Nome and to Spitzbergen, where preliminary flights for aerological observations will be made," the report said. "When all is ready the Shenandoah will fly to Nome, via mooring masts at Fort Worth, San Diego, Puget Sound and Nome bases, then northward for the accomplishment of this mission. The exploration of the north polar region shall include a systematic search of the unknown area north of Alaska."

Plan Feasible. "The board considers that with all the ships, the Shenandoah and the planes equipped as recommended and provided in ample time, the Arctic exploration is feasible and practicable during the summer of 1924 without undue risk to personnel or material."

Selection of the Nome base was made because of its location, its availability to shipping as a rule during the first week in June. The distance to the pole from Nome, via Cape York, is 1,000 nautical miles. At a speed of 25 knots the Shenandoah will have a safe cruising capacity of 4,250 nautical miles, with a 15 per cent margin of extra radius.

THREE INJURED IN AUTO MISHAPS CHRISTMAS DAY PASSED QUIETLY

Hamilton People All Victims of Cars During the Holiday.

Canadian Press Despatch.

Hamilton, Dec. 25.—Scalp wounds were suffered by Mrs. C. M. Montague, Burlington, this afternoon when her automobile collided with a machine driven by Charles Finch of Hamilton in the Toronto-Hamilton highway. Mrs. Montague was thrown forward in the impact and cut. Her injuries are not of a serious nature. Both machines were badly wrecked.

Knocked from his bicycle tonight by an unknown motorist, James Holm was found in an unconscious condition by a constable. The officer saw the injured boy and his bicycle, and in the distance he spotted the rear light of the car responsible for the accident, but he failed to get its number. The boy will recover.

Mrs. Nathan Mainwaring, a guest at a local hotel, suffered a painful laceration of the face today when she was knocked down by an automobile. The driver did not stop. The injured woman will be discharged for life.

PLANS MADE FOR PAVING INNERKIP MAIN STREET

Special to The Advertiser.

Innerkip, Dec. 25.—Mr. Forbes of Woodstock, Oxford county road superintendent, James Ross, deputy reeve for East Zorra, and the village council have made plans for widening and improving Main street. The plans call for a twenty-foot face of crushed stone, operations beginning at once.

Buy Park Spot. The Innerkip park board met last Friday evening and completed the purchase of a plot of ground from James Long. This plot is situated in the center of the village and will be made a real beauty-spot.

DODD'S KIDNEY PILLS

FOR ALL KIDNEY DISEASES
BRONCHITIS, ASTHMA, DIABETES, BACKACHE, GRAVEL, RHEUMATISM, NEURALGIA, MIGRAINE, EPILEPSY, Hysteria, Catarrh of the Bladder, Stricture, Gleet, Gonorrhea, Syphilis, Eczema, Psoriasis, Scabies, Ringworm, Tinea, etc.

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Montreal Plays Christmas Golf

Canadian Press Despatch.

Montreal, Dec. 25.—Golf on Christmas Day in Montreal is the latest record to be credited to a fickle thermometer. Today over the Beaconsfield Golf Club course at Pointe Claire twelve members enjoyed rounds under winter rules. According to veteran golfers of the district, this is the first time in history that play has been possible locally at this time of the year.

CHRISTMAS DAY PASSED QUIETLY

No Arrests or Complaints To Care For, Say Maple City Police.

SERVICES IN CHURCHES

Special to The Advertiser.

Chatham, Dec. 25.—Christmas passed off quietly in Chatham and vicinity, city, county and provincial police reporting that no complaints of any kind had been registered overnight and during the day. A watchful eye was maintained during the holiday for bootleggers, but they appear to have been idle. City police state that no intoxicated person was observed either last night or today.

Christmas Services. Special Christmas services were observed in the two Anglican and two Roman Catholic Churches. At St. Joseph's Church midnight mass was celebrated. Rev. D. A. Calder preached at the morning service at the Holy Trinity Church, and Rev. Canon Perkins preached at Christ Church.

Mrs. Margaret Forsythe, the widow of a well-known pioneer of Chatham Township, in the person of Mrs. Margaret Forsythe, died Christmas morning at the home of her son, John Forsythe, the concessioner, at St. Joseph's Church, Chatham. She was in her 70th year, and had suffered from heart trouble, which had confined her to her room for 12 months.

The late Mrs. Forsythe was born in Southend, Scotland, and came to Canada with her father, Donald McNaughton, in 1878, and settled on the 8th concession, Chatham Township. She was married to James Forsythe in 1879.

Surviving relatives are her son, two brothers, Thomas of Victoria, B. C., and David of Minnesota; two sisters, Mrs. R. Henry and Mrs. Robert Forsythe, Sen. Eberts.

Funeral services will be held Thursday afternoon.

A NEW SCHOOL BUILDING PLANNED IN DORCHESTER

Special to The Advertiser.

Dorchester, Dec. 25.—At a well-attended meeting of the ratepayers of the village, held in the Orange Hall Saturday evening, for the purpose of discussing the continuation school question, it was unanimously decided by a standing vote to proceed with the erection of a new school building. It is understood that the new building will cost in the neighborhood of \$20,000, to be borne by Dorchester School Section, No. 4.

Christmas Day Unmarred By Untoward Happenings

Police and Fire Departments Report "Nothing Doing" For Them.

FOUR DRUNKS FOUND

Warnings Regarding Lighting Christmas Trees Are Heeded.

Christmas Day was spent in London without one mishap reported to mar the joyous celebration, and evidently the warnings in regard to the lighting of Christmas trees were heeded in a most satisfactory manner.

Not one call was received by the fire department, while the police had an equally quiet time. Only four drunks being taken in. It was noticeable this year that a large majority of the people were content to spend the day in their homes, street railway officials reporting that traffic on all lines was the lightest in many years.

Throughout the day many public institutions for the sick and old were visited, the Rotary Club presenting the staff and patients at Victoria Hospital with gifts, while the Salvation Army tended to the needs of those in unfortunate circumstances. All playhouses reported capacity houses, and cafes all had a thriving business.

THREE-CORNERED CONTEST FOR THE AYR REEVESHIP

Special to The Advertiser.

Ayr, Dec. 25.—Indications point to a three-cornered contest for the reeveship. H. R. Graham is again a candidate, and the other contestants are ex-Warden R. Armstrong and Councillor V. A. Ramsay is retiring.

Plan Centennial.

A well-attended meeting of the citizens put the proposed centennial another step forward, when it named the various committees. John Goldie was elected chairman of the whole, and A. D. McIntyre, manager of the Molsons Bank, general secretary. The celebration will take place the first week in August next. An historical pageant, now in course of preparation, will be one of the big features.

Reeve Graham gave a banquet to the village council and a few other invited guests on Saturday evening in the Craftsman's Club Room.

Mr. Thos. Fairgrieve, for some years collector of customs and librarian, is lying very ill at his residence here, the result of a paralytic stroke.

CHOIR GIVES LAMP.

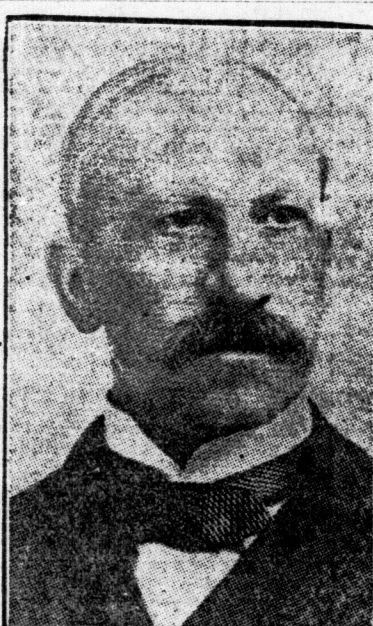
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Walkerton, Dec. 25.—Special Christmas services were held in the various churches on Sunday.

The choir of Knox Church, under the leadership of Mr. Weaver, put on an elaborate program at both services. The "Hallelujah Chorus" at the morning service and the "Angel's Song" at the evening service deserve special mention, as do the solos of Miss M. Schwindt and Miss Mary Hympant.

A beautiful pulpit lamp was presented to the congregation by the choir.

Rev. Burgess, the pastor, delivered two appropriate addresses.



the head of the protection investigation committee appointed by Premier Baldwin, has decided to dissolve that organization. This may indicate the abandonment of the tariff platform altogether by the Conservative party.

MEMORIAL CHOR SINGS FOR PATIENTS IN HOSPITAL

Monday night Cronyn Memorial Church choir sang Christmas carols and hymns in the wards at Victoria Hospital, which were greatly enjoyed by the patients. Yesterday the Salvation Army Band played many beautiful Christmas selections at the hospital, which added greatly to the comfort of the patients on a day such as Christmas.

WEDDINGS

WILLS-BUTLER.

On Wednesday, Dec. 19, at high noon, at Woodlands Fruit Farm, Luella J., eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. A. Butler, Arkona, was joined in wedlock to Mr. James Wills of Warwick. The bride was supported by her sister Marion, while the groom was attended by Mr. Roy S. Burman, cousin of the bride. The wedding march was played by Miss Evelyn Butler, as the bride party took their places under an arch of cedar, decked with apple blossoms, the bride on the arm of her father. The pastor of Arkona Baptist Church, Rev. A. H. Jones, performed the ceremony. A buffet lunch was served. Mr. and Mrs. Wills left on a wedding trip to Detroit, Pontiac and other points in Michigan. They will make their home on the groom's farm in Warwick.

COLE-DUFFIN.

Special to The Advertiser.

Dorchester, Dec. 25.—A quiet wedding took place at the manse yesterday afternoon when Miss Francis M., only daughter of Mrs. Mary Duffin of Thorndale, was united in marriage to Albert C. Cole, also of Thorndale. Mr. and Mrs. Cole left for Barrie and other points east for a short honeymoon trip, and will take up their residence on Thorndale on their return.

STROKE IS FATAL TO LONDON C. N. R. CROSSING GUARD

Alfred Watson Expires in Hospital After Stricken While On Duty.

ATTACK WAS, SUDDEN

Suffering a stroke while on duty as crossing watchman for the C. N. R. at Egerton street at 7:30 Christmas morning, Alfred Watson of 1104 Brydges street, was removed to Victoria Hospital in the police ambulance, where he died early Christmas night.

Mr. Watson had worked steadily for the past four or five years, and although complaining during the past week of not feeling well, the stroke came upon him without warning of any kind.

Dr. Clegg attended the stricken man.

He was born and lived all his life in London and was a member of the Canadian Order of Foresters, and was 61 years of age.

He is survived by his widow. The funeral arrangements have not yet been completed.

POSSIBLE HEADS OF COMMITTEES

Board of Education Members Suggested For Various Places.

ALL ACTIVE WORKERS

Special to The Advertiser.

St. Thomas, Dec. 25.—Chairmanship of committees may cause some special discussion at the organization meeting of the board of education, to be held on January 14.

It is generally conceded that Mr. Harvey will be appointed chairman to succeed Mrs. McCulley. Mr. Harvey holds an enviable record on the board, and by reason of his years of service and the interest he has always taken in school affairs he is considered as entitled to the honor.

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CITY RADIO FANS PICK UP MESSAGE TO SHIP IN ARCTIC

Chicago Station Sends Yuletide Greetings To McMillan Expedition.

INTERFERENCE NOTED

To the citizens of London who are fortunate enough to have radio-phones, the whole of Christmas morning was a most interesting time for the variety of entertainment, but the climax came when a seasonal message, sent from Chicago to the Bowdoin, Capt. McMillan's tiny Arctic ship, situated 10 degrees from the north pole, was clearly picked up by local enthusiasts.

Good wishes of the world were sent to the hardy adventurers in the north, and announcement was made that the message sent to the Bowdoin on Dec. 19, 7:45 p.m. was picked up in Samoa by Mr. Roberts, radio operator for the New Zealand government on that island.

The message was relayed by the New Zealand authorities to the U. S. naval observatory at Washington, and was stated by W. S. Bean, U. S. radio inspector, to be a record, the distance being approximately 7,500 miles.

Christmas music was rendered for the men on the Bowdoin, concluding with "O Little Town of Bethlehem," sung by a large choir. Christmas wishes to the crew were also transmitted, naming D. B. McMillan, Robinson (first mate), James (engineer), Goddard, McCue, Lewis (cook), and Donald Mix (radio operator). The messages were sent from the Edge-water Beach Hotel Station, W.A.V.

Many fine programs were heard from widely separated cities, including Zion, Ill.; Knoxville, Pa.; Atlanta, Ga.; Pittsburg, Chicago; Detroit, Newark and Schenectady.

Listening on the radiophone was somewhat bewildering, because of the great amount of interference, and the difficulty of tuning out the undesirable elements. First would come the tinkling and jangling of a jazz orchestra, and in the midst of it the sonorous tones of a preacher would come the harmony of a great choir, and the tones of an organ, mingling with the music of a band.

At last the clear tones of a man's voice said "Bowdoin," and an earnest effort was made to tune out all other sounds, and they finally succeeded.

FIRE PREVENTED BY TRAIL RANGER

Prompt Action by Ken Wanless Probably Saves City Building.

Trail Ranger training averted a fire on Christmas Eve, when Ken Wanless saw the first flash of a fire in the second story of Graham's store on Dundas street, across the way from Oak Hall, where he is employed.

Prompt action is a Trail Ranger principle, and coolness in an emergency is another. True to form, young Wanless ran across the street and noticed Mr. Graham, who, with the assistance of his staff, extinguished an incipient flame which had started around one of the pillars. Fortunately, little damage was done, and the blaze was extinguished without calling the fire department or alarming the patrons of the store.

The cause of the blaze is not definitely known, but it is surmised it may have been a cigarette butt.

SCOTLAND MAN INJURED IN HOLIDAY ACCIDENT

Canadian Press Despatch. Brantford, Dec. 25.—Frank Smith, Scotland, Ont., when driving into the city today, was hit by a Lake Erie and Northern Railway car, suffering scalp wounds. He was removed to the hospital, where he is expected to recover.



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OTTAWA GIRL WILL WED DANISH PRINCE

MISS LOIS BOOTH WILL WED PRINCE ERIC OF DENMARK

Officially Announce Granddaughter of Lumber King To Marry.

OTTAWA IS THRILLED

Canadian Press Despatch. Ottawa, Dec. 25.—The engagement was officially announced tonight of Miss Lois Frances Booth, granddaughter of J. R. Booth, the lumber king of Canada, to His Royal Highness Prince Erik Frederik Christian Alexander, third son of Their Royal Highnesses Prince and Princess Valdemar of Denmark. The marriage, it is understood, will be held in Ottawa this spring, and will be attended by the groom's father, Prince Valdemar.

Miss Booth first met Prince Erik at Lake Louise when she was visiting there seven years ago, and it is said that it was a case of love at first sight. Prince Erik, who is spending Christmas in Ottawa, owns a ranch near Calgary, and is an accomplished hunter and breeder of prize stock. Prince Erik is only 31 years old and is a first cousin of King George of England and King Christian of Denmark. The dowager Queen Alexandra of England is a sister of Prince Valdemar.

Miss Booth today wore an engagement ring presented her by Prince Erik. The ring, of diamonds and emeralds, has been in the family for generations. Miss Booth will share her husband's rank and title. They will reside alternately in Canada and Denmark.

PRINCE OF WALES HELPS.

Special to The Advertiser. Ottawa, Dec. 25.—With the official announcement of the engagement of Miss Lois Frances Booth to His Royal Highness Prince Erik Frederik Christian Alexander, it is stated that no less a personage than the Prince of Wales enacted the role of matchmaker. It is reported in Ottawa society circles that during his last trip in the Canadian capital the Prince of Wales enacted the role of matchmaker. It is reported in Ottawa society circles that during his last trip in the Canadian capital the Prince of Wales enacted the role of matchmaker.

It was while the Prince of Wales was visiting his Alberta ranch that he met Prince Erik of Denmark. When Prince Erik came east the Danish prince asked him to carry a message to Miss Booth and her grandfather. The Prince of Wales was reported by Canadian capital society matrons as having perfectly enacted his role as matchmaker. The engagement was announced shortly after the Prince of Wales left for home, although Miss



EDITH KELLY GOULD.

the divorced wife of Frank Gould, has been forbidden by the Paris courts to use the name of her former husband in connection with her stage dancing.

Booth strenuously denied the reports, as did her grandfather. According to a statement made, J. R. Booth, Canada's pioneer lumberman, reputed to be worth \$40,000,000, and grandfather of Miss Booth, strenuously objected to the wedding until he was assured that his granddaughter would be given a title of Princess. This has been granted, according to a cable just received, and now it is announced that the wedding will take place in the Canadian capital early in the spring.

CHINESE STUDENT PLEADS FOR MORE MISSIONARIES

Ripley, Dec. 25.—At the special Christmas services held in St. Andrew's Church Sunday, the pulpit was occupied by Mr. Jones, a Chinese student attending Knox College, Toronto. He delivered a scholarly address, expressing the gratitude of the Chinese for the message of Christianity brought to them by the people of the western nations and emphasizing the urgent necessity of supporting and extending the work of the missionaries in the far east.

Epidemic Checked. Twenty-three cases of measles in Ripley and vicinity have been reported to the local health authorities. Owing to effective quarantine measures, however, any further spread of the disease is probably checked.

The nomination meeting for the Huron Township Municipal Council will be held in the town hall on Monday, Dec. 31.

A box of choice cigars was presented to each of the three owners of the mill by the employees. Supper was served to the children of the school and their parents. The program consisted of recitations, dialogues and solos by the children. Rev. A. E. Hopper acted as chairman.

Charles Huffman, dye manufacturer of Chicago, is visiting Thos. Haines. Roderick McDonald of the Geological Survey, Ottawa, is home for Christmas.

POLICE USE THEIR CLUBS TO BREAK DETROIT KLAN

Two Thousand Rally Around Firey Cross in Center of City.

HOLD BRIEF CEREMONY

Officers Answer Riot Call and Disperse Huge Mob.

Associated Press Despatch. Detroit, Mich., Dec. 25.—Police, using their weapons as clubs, forced their way through a crowd of more than 2,000 persons gathered at a Ku Klux Klan ceremony here just after midnight and extinguished a burning cross which had been set upon the steps of the Wayne County Building. The police arrived at the conclusion of a ceremony held by men said to be leaders of the Ku Klux Klan in Detroit.

The crowd gathered on the steps of the building and across the street just before midnight. Promptly on the stroke of twelve a fiery cross was lighted on the top of the steps. After a brief ceremony, in which one of the participants was garbed as Santa Claus, one of the leaders told the crowd that they "would now all leave."

As the crowd started to disperse six policemen answering a riot call arrived. The crowd attempted to prevent officers from getting close to the blazing emblem. Police forced their way to the top of the steps, where they kicked the cross to the ground and extinguished it, amid hoots and jeers from the spectators. After extinguishing the fire, police were forced again to use their weapons to get through the crowd.

WOUNDED IN SIDE WHEN SHOTGUN DISCHARGES

Canadian Press Despatch. Toronto, Dec. 25.—Howard Pugh, aged 25, of Uxbridge, Ont., is in St. Michael's Hospital, Toronto, with a bad wound in his side, the result of his shotgun being discharged while he was hunting rabbits on his farm today. Pugh, it is understood, stumbled and accidentally exploded the charge.

CHRISTMAS ENTERTAINMENT.

Delaware, Dec. 25.—The Methodist Sunday school gave a concert and Christmas tree, Thursday evening in the basement of the church. Supper was served for the children of the school and their parents. The program consisted of recitations, dialogues and solos by the children. Rev. A. E. Hopper acted as chairman.

PLANS TOUR OF WORLD ON MISSION OF PEACE

Mrs. Galer of Seattle, Wash., Is Now Visiting Home of Her Father.

Special to The Advertiser. Ingersoll, Dec. 25.—Following their usual custom, appropriate Christmas music was furnished by the Salvation Army band last night and this morning on a number of streets. Many homes were serenaded, and the response in most cases was very generous. As a result the band fund was enriched to the extent of about \$100.

An interesting visitor to Ingersoll at the present time is Mrs. Agnes J. Galer of Seattle, Wash., who is spending a few days the guest of Mr. and Mrs. A. MacAulay. Mrs. Galer has returned to Ingersoll after an absence of 31 years. She is a daughter of the late Adam Oliver, who represented South Oxford in the first parliament of Ontario, and who was also Ingersoll's first mayor. While here, Mrs. Galer will deliver a lecture on the uplift and welfare of humanity. She expects to make a world tour in the interests of world peace.

CLINTON KNITTING CO. EMPLOYEES ENTERTAINED

Special to The Advertiser. Clinton, Dec. 25.—The annual Christmas tree of the Clinton Knitting Co., Ltd., was held Thursday night in the club rooms of the company. A program of music, elocution and song was given by different members of the company. Short addresses were made by the president, Mr. H. G. Harper, the vice-president, Col. H. B. Combe, and the managing director, Mr. A. E. Vincent. These gentlemen all expressed their high appreciation of the splendid spirit of co-operation and esprit de corps which existed in their establishment.

Santa Claus took charge of the Christmas tree. Each employee received a cash present from the mill owners and a hundred splendid Christmas boxes were distributed from member to member of the firm. A box of choice cigars was presented to each of the three owners of the mill by the employees. Supper was served to the children of the school and their parents. The program consisted of recitations, dialogues and solos by the children. Rev. A. E. Hopper acted as chairman.

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Theatre managers reported capacity crowds both afternoon and evening.

HEIR TO LARGE FORTUNE REUNITED TO DAUGHTER

Associated Press Despatch. Chicago, Dec. 25.—Henri de La Motte, scion of nobility of France, and long-missing heir to what is believed to be a large fortune, came into at least part of his own yesterday, when he was reunited to his daughter, Mrs. Harriet H. Scott of Albany, N.Y., widow of Judge Robert Scott, and today is spending Christmas with his wife and family at Green Bay, Wis.

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PRINCIPALS IN TORONTO CHURCH WAR.

At the invitation of Rev. Canon Skeby (left), Rev. Trevor H. Davies, prominent Methodist minister, preached in St. Anne's Anglican Church last Sunday. Bishop Sweeney, shown on the right, denounced Canon Skeby as "disloyal and disobedient" for his action.

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OLD SANTA CLAUS VISITS HOSPITAL FOR LITTLE FOLK

Wards At Memorial Hospital Present Gay Scene On Christmas Day.

CHILDREN ARE HAPPY

Pathetic little forms lay on their white coats in the white, white wards of the Children's Hospital. Outside, snow, scarcely less white, covered the ground. Even though it was Christmas the pain which these little boys and girls have to bear, day in and day out, was not a whit less; the steel braces and plaster casts were not the least bit less wearisome. While other children scampered about at home admiring their newly-acquired toys, these little people remained in bed because they were not able to romp. They are the small patients of the new War Memorial Hospital for Sick Children here in London, and so have a special interest for all the people of Western Ontario.

Up till noon, Christmas Day passed like any other day. Then an air of excitement began to pervade the wards. White-capped nurses moved more quickly; to and fro, and the children began to open their eyes and wonder what it was all about. Surely something was going to happen! And something certainly did happen.

Santa Arrives.

Promptly at 3 o'clock the great central door of the hospital burst open, and in dashed the merriest, jolliest, reddest little fellow of the world. It was Santa Claus, of course, almost doubled over with his huge pack of presents. Then didn't the eyes of the small boys and girls almost pop out of their heads; then wasn't the pain forgotten in the excitement of a real visit from Santa Claus! And such an array of toys as he brought! A doll for a small girl who could barely lift her head from the pillow. But such a happy, happy smile as that doll got, and how tenderly it was clasped to the fast-beating little mother heart!

But the little girl was not better pleased than the small lad who gazed for one moment on a quaint jumping clown, and the next let out such a whoop of joy as filled the great sun-room, where the older children were assembled.

The children were very proud of this room, for here stood in all its glory their own special tree, gay with decorations made by their own small hands. And the supervision of the kindergarten teachers of the city.

The baby ward was a quieter place. One small mite of humanity was so very tiny that it seemed wonder she was here at all. But Santa Claus made his visit just the same, and left a bright rattle tied on each cot.

Holiday Atmosphere.

A holiday atmosphere pervaded the whole hospital. Doctors and nurses radiated it from their beaming faces. Holly wreaths in every window shouted it to the passer-by. And in the consulting room, a great pot of azaleas, the gift of the Ontario Commercial Travelers' Association, cast its cheerfulness about. (It had come accompanied by a check for \$25.)

Dr. Roy Kingwood, impersonated Santa Claus for the War Memorial Hospital committee, under whose direction the visit to the hospital was arranged. Col. Wm. Gathshore was present of course, and Mrs. Arthur Smith, convener of the hospital committee, and Mrs. J. B. Leech who, with Mrs. C. T. Campbell, formed the committee to look after the Christmas celebration at the institution. And besides there were about fifteen members of the committee in attendance.

Miss Elizabeth Ross, Miss Jones and Dr. Denny of the hospital staff, acted as hosts.

When the hospital committee was distributing its gifts, through the medium of Santa Claus, the nurses and orderlies were not forgotten. Boxes of Halibut, under orders from the emperor, destroyed the sanctuary. Burchard was the name of this bishop, and it is still preserved in the folklore of Northern Germany. He is supposed to have become immensely rich through plundering the temple, and there is a nursery rhyme which makes an appeal to this ancient bishop to make gifts to children.

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SLAV SANCTUARY IS DISCOVERED

Berlin Investigator Makes An Important Find Near Feldberg.

Associated Press Despatch. Feldberg, Mecklenburg, Dec. 25.—Ruins of an ancient Slav sanctuary have been unearthed near this town by Dr. Karl Schuchard, director of the Berlin Museum of Anthropology, which he believes to have been Rethra, the chief temple of the Slavs between the Rivers Elbe and Oder. Suarasiel was the name of the god who was worshipped here, and the temple was relatively more important than the Delphi of the Greeks.

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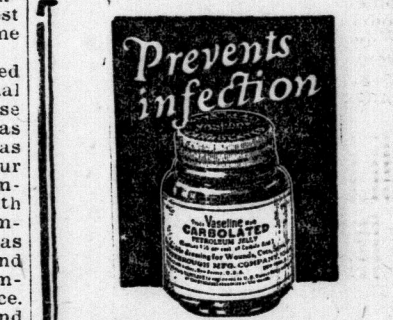
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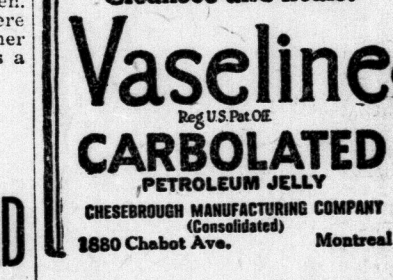
HAMPERS DISTRIBUTED BY YOUNG MEN'S CLUB

About Four Hundred Families Remembered—Children Not Overlooked.

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CONFIDENT INDIANS WILL GIVE GRANITES BATTLE

Local Fans Think Stratford Showing Will Be a Surprise.

OFFICIALS COMING

President Fry, Treasurer Plaxton and Secretary Hewitt of O.H.A. Make Trip.

According to word received from Toronto this morning Mike Rodden will handle tomorrow night's set-to between Granites, Canada's Olympic entrants and Stratford Indians.

President W. A. Fry of the O. H. A., Treasurer Sheriff Plaxton, and Secretary W. A. Hewitt will accompany the Granites here and arrangements are being made by members of the Hermitage Club to banquet the officials of the O. H. A. and players of the Granites after the game.

There threatens to be a sell-out for tomorrow night's game despite the fact that there have been some mutterings over the raise in prices. The arena officials, however found out that the stiff guarantee demanded by Granites to appear here meant that prices would have to be raised in order to meet it.

Two Purposes.

The Granites are playing these exhibition games for two purposes: one to keep in condition and get all the training they can before they sail and the other to help raise their own expenses for the trip across the pond for world's honors. The grants made to the Olympic committee do not go any further than paying the bare expenses of the trip. Many of the players are building up now will only insure the ordinary comforts on such a journey.

London was exceptionally lucky to get the Granites. The game tomorrow brings to the London fans an opportunity of seeing the best amateur team in Canada in action and moreover, Londoners will be doing their share in paying the expenses of the team to represent Canada at Chamonix.

With Granites' appearance here, London for a short time enters into the "Big Time" as far as hockey is concerned and such a game should do much to create an appetite that will insure London getting permanent booking in senior hockey before many seasons are over.

A feature of Granites' exhibition games has been the determination to keep their slate clean. Hamilton Tigers, conceded to be the real team to beat for senior honors this year, pulled a smear across their record last week, but it's not liable to happen again. Granites probably won't take Stratford as seriously as they ought to be taken before the game, but the pastime won't be away long before the Olympics will find out that they've got a tidy evening's work cut out for them.

Stratford's Chance.

Last year, Stratford with a team not nearly so well balanced as this year's crew, as intermediate champions of the O. H. A., were routed by the Western Ontario team which was their undoing against the experienced Soo team. Tomorrow night, they'll have everything to gain and nothing to lose when they meet Granites and that knowledge will give them the sort of confidence they'll need for the game.

The game will serve to show the fans of Western Ontario just how the "Big Four" teams will stack up in senior company. Stratford tomorrow night will have to be absolutely outclassed before the result will be discouraging and the fans who have seen the senior title in Toronto last season, on the way to the floor. He was so badly injured that he couldn't continue, and this bout will be a continuance of that set-to.

Clinton is a hard hitter and a game 'un. He meets a fellow who gave Lew Tendler his hardest fight, and that's not forgetting Lew's tilt with Benny Leonard.

Jerome and Curtin have an unfinished argument to complete. It so happened that Curtin, knocked off balance in a bout with Jerome at the Queensboro Club last season, hit his head on the iron set, and saw the way to the floor. He was so badly injured that he couldn't continue, and this bout will be a continuance of that set-to.

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PUCKLETS

Johnny Brackenborough, Hamilton's brilliant center player, is the Frank Nighbor of the O.H.A. His checking and tricky stick handling give him the edge over any of the stars of amateur hockey, including "Bill" Carson, former Varsity star, now with Grimsby.

Secretary Billy Hewitt of the O. H. A., who accompanied Granites to Hamilton on Tuesday night for their game with the Tigers, confirms the report that Jimmy Herbert, Tigers' defence player of last year, would have to appear before the executive of the O.H.A. if he returned to this city from Eveleth. It has been ascertained by the amateur hockey body that Herbert played two exhibition games for the Eveleth Club and they demand an explanation. Chances are that Jimmy will let well enough alone and stay where he is. Tigers, knowing the O.H.A. intention, will not make any further effort to get him back.

Twice this season the St. Mary's Catholic and Literary Association of this city sent a hockey team to Pittsburgh for exhibition games with the Smoky City team. On the first occasion when the team played at Duquesne Garden rink played the United States National Anthem, the St. Mary's players stood at attention in quite soldierly manner, and remained so when "The Maple Leaf" was played, the spectators at the same time unceremoniously taking their seats. The players of the Pittsburgh team, practically all of whom are Canadians, remained at attention during the playing of the Canadian anthem. The incident at Duquesne Garden may be taken to mean that the spectators were not familiar with "The Maple Leaf," but certainly the visit of these sporting ambassadors resulted in no harm whatever though there may be ample justification for the O. H. A.'s edict.

The Pittsburgh players in Toronto for Christmas were: Harold Cotton, Lionel Conacher, Alex. McKinnon, Duke McCurdy, Tex White, Roy Worters. They will meet Duluth in the opening game of the United States League at Pittsburgh on Friday night.

Lou Marsh was slated to referee the Canadian-Ottawa game tonight, but owing to the sudden death of his father yesterday, he has been forced to decline the appointment.

St. Patrick's will play in Hamilton tonight and if the Yellow and black fourth merchants lose there will be no joy in the Ambush city. Peter Thompson, who is getting weary of losing, and say that they will hand the Irish a thorough drubbing. It should be a real struggle.

St. Patrick's pros. tried to get into communication with Bill Phillips, star center player of the Sault Ste. Marie team, but he was away on a touring call from the northern town. Phillips probably will be located in the city perhaps for the very good reason that he is probably on his way home for the holidays at Thessalon, his home town. The local owners are determined to secure his services for the season. Phillips has set his heart on playing for an Allan Cup winner before he leaves the professionals.

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NEWSY LALONDE'S CRESCENTS LOSE TO CALGARY CREW

Tigers' 3-2 Victory Creates Three-Cornered Tie For Top Rung.

OLIVER SCORES TWO

WESTERN CANADA STANDING.				
	P.	W.	L.	D.
Regina	6	5	1	11
Calgary	10	6	1	10
Saskatoon	10	4	6	10
Edmonton	5	2	2	6

Canadian Press Despatch.

Calgary, Dec. 25.—Newsy Lalonde and his Saskatoon Crescents played the part of Santa Claus here this afternoon and made Calgary's Christmas holiday a merry one, as they shipped a victory into the Tigers' stockings, the final score of the Western Canada Hockey League fixture being Calgary 3, Saskatoon 2.

The Crescents came here heralded as a great team of puck artists, and they certainly lived up to all advance notices.

Two goals by Oliver in the first three minutes of the second period paved the way for the Tigers' win. The first hit about three feet in front of Lalonde and bounded over his skate. The second was shot from the blue front, when Lalonde's view was obscured by his defence men. Lalonde's goal was a solo rush in which he pulled Reid out of the net. Morris scored the Tigers' third goal in the last period, the puck being too hot, and glancing off Lalonde's pad, nestled in the net. Reid came out to secure the puck from a scramble, and Scott "gilded" it into the net for the second Saskatoon tally.

The line-up: Saskatoon—Goal, Hainsworth; defences, Cameron and Stevens; forwards, Lalonde, Cook and Berliquette; subs, Scott, Elmer, Matz, Bradley.

Calgary—Goal, Reid; defences, Dutton and Benson; forwards, Morris, Oliver and Crawford; subs, Wilson, Anderson, Oatman.

Referee—Jimmy Gardiner.

PLAY TO TIE.

Regina, Dec. 25.—In the fastest game of the season, featured by desperate play, Regina and Edmonton battled to a 2 to 2 tie here tonight in a 20-minute overtime struggle.

Sensational work in the nets by Winkler saved the tie in the overtime period for the Eskimos. With Simpson off with injuries, the Capitals literally peppered Winkler, who in the 20 minutes made 13 saves to McCusker's five.

PACIFIC COAST STANDING.				
	P.	W.	L.	D.
Vancouver	11	5	6	10
Victoria	12	5	7	10
Seattle	12	4	6	18

VANCOUVER WINS.

Canadian Press Despatch.

Vancouver, Dec. 25.—The Vancouver Maroons took the measure of the Victoria Cougars here today in the fastest game played on local ice this season by a wide margin.

Superiority in front of the goal gave the Maroons the edge on Victoria. The checking of both teams was keen, but the Maroons showed their return to form by scoring the Maroons' first goal after the Cougars had gone into the lead through Halderson.

Frank Boucher put the locals one ahead shortly after with a snappy play. Halderson scored the third counter for the locals from a penalty shot after Loughlin had pulled down Art Duncan in front of the Victoria net.

The line-ups: Vancouver—Goal, Lehman; defences, Duncan and Cook; forwards, Boucher, Skinner and MacKay; subs, Parkes, Matts, Hestrum and Todd.

Victoria—Goal, Fowler; defences, Loughlin and Halderson; forwards, Fredericksen, Meeking and Gibson; subs, Anderson and Toney.

Referee—Mickey Ion.

SPORT SNAPSHOTS

Augie Ratner is back in the States. Very SORE is he! He arrived on these shores with a sore throat. Let's hear what Augie has to say:

"What's all the bunk about the Garden officials being unable to get dewlight? It's a simple matter. I'm an opponent for Bowman Todd, an opponent for Bowman Todd, an opponent for Bowman Todd. What do you think I crossed the ocean for? Of course not. No doubt you know that I've married the most beautiful and wisest girl in all the world so the theory that I come here for LOVE is BUNK! Reason why I did come over? Easy enough to answer! Came to meet Roland Todd in a return bout. Met the Englishman over in England. The judges handed him a 'gift' by presenting him with the decision after 20 rounds of furious fighting. Every boxing critic called the decision ROBBERY. IN THE FIRST DEGREE."

"Todd is here now. I chased after him and I want to show the American public that I can do more than English boxing. No doubt he is a great fighter, perhaps one of England's best, but I know I'm a better man. When I'm through with Todd, the next stop is Greb, and when that fight is over you can bet your last collar button that the middle-weight crown of the world will rest snugly on the dome of none other than MISTER AUGIE RATNER."

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Squire Ebbetts Issues Defi

Giants and Dodgers Will Meet in Coconut Loop.

Special to The Advertiser.

New York, Dec. 26.—Came a challenge to John J. McGraw yesterday from Charlie Ebbetts—a challenge to combat in Florida. "I hereby defy you to bring your Giants into Clearwater for a game with the Dodgers, and I also defy myself to bring my Dodgers into Sarasota for a game with the Giants," wrote the Squire of Flatbush. "I ooze defiance at you from every pore in this matter and hope you will feel sufficiently insulted to accept my challenge."

As a result of this missive McGraw yesterday faced in his attitude toward the Coconut League in Florida. Ebbetts' deft aroused him not only to accept the home and home arrangement suggested by the Squire but to propose a series of best two out of three. Having let down the bars as regards the Brooklyn Club McGraw instructed Jim Tierney to accept challenges from any other National League teams which may desire to meet the New Yorks on the peninsula. Only recently Mac had informed Tierney that he was opposed to meeting National League clubs in exhibitions.

"Very likely Ebbetts thinks that we are afraid to meet his Dodgers in Florida," said McGraw. "Well, we will play the Brooklyn two out of three. If they win they get Mose Solomon. That's a fair proposition, isn't it? I might even go so far as to accept Burleigh Grimes instead of Ruether. I am not particular. The stakes are all in favor of Ebbetts as Mose looks like a coming star."

MORE THAN 3,500,000 CARCASSES DESTROYED

Associated Press Despatch.

Washington, Dec. 25.—Federal inspection laws have been in operation for 17 years. During this time more than 3,500,000 whole carcasses and more than 12,000,000 parts of carcasses have been condemned and made unfit for food purposes through the vigilance of federal meat inspectors.

KINDLY KING KHAM.

King Kham, an African chief of Bechuanaland, recently dead at the age of 95 years, was a remarkable personage. In his youth he was about to follow the footsteps of his father as a witch doctor, when he met David Livingstone on the latter's first trip into the African continent, and this altered the whole course of Kham's career. He became converted to Christianity, and eventually became the head of his tribe, which numbered 35,000 subjects. His departure from the custom of his people greatly displeased his father. He was also a prohibitionist, punishing his own people who were intoxicated, and banishing white settlers who furnished liquor to his tribesmen.

OUR BOARDING HOUSE

Y'KNOW, MISS HERZOG MY DEAR, I THINK I WILL TAKE THAT DOLL BOUDOIR LAMP MRS. GARNY GAVE ME, AND EXCHANGE IT FOR ONE OF THOSE ELECTRIC WARMING PADS. IT WAS SWEET OF HER TO GIVE IT TO ME YOU KNOW—BUT—AH—

YES, THAT WILL BE MORE PRACTICAL, MISS CHURCH, M'DEAR—I BELIEVE I WILL TAKE THE CHIFFON HOSE MRS. WINSLOW GAVE ME AND EXCHANGE THEM FOR A BRUSHED WOOL SCARF!

HA—TH' RATE OF EXCHANGE GOES UP RIGHT AFTER CHRISTMAS. IF SOMEBODY GAVE ME A REAL REMBRANDT PAINTING, THEY'D EXCHANGE IT FOR A PHOTO OF "RUDY"!

ALL I GOT FOR CHRISTMAS WAS A SHIRT AN' A COLD IN TH' HEAD—I'LL EXCHANGE TH' SHIRT WITH ANYBODY FOR A BOX OF QUININE!

MISS CHURCH & HE... THEIR CHRISTMAS SWAPPING EARLY.

Joe Dugan's Trick Knee Is Out Again

Famous Third Sacker Limp Around in Plaster Cast.

Special to The Advertiser.

New York, Dec. 25.—As a result of a recent accident to his "trick" left knee, Joe Dugan is wearing that erratic member in a plaster of paris cast, which will not be removed for at least two months.

Not until he removes the cast will the "greatest third baseman since Jimmy Collins"—as Umpire Bill Klem calls him—know whether he did the wise thing in refusing to submit to the surgical operation which the club physician prescribed for him.

Dugan's left knee has been one of the seven wonders of the American League for several years. It is likely to slip out of joint on the slightest provocation, and frequently does. Only once, however, has it shown the slightest reluctance to slipping right back again.

This was a couple of weeks ago, when Dugan attempted a fancy step while dancing, and the combined efforts of four strong men were required to reduce the resultant dislocation.

Dr. King, the club physician, examined the injured knee, and said he could effect a permanent cure by a simple operation. Urban Faber, the ace of the White Sox pitching staff, submitted to this operation two years ago, and apparently gained complete relief from a very simple trouble, but Dugan decided against it, except as a last resort.

EXPECT WARM CONTESTS FOR VILLAGE OFFICES

Special to The Advertiser.

Port Lambton, Dec. 25.—P. C. Collins has definitely announced that he will be a candidate for village trustee at the coming election.

Warm contests are expected for the village trustees and the township reeveship. Mr. Collins was chairman of the trustee board last year and headed the poll at the 1923 election.

Albert Dawson, another of the trustees is seriously ill and will not be a candidate for re-election.

The annual school meeting of school section No. 6 will be held in the auditorium of the schoolhouse at 10 o'clock Wednesday forenoon, when the election of one trustee and the appointment of two auditors will take place. Rufus Stenton will be the retiring trustee.

LEATHER SHOES FAVORED BY CHINESE

The Chinese are gradually taking to wearing leather shoes or slippers that combine chrome leather soles and native cloth uppers. One such sole outlasts three fabric tops.

EXTENSIVE REFORESTATION IN NEW YORK

New York leads the United States in reforestation. The state, since 1905, has either planted or sold for planting 80,000,000 trees, and has reforested 50,000 acres of land.

HOCKEY SCORES

WESTERN CANADA LEAGUE.

Regina 2, Edmonton 2.

Pacific Coast League.

Vancouver 3, Victoria 1.

GAMES TODAY.

Pacific Coast League.

Vancouver at Seattle.

National League.

Canadiens at Ottawa.

St. Patricks at Hamilton.

SIKI GOES UNDER TO OMAHA HEAVY

Jack Taylor Given Decision in Ten-Round Battle in Philadelphia.

Philadelphia, Dec. 25.—Jack Taylor of Omaha, negro heavyweight, was given the decision over Battling Siki, the Senegalese heavyweight, in a ten-round bout here today.

Siki, who apparently was not in the best of condition, forced the fighting in the first few rounds, and there were numerous stiff mix-ups. Then Siki's lack of condition began to tell, and he was forced to hold frequently during the remainder of the contest. When Siki started to slow Taylor took the offensive, hitting the Senegalese hard and often. At the end of the bout one of Siki's eyes was closed, and blood was flowing from his mouth and nose.

Taylor weighed 180 and Siki 177½.

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LET DAD DO IT.

Jack Dempsey's pater was found in a cafe last week, mixing highballs for the patrons from a flask. This is something that Dempsey is apparently wisely content to let dad do.

WIN EITHER WAY.

Frank Rankin's coaching of the Olympic team will be a factor in any victory Granites may chalk up over Stratford tomorrow night. Frank learned his hockey in Stratford, so if the Indians cannot take credit for producing a win the Classic City may take a slice for producing Frank Rankin.

CURLERS LOOKING EAGERLY FOR ICE

Peer Intently at Barometers and "Probs" For Hopeful Signs.

Local curlers are taking chances on eye strain scanning barometers and weather predictions these days in the hope that New Year's will bring the kind of weather which will bring the kind of weather which will give them ice. Christmas without curling is to be tolerated, but devotees of the roarin' game do not view the prospect of a New Year's Day without a chance at the stones and the broom with any degree of composure.

At both rinks this morning the ice makers were on the job, but not very optimistic over the outlook. Both admitted that one or two good nights of hard frost would remove most of their troubles. The foundations for the ice sheets are all ready, and nothing but a few lowly degrees of frost is needed to start the curlers living normal lives.

Both the Thistle and the London C. C. have planned energetic campaigns this season. At both clubs there will be new competitions introduced, which will keep the interest of the veterans up to a high pitch.

Both clubs have added many new members this year. Some of these competitions are calculated to get the new men initiated into the game more quickly than during other years.

The plight of the curlers this year is not so generally realized now that hockey no longer has any connection with the curling game.

PEARL OYSTER BREEDING.

A successful effort to breed pearl oysters has been made in the Gulf of California, in San Gabriel Cove, Espritu Santo Island, where a plant for the purpose has been established. A lagoon has been separated from the waters of the gulf by a massive barrier of masonry, and behind the latter is a long zigzag canal built of concrete. The canal is used for breeding baby pearl oysters, and its entrance is screened by gates of wire net to keep out mollusk-eating fishes, starfishes and other enemies.

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Not Far Apart.

The Ottawa Citizen is authority for the statement that Progressive members are considering some sort of an arrangement with the Liberals at Ottawa. The Citizen says:

Some members of the Progressive group in the House of Commons were in Ottawa last week. They were reported to be negotiating with leaders of the government to find an easy way to cross over to the treasury side of the House. They should be encouraged to cross over. It is largely pretence to sit in a separate group, calling themselves Progressives. They have nothing different from the Liberals to offer, and they have no intention of trying to discover any path forward ahead of the Liberals. In three sessions of Parliament they have shown that the difference is only in name.

Reading between the lines, it can be seen that the Citizen speaks in terms of disappointment. It looked for the Progressives to blaze a new trail at Ottawa, but fails to see where they have done it.

As things stand, there is very little between Liberals and Progressives at Ottawa. The Progressives, in an attempt to maintain their attitude of independence, have voted against the Liberals in budgets that were more to their liking than anything that the Conservatives would offer.

The two parties have more in common than they have in dispute. The attitude of aloofness that the Progressives have taken has weakened their position and has made it more difficult for the government to function.

If the two groups decide to sit down and talk matters over before the House meets again they may do a very good day's work for the people of the Dominion.

Father Ruppert.

The far north sends a Christmas story, but not the kind we like to read. It tells of the death of Father Ruppert, who perished in the cold and snow when his dog team scattered and left him. He was on his way to Pilgrim River, away north of Nome, Alaska, to take oranges, apples and Christmas cards to the orphanage there.

When his remains were found, one lone, faithful dog stood guard over the spot where Father Ruppert lay—the priest that had been a friend to the whole countryside during the influenza epidemic that swept over that land a few years ago.

A sad ending, no doubt, to a useful career, but in the higher sense a glorious departure from this earth to the reward that awaits those who see in service to others the greatest sphere of activity and usefulness.

Sober Drivers Needed.

A Washington judge stands on little ceremony when he deals with drunken people who persist in driving motor cars while in that condition. He claims that a man with liquor in him is guilty of transporting the same.

He is on fairly sane ground when he says that "an autoist with liquor in his stomach is far more dangerous than one with liquor in his car."

A man drunk at the wheel of a car is too great a source of danger to be tolerated.

The Christmas Dinner.

The man in the city sat down to a good dinner on Christmas Day. The turkey was there, and it was a good turkey; it had been well fed, and he was tickled because he had bought it at 23 cents per pound, almost half what he paid two years ago.

The potatoes were fine and mealy; he said so himself as he broke one open; they had been baked just to a turn.

And then there was a salad made of celery, apples and beets, and on top of it was a good-sized splash of whipped cream. It was also great, and he said so.

And there were big red apples on the table; fine, clean apples, no worms, no spots, juicy and firm.

White River's Big Chance.

Something has gone wrong at White River, because it has not sent in a 40 below zero report for weeks. Some time ago a report was circulated that residents there did not appreciate the reputation their place had received by being held up as the coldest spot on the map.

Well, what else has it got to be famous for? Going into the place one sees a long railway platform, a little station, a small clearing in the stunted timber. It certainly could not be famous as a summer resort nor as a manufacturing center. It is out of the question to make a moving picture center out of it, nor is the C. P. R. likely to move its head offices to White River.

So there's nothing left for it but to glory in the cold weather reports it sends out, and the publicity agent of White River should never lose a chance to squint at the thermometer and tell the world how cold it is. The more 40-below reports he can send out, why, the more famous White River is bound to become.

They May Hear.

A move is on foot now to broadcast the proceedings of the Canadian House of Commons.

It would take a powerful set of machinery to make a success of the venture, for it is not possible to hear more than a dozen speakers in the Commons.

However, radio may overcome this, and the people with a receiver out on lot 10, concession 4, may be able to hear more of what is going on than those sitting in the Commons or in the galleries.

Monkeys and Apes.

A correspondent has sent The Advertiser a letter on man coming from an ape.

No you don't, sir. You can discuss tariffs, the mayor, the premier, the weather, the laws, or almost anything else, but this ape stuff—nay, nay.

The idea that the human family were all apes once may be good for academic discussions. Some of the apes got a little more backbone than the others one day and got up on their hind legs, and stayed there long enough to develop a mind, a brain and a soul. The rest of the apes continued to chatter in the trees and hang by their tails, so they stayed just apes.

No. We don't cuddle that theory as long as there are any red British corpuscles in our veins.

Mummies and Words.

Dazzling gorgeousness. Unbelievable splendor. The glory of the dynasties.

Rich beyond our powers of imagination. Stupendous in its quiet and ancient grandeur.

Just a few of the phrases used in describing King Tut's tomb. Apparently the place is fairly bristling with grammatical superlatives.

On the Wrong Track.

The French Senate voted 1,250,000 francs for military operations in Morocco and Syria and for munitions credits to Poland and Jugoslavia.

In dollars this means about \$60,000,000.

France is playing with fire, the same old fire that burned Europe and scorched the world in 1914-18.

Money spent in this way is not the birth pains of a new or better Europe.

Europe does not need guns as much as it needs plows, and Europe does not need bullets as much as it craves for bread.

Note and Comment.

Smart clerks will now shove the sale of mufflers to cover up some of the Christmas neckwear.

A church in New York is to be 24 stories high, which will give great scope for the backsliders.

And as the parcels came in, it was a case of mental arithmetic to see who had won on the exchange.

The 25 per cent that Home Bank deposits got after months of waiting must have been a sight for sore eyes.

The only fellow out of luck today is the chap that put on a six-cylinder Christmas with a four-cylinder purse.

The Canadian Parliament, the Senate and the Ontario Legislature have not been in session for months, and we seem to be getting along remarkably well.

Rarebits By Rex

DEMONSTRATION.

She thought that flattery could do much damage to a hardened heart; that honey words were weapons to speed up the flight of Cupid's dart.

That mincing ways and baby talk were blessings sent by gods above to lure men to her ken and waist. Beside her, whispering words of love.

She thought her empty praise to be more potent than a moon's soft light; And now that she has married me I do believe the wench was right!

Reports have it that jazz has invaded Buenos Aires. People won't mind particularly where it goes so long as it gets out of this country.

The only time a baby really gets a permanent rattle is when he buys a car, and the he is too old to appreciate it.

Will the mess which invariably follows Yuletide eating festivities impel the housewife to do her Christmas mopping early?

PAINFUL PATHOS.

"Ain't it cruel, Susie, when a fellow says he'll give you a ring for Christmas, and he only gives you a telephone call?"

Lates prohibition reports would seem to indicate that the State of New York is, in reality, a state of intoxication.

The Ku Klux Klan will never come to Canada. They've been told it's altogether too cold here for a man to run about in his nightshirt.

MEMORY.

And now that Christmas Day is done, What gift will I remember As most distinct in times to come To mark this bright December?

Now that I've drunk the Christmas toast I'll answer that grave question: The thing which Christmas gave me most Is chronic indigestion!

The hardest features about diplomats are the diplomats' heads

A Niagara Falls man died from heart failure running after a street car. He should have lived here, where he could have died pleasantly waiting for one.

President Coolidge may not know a great deal of Latin, but he knows how to decline boules.

Even if all the Christmas puddings is not eaten, there is satisfaction in knowing that what's left can be used as a good door-stop.

When a man is too fat, and you hesitate to tell him so, one way to get over the difficulty tactfully is to ask him to play Santa Claus.

To the Editor

The McLachlan Case.

Londoners Claims the Trial of Steel Workers' Officials Should Not Have Been at Halifax.

Editor of The Advertiser:

Sir,—In a recent issue you published a letter referring to the conviction of J. B. McLachlan, the leader of the striking coal miners in the steel and coal strike in Nova Scotia last summer.

McLachlan was charged with issuing a statement to the miners telling them of the actions of the provincial police during the strike. He issued this letter in Sydney, but was taken to Halifax for trial. If the so-called crime was committed in Sydney, and it was in Sydney that he wrote the letter, he should stand trial there and not in Halifax.

So it is an offence, punishable with up to twenty years in penitentiary, to exercise the right of "free speech"? That is the substance of the verdict rendered against McLachlan. And mark you, it is even worse for you, what you have said happens to be the truth. For the attorney-general of Nova Scotia, in addressing the jury, laid it down that the greater the truth, the greater was the libel. McLachlan was not allowed to get clear on the ground that what he said about the provincial police was true.

The decision is significant to all workers. What are they going to do about it? What is organized labor in London doing about it? What is the Trades and Labor Council and the London Labor party doing about it? It is not a question about whether McLachlan spends two years in the penitentiary or not. It is a question of whether the organized labor movement in this country has any rights or not. If it has, let the voice of the workers be heard against this injustice to one of their members and all other workers arrested in the steel and coal strike and on other similar occasions.

Thanking you for your space, I sign myself, JUSTICE.

London, Ont., Dec. 21, 1923.

Peace or War?

(From the Ottawa Journal.)

What do the great talk about? In Mr. J. A. Spender's recently published life of Campbell-Bannerman there is a passage which sheds an amusing light upon that oft-asked question. It was at a time when it seemed as though England might go to war with Russia. And so when Campbell-Bannerman was snapped talking to King Edward in the gardens at Buckingham Palace the London newspapers all featured the picture under the interrogatory caption, "Peace or War?"

Next morning Campbell-Bannerman looked at the picture, smiled, and said to his private secretary: "Do you know what he was saying to me? He was asking me whether I thought halibut was better boiled than baked."

THE MOTORIST'S CHILD.

Mother—"Dorothy, you have disobeyed mother by racing around and making all that noise. Now you shall have that piece of candy." Father (entering a few minutes later)—"Why so quiet, little one?" Dorothy—"I've been fined for speeding!"

The Guide Post—By Henry van Dyke

NOT AGAINST REASON, BUT ABOVE.

By faith we understand that the worlds have been framed by the word of God, so that what is seen hath not been made out of things which do appear.—Hebrew xi, 3.

By faith we understand. It is a principle of comprehension, then, not of confusion; something which clarifies and enlarges the vision.

It discloses not only the origin but also the purpose and the meaning of things.

It is not the contradiction, but the crown and complement of reason. The world was made for its meanings, to show forth the wisdom, power, and goodness of God.

If we do not see that, we see nothing. We may be able to tell how many stars are in the Milky Way; we may be able to count the petals of every flower, and number the bones of every bird; but unless faith leads us to a deeper understanding, a more reverent comprehension of the significance of the universe, God can no more be pleased with our knowledge than the painter with the fly which touches his picture with its feeler, and sips the varnish from the surface, and dies without dreaming of the meaning, thought, feeling, embodied in the colors.

But on the simplest soul that feels the wonder and the hidden glory of the universe, on the child to whom the stars are little windows into heaven, or the poet to whom

"The meaneast flower that blows can give Thoughts that do often lie too deep for tears," God looks down with pleasure and approval.

For in such a soul He sees the beginning of faith, which is able to pass behind the appearance to the reality, and make its possessor wise unto everlasting life.

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DEMAND EXCEEDS SUPPLY OF FOWL

Not Enough Turkeys, Ducks or Geese For Christmas Dinners.

HUMBLE CHICKEN EATEN

Special to The Advertiser.

Sarnia, Dec. 25.—Christmas Day passed off quietly in Sarnia, the weather being mild most of the day, but a snowstorm prevailing most of the time.

There were services in the Anglican churches, and large crowds attended the theatres.

It was a day of family gatherings, and at noon yesterday, despite the fact that turkeys were brought to the city in great quantities, there was not one to be had for any price at any of the butcher shops. Geese and ducks failed to fill the emergency, and late applicants for the season's festive birds had to eat the Christmas dinner with the lowly chicken as the piece de resistance. Plum puddings were minus the blaze of the brandy, and mince pies were kickless.

It was a grand Christmas for the needy, however, as no less than 500 hamper, with all the day's necessities, were distributed by the Cheer Club. The hospital had a big tree put up in the grounds, and the brotherhood was that all the inmates received gifts.

Car Recovered.

A car belonging to William Stubbs, R.R. 1, London road, was stolen last night from in front of Ryan's barber shop, and was later found abandoned at the London road.

Woman Is Hurt.

Mrs. F. Murphy of Point Edward was quite seriously injured today when she was thrown from a buggy owned and driven by W. Hardy. The horse ran away, and the buggy collided with a truck, throwing Mrs. Murphy out to the curb. She was taken to the hospital. She is reported as not seriously injured.

JAPAN WILL ADOPT TRIAL BY JURY SYSTEM

Men Versed in Law Will Be Sent to America and Europe.

Associated Press Despatch.

Tokio, Dec. 25.—In addition to

manhood suffrage, the Yamamoto cabinet purpose to bring into force next year a jury system and a system of industrial insurance. A number of men will be trained as jurors; jury trial courts will be established in different parts of the country, and men versed in law will be sent to America and Europe to study the jury systems there.

Under the industrial insurance scheme workmen and women earning not more than 1,200 yen (\$300) a year will be benefited, payment of a small sum out of their wages entitling them to compensation in case of illness, casualities or unemployment, and providing for payment to their relatives in case they die. In the case of women the insurance plan will provide for illness incident to childbirth.

FRANCE AND BULGARIA ADJUST POSTAL DEBT

Controversy Brought to An End Between the Two Countries.

Associated Press Despatch.

Sofia, Dec. 25.—Bulgaria and France have settled their controversy relative to a French debt to the Bulgarian postal service. Before Bulgaria entered the war in 1915 France owed the Bulgarian postal service 15,300 francs. In 1921 the French postal service offered to pay the debt in leva which, before the war, were equivalent in value to French and other continental francs.

Since the war, however, the leva has declined in value so that it is now quoted at about 608 to 100 francs, and Bulgaria declined the offer, demanding settlement on the pre-war basis of francs. After some negotiations the French postal service consented to settle on the franc basis.

DENNY BROOKS A STORY OF COURAGE.

By ELENORE MEHERIN.

CHAPTER LIII.

The Job.

At the draughting table near Denny was a lank man, clean-shaven, sandy-haired. His back curved amiably, giving an impression of indolence. Denny had been watching him all morning, awed by the incredible speed with which he was figuring; making estimates.

"One of the big fellows," he thought. "Gee, what a wiz!"

It was his first day of work. He had crossed the bay in a tremble of excitement, standing at the prow looking to the hundred blue hills of the city; a feeling of nervous elation keeping his head high. Now was the big hour—now the proof.

All the dreams that had made him scorn the grocery clerk, the plasterer's job; that had made him buy a house; that had made him plan a bridge or a railroad.

Half the day was gone. He had done nothing but make a sketch of a small culvert. Only that and then sit and wait for the lanky man to ask his assistance.

Kane was the name of the wiz—got down from his bench, gave Denny an indifferent glance: "Just from college?"

"Yes."

"Civil engineering?"

"Good luck." He nodded—went out, leaving Denny with a flushed, indignant feeling of importance.

That afternoon the great Kane gave him some figuring to do. In half an hour, and before Denny was finished; while he was still rather bewildered, Kane called for the results.

"In a few minutes," Denny answered, persistently bending over the sheets. Kane, with a faint curve to his lips, stood behind him.

"Look here, boy!"

Almost in a moment, it seemed—well, in ten minutes, he had the whole thing done. Denny's throat tightened. Fine, boy! Fine way to begin—a nice chance to make an impression with one of the big fellows and he couldn't come through with the goods!

He could feel his heart swelling up to his neck.

"What was it like? Did you have a great chance? Quick, now, tell me!" That was the way Kane, all sparkling with eagerness, met him at the door—just the way she used to in the first depressing days on the campus.

And he had to brush rather quickly past her with a light: "Well, course they don't know yet I'm a genius, you know. Takes a little time even for a good man to get going."

"But you think you'll like it, Denny? Oh, everyone has to be patient while they're just beginning! Were they pleasant to you?"

"Oh, yes! Had coffee and sandwiches laid at my place and a carnation to wear in my coat."

"Then it wasn't so fine, Denny?" Because his disappointment was so bitter he told her of Kane and the fellows and he couldn't get out any more stupid than he was. Katy shook

her head—eyes glistening:

"That's nothing to put your spirits down, Denny. A little thing like that! Wouldn't be any fun to win if there wasn't any struggle. Course it's going to be hard. That's why Mason said they needed fighters with courage, who can't be bothered worrying over such a little defeat."

She laughed with such tenderness he was ashamed. Sure—that was the way to look at it. He couldn't expect to make good the first hour—

In the next week, Kane paid little attention to him; the chief draughtsman gave him jobs that a first-year student could do. No more chance to show his skill to the big fellow came.

Yet every morning Denny sat on the front of the boat, watched the sailors in their dazzling white uniforms drilling on Goat Island. His thoughts goaded him: "Gee, this is slow. Got to do better. Well, every fellow has to make a start."

Kane's a wonder, isn't he?" Denny suggested.

"He's good at figures," Bliss admitted tolerantly.

"He's a wiz! Never saw anyone to beat him. Has been here long?"

"About twenty years."

"Gee—guess he pulls down a neat salary, doesn't he?"

"One hundred and seventy-five," Denny gasped. One seventy-five after twenty years of service! Bliss must be geying him.

"Come off—you don't know any more about it than I do."

"I don't, eh? Well, what did you think he got? No sand to him. They make machines now to do figuring."

Denny was inwardly stupefied. This Kane, who had seemed to him a big fellow—a genius—getting a mere pittance after a lifetime of work. Why?

Perhaps Kane had come from college feeling himself a conqueror, perhaps he had dreamed of mastering rivers and mountains.

"Well, what did you think he got?" Bliss repeated. "Takes a real man to make the big hauls—fellows like St. Clare and Bowditch."

Denny knew these names. There was an epic romance about them. St. Clare, taking his surveyors through the Sierras in the midst of winter, and in this white wilderness, mountains hidden under twenty feet of snow, had made a survey for a railroad—a masterpiece of engineering and courage. Bowditch, directing a small army through an almost impassable forest, blasting century-old trees that rails might be laid.

These were men of vision. These were the fighters with courage. These phrases were continually before him. Into the smallest task he put a passion of effort.

Yet months passed and he was still doing routine work, still dashing up the lawn in the evenings whistling gaily; sometimes bringing a box of candy, a bunch of violets, to show that he didn't care and to give Katy

a cheer. Gee—darn lonesome for her now!

There was a quietness in her life now that the college days had not known. Then Stephen or Denny often rushed home for note book, a bit of lunch, an hour of study. Now she was alone from 7:30 in the morning until 6 at night.

She missed Denny, missed Stephen; missed the noisy, exuberant crowds on Friday nights.

Stephen wrote innumerable letters, breezy, full of plans. His mother was improving; he was coming back—Lord, wait till he got there!

"Sweet, lovely Kate: I owe heaven a debt of everlasting gratitude. 'Tis for this—I was raised in a barn. No home like it! Hot as blazes here. I long for my shady room and the scarlet rambler and a scrap with Den and a smile from you, Kate. I'll be back before long. Keep the grass green and the pies fresh and the wonderful Dan from hitting the ceiling. . . . Honest and true, as you say yourself, Katy—kid, I'm awful lonesome—Steve."

She treasured these notes. They filled her with lightness, with gladness like the laugh in Stephen's eyes. He was coming back.

Other letters came from Clay Andrews. These never varied in tone. He would write long pages, telling everything he thought would divert her—new books, new ideas, plays he had seen. And always at the end, a pressed excitement, the sharp drawn smile that had pierced her like a sob.

"It's a year now since I left, Katy—a year since that night we sat at the water's edge and watched the light that you called 'moon fairies' come down to dance on the waves. Do you remember, Katy, or did I bother you too much that night?"

"Your letters have been like your self, sometimes so wistful I've wondered what longing it is that fills your eyes, your laugh, your singing, radiant as poppy fields."

"You wonder if it is wrong to write me, Katy? You wonder if you are only prolonging a hurt to me?"

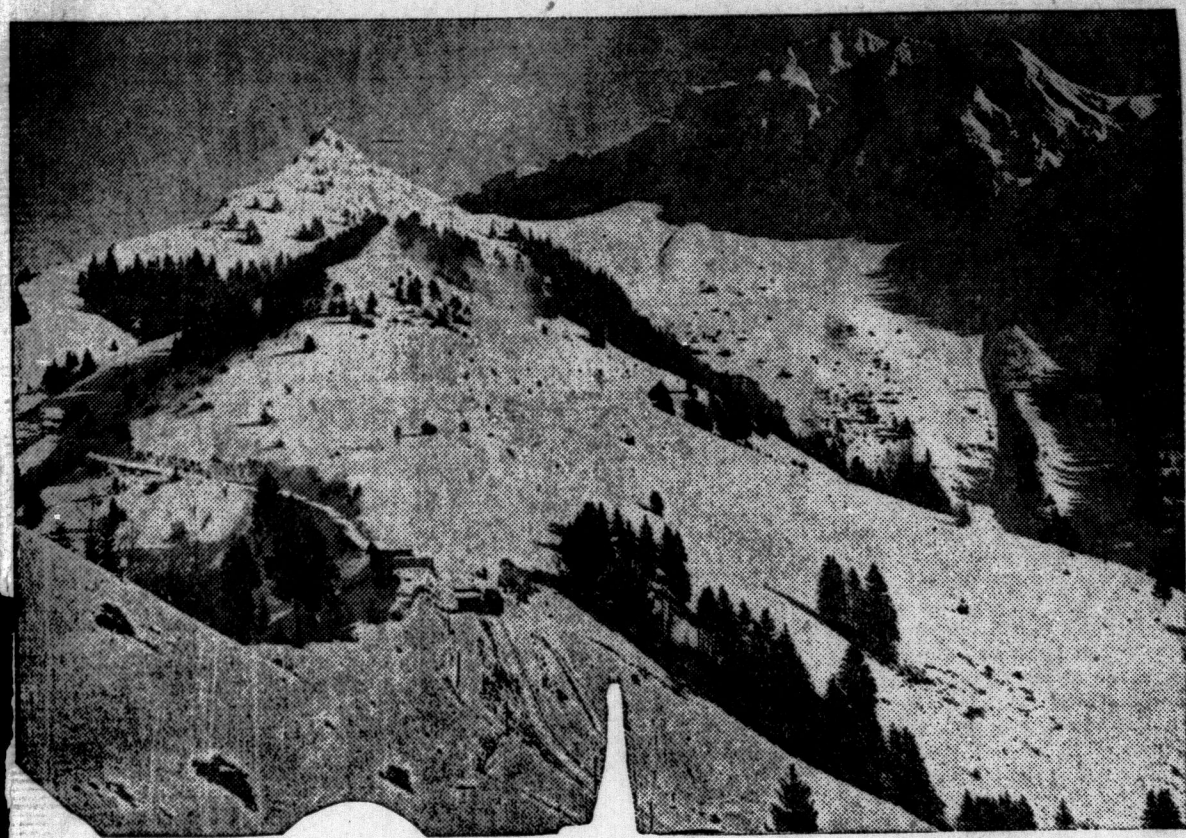
"Katy, loving you gives a purpose in life; thinking that some day you may need me sweeps through me like a mad storm of joy. Sometimes I wonder if I am really sane that I should love you—want you so. You and no other. I want to be the one to cure you for you, to serve you. But then I know I am sane—sane—sane than any other man, for you are more beautiful to me than anything I have ever known and I am glad to be on my knees before you, giving me this hurt before all other joys. Perhaps, some day, dear Katy, there may be a difference."

All of his letters Katy kept in a little wooden box in her bureau drawer. Tears were in her eyes, a trembling in her throat. Poor, dear Clay, why did he love her so? Would he keep on, as he said he would, always? The hurt she gave him drew her as it had the night of his going like deep, sad chords of music.

She searched her heart, wondering if she might some day give the answer he asked for. Give me this hurt before all other joys. Perhaps, some day, dear Katy, there may be a difference.

NOTE: In 1923 the Star

Palace Goes Begging; Venizelos Back?; Giant Trees, Centuries Old



A mountain railway which keeps the tops of the Swiss Alps in touch with the rest of the world. It looks like Christmas here



Fighting forest fires in Northern Minnesota. A truck equipped with a chemical tank is driven into the heart of the forest fire district and fights the flames. This is the very newest in combating forest fires



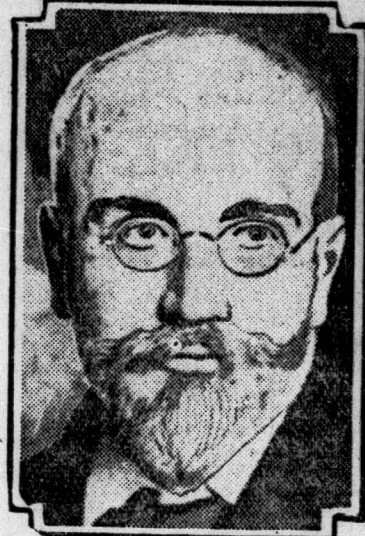
B. C. and California giant trees are the oldest living things. This one was felled in 1895. Height, 417 feet; circumference at butt, 77 feet; bark, 16 inches thick; diameter, 207 feet from the ground, 9 feet; diameter at butt, 25 feet 2 inches. For 300 feet there were no limbs. Photo by Mr. J. Bidwell Mills, who is seen standing on the ladder



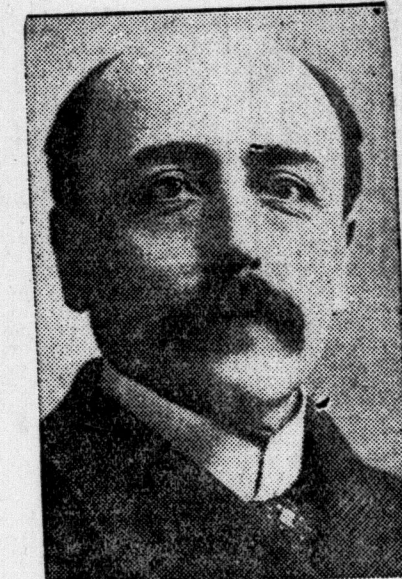
Simple in the extreme was the recent funeral of Sir William Mackenzie who was buried near his summer home at Kirkfield, Ontario



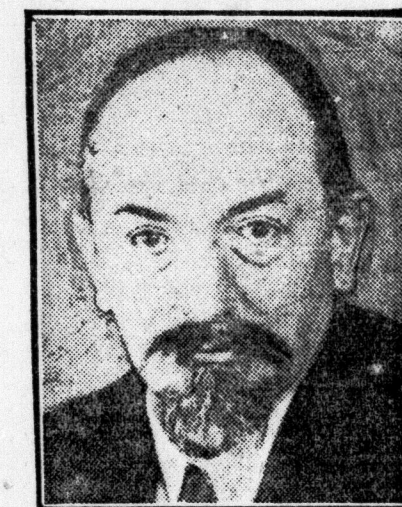
"Casa Loma," the costliest residence in Canada, and said to be the finest on this continent, is seeking a purchaser. Its owner, Sir Henry Pellatt, is not now living in this Toronto palace, which, it is rumored, the government may take over as a home for permanently disabled war veterans. Above are shown various views of the castle and its founder



The revolutionary committee in Greece is asking ex-Premier Venizelos to return, without any reservations, and take the political situation in hand



Hon. Jacques Bureau, minister of customs and excise, is the man on whose shoulders the burden of administering the new and complicated sales tax act will fall



Tchitcherin, Soviet foreign minister, vigorously denies charges made by the U.S. state department that Russia was fomenting revolution in America



The main street of Mailu Village, southeast of Papua. These remarkable people are a maritime race, carrying on their trade by sea. Their canoes are seagoing vessels, capable of carrying up to fifteen tons. The houses are single roomed and inhabited by all the generations living in the male line



This Wawona tree, Mariposa grove, Yosemite National Park, has a height of 227 feet; diameter 26 feet through the opening. The road was cut through this tree in 1880. These trees had begun their existence before Joseph appeared at the court of Pharaoh

SEVERAL ISSUES
HIT HIGH MARKSNational Leather Stock Among
the Leaders on Wall
Street.

Associated Press Despatch.
New York, Dec. 26.—Wall Street, noon.
—New high records were established during the morning by a dozen issues, including National Leather, which jumped 4½ points. Corn Products, Cuba Cane Sugar preferred, Pacific Oil, Woolworth and United States Steel Iron Pipe preferred. Other strong spots included Union Pacific, American Leather, American Hide and Leather preferred, Chandler Motors, Fisher Body and Houston Oil. Trading in the leather was somewhat irregular and quiet, strength of Reading, St. Paul and Big Iron being noted by the selling of Union Pacific, Norfolk and Western, and Chesapeake and Ohio preferred. Call money opened at 4½ per cent.

SPANISH RIVER
GAINS 3 POINTSMontreal Stock Exchange Activity
After Dull Opening.

Canadian Press Despatch.
Montreal, Dec. 26.—After a dull opening the local market showed considerable strength and activity and the morning session was featured by several advances, notably Spanish River, which was up 3 points to 102, while the preferred was stronger by 1½ at 108. Abitibi was also strong, being 1½ points higher at 62½. The general tone of the market was decidedly firm.

Financial Briefs

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WILL PROBE CORPORATION.

Associated Press Despatch.
New York, Dec. 26.—The board of directors of the New York City and County Water Supply Corporation, which is being investigated by the state attorney general, today ordered a suspension of trading in the stock of the corporation.

Exchange

Associated Press Despatch.
London, Dec. 26.—Bar silver not quoted; holiday.
New York, Dec. 26.—Bar silver, 64½ per ounce.

FOREIGN EXCHANGES.

Associated Press Despatch.
London, Dec. 26.—Today is a holiday on all exchanges here and in Liverpool.
Paris, Dec. 26.—Prices were steady on the bourse today.
Three per cent rentes, 53 francs 20 centimes.
Exchange on London, 86 francs 75 centimes.
Five per cent loan, 87 francs 20 centimes.
The United States dollar was quoted at 19 francs 96½ centimes.

Associated Press Despatch.

New York, Dec. 26.—Sterling exchange today. Demand rates: Great Britain, \$4.44; France, \$4.32; Italy, \$4.24; Germany, \$4.00; Canada, \$2.40 per cent discount.

FOREIGN EXCHANGE.

Reported for The Advertiser by Johnston & Ward.
Sterling—434.
France—26.50.
Brazil—5.50.
Lires—4.22½.

RUMANIA GIVES AID
TO PEASANTS IN LAD

State Devises System of Distribution With Certain Limitations.
Associated Press Despatch.
Bucharest, Rumania, Dec. 25.—The present status of agrarian reform in Rumania is set forth as follows by M. Constantinescu, minister of agriculture:
The state is distributing land, within limitations. The aim is to put the landless peasant in possession of land, and to stimulate its cultivation by the state. The land is being cut up by their owners being compensated in part by the state and in part by the peasant. Rumania is working to complete and solve the agrarian problem.

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How the Stocks Closed At Noon
(See Sporting Green for Quotations at the Three o'Clock Close.)

New York

Reported for The Advertiser by Jones, Easton, McCullum.
New York, Dec. 26.—Noon.

Stocks	Open	High	Low	Noon
Allied Chem.	70½	70½	69½	69½
Allis-Chalmers	42½	42½	42½	42½
Am Ag Chem	42½	42½	42½	42½
Am Beet Sugar	41½	41½	41½	41½
Am Bock Mag	41½	41½	41½	41½
Am Can Co	104½	104½	104½	104½
Am C and F	161	162	161	162
Am Hide	51½	51½	50½	50½
Am Int Corp	22½	22½	22½	22½
Am S and C	11½	11½	11½	11½
Am Smelting	57½	57½	57½	57½
Am Steel Furns	57½	57½	57½	57½
Am Sunbeam	19	19	19	19
Am Woolen	73½	74½	73½	73½
Can P R	8½	8½	8½	8½
C and O	161	162	161	162
Central Leather	13½	13½	13½	13½
Chandler Motor	70½	70½	70½	70½
Cuba Cane Sugar	70½	70½	70½	70½
C and M St Paul	12½	12½	12½	12½
Chicago G W Pfd	104½	104½	104½	104½
Chgo & N Y	104½	104½	104½	104½
Chino Copper	17½	17½	17½	17½
Coca-Cola	72½	72½	72½	72½
Consolidated	60½	61½	60½	61½
Con Textile	6	6	6	6
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Toronto

Canadian Press Despatch.
Toronto, Dec. 26.—Noon.

Stocks	Open	High	Low	Noon
24 B. E. Steel	4	4	4	4
10 B. E. Steel	126	126	126	126
35 B. E. Steel	95	95	95	95
25 B. E. Steel	85	85	85	85
15 B. E. Steel	40	40	40	40
5 B. E. Steel	20	20	20	20
10 B. E. Steel	126	126	126	126
35 B. E. Steel	95	95	95	95
25 B. E. Steel	85	85	85	85
15 B. E. Steel	40	40	40	40
5 B. E. Steel	20	20	20	20

Montreal

Reported for The Advertiser by McDougall and Cowan.
Montreal, Dec. 26.

Stocks	Open	High	Low	Noon
Abitibi	63	63	63	63
Atlantic Sugar	20	20	20	20
Bell Telephone	126	126	126	126
British Empire	36	36	36	36
Breweries	54½	54½	54½	54½
Brompton	86	86	86	86
Can Cement	149½	149½	149½	149½
Canada Car	36	36	36	36
Howard Smith	142½	142½	142½	142½
Montreal Power	40	40	40	40
Quebec Bros	40	40	40	40
St. Maurice Power	104	104	104	104
Shawinigan	119½	119½	119½	119½
Smelters	102	102	102	102
Steel of Canada	75½	75½	75½	75½
Soroka Mines	70½	70½	70½	70½

Morning Session on Toronto

Exchange Marked by Substantial Gains.

Stocks	Open	High	Low	Noon
Abitibi	63	63	63	63
Atlantic Sugar	20	20	20	20
Bell Telephone	126	126	126	126
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COCA-COLA COMPANY

HAS NEW DIRECTOR

Formation of Canadian Organ-

ization Shows Progress

of Years.

The formation of the Coca-Cola Company of Canada, Limited, and the election of William M. Brownlee, formerly president of the Coca-Cola Company, as managing director, are announced today by the head office at Atlanta, Ga. The new company will be organized on Jan. 1.

PAPER MONEY VENDOR

CRITICIZED BY GERMANY

Chinese, as Well as Swedish

Banker Share in Den-

unciation.

Associated Press Despatch.
Leipzig, Dec. 25.—Chinese financiers are cursed by German publicists for having devised paper money and made it possible for the world to be flooded by the valueless output of overworked money-presses.

CLERK OF BRUCE

COUNTRY IS DEAD

Late P. A. Macdonald Was

Also Crown Attorney and

County Solicitor.

INTERMENT IN GODERICH

Special to The Advertiser.

The late Mr. Macdonald was clerk of Bruce County, solicitor for the county and county crown attorney, as well as solicitor for Kincardine and Huron Townships. Two weeks ago he attended the meeting of the Bruce County Council, and at the close went to the home of his wife, Mrs. Macdonald, in Goderich.

LISTOWEL

Special to The Advertiser.

Listowel, Dec. 25.—At the annual meeting of the Women's Missionary Auxiliary of Christ Church, officers elected were: Mrs. Howard, president; Mrs. H. Hubert, vice-president; Mrs. Taberner, secretary; Mrs. Merton; treasurer.

GOVERNMENT LOANS

Wood, Gundy & Co. furnish the following prices and yields: Dec. 26.

Year	5% Bid	5% Ask	Yield
1927	102.40	102.50	4.80
1928	102.40	102.50	4.80
1929	102.40	102.50	4.80
1930	102.40	102.50	4.80
1931	102.40	102.50	4.80
1932	102.40	102.50	4.80
1933	102.40	102.50	4.80
1934	102.40	102.50	4.80
1935	102.40	102.50	4.80
1936	102.40	102.50	4.80
1937	102.40	102.50	4.80
1938	102.40	102.50	4.80
1939	102.40	102.50	4.80
1940	102.40	102.50	4.80
1941	102.40	102.50	4.80
1942	102.40	102.50	4.80
1943	102.40	102.50	4.80
1944	102.40	102.50	4.80
1945	102.40	102.50	4.80

HYDE PARK

Special to The Advertiser.

Hyde Park, Dec. 25.—The annual Christmas tree and entertainment held in the Presbyterian Church Friday evening was well attended. The Christmas tree, which was lighted with electricity, bore more than two hundred lights.

PORT STANLEY

Special to The Advertiser.

Port Stanley, Dec. 25.—H. A. Short has returned from Montreal, Quebec, to spend the Yuletide with his family here at his home on Hill Street.

REPORT EARTHQUAKE SHOCK.

Associated Press Despatch.

Honolulu, Dec. 26.—A slight earthquake was felt here at 8:45 a.m. today. No damage was reported.

Everything the Farmer Trades In

DEADLY STEADY

FOR GOOD CATTLE

Local Market

A season, many years old, was upheld in every respect this morning. When a farmer appeared on the market with wares to sell. A few of the more optimistic ones avowed that the city bright and early today with the choice of loads of hay, but like many other resolutions which have failed by the wayside, the "day after Christmas" one also faded away.

Receipts Light On the Toronto

Market After Holiday.

Canadian Press Despatch.
Toronto, Dec. 26.—Cattle—Receipts, 288. A few loads of choice cattle sold at steady prices. Choice butchers brought \$6.50 to \$7.25, with a load of heavy steers at \$7.25. Quotations: Fair to good, 5.00 to 6.00; Good to choice, 6.00 to 6.75; Butcher steers, 4.00 to 5.00; Common to fair, 4.00 to 5.00; Butcher heifers, 4.00 to 5.00; Fair to good, 5.00 to 6.00; Common to fair, 4.00 to 5.00; Butcher cows, 4.00 to 5.00; Good to choice, 5.00 to 6.00; Fair to good, 4.00 to 5.00; Common to fair, 4.00 to 5.00; Butcher calves, 4.00 to 5.00; Good to choice, 5.00 to 6.00; Fair to good, 4.00 to 5.00; Common to fair, 4.00 to 5.00; Butcher lambs, 4.00 to 5.00; Good to choice, 5.00 to 6.00; Fair to good, 4.00 to 5.00; Common to fair, 4.00 to 5.00; Butcher pigs, 4.00 to 5.00; Good to choice, 5.00 to 6.00; Fair to good, 4.00 to 5.00; Common to fair, 4.00 to 5.00; Butcher chickens, 4.00 to 5.00; Good to choice, 5.00 to 6.00; Fair to good, 4.00 to 5.00; Common to fair, 4.00 to 5.00; Butcher turkeys, 4.00 to 5.00; Good to choice, 5.00 to 6.00; Fair to good, 4.00 to 5.00; Common to fair, 4.00 to 5.00; Butcher ducks, 4.00 to 5.00; Good to choice, 5.00 to 6.00; Fair to good, 4.00 to 5.00; 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THIS AFTERNOON AT 2:15-TONIGHT AT 8:30
SEATS SELLING IN ADVANCE
London Critics Also Acclaim



The Pinnacle of the Silver Screen
"It is a world-better, and its historic value makes 'Saramouche' a picture that should be witnessed by all."—London Free Press.
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Prices: Evens and Sat. Mat. 75c. 1st. Box Seats \$1.50, plus tax
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Twice Today 2:30 8:15

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EVERY LINE A LAUGH
Watch for the parade of the showman's showman

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HOCKEY

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 27
GRANITES (Olympic Team
vs.
STRAITFORD SENIORS
Seat sale opens today at Arena.
Brisco's and Strong's Drug Store.
RESERVED SEATS \$1.50 and \$1.
RUSH SEATS, 75c and 50c.
TEAMOWNERS' ASSOCIATION.
REAL OLD-FASHIONED
DANCE
Hyman Hall, Thursday Evening, Dec. 27.
Dancing at 8 o'clock. Good music.
Admission 25c.

AMUSEMENTS

HERMITAGE DANCE

To be held at the
Masonic Temple
Friday, Dec. 28th,
At 9 p.m.
(FORMAL)
Tickets may be procured from the
Entertainment Committee 42a,
the door.

MEETINGS
JOINT
INSTALLATION
London Masonic
Lodges
IN THE AUDITORIUM OF THE
MASONIC TEMPLE, LONDON.
THURSDAY, DECEMBER 27
Rt. Wor. Brother Rev. Canon Tacker
of London will deliver an address at
the banquet of the installation will be
under the direction of Rt. Wor. Brother
Thos. H. Martin, D.D., M.A., London District
No. 3, and other officers. 8:30
p.m. sharp. All members welcome. L. A.
E. Chairman; Richard Booth, Secretary.
NOMINATION
A public meeting of the ratepayers of
the Township of Delaware will be held
in the town hall in the Village of Delaware
on Monday, the 31st day of December,
at 12 o'clock noon, for the purpose of
nominating candidates for the office of
reeve, councillors and police trustees for
1924.
J. H. MATTHEWS,
Township Clerk.
DOMINION LODGE, 8 o'clock.
General business. Visitors
welcome. W. Evans, R. S.
H. H. Powell, N. G.
MEMBERS CHORAZIN
Lodge please assemble
at 5:30 p.m. on Wednesday, Dec. 26, at 5:45 p.m. sharp,
to attend funeral of Alex. Clark
Clark, Mich. General business. Visitors
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LANGMARCK L.O.L. Orange Lodge,
No. 285, meets Thursday evenings,
8 p.m.
ROYAL ARCH MASONS—Regular con-
vocation St. John's Chapter this
evening. Visitors welcome. C. H. Gould, Z.; O. Ellwood,
S. E.
HUMANITY SOCIETY meeting, Thursday,
8 p.m., in City Hall.
CHIROPODY
BEATTIE, Miss—Graduate chiropodist.
Talbot and Pall Mall. Tel. 3027W.
GREY BEAUTY SHOP—Graduate chi-
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HILES, Dr. Le Roy V.—Foot specialist,
207 Dundas St. over Cliff Robinson's
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MONUMENTS

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Phone 3569W; res. 2518.
SMYTH MONUMENT WORKS,
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BORN, MARRIED, DIED

BORN.
CONNOLLY—In Montreal, on Christmas
Day, to the wife of Hector M. Connolly,
Esq., a daughter (Christie Marion Coles).
GREEN—At 97 High St., on Tuesday,
Dec. 25, 1923, Ellen, beloved wife of
Edward Green, aged 51 years.
Funeral services at the above ad-
dress on Thursday at 1:30 p.m. In-
terment in Woodland Cemetery. Fu-
neral home, 1311 Woodland Ave.
MILLSON—At her late residence, on
Dec. 25, 1923, Harriett (Hattie), dearly
beloved wife of Cabell Millson, in her
62nd year.
Private funeral services at the above
address on Thursday at 1:30 p.m. In-
terment at White Oak Cemetery. Friends
and acquaintances please accept this
intimation.
McWILLIAM—At her late residence, 419
Dundas St. W., Dec. 25, Jessie Bruce,
band of Dorothy Stott, aged 30 years.
Funeral services at the Oatman
Funeral Home, King and Colborne
Sts., at 2 p.m., on Wednesday, Dec.
26. Interment in Woodland Cemetery.

MALE HELP WANTED

ESTABLISHED cap manufacturer
wants sales representatives in terri-
tories Toronto to Montreal, also
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Commission based, no objection to
carrying other suitable lines. Address
Box 19, London Advertiser, with full
information.

FEMALE HELP WANTED

GIRL or woman for general housework,
reference required. Phone 4490F. Box
55.

HOUSEKEEPER wanted by widower,
in country, five in family; middle-
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WANTED at once, general maid, for
family of three, 1 Box 2N, Advertiser.

TEACHERS WANTED

TEACHER wanted for S. S. No. 1,
Malahide school, situated 6 miles south
from Aymer, salary \$1,000; duties to
begin Jan. 2, 1924. To C. W. Wona-
cott, Aymer, R. No. 2.

TWO teachers for S. S. No. 2, Harwich,
Kent County, near Chatham, No. 5th
class, duties to commence January 2,
1924. Apply to W. R. Colbait, sec-
retary, R. R. 3, Chatham.

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Many ladies' hats at reasonable prices.

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made by Thomas Alder. 59
Wharfedale Rd. north.

HEMSTITCHING—Cotton, 60 linen, 7c;
silk, 10c per yard. Mrs. J. M. 119
Viola Williams, 199 Hamilton Rd.
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HOTEL CLARENDON, corner King and
Trotter, newly decorated throughout.
Drop in and have a well cooked
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I AM leaving city and am anxious to
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who will store and care for my piano
for privilege of use. Must have
right to inspect at reasonable in-
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Bishop Williams Addresses a Large Congregation at St. Paul's.

MANY COMMUNICANTS

Large congregations attended the communion and morning services held in the Anglican churches of the city yesterday, commemorating the birth of Jesus Christ. Special Christmas music, hymns and anthems predominated and the sermons at the 11 o'clock services were typically of Christmas.

Several hundred communicants partook of the sacrament at St. Paul's Cathedral, where three services were held, 7, 8.30 and 11 a.m. At the latter service, Bishop David Williams officiated, taking his text from Luke x., 23 and 24. His lordship's sermon was applicable to the present day conditions and countries of Christendom.

Special musical offerings were the feature at Cronyn Memorial Church, where Rev. Quintin Warner conducted the services. Three services were held, large numbers attending. Rev. W. L. Armitage, assisted by Canon Hill, conducted the three celebrations at St. James' Anglican Church. A special program of Christmas music was offered, and Mr. Armitage preached from the text "Your father, Abraham, rejoiced to see my day, and he saw it and was glad." He spoke approvingly of the large number gathered to do honor to the Christ-child.

PREFONTAINE'S MAJORITY IN BY-ELECTION IS 686

Canadian Press Despatch. Winnipeg, Dec. 25.—Final returns from Carillon constituency, where Hon. Albert Prefontaine, provincial secretary, was re-elected in Monday's by-election, gave the minister a majority of 686 over Maurice Duprey, Independent. Mr. Duprey lost his deposit.

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SIFTS FREIGHT RATES:
Canadian Press Despatch.

Victoria, Dec. 25.—To find out exactly where British Columbia stands in its long fight for the reduction of western freight rates, Premier Oliver leaves for Vancouver tonight to confer on the mainland tomorrow with Hon. J. H. King, federal minister of public works.

Canadian Press Despatch.
St. John, N.B., Dec. 25.—Mrs. Clara Whiteside, 60, was found murdered in her home in Red Deer Road to-night. Her head was horribly beaten in, and she was lying in a pool of blood. She clutched an empty pocket-book in her left hand. The woman lived alone, and robbery is presumed to be the motive.

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