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May Xmas Bring Good Cheer

Cuba.

going to let my cargo getting it this far? Danish quartermaster his savage face flashed...



THE SITTINGS OF THE SCHOOL COMMISSION A Few of the Principals in the Inquiry Now in Progress.

ARTILLERY USED AGAINST WORKMEN

Meeting Place Bombed Until Survivors Surrendered to the Troops--Fighting in the Streets of Moscow.

PETER VII.

Mr. said Capt. Kettle, Sultan's work is about... you see these rails of iron up from the ground...

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Riga, Dec. 21.—Additional details of the revolt at Takum, Courland, have been received. The revolt began December 12th...

On December 13th the soldiers buried their comrades, but the people fired on the funeral procession from the windows of their homes...

Similar occurrences are reported from Goldingen and Talsen. The Associated Press to-day interviewed Lappajohnson, the leader of the socialist party...

Gradually Increased, and when the Emperor's manifesto was published they were able to shake off the long-standing yoke of the despotism of the Baltic nobility...

St. Petersburg, Dec. 21.—At noon to-day the continental train left the Warsaw station with military engine driving...

promptly took the place of the second. Moscow is already cut off from St. Petersburg, and with the provinces generally there was no communication this morning...

London, Dec. 22.—The correspondent of the Daily Telegraph at St. Petersburg says that a majority of those present at the council held at Tsarskoo-Selo voted for the granting of a system of universal suffrage...

St. Petersburg, Dec. 22.—There was some enlarging of the strike in St. Petersburg, but the government plainly holds the upper hand here to-day. The success of the strike, generally speaking, depends upon its development at Moscow and other places in the interior...

London, Dec. 21.—A dispatch to the Exchange Telegraph Company from St. Petersburg says that numerous meetings of workmen at Moscow, including the engineers and postal telegraph employees, have declared in favor of armed revolt...

St. Petersburg, Dec. 22.—The workmen of two of three electric light plants struck yesterday evening, and consequently the streets in the major portion of the city were in darkness throughout the night...

Paris, Dec. 22.—Father Gapon left Paris yesterday for an unknown destination. In the course of an interview he said that the present movement in Russia owing to its violence, would probably affect adversely the results already achieved...

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the governor-general was gazetted here to-day establishing martial law in all of the ten governments of Russian Poland, and appointing ten temporary military governor-generals.

St. Petersburg, Dec. 22.—During the night the authorities succeeded in getting a sufficient number of sailors from Kronstadt to operate all but one of the electric light plants. This was particularly gallant to the strikers as the darkening of the city and the stopping of the tramways were the most effective means of making the strike generally felt.

St. Petersburg, Dec. 22.—The police have been baffled in their efforts to find the printers and disseminators of these bills. The failure of many of the railroad men of St. Petersburg to observe the strike order and the ability of M. Nechaeff, minister of communications, to have all trains on all the roads except the Baltic roads as thorns in the sides of the strike leaders...

St. Petersburg, Dec. 22.—Eleven men were killed and eighty were wounded by volleys fired by the troops at the workmen attempting a barricade on Iverskaia street, Moscow, yesterday. The total casualties at Moscow yesterday are estimated at 350.

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some of the most influential persons, are establishing provisional administrations and preparing for the election of assemblies to arrange the taxes and legitimize the partitioning of the government lands.

Moscow, Dec. 22.—Traffic has been opened here with the assistance of the troops and the railroad battalions. The lines to Nizhni, Novorod, Yaroslava, Kazan and the Nicholas road to St. Petersburg are working normally.

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NOTED ADVOCATE OF PENNY POSTAGE. J. HENNEKER HEATON ARRIVED HERE TO-DAY. He Says the New Liberal Government Will Not Last More Than Six Months.

John Henneker Heaton, who has represented Canterbury, Kent, in the Imperial House of Commons since 1885, having been unopposed in the last four elections, and who is recognized as among Britain's foremost politicians, arrived here to-day on the steamer Mowera from Australia.

Asked in what way the fall of the new government would effect the Chamberlain policy Mr. Heaton said: "You know I am an out-and-out Chamberlainist, and it is my opinion that the crisis will only tend to aid our cause."

Ottawa, Dec. 22.—Mr. Maclean, Canada's trade agent in Japan, reports that the imports of Canadian flour for the year ending September shows \$35,118, as against \$7,066 for the same time last year. The decrease is on account of the American supply being obtained at lower prices.

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THE SEASON'S GREETINGS.

"A merry Christmas, uncle! God save you!" cried a cheerful voice. "Bah!" said Scrooge. "Humbug!"

We are in the midst of the joyous, hearty, generous Christmas season once again. My world how rapidly Time flies now that he has got us firmly by the hand and is carrying us into the misty future, containing that which is hidden from all eyes.

Most of us who are interested in the dry-as-dust topics, principally of a political nature, which are dealt with in this part of the paper, remember the time, not so very long ago, when Time appeared to be such a laggard; such a slow-going old coach. We would have pulled him along if we could. There was always something before us we wished to lay eager hands upon, someone, perhaps, we desired to overtake. Now we hang back; some of us just a trifle, many of us with a wistful plea in our eyes. Visions of faces and scenes we passed on life's highway rise behind us and we would fain at this season linger just a little while to gaze upon them from eyes whose vision Time himself can never impair.

But in thus giving way to human weakness we are doing violence to the spirits of the Christmas season. Time does right when he urges us along faster than ever. There is a time for retrospection and for introspection; but it is not on the eve of Christmas. Time tells us we must follow his example and place things in their proper order. The merry voices of children are calling that the season of festivity has come—the fellest, the heartiest, the most generous period of the year—the season of feasting and of good-fellowship—the season of family gatherings, of the quickening into stronger force of the purest love of which the human heart is capable—that season when all that is behind and does violence to the spirit of that which Christmas commemorates should be cast forth from men's hearts, never to be cherished again.

Anyone who is so constituted as to feel curiosity respecting the authority for the celebration of Christmas can obtain all the information he desires in encyclopedias. But we are not called upon to consider that aspect of the feast. We have the authority of a good custom, of a custom that is beneficial in its effects. "We have all read about Scrooge and his opinions of Christmas, and those who observed it. Scrooge said, 'If I could work my very idiot who goes about with 'Merry Christmas' on his lips should be boiled with his own pudding and buried with a stake of holly through his heart.' He should!"

Scrooge was a rich man with a poor nephew. It was the greeting of his nephew which caused the old man to cast anathemas upon Christmas, "much good it (Christmas) has ever done you!" said the old fellow.

"There are many things from which I might have derived good by which I have not profited, I dare say," returned the nephew, "Christmas among the rest, but I am sure I have always thought of Christmas time, when it has come round—scarcely from the very notion due to its sacred name and origin, if anything belonging to it can be apart from that—a good time, a kind, forgiving, charitable, pleasant time; the only time I know of in the long calendar of the year when men and women by one consent seem to open their shut-up hearts freely and to think of people below them as if they were really fellow-passengers to the grave, and not another race of creatures bound on other journeys. And therefore, uncle, though it has never put a scrap of gold or silver in my pocket, I believe it has done me good, and will do me good; and I say, 'God bless it!'" And this Tiny Tim said after Old Scrooge the miser had been converted by the spirits of Christmas into a generous-hearted, open-handed, benevolent and kindly old gentleman, "God bless us every one!"

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stand, the situation is more encouraging. The Tory opposition in that body is composed of two members, the leader and one follower. There are two units there, which is not the case in all the provincial legislatures. We might point out while we are congratulating the case of Nova Scotia that its legislature is almost a unit, but the unit is Liberal, not Conservative. In the province of Quebec the ratio of Liberal units as compared with Conservative units is practically the same as in Nova Scotia. Only in the latter case the prospects are so discouraging that the unit have been left leaderless.

In the New Brunswick local house there are four or five Tory units. It is in Ontario that Conservatism comes out strong, and its appetite for government jobs is keen in proportion to the number of years it wandered in opposition. In Saskatchewan there is no provincial Conservative party at all, Mr. Haultain, the leader of the opposition, having wrapped himself in the cloak of a political independent in order to conceal his party bias. Knowing that it would do him harm and not good in the contest he lately waged with Premier Scott. But it is in Alberta where the principle of Tory unity is most forcibly illustrated. One Conservative has been elected to sit in the first legislature of the new province, and his qualifications as a fit and proper person to sit in a British legislative assembly have been questioned because he is a foreigner—a Russian of Mémotte extraction. Is it not a strange thing to find the body and substance of the Conservative party in one province of this Dominion—the leader of the Conservative party and the party itself—composed wholly of a foreigner. But as it illustrates the unity of which a boast is made we are content to let the matter pass. Again, but for the unmistakable and harmonious bond of unity between the Socialist party and the Conservative party of British Columbia, the McBride government must long ago have passed into the unknown regions from which such governments never return, "unwept, unremembered and unmissed." Therefore we do not wonder that the head of that administration sees some significance in the services of units.

British Columbians hope for great things when an economical, simple and practical method of treating their immense deposits of iron ore has been provided. It was announced some time ago that the Dominion government had instructed Dr. Haanel, one of the highest authorities on the subject, to make investigations and experiments and report the results. Now it is announced from Ottawa that the doctor has received a sample of the first pig iron turned out at the government experimental electric smelter, at Sault Ste. Marie. It is of very superior quality. Operations have been suspended to permit of the instruments for measuring the electric current being adjusted by the representatives of the Westinghouse Company. This, it is expected, will be done in a comparatively short time, and then the furnace will be operated day and night. The object of the experiments is to determine whether the electric process is applicable to the economical smelting of Canadian hematite ores.

Atropos of units in politics, the Toronto Star observes that the significant thing about the Conservatives of Quebec is "that they are still able to refer to themselves in the plural."

Business generally in Victoria will be suspended on Monday, Christmas day, and there will be no issue of the Times.

ACROSTIC—CHRISTMAS, 1905.

Vellid in the mournful mystery of the Years,
In the sad chequered shroud that wraps the world,
Concealing all Man's future hopes and fears,
Time, with his cloak wound round him,
Closely furled,
Onward advances. What hath he for us?
Red War or Peace, in the dread days to come?
In vain we ask. 'Tis vain to question thus.
Ask not the Oracles of God for they are dumb.
Christmas is here once more. Ah, day of Peace,
Heralding days when men shall war no more.
Mun and Carnage—surely they shall cease
In the glad hour that sees the last of War.
Such is the hope that grows in every soul
This happy day, this happiest of all days—
Memorial of the birth of One whose whole
Aim was to reconcile. Though God's dark ways
Seem strange and past our knowledge, yet we must
Take hold of HOPE—this is the gift unpriced—
In the sure certainty that God knows best.
Murder may rage, but in the end, we trust,
Evening's soft calm will fall and all shall rest.
Silent at last in the sweet peace of Christ.
W. H. S.

CHRISTMAS BELLS.

Anon.
On Christmas eve the bells were rung;
On Christmas eve the mass was sung;
That only night of all the year,
Saw the stried priest the chalice rear.
'Twas Christmas branch'd the mightiest
'Twas Christmas told the merriest tale;
A Christmas gambol oft would cheer
A poor man's heart through half the year.

Tainted Gold.

By MRS. C. N. WILLIAMSON.
Author of "The Barn Stormers," "Fortune's Sport," "Lady Mary of the Dark House," "Queen Sweetheart," "The House by the Lock," etc.

CHAPTER XXXIV.
The Quest of the Moonstone.

Half an hour after knocking at the door of Dick Gray's room, Hope Newcome went out again. Dick had been instructed not to mention his arrival. Downstairs the name of the gentleman who had inquired for Mr. Richardson of Macaire's party, was not known.

Those few words of Dick's—the allusion to the Sphinx's head—had sent flashes of lightning through Newcome's veins. He had not known that he had brought him through strange vicissitudes and over many thousands of miles had seemed no further advanced, though for months he could not have been given to it. Then, one day, a man had begged of him in Park lane near Lionel Macaire's house, and Newcome had given the man an American, speaking with a strong Western accent and the beggar, who was grateful and loquacious, began telling him a queer, rambling story.

For very few ears would it have struck a keynote; the narrator himself knew not the value of his utterances. Still less of his whereabouts, and he had been begging in the street, because the person from whom he had expected a gift was absent. But Fate had ordained that his tongue should make music in the ear which could understand.

Newcome took the man to a restaurant and gave him a meal, much as Macaire had done with him nearly five months ago in Brighton. Indeed, the thought of that occasion was printed in strong black and white upon his mind. In the midst of the waiter's dilutions, for which he had shouldered aloud, there was loathing of the memory that he had broken bread with Macaire not once, but many times. He was living on money which had come from Macaire, also; and if it had not been for the secret which had darkened his life since boyhood, this reflection would have half-maddened him—believing as he had begun to believe of the millionaire.

But with the knowledge of that secret before him, the money became far more than ever a matter of indifference. To Brussels Newcome followed, only to lose the scent and pick it up again at last, with the intelligence that, after visiting a friend, the Comtesse de Silbery had departed to Spa.

Though it was discouraging to chase a fitting will-o'-the-wisp, the news that the lady had chosen Spa was satisfactory to Newcome. He saw in it an indication of an overpowering love for the gambling tables; and he told himself that she had hurried away from Monte Carlo for fear of losing her money to the tables, as he had seen her do when she had acted in collusion with Macaire. She need not have fled from her Mecca, to a lesser Paradise; but he was a man, and—she had said—that, if Dick had not hinted at the jewel having been stolen, and the vexation he had to him, she would have stayed where she was. She would have stayed where she was.

The season at Spa was only just beginning; but one could gamble. That was the principal thing.

CHAPTER XXXV.
The Story of the Moonstone.

Newcome found out at what hotel the Comtesse de Silbery was staying, and went there also. But it was in the gambling rooms that he saw her first. He could not but recognize her from Dick Gray's description, for, as it happened, she wore the same poppy-red dress she had worn on the night when the moonstone had been found. Her hair, and auburn hair were the same diamond pins flashing like fire-flies as she moved her head. But had these signs failed her, she could not have failed to recognize him from Dick Gray's description, for, as it happened, she wore the same poppy-red dress she had worn on the night when the moonstone had been found. Her hair, and auburn hair were the same diamond pins flashing like fire-flies as she moved her head. But had these signs failed her, she could not have failed to recognize him from Dick Gray's description, for, as it happened, she wore the same poppy-red dress she had worn on the night when the moonstone had been found. 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CHAPTER XXII.—(Continued.) War Fever Cured by Dread of Small Pox.

Some time before the "barrel of powder incident," in October, 1846, I think it was, we had been menaced very seriously by the action of a coalition of tribes very different from, and I should say rather inferior to, Nicola's people.

At Pebelon, one of the whites came to call it "Pavilion," on the Fraser, these combined tribes, at a particular time, dried and smoked large quantities of salmon.

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CHAPTER XXIII. The reader may have been surprised at my statement in the last chapter, that we were dependent at Fort Kamloops on a salmon supply for food.

A similar remark applies to the common and really abundant fish of different kinds in the lakes, rivers and streams of the interior country.

The Hudson's Bay region, as I have said, sated geese and ducks, and, also, dried fish and venison, were largely consumed.

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forty years. That is a long period in any man's career, but in my case, having retired with a comfortable fortune for a person of my position, I regarded all the past as an apprenticeship, leading not to a reposeful, but to an inquisitive new life in which I proposed to enter.

"It is to end An old, stale, weary work, and to commence A newer and a better."

Some of the company's officers on retiring went to Scotland; others to Canada, those who, like me, were weary of the west, naturally tended to settle near the headquarters of the old company.

It was to Victoria that I went, and, liking the place and climate, and with no feeling of an exile, owing to the presence there of a "fort," and numbers of friends, I purchased a farm on the seashore a few miles away and built on it a house, in which I made my residence, bringing thereto all my books and the fiddle and such reminiscences of a fur trader's career as these years contained—sample books of larger bulk.

The Thane. As a flock of sheep, you mean, huddled for the greatest safety of the greater number, pours cloudlike across the meadow, moulds to compression through the narrow gateway and expands again into an oval unity that just nicely fits the highway of their travel.

The Thane. True—and yet only paradoxically so. There is no reasonable shadow of doubt that the established forms of poetry land themselves to the most artistic treatment, and as a case in point I will—if my memory fail me not—recite a not too well known sonnet of Lang's.

SANTA'S LETTER. 'Tis the season now when kiddies hang their stockings In the hope that Santa Claus will come indeed, And it frequently occurs that the Gentlemen in Furs Trots around and leaves exactly what they need.

But, you know, he seems to overlook us old folks (At least he never leaves a doll in mine) All I get when Christmas comes, 'stead of jolly dolls and dreams, Is a dun or something pleasant in that line.

So a day or two ago I wrote to Santa Complaining my "mistake," but I suggested in my letter he might treat the writer better, And here's the cheering answer that I got:

Dear Sir, your note to hand. Regret it greatly, But have no more orders; cannot fill. If you'll give your kind attention, I would really like to mention Just a few that I have noted in my bill.



THE MEN A CAUSERIE BY AN UNCLASSIFIED PHILOSOPHER

Here comes the merry Christmas time, when "Peace on earth, good will to men" forbids the consideration for a week at least, of such matters as Life Insurance Investigations and their possible logical results.

The Major (continuing). The trend of modern times as a whole, runs to the worship of form and an absolute neglect of good old English common sense. By the qualification "as a poet," the speaker, however, comes under that head.

Each kindly Knight and honest Squire Than strove betimes that he might show A Yule log for the Christmas fire.

Denizen. One moment, gentlemen; I will arrange that he returns not (Goes to telephone and rings) central? Long distance please. Give me Robin Adair—Shawinigan.

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A MOTHER'S LOVE.

What is More Beautiful than a Mother's Love?

"Who ran to help me when I fell And would comfort my story tell Or kiss the places to make it well, My mother."

A mother's worries are many. She sometimes forgets her own bodily comforts because of her overpowering love for the child.

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FIGHT FOR CONTROL.

Parsons' Faction Defeat Odell Adherents on New York County Republican Committee.

New York, Dec. 22.—During a contest which continued from 9 o'clock last night until 4 o'clock this morning, marked at times by bitter recriminations, but at times by mutual pledges of support, the control of the New York County Republican committee was wrested from the adherents of ex-Governor Benjamin D. Odell by the faction headed by Herbert Parsons.

In re-organizing for the coming year the committee elected Mr. Parsons to the presidency in succession to Wm. Halpen

and chose other officers named by Parsons' friends. In his fight Mr. Parsons was credited with having the support of Governor Higgins' influence and the sympathy of President Roosevelt.

The fight for control of the committee brought out the largest attendance in years.

CARPENTER'S FATAL FALL.

Ottawa, Dec. 22.—Joseph Benard, 50 years of age, former carpenter on the addition being made to the Western block, fell fifty feet and was instantly killed to-day. His son, Fred, was working along with him. He leaves a widow and two children.

Advertisement for 'The Travellers' Guide' and other travel-related services, including information about the British Columbia Tourist Bureau.

Advertisement for 'The Perfect Food' by Nemo, a product from Brackman-Ker Milling Co. Limited, Victoria.

THE SAN JOSE SCALE. Correspondence Between Japanese Consul and Inspector Cunningham. The Japanese government may be expected to assist in every way possible to prevent San Jose scale being introduced into British Columbia through the medium of Japanese oranges.

TOURISTS COME TO SPEND WINTER. LARGE INFLOW FROM PRAIRIE PROVINCES. Many Come to Avoid Severe Weather Prospects For Fruit Farming is Great Attraction. (From Saturday's Daily.)

CONDITIONS IN CHINA AND JAPAN. GEORGE CARTER HAS RETURNED FROM TRIP. Local Tradesman Thinks that Japan Will Acquire Manchuria by Settling the Country. (From Saturday's Daily.)

THE POISONING MYSTERY. Fisher Arrested on Charge of Perjury - Statements By Mrs. Jones and Mrs. Jackson. The Vancouver Province of Wednesday says: "Several startling developments have occurred in the Jackson poisoning mystery, though the news today probably has no direct bearing on the commission of the crime alleged by the coroner's jury."

THE STORY OF A SUCCESSFUL MAN. HE FOUND HIS LOST HEALTH IN DODD'S KIDNEY PILLS. Leading Business Man of Welland Gives His Experience With the Great Canadian Kidney Remedy.

LAST OF FLEET. Miowers and Tartar Arrive, Completing List of Ships Due This Week. The last few arrivals in a big fleet of ocean liners due this week have reached port, the Tartar from the Orient having berthed at the outer wharf about 6 o'clock last evening, and the R. M. S. Miowers at about 9 o'clock this morning.

Advertisement for 'Fruit-a-tives' cure for Rheumatism and other ailments, highlighting its effectiveness in removing poisons from the blood.

THE CITY MARKET. During the week a good Christmas trade is reported by the various firms of the city. Christmas poultry is occupying a prominent place in the butcher shops and various grocery and produce stores.

