

RUSSIAN PREMIER SPEAKS PLAINLY

Wants to Keep Peace But Will Defend Her Interests

STANDS WITH FRANCE IN BALKAN MATTERS

Russian Government will Ask Duma for Further Credits to Perfect System of National Defence.

St. Petersburg, Dec. 18.—A desire for the preservation of European peace combined with the determination to defend with the nation's whole strength Russia's vital interests was the keynote of a speech on Balkan affairs made by Premier Kokovoff in the Duma today.

"The Russian government is glad to see the warlike virtues and the unanimity of the Balkan peoples. He said that as the great Slavonic and orthodox power Russia could not be indifferent as to whether they obtain better conditions of existence and thus avert dangerous complications in the future."

"The Russian government is glad it has not to change its calm attitude. There is no ground for suspecting Russia of selfish designs or of a desire to aggravate conflicts. The fundamental principles which will guide the Russian government when the hour for final decisions has sounded are indicated by our past."

"Faithful to her alliance with France and to her friendly agreement with other great powers, and sure of the latter's support, she has no intention of setting up one pole against another."

"Any government which would abandon the ground of a common discussion of fundamental questions by obtruding its own immediate interests would be assuming the grave moral responsibility of possible international complications."

"The great powers have too powerful reasons for endeavoring to prevent the development of complications which might menace European peace."

"The Russian government hopes that united efforts by which the powers are inspired will help them to arrive at an agreement which will reconcile their interests with the just demands of the Balkan States."

"Actuated by the sincere desire to cooperate with all the means in its power in the preservation of European peace, the Russian government expresses the hope that with the help of the Almighty the efforts of the powers will be crowned with success and that events in the future will not harmfully affect the vital interests of Russia which we are called upon to defend with all our strength in the name of the honor and the dignity of our country."

The Premier prefaced his speech by notifying the Duma of the intention of the Russian government to ask for further credits to enable it to perfect its system of national defence.

The Premier concluded by congratulating Great Britain in her initiative in suggesting an ambassadorial discussion of the points of issue.

MORGAN ON STAND IN "MONEY TRUST" PROBE

He Admits that Seventy-eight Accounts, in His Banking House Aggregate Nearly \$82,000,000

Washington, Dec. 18.—J. P. Morgan occupied the centre of the stage today before the so-called money trust investigating committee of the House of Representatives. The noted financier reached Washington last night in response to a subpoena from the committee, but it was not until 2:40 o'clock this afternoon that the way was cleared for his testimony to begin. Meantime, Mr. Morgan sat for nearly an hour listening to the mass of statistics which Mr. Undermyer and the committee was piling up concerning the colossal financial operations of leading New York, Chicago and Boston institutions through so-called interlocking directorates.

Mr. Morgan's testimony lasted barely twenty minutes and was largely preliminary to the testimony to be given tomorrow. Mr. Undermyer conducted the examination of Mr. Morgan, asking a rapid series of questions to bring out the general standing of the firm of J. P. Morgan and Company, its branch connections, in this country and abroad, and its affiliation with many other financial institutions.

The preliminary examination brought out no clashes. Mr. Morgan responded promptly to the various

TRAVELLED WITH SLAYER OF PETROSINO

Carlo Di Battista Tells Story to New York Detective Thought to Be Playing for Time.

Montreal, Dec. 18.—During his talk in the death cell with Detective Sergeant Ralph Micelli, of New York, Carlo Di Battista, condemned to be hanged on Friday morning for the murder of Salvatore Macaruso, remarked to the New York detective:

"In view of what I have told concerning the murder of Petrosino, in Palermo, Italy, they cannot execute me on Friday. They will have to take time to corroborate my story or prove that it is untrue."

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SPEEDY CONTRIBUTION TO THE NAVAL DEBATE

Hon. Geo. E. Foster Flays Laurier's Policy

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Ottawa, Dec. 18.—The pre-Christmas sitting of the House of Commons came to a brilliant ending today in a magnificent speech on the naval issue by Hon. George E. Foster. One of the very best speeches of his career, set forth the Conservative policy with admirable clarity and clearness, while it tore to shreds the Liberal substitute. It consumed virtually the entire afternoon. He finished soon after 5 o'clock and Hugh Guthrie, who followed, contented himself with a few angry words on a motion to adjourn the debate. The House then adjourned.

Mr. Foster rose at 2:30 o'clock. After a reference to the importance of the issue, he traced the development of the national disposition to assist the British navy. The resolution of 1909 he described as a treatment of the subject in abstract form which settled certain questions for all time. He reviewed the recent history of the defence program of the Empire, beginning with the Imperial Conference of 1902, when the other dominions increased their givings for general defence and Canada declined to go beyond promising some time to form a Canadian naval force. By 1907 this promise had not been implemented.

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trained for a year or so and a couple of hundred recruits had entered. At that rate how long would it take to man two fleet units? (Cheers.)

Mr. Foster then recalled Mr. Borden's promise in 1910, to consult the Admiralty and to form a permanent policy. "There has been no variability neither the shadow of a turning," he said. Further there must be some voice given to Canada in the foreign policy of Canada. Sir Wilfrid Laurier was on record in the House as subscribing to this principle. When Mr. Borden came into power, he was asked what he meant to do, he made exactly the same answer that he did when in opposition. As far as a permanent policy was concerned, it must be sanctioned by the whole people. It should not lie in the mouth of anyone to say that he had got it through Parliament, but had not the people behind him.

Mr. Foster then reviewed the prime minister's visit to England, laying stress on the fact that the memorandum laid before Parliament was not all, or the most important part of the information given by the Admiralty, and the British government. (Applause.)

1910 he was content with four cruisers and six destroyers and now he wanted two fleet units. (Laughter.)

Mr. Foster went on to discuss the liberal objections. He discussed Sir Wilfrid Laurier's declaration that the Borden policy was the product of an unholy alliance between Toryism and Nationalism. On Sir Wilfrid Laurier's own showing one stood for contribution, the other hated a contribution. Well, in that case, which had won?

The Jingo Liberals.

Discussing the Admiralty memorandum, Mr. Foster repudiated the assertion that the Admiralty had cooked the statement to suit Mr. Borden's political exigencies. He went on to discuss the conditions revealed in the memorandum.

He next discussed the argument that Canada should furnish men with the battleships. What would Sir Wilfrid Laurier do if he were convinced of an emergency? He would send \$140,000,000—no blood, no bones, no brown. "Oh, ye Jingo Liberals," he exclaimed in parody of Laurier's exclamation. The Conservatives would send fighting machines, not dollars. Laurier said he had known the facts ten years ago. He had done nothing.

In 1899 Canada had sent men to South Africa. "They were our Dreadnoughts. Did we give them their rations?" "Emergency rations," observed Col. Hughes.

"Were the South Africans, Australians and New Zealanders cowardly in furnishing ships and money? Would they say that the Canadians were cowardly for following their example? 'The Empire is all one family,' he said.

It was charged that the idea of the Canadian navy had been abandoned. Sir Foster energetically contradicted.

Laurier said that he understood that the Canadian navy had been abandoned.

Mr. Foster said that he had not known this. There was coming a permanent policy to be announced. He next took up the argument of the leader of the opposition that negotiations to get voice in peace and war were to precede the formation of a permanent policy. Well, pending that, the Borden government was doing something effective for the fighting power of the Empire, and that was more than the Laurier policy would do. Besides a long dark stain on Canada's reputation was wiped off. Often in the past Canada had wet blanketed the aspirations of friends of the Empire. It was different now. It was much better world it have been if Laurier had approved of this gift and then fought hard for a Canadian navy.

Mr. Graham Attended To.

Reminded by Mr. German of his utterances in 1909, Mr. Foster said that he had been discussing permanent policies, that he had declared against a permanent policy of recurring contributions. That in that speech he had suggested the granting of a single contribution. Turning to Mr. Graham, Mr. Foster quoted his statement that a contribution would mean the putting of constitutional government back seventy years. But Laurier had said that if he were satisfied that there were an emergency he would vote \$140,000,000. Surely that would put constitutional government back 250 years. (Laughter.)

Dealing with Dr. Clark's declaration that ships should be built in Canada, "I thought he was a free-trader," he said. Yet here he was wanting an extra expenditure of twelve millions to bonus industry.

Mr. Foster passed to an eloquent exposition of the importance of the British Isles.

"This is an awfully grave and important matter," he said. "For Heaven's sake, put aside those huckstering ideas about constitutional relations. In defence matters we are not a federation; we are not allies; we are all one."

Should Be in Battle Line.

"Let us not cavil whether your ship is in St. John harbor or in the Pacific coast when the Empire's interests are in danger. Remember that where the enemy's ships are, there will the battle be fought and there the decision be made. Away with this idea, so long held and still held in some quarters,

that Canada must do nothing, or else she enters into the maelstrom of European strife. Look at that idea for a moment: Where is England's menace today? It is in Europe and if a combination of powers, or if any power in Europe aims a spear at her heart, it will be an aim taken in Europe or elsewhere. That is where my allied ally ought to be, to ward off the pointed dart and to prevent the death that otherwise would come."

Mr. Foster next noted the peculiarity in Laurier's position. In his speech he urged that for every vessel withdrawn by the Imperial navy it is, with the outlying seas, another ship should be built by the Dominions. That did not appear in his resolution. On that line Canada would have nothing to replace, warships having long ago been withdrawn from her coast. He should the Dominions share the cost pro rata? On that basis Canada would have to build 46 vessels, about 50 vessels having been withdrawn from the Empire, amounting to \$15 of that of the Dominions. Laurier had not faced this difficulty. He had preferred to ask for two fleet units.

A Sudden Conversion.

"Is this a genuine policy? If so, St. Paul's conversion on his way to Damascus was not a circumstance compared with the conversion of my right hand friend on his way from his home to the Dominions. He refused an approach to it in 1900. In 1900 and in 1907. He turned down one unit proposal in 1909. He did not even award contracts for a small number of four cruisers and six torpedo boat destroyers. But he knew every fact and figure we now know, according to his own assertions. You knew the increase in armaments in your time. Was Germany going to be the great naval power that she is today.

"Then, all these years you had full power to pass over his head and ours. Is this a death-bed repentance? Or, is it a platform to set on? The average man will see in this a device to stop indefinitely all help to the Imperial treasury for the defence of the Empire. There is no doubt at all that if my right honorable friend were to set on this platform, it would be constructed, manned and equipped in Canada, many many years would pass over his head and ours before one single item of aid would be given to the Imperial defence. Was it for that purpose, or was it partly for that and partly to hinder effective co-operation and, if possible, make a platform upon which he could overthrow the present government?"

"This is a good thought, my boy. Of course, we can spare Borden. We have many turkeys to ship and plenty to keep. But I shall never miss Borden, I'm sure."

"He was the one I wanted for papa's Christmas but it's all right, now. I'll let John keep him."

On the day before Christmas John Noble was a surprised and happy boy, but he was not half as happy as Tom Wilson—School Education.

A CHRISTMAS TURKEY

"Come turkeys! Come turkeys!" called a little boy who was standing in the shadow of a big red barn. "Gobble! Gobble! Gobble!"

From the farm yard came the turkeys—Bender, White Lady, Black Wings, Brownie, Speckle, and many others.

They are fine turkeys every one of them. Tom is very proud of his flock. He stands waiting to feed the turkeys.

Long ago their bodies looked like soft balls, and their legs very funny and awkward. That was last spring. Tom's father had said, "if you will care for these turkeys until the holidays you may have half the money that they bring." The hired man will make a pen for them. Be sure that you do not let them wander in the fields when the grass is wet."

Now you know that Tom's father is a farmer. Perhaps you do not know it, with a very pleasant farm it is, with its wide meadows and large barns. Father has said that the turkeys' breakfast. Mother has helped, too, for in some wonderful way she always remembered the turkeys when the rainy days came. She was ready to suggest some plan for their care.

Now the turkeys are grown. It is almost Christmas time.

Father has said, "Get the turkeys into the barn tonight. In the morning we will make the crates and ship the turkeys to the city."

Tom hurries the turkeys into the barn, for isn't he going to have a ride now with Jack Fowler in a new dog cart? He slips the bolt and is off.

Next morning Tom is up early and out at the tool shed to see the crates made.

How fine the turkeys look! One, two, three, four—but where is Bender, the prize of the flock?

Tom rushes to the meadow calling, and then to the house.

"Oh, Mother, I can't find Bender!" Tom is almost crying.

"Perhaps that little boy standing by the gate can tell you something about Bender," said mother, quietly.

Tom looks up and sees John Noble. John Noble is the shoemaker's little son. His father has been ill all summer. Tom knows that John can have no Christmas turkey.

"Hello, Tom, Bender is over at our house. He roosted on our shed last night. I fed him this morning and he don't want to go away. Mother said I had better tell you and your father to send the hired man over to get Bender."

"Bender heard me tell the hired man yesterday that we were going to have him for our Christmas dinner," Tom said, looking very queer and kept saying, "Quit, quit, all the time I was talking. Bender is pretty smart."

"Oh," said John Noble. "Is that the reason?" And both boys laughed.

John walked on and Tom ran back to the barn.

Father said Tom, "John Noble can't have any turkey for Christmas, I know that. Tom sat very still, looking at Tom. He looked very queer and kept saying, 'Quit, quit, all the time I was talking. Bender is pretty smart.'"

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LIVERPOOL ELECTRIC CAR DESIGN NOVEL

Liverpool, Dec. 18.—Some months ago the Liverpool city council authorized the construction of an improved type of electric car, specially designed by C. W. Mallins, general manager of the tramways, a distinct feature of which will be that the ingress and egress of passengers will proceed simultaneously and without danger of congestion. A vehicle of the type in question has now been completed and was recently viewed by the members of the tramways committee.

The car has an overall length of 31 feet and is equipped with a single truck having 8 feet wheel base. The upper deck is covered over its total length, and separate entrance and exit is provided, with two staircases running in opposite directions for ingress and egress to and from the upper deck. A barrier rail divides the incoming and outgoing passengers and also forms a recess for the conductor with suitable checking apparatus for the collection of fares.

From this it will be observed that the confusion which sometimes occurs through the different streams of passengers meeting, is avoided, and considerable saving of time effected. Many other improvements have been instituted into this car, including an electrical arrangement on the platform, which, as soon as the car commences to move exhibits a signal requesting passengers not to board or leave the car steps.

This is the first real departure in the design of a four-wheel tramcar from the car designed by the late Geo. Francis Train, more than 40 years ago.

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Men's Raccoon Coats, Fur-Lined Coats, Collars, Caps, Gloves and Gauntlets.

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Fur Stoles in Mink, Persian, Alaska Sable, Lynx, Wolf Bear and Mink Marmot. Muffs to match.

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"What I wanted,"

Mr. Borden's Course Honest.

Mr. Borden had taken the ground that the destinies of Canada were irrevocably bound up with the Empire. (Cheers.) Had Mr. Borden been consistent and courageous? Or had he been weighing the advantages, looking for favorable breezes? He had marched straight on and Parliament would take the burden from his shoulders and pass this bill. (Loud cheers.)

Mr. Foster rebuffed the Liberal assertion that the policy of the government is to be one of recurring contributions and that there was to be no Canadian naval proviso. He went on to sift the objections made by the Liberals.

For one thing, one excellent result of government policy was the way it had drawn Laurier and the Liberals out of the false positions which they had occupied for so many years. Had said: "We are British subjects, and don't want to be anything else."

"Thank God," said Mr. Foster. He had heard the same man aspire for independence, but these earlier utterances might now be regarded as the vacillations of younger days. Then, Sir Wilfrid Laurier had declared that the changed condition of affairs made increased armaments necessary on the part of Canada, the enunciation of this policy had brought him to his senses.

Mr. "Facing Both Ways."

Today Sir Wilfrid Laurier denounced reliance on the Monroe Doctrine, though Sir Frederick Borden had declared that Canada could rely on it.

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In 1909, Mr. Foster went on, Sir Wilfrid Laurier refused one fleet unit. In

The Jingo Liberals.

Discussing the Admiralty memorandum, Mr. Foster repudiated the assertion that the Admiralty had cooked the statement to suit Mr. Borden's political exigencies. He went on to discuss the conditions revealed in the memorandum.

He next discussed the argument that Canada should furnish men with the battleships. What would Sir Wilfrid Laurier do if he were convinced of an emergency? He would send \$140,000,000—no blood, no bones, no brown. "Oh, ye Jingo Liberals," he exclaimed in parody of Laurier's exclamation. The Conservatives would send fighting machines, not dollars. Laurier said he had known the facts ten years ago. He had done nothing.

In 1899 Canada had sent men to South Africa. "They were our Dreadnoughts. Did we give them their rations?" "Emergency rations," observed Col. Hughes.

"Were the South Africans, Australians and New Zealanders cowardly in furnishing ships and money? Would they say that the Canadians were cowardly for following their example? 'The Empire is all one family,' he said.

It was charged that the idea of the Canadian navy had been abandoned. Sir Foster energetically contradicted.

Laurier said that he understood that the Canadian navy had been abandoned.

Mr. Foster said that he had not known this. There was coming a permanent policy to be announced. He next took up the argument of the leader of the opposition that negotiations to get voice in peace and war were to precede the formation of a permanent policy. Well, pending that, the Borden government was doing something effective for the fighting power of the Empire, and that was more than the Laurier policy would do. Besides a long dark stain on Canada's reputation was wiped off. Often in the past Canada had wet blanketed the aspirations of friends of the Empire. It was different now. It was much better world it have been if Laurier had approved of this gift and then fought hard for a Canadian navy.

Mr. Graham Attended To.

Reminded by Mr. German of his utterances in 1909, Mr. Foster said that he had been discussing permanent policies, that he had declared against a permanent policy of recurring contributions. That in that speech he had suggested the granting of a single contribution. Turning to Mr. Graham, Mr. Foster quoted his statement that a contribution would mean the putting of constitutional government back seventy years. But Laurier had said that if he were satisfied that there were an emergency he would vote \$140,000,000. Surely that would put constitutional government back 250 years. (Laughter.)

Dealing with Dr. Clark's declaration that ships should be built in Canada, "I thought he was a free-trader," he said. Yet here he was wanting an extra expenditure of twelve millions to bonus industry.

Mr. Foster passed to an eloquent exposition of the importance of the British Isles.

"This is an awfully grave and important matter," he said. "For Heaven's sake, put aside those huckstering ideas about constitutional relations. In defence matters we are not a federation; we are not allies; we are all one."

Should Be in Battle Line.

"Let us not cavil whether your ship is in St. John harbor or in the Pacific coast when the Empire's interests are in danger. Remember that where the enemy's ships are, there will the battle be fought and there the decision be made. Away with this idea, so long held and still held in some quarters,

A Sudden Conversion.

"Is this a genuine policy? If so, St. Paul's conversion on his way to Damascus was not a circumstance compared with the conversion of my right hand friend on his way from his home to the Dominions. He refused an approach to it in 1900. In 1900 and in 1907. He turned down one unit proposal in 1909. He did not even award contracts for a small number of four cruisers and six torpedo boat destroyers. But he knew every fact and figure we now know, according to his own assertions. You knew the increase in armaments in your time. Was Germany going to be the great naval power that she is today.

"Then, all these years you had full power to pass over his head and ours. Is this a death-bed repentance? Or, is it a platform to set on? The average man will see in this a device to stop indefinitely all help to the Imperial treasury for the defence of the Empire. There is no doubt at all that if my right honorable friend were to set on this platform, it would be constructed, manned and equipped in Canada, many many years would pass over his head and ours before one single item of aid would be given to the Imperial defence. Was it for that purpose, or was it partly for that and partly to hinder effective co-operation and, if possible, make a platform upon which he could overthrow the present government?"

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BARNETT—in Vancouver, B. C., on the 14th Dec., to the wife of P. H. Barnett, a daughter.

DIED.

HAGERMAN—At Ninette, Man., on Dec. 15th, Roland C. Hagerman, in the 21st year of his age.

BULGARIA IN POSITION TO CONTINUE FIGHT.

Sofia, Dec. 18.—The finance minister today declared the report of Bulgarian financial difficulties unfounded. He said that Bulgaria was in a position to continue the war for three, even six months.

The Sovereign passed the first reading of the bill providing an extraordinary credit of \$10,000,000 for army purposes. The government has introduced a bill providing for the postponement of the municipal elections and the prolongation of the Moratorium until thirty days after demobilization.

F. Swim and S. W. Stackhouse, students at Acadia, arrived in the city yesterday for the Christmas holidays. W. J. McGorman has been visiting his sisters, Mrs. Allen at Moncton, and Mrs. Adair at Sussex.

Two Fleet Units Useless.

Mr. Foster touched on the uselessness of two fleet units. One was to be on the Pacific, against whom would it protect Canada?

"If anyone attacks you on that side it will be one of the great powers; will your one fleet unit be an effective protection against such a power? You would have another fleet unit on the Atlantic to protect trade routes and ports on that side. Against whom? The West Indies would not attack you, neither would any South American states. If anyone interferes with you it will be one of the great naval powers. It will be impossible for you by this means to protect yourselves against such attack."

Finally, Mr. Foster reminded the Liberals of their responsibility. "If you block this measure, what will happen? You cannot make your policy prevail short of a general election." He supposed that this was to happen. "Much time would pass and no definite would be accomplished. In the event of such consumption supposing the day of Armageddon came and caught us napping, I would like to have the consciousness that I am free from the thoughts that would weigh down upon me if I had been a party to, or contributor to, the delay."

Mr. Guthrie, showing evident signs of anger, moved the adjournment of the debate. In so doing, he uttered a distinct threat of obstruction. "Accept Mr. Graham's challenge," he said, "bring on a redistribution bill, then dissolve and go to the country. This seems to be the simplest and perhaps in the end the bestest and I think the most satisfactory way of settling a question of such magnitude and importance."

THE WEATHER.

Maritime—Strong winds and gales, east shifting to southwest; rain.

Toronto, Dec. 18.—A disturbance now over the middle states is likely to develop and approaches the Maritime Provinces and be accompanied by high winds throughout Eastern Canada. Light local snow falls have occurred today in Manitoba and Saskatchewan, but in Alberta, the weather has been fine and a chinook has been blowing.

Nickel Tea Pots

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Kettles, only 50c. to \$8.50

Kettles and Stand, \$2 to \$5.50.

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Asbestos, \$2.25 per set

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DARING FEATS OF FAMOUS WAR CORRESPONDENTS

An Artist who Sketched Behind a Hillcock while Shells Fell Around Him—A Great Boer War "Scoop."

The splendid tribute which Field Marshal Sir Evelyn Wood paid a few days ago to the late Melton Prior, when he unveiled a memorial to the famous artist-correspondent of the Illustrated London News, in the crypt of St. Paul's Cathedral, was in no sense exaggerated.

Prior was one of the greatest war artists of modern times, and in these days of cable, telegraph, and camera it is not easy to realize the conditions under which he and his contemporaries worked. As Sir Evelyn remarked, Prior would probably be the last of the artists-correspondents for today, the camera has taken the place of sketch book and pencil.

Altogether, Prior went through 11 campaigns, dating from the Ashanti War in 1874 to the Russo-Japanese fight of 1903. He was present during the Serbian and Turko-Russian campaign of 1876. He witnessed the destruction of Baker Pasha's troops at El Teb in 1884, and was with Wolseley's relief expedition which went up the Nile in the same year.

First of His Class.

The first of the artist-correspondents of the Victoria era was William Simpson, who, in 1866, placed his services at the disposal of the "Illustrated London News," and went through numerous campaigns for that paper. He did yeoman press service in the Franco-Prussian War, sketched the French sortie at Belvoir, and entered Metz at the surrender along with the German troops. Again, when the Afghan War broke out, he was to be seen in the front of the fight, and was undoubtedly one of the most venturesome war artists of modern times.

Neither must one forget the work in later years of another of the brilliant band of "Illustrated London News" war artists—Mr. Frederick Villiers—who, at the present time, is with the Bulgarian forces as representative of that paper. Mr. Villiers gained his first experience as a war artist in Serbia as far back as 1876, and since that time he has travelled nearly all over the world in his service of the board the Concor with Lord Charles Beresford at the bombardment of Alexandria; he accompanied the Nile Expedition for the relief of Khartoum; he went through the South African campaign, and had some thrilling adventures during the Russo-Japanese War. Mr. Villiers was the first to introduce to the public a camera on the battlefield, and he was also the first correspondent to use a bicycle during a campaign.

It is an interesting fact that the first correspondent sent out by a newspaper in England to describe a war was Henry Crabb Robinson, the famous English writer, who died forty-five years ago, and who, during 1807, witnessed and described for the "Times" the battles in Spain against Napoleon. Ultimately Robinson returned to England and was called to the bar, afterwards rising to be leader of the Norfolk Circuit, retiring in 1828 with a pension of £2,500 a year.

Caused Ministry's Downfall.

Perhaps the greatest war correspondent who ever lived was Sir William Howard Russell, who went through the Crimea, and whose letters describing the bad management of the war officials led to the downfall of a Ministry. Later he was attached to the headquarters of Lord Clive in India, and was present at the siege and capture of Lucknow in 1858, while in 1861 he went to the United States

dred dollars a year. This amount, in certain sections, is regarded as a handsome addition to the family income.

Last summer Judge J. Campbell Flournoy, of Kentucky and New York, was up in the mountains of his native state taking title to coal lands for an Eastern syndicate. In a canoe, with a native to guide him, he was proceeding along a creek that penetrated to the end of the widest and most fertile recesses of the Cumberland. They came to a homestead that was infinitely better-looking than any they had seen for days. The house was of clapboards instead of the customary logs, and it was painted. The fences were stout and newly whitewashed. The stock in the barn had a well-nourished look.

"Who lives there?" inquired the judge.

"Judging by the looks of his place," said Flournoy, "he must be a forehanded man."

"He certainly is," said the native. "He's got 'leven children and all 'em 'ilots."

A FORTUNATE PARENT. (Chicago News.)

In rural Kentucky hopeless idiots are not sent to an institution, they being no institution for them. They are formally awarded into the custody of some one, usually a parent or a guardian, and for the keep of such an unfortunate the state pays one hundred dollars a year.

Mr. Gotham—This paper says a familiar face and form may be recognized at from fifty to one hundred meters.

Mr. Gotham—Yes, I know. That's the gas man—Yonkers Statesman.

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CHIEFLY CONCERNING CHRISTMAS, But also Touching Upon a Number of Other Matters of Lesser Importance.

(By Roy A. Davidson.)

Christmas, generally speaking, is probably entitled to rank as one of the most remarkable institutions of a highly civilized and highly self-satisfied era. Everyone has a fairly correct idea of just how it came to be started in the first place and most people are equally familiar with the origin of most of the customs that are attended upon the season. One fact, however, is paramount in importance for a solid month out of every year, the work of getting ready for Christmas and repairing the damage afterwards centers the attention of all Christendom.

In embarking upon a discussion of so weighty a subject as Christmas, I feel that some word, by way of apology, is desirable. Christmas is a subject with which I am particularly familiar, in fact, can never remember passing a single year in which, sooner or later, somehow or other, a Christmas has not been mentioned. In this intimate personal experience renders me particularly well qualified to engage upon a learned discussion of the subject. At that time, Russell was over eighty years of age.

A Famous Ride.

The most famous "Daily News" correspondent was undoubtedly Archibald Forbes, who, after an education at Aberdeen University, had an adventurous career as a private in the Royal Dragoons. Ultimately he settled in London and formed a journalistic connection. When the Franco-Prussian war broke out he accomplished some marvellous feats in the way of transmission of news.

He was also employed as a special correspondent during the Russo-Turkish War, and at great personal risk sent to the "Daily News" the famous account of the crossing of the Danube, of the battles round Pleyna, and in the Shipka Pass.

Mr. Forbes also went through the Zulu War of 1879, and was present at the victory of Ulundi. It was then he made his famous ride of 110 miles in fifteen hours, by which he sent the earliest account of the battle to England.

It is a fact not generally known that Mr. Le Sage, the managing editor of the London "Daily Telegraph," proved himself during the Franco-Prussian War, a very enterprising war correspondent. He went through all the stirring incidents of the Siege of Paris, and tells the story of how one of the belligerent forces was handed to him by an eminent authority, whose name is known to almost every person in Europe.

Realizing its value, the correspondent hurried with all speed to the Gare du Nord, and set himself to work to charter a special train from Paris to Calais. Here he found that he had been forestalled by the special correspondent of the London "Times," who had utilized the only train available.

Determined, however, that his paper should be the first to impart the startling news to the world, he commandeered a train which was about to start for Lille. Arrived here he was successful in getting his news through to England, and a special edition of his paper containing it was being sold in the streets some two or three hours before the despatches had been received at the offices of any other paper.

A Great "Scoop." But the "Daily Telegraph" has never had a more wonderful correspondent than Bennet Burleigh, the veteran campaigner who is now at the front. One of Mr. Burleigh's best "scoops" was his interview with Joubert on the eve of the last South African War. The slow troop train by which he was travelling was overtaken by a special train on which Joubert and his staff were going to the front. Burleigh waited until it was just moving out of the station, and then bluffed the station-master into stopping it, by signal, telling him that he had been left behind. The special stopped, and Burleigh got on board—to be congratulated heartily by Joubert on his enterprise, and to confer with the Boer generalissimo on a capital interview.

With Christmas approaching the following recipes for sweets and confections which may easily be made at home, will be found exceedingly helpful in adding to the variety which many already have on hand.

Marshmallow Frosting—Bolt 1 cupful of sugar and 1 1/2 cupful of water without cooking, until syrup will thread; add 5 marshmallows separated into pieces and pour syrup gradually into the beaten white of 1 egg. Beat until mixture is thick and creamy, and add 1/2 teaspoonful of vanilla.

Almond Paste Designs—Mix 1/4 cupful of almond paste, 3 tablespoonfuls of cream, and 1/2 table-spoonful of white of egg. Flour cloth with cornstarch and confectioners' sugar mixed, roll thin, color, then shape as desired. If white color, roll paste with leaf green and cut into leaves and stems to represent mistletoe. Tiny rolls of the white paste were the berries. Red candies can be used if one undertakes to make holly.

Candied Chocolate Dipped Orange Peel—Remove peel from 4 oranges in quarters. Cover with cold water, bring to boiling point and cook slowly until soft. Drain, remove some of the white

portion, then cut peel in thin strips. Bolt 1 cupful of sugar and 3/4 cupful of water until syrup will thread. Cook strips in syrup until clear. Remove to plate. The following day dip in melted chocolate to which is added a small piece of cocoa butter.

Candied Grape Fruit Peel—Wipe three grape fruits, and remove peel in sections in 1/2 inch wide strips. Soak over night in 1 quart of cold water to which is added 1 tablespoonful of salt. Drain, put in saucpan, cover with white continuing the heating; then add repeat 3 times and cook in the last water until soft. Drain and cut in strips lengthwise. Weigh peel and take an equal weight of sugar. Put in saucpan with 1/2 cupful of cold water, bring to boiling point; add peel and cook until the pieces are clear. Remove pieces to plate, taking up as little syrup as possible. Cool, roll each piece separately in powdered sugar and spread to dry. Store in glass jars.

Stuffed Cluster Grapes—Steam small clusters of grapes and when soft remove seeds through a small slit made in the top of each. Insert Jordan almonds, cooled in olive oil until delicately browned, in each opening so half will show.

After-Dinner Mints—Put in saucpan 3 cupfuls of sugar, 1/2 cupful of boiling water, 1/4 teaspoonful of cream of tartar and 1/2 tablespoonful vinegar. Bring to boiling point and boil with mixture in thick until mixture will become brittle in cold water. Pour on a buttered large platter, cool slightly, pull until white and while pulling flavor with oil of mint or wintergreen. Put in small pieces into a bowl of powdered sugar. Stir until well coated and when cold put into a glass jar. Cover as desired. If white color, roll paste with leaf green and cut into leaves and stems to represent mistletoe. Tiny rolls of the white paste were the berries. Red candies can be used if one undertakes to make holly.

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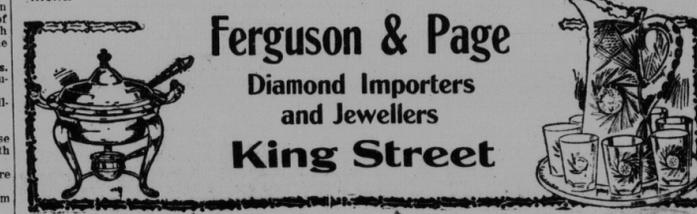
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ST. JOHN, N. B., THURSDAY, DECEMBER 19, 1912.

CHRISTMAS BUYING.

The Christmas season is one of the most important to all classes of traders. At no time of the year do the general public spend so freely as during the few weeks preceding the great Christmas festival. These weeks when different nationalities had different dates for their general holiday, but Christmas is now the most generally observed holiday of all the year over the whole American continent. It is the season of feasting and giving. Money hoarded for months is spent in December. Families present each other with gifts. Christmas and presents are the two things that are the most important to the people. There are many who think that too much money is spent in gifts are right. If a person is foolish enough to give beyond his or her means then there is no doubt that wrong has been done. But these cases are isolated, as the majority of people are quite as content with a small remembrance as a large one.

The stimulus given to trade during the Christmas season is amazing. It makes December one of the most important months in the year in railroad transportation. It is only a day or two ago that St. John, as the Winter Port of Canada, saw three thousand or more passengers embark on steamers bound for the Motherland, with no other purpose than of spending Christmas with their friends in the home land. What was happening at St. John also happened at every great Atlantic port—thousands embarked to spend Christmas "at home." Then the shops, in the vast majority of these cities, are so great that extra help is employed and the sales are larger than in any other month in the year. Christmas trade is very largely a cash trade, and the amount of money put in circulation is greater than usual.

St. John has had a prosperous year. There has been no lack of employment in any line of industry. Wages have been higher than they ever were before, and while the purchasing power of a dollar is a little less than it was ten years ago the greater prosperity has made it easier for the average wage earner to acquire the dollar. Strange to say it is the wages of the working men and women that form the quick circulating medium of the country. They spend as quickly as they earn, particularly at this season. Up to date the Christmas trade this year has been largely in excess of any recent year, and there is no sign of abatement. If the trade done by the shops is any indication St. John is thankful for the prosperity and progress that has marked the past year. The merchants have also recognized that St. John is prosperous. The stocks offered to Christmas buyers were never before so large and varied and thoroughly up to date. There are goods for sale to meet the demand of every class, and an inspection of the shops is a liberal education in what the people of St. John consider necessary to their needs.

MR. FOSTER'S GREAT SPEECH.

Every Canadian who wishes to understand the naval issue should read the speech of Mr. Foster in the House of Commons yesterday. It was, perhaps, the most brilliant in his career. It was laid out on ample lines and swept into its course a very large consignment of the whole subject. The splendid clearness of Mr. Foster's argument and his distinctive criticism of the Liberal counter-policy could not be excelled for effectiveness. It was a masterly performance.

In his opening remarks Mr. Foster gave a comprehensive review of the progress of the Dominions in naval defence. "Canada's continuous refusal, for many years, under the late Government, to take any steps to recognize her responsibilities, was in marked contrast to the willing contributions made by the other Dominions."

Tracing the course of events to the date of the announcement of the Laurier naval policy, Mr. Foster showed conclusively that even when forced by the sentiment of the country to do something for naval defence, Sir Wilfrid Laurier refused to accept the advice of the Admiralty to build a fleet unit, but elected to do the thing cheaply by building four cruisers and six destroyers to be divided between the Atlantic and the Pacific, thousands of miles apart. The result of that policy is now before the people. No ships were built, and for men, they could not be secured even for the Rainbow and Niobe. How long, as Mr. Foster pointedly asked, would it be before two feet units could be manned by Canadians.

With the defeat of the Laurier Government Mr. Borden took office and has, as Mr. Foster maintains, consistently adhered to the course he marked out in opposition. He has consulted the Admiralty and the naval bill to give immediate and effective aid is the result of that conference.

With regard to a permanent policy Mr. Borden has not departed from his declaration that when the time is ripe it shall be submitted to the people. In his naval policy Mr. Borden did not hold up a straw, as Mr. Foster puts it, to see the way the wind blew. The country will recognize that Mr. Borden, having consulted the Admiralty, has grave and weighty reasons for the course he now recommends.

Mr. Foster drew a graphic picture of Great Britain's position as the centre of the British Empire and her dependence on the supremacy of the seas for her existence. Referring to the tremendous increase in the fleets of other powers in Europe, he asked the country to consider all that was involved in maintaining that little island in the North Sea. "It is there," said Mr. Foster, "that England is menaced, and it is there that our shield and our helm ought to be to ward off the blow." He presented a convincing argument that the place for Canada's battleships should be at the scene of a possible conflict.

Sir Wilfrid Laurier's false position as exposed in his recent admission, under pressure of the Government's Naval Aid Bill, that something had to be done, was keenly analyzed by Mr. Foster, and he then proceeded to answer the objections raised by the Opposition.

For example, on the question of an emergency he made it abundantly clear who has the better knowledge, Sir Wilfrid Laurier in Canada or Mr. Borden, who has been admitted to the councils of the British Government. Mr. Borden's position is unassailable. The memorandum Mr. Foster justly regarded as one of the strongest arguments for immediate action ever presented to Parliament.

The fallacy put forward by the Opposition that Canada has no control over the battleships was ably answered by Mr. Foster in the terms of the Naval Aid Bill. The act was to be authorized by the Canadian Parliament and

the money spent by order of Parliament. The construction of the ships, which are placed at the disposal of the Admiralty is also by order of the Canadian Parliament. The terms and conditions are entrusted to the Government of the Dominion.

In the critical analysis he made of Sir Wilfrid Laurier's amendment, Mr. Foster went to the root of the matter when he asked if it outlined a genuine policy. Judging by the Leader of the Opposition's past record, which shows no contribution of any kind to Imperial naval defence, the country will agree with his conclusion that it signifies either a deathbed repentance or an ineffective attempt at a platform on which to regain power. The long delay, covering many years, which must follow before two feet units could be built in Canada, stamps the amendment as a device to indefinitely postpone any help to the Imperial navy.

The proposal that these units should be manned by Canadians is equally indefensible, as past experience with the Niobe and Rainbow shows.

The country has Mr. Borden's pledge that a permanent policy of naval defence on sound and workable lines will be submitted to the people. In the meantime Canada has one clear duty to perform, to strengthen the British navy with her battleships and place them where the Admiralty, who are the judges, may decide. No danger menaces the coasts of Canada. The supremacy of the Empire upon the seas is not threatened in these waters. The area of danger lies, as Mr. Foster graphically expressed it, not more than twelve hours' sail from the shores of the northern country, on the North Sea.

THE VALLEY RAILWAY.

The Telegraph is constantly making new discoveries about the St. John Valley Railway. During the election, with the able assistance of Mr. Frank Carvell, the Telegraph announced that the Valley Railway would not be constructed beyond Andover, and therefore would not join the National Transcontinental at Grand Falls. On various other occasions, before and since, the Telegraph has made announcements that were equally untruthful concerning this important railway. But notwithstanding all the efforts put forth by the Telegraph, Mr. Pugsley and Mr. Carvell, the construction of the Valley Railway has gone steadily forward and even now, in the month of December, construction work is being pushed as vigorously as it was two months ago. The past season has not been a good one for outdoor work because of the rains that have been continuous from early spring until the present time, but headway has been made on all the sections under contract and there is every reason to believe that with an average season next year the railway will be in operation between Gagetown and Woodstock before the snow falls in 1913. The contract requires the completion of these sections by November 30th next year and the indications now are that the contract will be lived up to and the road opened for traffic as provided for by the legislation passed at both Ottawa and Fredericton.

The Telegraph's most recent discovery is that instead of coming in over the tracks of the Intercolonial from Rothesay the road is to follow the western bank of the St. John river to Westfield and there join the C. P. R. there, or come in over a separate track. The answer to this is that the contract between the Government of New Brunswick and the St. John and Quebec Railway Company is for a line of railway crossing the St. John river at the Mistake and the Kennebecasis at Perry's Point. Surveys of the route by Westfield and Gopola Point were also made and reported on by the engineers in charge. After much consultation between the Dominion and Provincial authorities it was decided to build by Perry's Point as the most advantageous from a construction standpoint, and the contract made between the Government of New Brunswick and the constructing company was for this route. So also was the arrangement for special aid from the Dominion for bridges—as it was shown that another million dollars would be necessary for bridges if the Gopola Point route were selected.

No objections were made to the route adopted by the Government until after the contract had been signed. Some months after this had occurred an agitation was commenced in St. John favoring the Gopola Point route, which is five miles shorter than by Perry's Point. Neither the Government nor the contractors object to the change of route, but there is the serious difficulty of the cost of the bridge at Gopola Point as compared with that at Perry's Point. To meet the wishes of all concerned there is to be an examination made of all three entrances into St. John, and the report which the Government will receive will be submitted to the St. John Board of Trade.

Premier Fleming accomplished a most important work when he induced the Dominion Government to advance one million dollars without interest for fifteen years to aid in the construction of the three bridges across the St. John and Kennebecasis, and the St. John Board of Trade will be doing the Province an important service if they induce the Federal Government to increase the bridge loan and shorten the line five miles. Meanwhile the public need have no fear that the Valley Railway will come to St. John on its own tracks and will be operated as a part of the Intercolonial Railway after completion. So far as the Government of New Brunswick is concerned their policy is to give the people of the St. John river valley the transportation they have lacked for so many years, and to obtain these facilities at the least possible cost to the people of the Province. So far success has crowned their efforts. The Valley Railway contract is beyond all doubt the best contract ever entered into for the construction of a railroad in this Province by the Government.

A deputation of automobile owners has been interviewing Hon. Mr. Hanna, asking for changes in the Motor Vehicles Act, says the Montreal Gazette. Among other things they want a special judge and court to try all automobile cases. Their petition is to receive consideration. Besides the auto men's petition a request was also presented by a deputation of ladies that a court be established where women could be tried without men being present who were not officials of the court. An automobile court and a woman's court, not to speak of the Juvenile Court. Why not go farther, and have special courts to try printers, and plumbers, and doctors, and lawyers, and poets, and steeplejacks? One suggestion is as reasonable as the other.

Accounting for his change of front on the naval question, the Toronto World points out that Sir Wilfrid Laurier not only met defeat on the Reciprocity deal, and then adds: "But something else happened, and that was Parliament and the country found out what a poor affair the Nationalist movement in the Province of Quebec amounted to. These Nationalists had cost Sir Wilfrid Laurier something and had cost the Conservatives something, and both parties at one time or the other were more or less frightened and fearful of any policy in regard to naval assistance. Now, nobody cares for the Nationalists; everyone sees that courage in dealing with these bogey-men by either party would have put them out of business long ago."

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SOCIALISTS ACTIVE ALL OVER ITALY.

Rome, Dec. 18.—Socialist activity throughout Italy has shown itself recently in the wide distribution of a special circular containing instructions as to the main political arguments of the day. The official Socialist party of Italy has been formed from secession, but in spite of this formation of a separate Reformist organization, the growth of the main movement is undiminished.

ELECTROCUTION INSTEAD OF ROPE.

Montpellier, Vermont, Dec. 13.—Electrocution of persons convicted of capital offenses as a substitute for hanging was provided for in a bill which has passed both branches of the state legislature, and is now awaiting the signature of the Governor. Under the terms of the act the number of legal witnesses to an execution is reduced from 30 to 3, and it is provided in sentences pronounced by the court shall name the week, but not the day.

HATTIE WILL RAISE CHICKENS.

(Hawkesbury Exchange.)
Hattie LeBlanc is going to be a farmer's wife. With the funds that were collected for her at the time she was tried in Cambridge for the murder of Clarence Glover, she has purchased a few acres of land at West Arichat, Cape Breton, and will settle down with her husband, raising chickens and farm products. After her acquittal she was married to Felix Lynden, of Boston, who went to Arichat from there.

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He is the character out of jail in the time when he can out at night, catching cold or frost, and can manage to keep him a liquor to permit him taste. When the prisoner to blow and the first arrives, then this becomes chilled to once thinks that the street east is a comfort such as he.

He is what is known as a gangster at the request of the rest him, and when law sees his move, place the bum under his wishes it, he pretend to be drunk the law in any other the policeman is in custody, and the court will have to the that the prisoner in three or four months is happy and known as a boarder of the community; and warm comfortable able to appear on in the spring in other birds.

MISSISSIPPI SPEED WAS IN THE JAIL

Between Fifty and Sixty Prisoners There Now — Most of Them Old Offenders

SURE OF A GOOD DINNER ANYWAY

In Fact Quarters Provided by Municipality are so Comfortable Some Prisoners go there from Choice.

The big stone building on King street east, better known to the public as the county jail is a peculiar place in which to spend Christmas.

While most of the orderly, respectable citizens of St. John look on the jail as a dismal place as a Christmas hostelry, while others are enjoying their holidays at home, they are, in many cases, wrong in their views, for there are some of the prisoners who are as happy in jail as they wish to be, and in fact they spend a much better Christmas in the warm cells or the corridors of the prison than they would if they had their liberty.

Those who are happy to be in jail are not the thieves, who are awaiting the sentence of the judge which will cause them to spend years at hard labor in the Dorchester penitentiary, or the prisoners who are serving a first sentence, or the debtors, who are paying their bills by spending days in the cells for whom the only view of the outer world is the tops of the trees in the old burying ground, but the real happy prisoners are the fellow who is no stranger to the turnkeys or the police, and who has been arrested so many times that he has lost count.

He is the character who desires to be out of jail in the good old summer time when he can roam about, sleep out at night without any fear of catching cold or perishing from the frost, and can manage to beg enough liquor to keep him going, and enough food to permit him to preserve his taste. When the cold winds begin to blow and the first sign of winter arrives, then this thin clad outcast becomes chilled to the bone and at once thinks that the old jail on King street east is a comfortable place for such as he.

He is the man who is known as an old stager at this game, and has been known to request a policeman to arrest him, and when the officer of the law sees his move, and refuses to place the bum under arrest because he wishes to, the bum will pretend to be drunk, or will violate the law in any other manner so that the policeman is forced to place him in custody, and when he is in the court will have to give evidence that the prisoner is sent to jail for three or four months. Then the bum is happy and knows that he is good as a boarder in the Government penitentiary, and after spending a warm comfortable winter he will be able to appear on the streets again in the spring in company with the other birds.

This person may perhaps be given his turn out working with the chain gang, but this bunch are not over-worked, and are not obliged to go out on winter days that are too cold or too stormy. When the weather is such that it is not fit to be out to work they have nothing to do but lounge about the cell, or the corridors and spin yarns, tell lies, tell the truth or sing songs. This is the sort of a chap, however, who, at one time, was a happy youngster in a comfortable home, with upright parents, but went astray and drifted from bad to worse until he has forgotten the days of his youth, and is happy to be in jail.

There is another class of happy jail bird, the man who has been spending a couple of months on a sentence and has another month to go, and who, in the Christmas season with the motto reads, "Good Will to All" is in effect that the Judge, who has a soft spot in his heart, gives the chap his liberty with a few parting words of good advice and allows him to leave for his home to spend Christmas, or to obtain work and try to become a real man.

There is always a large crowd of prisoners in the jail for Christmas, and at present the jail holds about 50 and 60 prisoners. As many as 50 men and women have been in the old jail at one time, and it is not unusual to wish that they were out of the cell, but as a whole they all know that they have to put up with their lot and make the best of it.

There is no Christmas tree or many dainties handed round on Christmas Day, but prisoners are all certain to receive a big Christmas dinner of roast beef, soup, dry bread and black tea. As for plum pudding, roast turkey, fruit and all the delicacies those on the outside are receiving, the prisoners can only sleep and have a beautiful dream about them.

Then in the morning or afternoon officers of the Salvation Army arrive in jail, and the prisoners who are so minded are allowed out of their cells and assemble in one of the large jail corridors where, in addition to prayer and song, they listen to a sermon. During prayer and sermon the prisoners are quiet, but when the Army officers start one of the popular Army songs, nearly all know the songs, and all join in the chorus.

There is one thing about the jail. Prisoners of today, after they enter the jail door become clean, as they are obliged to bathe and wash their clothes. The old offender, who has perhaps not bathed even his hands or face for weeks or months, and when on the street is shunned by the cleanly citizen, is given a decided shock when he arrives in the jail and is sent hastily to the bath tub.

While the old jail has a large number of new faces every Christmas, there are many old standbys who have spent more than one Christmas behind the bars, and the prospect of another

WILL ENTERTAIN KNIGHTS OF GRIP

Board of Trade Planning for Another Big Smoker — January 3rd Date Selected — Committee Hard at Work.

The preparations for the smoker to be held by the board of trade at which the commercial travellers are to be guests of the board are well under way. It is proposed to make the event a banner one. The date chosen for the smoker is Friday, Jan. 3rd, and Keith's assembly rooms have been engaged for the occasion.

The committee which has the arrangement in hand is headed by H. A. Porter and is planning to introduce a number of interesting features into the evening's entertainment. The invitations to the commercial men are being issued, and it is intended to have not only the travellers of the Maritime provinces present, but all travellers who happen to be in the city at the time. Invitations are being sent to the travellers' associations informing them of the arrangements and asking the associations to extend to their members the announcement of the affair.

The entertainment will begin at 8:15 o'clock. The details of the programme have not been all worked out yet, but it is understood that some special features which are to be introduced, will make the affair a novelty. The speech-making will probably be limited to one long address, and a few remarks by prominent members of the board of trade.

The smoker held two years ago by the board and at which the knights of the grip were present, proved a success and it is hoped to make this year's an even greater success.

OBITUARY.

William Russell.

Special to The Standard.

Newcastle, Dec. 18.—William Russell, mechanical superintendent of the intercolonial line, died this morning of the real happy prisoner in the fellow who is no stranger to the turnkeys or the police, and who has been arrested so many times that he has lost count.

He is the character who desires to be out of jail in the good old summer time when he can roam about, sleep out at night without any fear of catching cold or perishing from the frost, and can manage to beg enough liquor to keep him going, and enough food to permit him to preserve his taste.

When the cold winds begin to blow and the first sign of winter arrives, then this thin clad outcast becomes chilled to the bone and at once thinks that the old jail on King street east is a comfortable place for such as he.

He is the man who is known as an old stager at this game, and has been known to request a policeman to arrest him, and when the officer of the law sees his move, and refuses to place the bum under arrest because he wishes to, the bum will pretend to be drunk, or will violate the law in any other manner so that the policeman is forced to place him in custody, and when he is in the court will have to give evidence that the prisoner is sent to jail for three or four months.

Then the bum is happy and knows that he is good as a boarder in the Government penitentiary, and after spending a warm comfortable winter he will be able to appear on the streets again in the spring in company with the other birds.

This person may perhaps be given his turn out working with the chain gang, but this bunch are not over-worked, and are not obliged to go out on winter days that are too cold or too stormy.

When the weather is such that it is not fit to be out to work they have nothing to do but lounge about the cell, or the corridors and spin yarns, tell lies, tell the truth or sing songs.

This is the sort of a chap, however, who, at one time, was a happy youngster in a comfortable home, with upright parents, but went astray and drifted from bad to worse until he has forgotten the days of his youth, and is happy to be in jail.

There is another class of happy jail bird, the man who has been spending a couple of months on a sentence and has another month to go, and who, in the Christmas season with the motto reads, "Good Will to All" is in effect that the Judge, who has a soft spot in his heart, gives the chap his liberty with a few parting words of good advice and allows him to leave for his home to spend Christmas, or to obtain work and try to become a real man.

There is always a large crowd of prisoners in the jail for Christmas, and at present the jail holds about 50 and 60 prisoners. As many as 50 men and women have been in the old jail at one time, and it is not unusual to wish that they were out of the cell, but as a whole they all know that they have to put up with their lot and make the best of it.

DYSPEPSIA MADE "A \$35,000,000 BLOW FOR THE PEACE OF THE WORLD"

H. B. Hetherington, in Interesting Letter, Tells How Borden Government's Emergency Gift is Received in New York

Hundreds of people gladly testify to the wonderful curative powers of the famous fruit medicine, "Fruit-a-lives." To those now suffering with Indigestion, Dyspepsia or other stomach troubles, this letter of Mr. Borden, the well known real estate operator of Western Ontario, shows the way to a speedy and certain cure.

Glencoe, Ont., Aug. 16th, 1911. "Fruit-a-lives" were so beneficial to me when I suffered with distressing Dyspepsia, that I wish to inform you of their satisfactory results.

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50c. a box, 6 for \$2.50, trial size, 25c. At all dealers or sent on receipt of price by Fruit-a-lives Limited, Ottawa.

Will Double Track C. P. R. Owing to the great increase of traffic through St. John the C. P. R. will double track sections of their line. It is understood that the work will commence in the spring.

St. John Boy Read Address. A most enthusiastic welcome was tendered to Bishop LeBlanc by the students and clergy at St. Joseph's College on Monday last, when after a Pontifical Mass had been celebrated, E. Henneberry, a St. John boy, read the English address to His Lordship.

Police Court. Charles McAlduff, charged with being drunk and resisting the police on Charlotte street, was fined \$8 or two months in jail. The defendant was charged with drunkenness when fined \$2 or five days in jail; one other was fined \$4 or ten days in jail, while two more were fined \$8 or thirty days in jail; all on a like charge.

Provincial. Alligator in Barrel. Fredericton, Dec. 18.—Baron Crouch of Southampton recently purchased from a grocer a large hoghead containing some molasses sugar. He made a portion of the sugar into candy which he distributed among school children. A few days later his wife found imbedded in the sugar which remained in the barrel a baby alligator seven inches long.

Priest Dies. Chatham, N. B., Dec. 18.—At Charlottetown, P. E. I., died this morning, priest of the diocese of Chatham, Rev. Edmund Patenaude, passed away. For 26 years he endeavored himself to the people of the diocese as their spiritual adviser, and only two years ago removed to Charlottetown. Father Patenaude had not been seriously ill until last Friday, when he was stricken with paralysis.

High Treason. Berlin, 18.—Sergeant Woolfing, non-commissioned officer at the fortress of Thorn, has been sentenced to fifteen years penal servitude and to pay a fine of \$4,000 for high treason. The government has confiscated \$19,000, which is alleged to have been received from Russia for spying.

Rubber Atrocities. London, Dec. 18.—At yesterday's session of the commission investigating the outrages in the Putumayo rubber district of Peru, former Secretary Gleigud, who went to Peru to audit the books of the rubber companies, testified that he did not regard as excessive the payment of \$350,000 for the purchase of rifles, marked incidental expenditure, for the protection of the Indians from the jaguars and blowflies. Mr. Gleigud said he did not see or hear of any atrocities but admitted that it was possible he had been hoodwinked.

Warns Financiers. New York, Dec. 18.—President-elect Wilson last night held up a warning finger to any man who might deliberately start a panic in the United States in order to show that intended legislative policies were wrong.

Many Killed. Dortmund, Germany, Dec. 11.—Thirty-one coal miners are believed to have been killed by an explosion of black damp in the Achenbach mine this morning. Six bodies have been recovered from the pit and twenty-five miners are still missing. The explosion was so violent that it is thought all were killed.

On the fourteenth it was my privilege to meet a French American who is largely interested in one of the trans-Atlantic steamship lines.

In connection with a very interesting conversation relating to Canadian affairs he said: I have been very much interested in the career of Laurier since he came into power, if they so desire, I am confident that Laurier will justify the support of the loyal Canadians, and I am willing to admit that there are some Canadians not loyal to the Empire, by refusing to support the measure, I do not support it. Certainly to oppose this measure would be to oppose the protestations of loyalty to the Empire, have been and are a mockery and a sham."

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PROVINCIAL PERSONALS.

(Chatham Commercial, Dec. 17.)

Arthur M. Tweedie is home from Montreal for a few days.

Mr. and Mrs. F. H. McNaught left yesterday for Woodstock.

R. A. Lawlor, K. C., went to St. John yesterday and will return Wednesday.

Mrs. J. B. Snowball returned from St. John on Friday.

D. E. Vincent, of St. John spent Sunday in town.

Mrs. Charles Bernard and George Bernard have returned from a visit to Providence, R. I.

Miss Alice Birchall, of Nelson, was in town Saturday.

Mrs. R. A. Snowball, who was visiting friends in Upper Canada, has returned home.

Mr. and Mrs. Justus Underhill, of Blackville, spent the week end in Chatham, the guests of Mr. and Mrs. T. M. James.

Mrs. Trueman, of St. John; Mr. and Mrs. Wood and Sutherland Wood, of Halifax, and Mrs. Edwin Crockett, of Toronto, will be guests at St. Andrews manse during Christmas.

Miss Bertha Shampier, who has been a member of the staff of Mrs. Williams military parlors, for the past three months, has returned to her home in St. John. During her stay in Chatham, Miss Shampier made many friends who regret her departure.

J. B. Hachey, M.P.P., of Bathurst, visited Chatham friends on Friday.

(St. John Post.)

Rev. A. S. Lewis, pastor of the Zion church, Yarmouth, N. S., who is well known in St. John, has accepted a call to the Baptist church in New Westminister, B. C., and will leave that place in January.

James Miner, of Mount Whately, well known in Amherst, has moved to Fort Lawrence, and will reside with his daughter, Mrs. D. A. Higgins, in that place.

(Woodstock Press.)

Mrs. J. W. Dalling and Miss Dalling spent a few days in St. John last week with friends.

G. W. Perry of Upper Kent, made a business visit to town on Thursday, calling at this office.

John McEann, of Benton, made a business visit to town on Thursday, calling at this office.

CHEAP FARES FOR THE CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS.

For the Christmas holidays the customary excursion fares will prevail on the Intercolonial and Prince Edward Island Railway, good between all stations, and to points on connecting lines. The going fares are from December 21st to January 1st and the limit for return January 3rd.

For stations beyond Montreal there will be a special excursion fare on the same dates with a similar return limit. The reduced fares prevail on those dates which make it convenient for those who wish to visit relatives and friends and for the absent ones to return to the old home for the happy Christmas-tide.

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A Building Boom.

The New Brunswick Realty Company is making arrangements for the erection of quite a number of new buildings next year. It has recently taken an option on ten lots on Douglass Avenue, and 7 or 8 lots in St. John West. On these lots it intends to put up buildings next spring. While the plans for the buildings on these lots have not been prepared, it is said the buildings will be of various descriptions dependent upon their location. Some of the buildings on especially selected lots on Douglass Avenue, will be of an elaborate character.

THE SEASON'S WISHES.

(From The Transcript.) When the brown-banded pussies their blossoms put forth, And the Springtime's mild musics proclaim a new birth, May the heart in your bosom sing softly then, too. When Summer's fair flowers' first beauty is shed, And the perfume of June steeps the roses with red, May then pleasures attend you whatever you do. When Autumn has come and sweet Summer is sped, And they that were gone seek their dark wintry bed, May the hopes that then fall from your thought come soon true. When heaped December sweeps down from the north, And the falling snows shield from chill the dear earth, May the blasts that they blow bring bright blessings to you! Ernest Siegfried Swenson.

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By Direct Private Wires to J. C. Mackintosh & Co.

Table with columns: Previous High, Low, Close. Lists various commodities like Am Cop., Am C and F., Am Cot Oil, etc.

DAY'S SALES ON MONTREAL MARKET

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Table with columns: Morning Sales, Afternoon Sales. Lists various commodities like Cement, Canadian Cotton, etc.

BRITISH TIMBER TRADE ACTIVE LAST MONTH

Farworth and Jardine's Wood Circular of Dec. 2 says: Trade has been active during the past month in the British timber market.

Canadian Woods.—Pine Timber.—Waney 1st class: The imports have been entirely to Manchester. A large quantity has been arriving during the month appears in the stock figures, but will doubtless go for the most part direct into consumption; values are high and unchanged.

CHICAGO GRAIN AND PRODUCE MARKETS.

By direct private wires to J. C. Mackintosh and Co., St. John, N. B.

Table with columns: High, Low, Close. Lists various commodities like Wheat, Corn, Oats, Pork.

NEW YORK COTTON RANGE.

By direct private wires to J. C. Mackintosh and Co., St. John, N. B.

Table with columns: High, Low, Close. Lists various cotton grades like Dec., Jan., Mar., May, etc.

THE BOSTON CURB.

By direct private wires to J. C. Mackintosh and Co.

Table with columns: Bid, Ask. Lists various commodities like East Butte, Franklin, Granby, etc.

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CLOSING LETTER.

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MARKET ACTIVE BEFORE THE CLOSE

New York, Dec. 18.—An outburst of excited bidding aroused the stock market today to sudden activity toward the close of a somewhat dull and colorless session.

A Gift..

One bottle or a dozen to your gentleman friend. Think of it, 12 quarts of "Good Cheer" in each case of Four Crown Scotch.



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CLOSING COTTON LETTER.

By Direct Private Wires to J. C. Mackintosh & Co.

New York, Dec. 18.—Today's cotton market opened steady at a decline from the previous day's closing.

MONTREAL UNLISTED SALES

Private wire telegram to F. B. McCurdy and Co., Members of Montreal Stock Exchange.

Table with columns: Bid, Ask. Lists various commodities like Ames Holden, Mex. Nor., etc.

MONTREAL STOCKS.

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MAHITIME PROVINCE SECURITIES.

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Table with columns: Bid, Ask. Lists various securities like Acadia Fire, Acadia Sugar, etc.

CLOSING STOCK LETTER.

By Direct Private Wires to J. C. Mackintosh & Co.

New York, Dec. 18.—The stock market opened dull and slightly lower but with a fairly good undertone in the absence of pressure from the outside.

HIDES AND SKINS.

Beef sides, 12 1/2 to 13 cents per lb. Sheepskins, 85 cents to \$1.00 each. Calveskins, 17 to 18 cents per lb.

Nefarious Plans.

Sadman—How did you get on Sunday terms with the landlady and her husband? Gladman—I got up some pretext to get the boarders away from the table before they have finished eating.

ATHLETES TO RAISE OLYMPIC

Boston, Dec. 18.—Will not be dependent for money to take part in the Olympic games at Berlin.

It has been suggested that the athletes should raise money by playing a series of games at the Union League Club.

LEADING BOXERS ALL-ST.

A Boston sportswriter following all-star bouts of ring men.

Wolcott and Ritchie, who were the main attraction of the night, were the only ones to draw a large crowd.

ARE AFRAID

Chicago, Ill., Dec. 18.—Haltists, identity formed a syndicate to bring racing to a standstill.

The syndicate is said to have been organized by a group of men who are active in the city.

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ATHLETES TO RAISE OWN OLYMPIC FUND

Boston, Dec. 18.—American athletes will not be dependent upon the public for money to take them to the Olympic games at Berlin in 1916 if the plans of some of the leading athletes materialize. They expect to make the athletes all over the country pay the charges.

LEADING BOXERS IN ALL-STAR TEAM

A Boston sporting writer picks the following all-star football team composed of ring men: Wolgast and Rivers, ends. Ritchie and Klaus, tackles. Palzer and McVey, guards. Kibane, center. McFarland, quarterback. Langford and Jeanette, halfbacks. McCarty, fullback. Johnson, water boy; Morris, jinx.

ARE AFTER AVIATION MANAGERS

Chicago, Ill., Dec. 18.—Chicago capitalists, identity not disclosed, have formed a syndicate to build a high speed racing aeroplane with which to bring back to America the aviation championship and the Coupe Internationale d'Aviation, won here last fall by France.

COBB DENIES HE IS A "HOLDOUT"

Detroit, Dec. 18.—Detroit correspondents in Washington called Mr. Cobb immediately on his arrival there today and inquired of the status of his reported holdout for \$15,000.

ANY OLD THING FOR FATHER



GOT \$39.65 FOR EACH BASE HIT

Every time Ty Cobb made a base hit during the season of 1912, he earned \$39.65, according to figures of Herman Wecke, a baseball dealer and according to the same busy little statistician in 1910 he was paid at the rate of \$45.92 per safety, while in 1911 he made \$38.29 per swing, fielding and baserunning not being considered in figuring his compensation.

Y. M. C. A. BOWLING LEAGUE

In the Y. M. C. A. bowling league last evening the Giants defeated the Red Sox by 70 pins. The following is the individual score:

Table with columns for Red Sox and Giants, listing names and scores.

M'LAUGHLIN WILL PLAY FOR TROPHY

San Francisco, Dec. 17.—Maurice E. McLaughlin, national tennis champion will undoubtedly make a trip to England next year in another attempt to lift the Dwight F. Davis international championship trophy.

AMERICAN HORSES TO GERMANY

Berlin, Dec. 17.—Since racing stopped in New York State, France and England have profited from the wholesale emigration of American blue-blooded horses.

FOUR NEW NATIONAL MANAGERS

Boston, Dec. 18.—With four new managers assured in the National League for next year, the season of 1913 is being opened with a flourish for baseball fans that should add much to the championship race of the parent organization.

M'FARLAND AND BRITTON IN FEBRUARY

New York, N. Y., Dec. 18.—Manager Billy Gibson of the Garden A. C., has clinched two important bouts for the near future. He has signed Packey McFarland and Jack Britton to box at the Garden on Feb. 23, and this should be the greatest bout seen in New York for a long time.

WILL WRESTLE FOR WORLD'S CHAMPIONSHIP

Boston, Dec. 18.—George V. Tucker announced last night that he had closed negotiations for a wrestling bout to a finish between Charley Cutler of Chicago, heavyweight champion of America, and Zbyzsko, the giant Pole, for the world's heavyweight championship to be decided Christmas night at Mechanics' building.

TELLS OF CAMERON'S GAMENESS

While the papers have published about Fred Cameron, the Amherst runner, doing exceptionally well by capturing fourth place in the 15 mile race recently held in Boston, nothing was given in detail regarding the gameness of the Nova Scotian. The sporting editor of The Standard received a letter yesterday from Harry G. Martin, a former St. John citizen, who has nothing but great praise for Cameron, as his following remarks will show.

Just a little dope for the readers of The Standard in regard to Fred Cameron in that 15 mile race last Saturday. The starter was the fastest runner in the bunch and although Cameron did not finish better than fourth place he proved to be a game runner.

"After the race I went to Cameron's dressing room, and found him lacing the bottoms of his feet which were literally covered with blisters and which oozed blood and water freely. After he was dressed, it was with great difficulty that he could walk from the room out to the car and had to be assisted by his trainer, and myself.

JUMPERS ARE SENT TO FRANCE

New York, Dec. 18.—George Peabody Eustis, of Washington, who is now in France, recently called to the attention of the American Jumper Association, Mongolian and Utmost, sent over to Mansions Lafayette, where, under the care of Preston M. Burch, an American trainer, they will be kept over the winter.

IRISH TEAM LOSES MATCH, 38-0

London, Dec. 18.—The South Africa rugby team, the first to play football fifteen minutes at 0 at Dublin. Taking plenty of risks and adopting most audacious tactics, the colonials swooped down on the Irish and appear to have completely demoralized them.

HIGH MORAL TONE IN INDIA IS RECOGNIZED

Bombay, Dec. 18.—Approval is expressed by the Indian Social Reformer of the high moral tone of public life in the India of today.

THE MARITIME STEAMSHIP CO. (Limited)

Commencing Jan. 25, and until further notice the S. S. Connors Bros. will run as follows:

RAILWAYS. CANADIAN PACIFIC. L.V. HALIFAX... 8.00 a.m. Daily. TRURO... 10.05 " " AMHERST... 12.35 p.m. " MONCTON... 2.30 " " ST. JOHN... 4.55 " " A.R. MONTREAL... 8.30 a.m. " Standard High Grade Equipment—Dining Car Service Unsurpassed. W. B. HOWARD, D. P. A., C. P. R., ST. JOHN, N. B.

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A CHRISTMAS EVE STORY AS TOLD BY A "COP"

"Cop" Ervin.

No men have a wider or more diversified experience with Christmas Eve or Christmas Day, in its varying phases of happiness, or woe, than the stalwarts who wear the blue coat and brass buttons, generally accepted as the insignia of the city police. Their lot it is to mingle with all sorts and conditions of men, and in their terms on the force they learn, at first hand, the Christmas facts that come to few quarters in the city's life. Many are the good stories they could tell if they would.

One officer, who has for years been a guardian of the peace, readily responded to my request for a Christmas experience, and told the following true tale of a Christmas Eve happening in the streets of St. John:

"Yes, I have witnessed many strange, sad or humorous scenes on Christmas Eve or Christmas Day since I came on this job," he said as he filled his pipe and settled back on the locker in the old guard room in central station. "Why, do you know I have seen things on a Christmas Eve that would make a big strong fellow feel very much like allowing his sight tanks to leak, and it would only be a short while after when the goodness would depart from my mind and I would almost fall on the street with laughter. Of course a policeman has to give people more chances on Christmas Eve than on other occasions, for, you see, if you meet a guy with a good old cargo of cheerfulness, and you give him the run on a Christmas Eve, he will be anchored in a central station cell all day Christmas, being fed on some of the old black tea and dry bread from the jail, probably served by an old colored cook."

"To a man, who has just awakened after a bad night, such grub does not appeal. It gives him plenty of time to think matters over, and, if he has a wife and a few kids at home, he has a great deal more to think of than the poor guy who has no home, no money and who looks on a jail as a bang up boarding place during the cold weather."

"One Christmas Eve I ran foul of a sulk who had one of those unreasonable jags. As he staggered along the street, he carried in one hand a turkey which, when it left the store, had been wrapped in paper but after his owner had fallen on the street a couple of times and every time he fell the old Turk was sure to be underneath, you can bet you there was very little paper left on it and it looked like one of those turks who had been chased for miles by a Greek after he had lough as long as he could."

"Well, this sulk that I was telling you about took a slip and tumbled in the gutter and the turkey went sliding out into the middle of the street. I did not want to lock him up but I couldn't help it. I helped him to his feet and then got the turkey for him

and I advised him to be careful of his stepping and beat it for home with his Christmas dinner. He was not inclined to go when requested but started in to argue the question with me. Say, he became very sassy and began to use words that would not be according to Hoyle at a bridge party. I tried to shut him up and thought I would throw a scare into him by telling him if he did not go along home I would lock him up. I then started to walk away so as to give him all the chance that was coming to him. But do you suppose he would go? Not on your life. He was beyond the powers of reason, and came after me and started in to duct me out. He called me some awful names, and with every oath he informed me I couldn't lock him up. I was not able to and that he could lock me and my whole family. I stopped walking and waited for him to come up beside me and he did. I told him once more to be a good fellow and go along home, but that seemed to make him worse. With an oath, he tried to strike me with the turkey and, as it swung clear of me, he lost his balance and went sprawling on the sidewalk. Even then I did not grab him, as there was no person about the place at the time, and he was only injuring himself."

"When he regained his feet I told him once more to go along home and in reply to my request he clinched me and did his best to kick me and throw me down. Say, there was nothing to it. I just had to lock that fellow up and there he stayed all day Christmas, as there was no session of the police court and he did not have enough money to leave a deposit for his release."

"It was some weeks after the arrest when I saw him again and he came to me and said he was very sorry that he had acted so badly with me and that at the time he did not know what he had been doing. But said he that was my last drink for awhile for it certainly got me in bad."

"I started up town early in the afternoon to buy some toys for the kids, but before I went for the toys I met an old friend of mine and we had a few wallops of booze together. He left me, and I stood there and had a few more drinks. I was thinking that as it was the merry season, I might as well have some more drinks before I went home, where I intended to spend the evening, and when the time came, after the kids went to bed, I was going to fill their stockings with candy and oranges and some toys, so that when they got up in the morning they would find that Santa Claus had not forgotten them."

"Well, I was pretty well loaded when I left the bar, but was able to navigate, but I met a fellow who had a square face on his hip, and he invited me to have a drink with him. I supposed a regular party was in of sea. I was still sober and could stand a punchen of booze. I had a couple of cracks at the old deKusner which put me away to sea. I forgot all about the

toys and the kids and did not remember anything about me home and the wife and youngsters there, until I happened to be passing a butcher's shop, and saw a big fat turkey hanging at the door. I grabbed it off the hook and bought it. The farther I went, with the turkey, the worse I got, and you know the rest."

"Say, when I woke up in that cell, on Christmas morning, I felt pretty sick, not alone bodily, but I felt bad in the think-tank, and when I heard from one of the cops the swell chance you had given me, and how I went at you, who had always been me friend, say—I felt worse. Then I sat down on that wooden bench and began to think about the wife and the kids at home. I could almost see the wife waiting for me and expectin' me to arrive every minute with the toys, could almost hear her telling the kids to go to sleep and sayin' when they awoke in the morning they would find some nice things that Santa Claus had brought them, during the night. My God, but I could picture my wife disappointed at my not coming home, and worryin' as to what had become of me, and of the great disappointment for the kids when they awoke in the morning and hustled to the mantelpiece where they had hung their stockings, finding them bulged full of toys and good things, they found them empty."

"—say I felt so damned mean that I almost wished I was dead."

"It was a bad Christmas for me, lockin' up in that old cell, with nothing but bread and tea for me breakfast, which I couldn't eat, and the same dose for supper and when I wanted a drink of something and was feeling dry, all that I could get was a drink of warm water out of a tin mug fastened to a larzer can by a chain. It was sure, one bad time for me."

"Then I could picture the case at home. There was the wife trying to satisfy the kids by telling them that Santa Claus was so busy that he could not stop to leave their toys during the night, but would be along in a day or so, and when they asked where papa was, she had to cry, and tell them that I had to go away to work, and would not be home for a day or so. They did not get any turkey that day, for mine which was left on the street when I was arrested, was, no doubt, picked up by some lucky guy who took it home for his own dinner. My family got nothing that Christmas, but the old plain stuff and instead of a Happy Christmas in my home, it was a very sad one."

"The morning after Christmas, when I was stood up with a number of others in the police court, and pleaded guilty to being drunk, I deserved all that the magistrate said to me, and when I at last got out, I was almost ashamed to go home and face the old woman. But I slunk into the house like a whipped cur, and I could not have blamed her if she had taken a

stick of wood from the wood box and smashed me head in, but she didn't, she is a good little woman, she only cried while I hung me head and when she got quieted down, she got me a good hot cup of tea, and gave me something to eat.

"Then she told me how badly she felt over the racket, and I promised her that I would go on the keg, and you can bet your life that the next Christmas Eve I go out to buy stuff for the kids, for her and for the Christmas dinner, the whole bunch of us will go together, I will save up for next Christmas, and I will make up for this one by having a Christmas that my old shanty never had before."

CHRISTMAS FOR THE BIRDS.

Among other delightful straits of the Scandinavian people is their custom in their Yule festivities of thinking not only of the happiness of their little ones, but of teaching these children to bear in mind the happiness of others, and in particular of the animals about them. We have seen that they never omit to provide the trusty household nisse with his Yule dinner of porridge. But they also remember the birds. At the Yule season the market place of Christiania presents a very gay aspect, filled as it is with spruce trees of all sizes for the children's feast. But there is a feature in the Norse Christmas that I have not heard in any other country, is that in this market place there is for each Christmas tree a Yuleidde, or little sheet of barley, each person who buys a tree buying also a sheet. Then, when the tree is set up in the main room of the house at Yuleidde for the birns (born, as they are called in Norway) the sheet of straw is fastened at the end of a pole and put out in the yard for a Christmas feast for the birds! If the degree of civilization of a people can be measured by its behavior to the animals about it, then this custom denotes in the Norsemen a very high plane indeed—Southern Workman.

THE FIRST CHRISTMAS SONG.

(Tune: "Auld Lang Syne.")

The twinkling stars shone clear and bright
Above a little town,
And calmly through the quiet night
The silver moon looked down,
The little lambs upon the hill
Were sleeping safely there,
While shepherds "seated on the ground"
Watched over them with care.

Then suddenly the angels came
On flashing wings of white;
Their happy chorus echoed wide
Across the silent night.
Oh! sweet and clear the angels sang,
The sweetest song we know,
The story of a little child
Within a manger low.

AN EASY EXPERIENCE.

A scholar at a local night-school inadvertently spelled the word "Venice" with two "s's." The teacher, a clever man, but not always a correct speaker, sternly required.

"Do you not know young man, that there is only one 'hen' in 'Venice'?"

"Then eggs must be very scarce there, sir!" was the ready reply.

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The "Dalton Ranch" has a world-wide reputation for the excellence of its foxes.

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The recent sale of six pairs of young foxes to a Russian syndicate for \$100,000 makes a new price record for young foxes.

Charles Dalton is the most experienced Silver Black Fox breeder in the world.

The company propose to engage the services of a veterinary surgeon, who has made a special study of small animal life (to act in conjunction with Mr. Dalton) thereby insuring perfect health and cleanliness in the ranch.

Will Have No Excuse

We have told you the plain unvarnished truth about this great fox ranching industry.

We have told you of a number of the people who have made large amounts in breeding Silver Black Foxes.

We have told you that this is the first opportunity you have had to share in the profits of this industry.

We have told you that this is the only Fox Ranching Company in existence with a guarantee of dividends.

We have told you that this Company practically guarantees you 40 per cent. on the money you invest and you must believe that if there is a prospect of any kind capable of paying more than 40 per cent. it must be this ranch.

We have told you that if you delay too long and your application reaches us too late YOU WILL HAVE NO EXCUSE, you yourself will be to blame.

Application Form

We the undersigned hereby subscribe for and agree with Ralph A. March, Hampton, N. B., agent for and representing a syndicate who have taken over the Silver Black Fox Ranching Business of Chas. Dalton of Tignish, P. E. I., to take the number of shares at \$100 a share, as set opposite our respective signature hereto, and to pay 10 per cent. of said stock down, and the balance on or before January 1st, A.D., 1913. Should said shares not be allotted the money paid on them to be refunded in full.

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Amount Paid

It Is Necessary to Act At Once

When the subscription books of the Chas. Dalton Silver Black Fox Co. close, there will end the greatest opportunity ever presented to the public to participate in the enormous profits to be reaped from P. E. Island's latest and greatest industry.

This is your opportunity. Take advantage of it. Remember if you don't plant, you cannot expect to harvest.

To avoid disappointment it is necessary for you to send your application as early as possible, as we expect to be over subscribed on the date of closing, and therefore cannot make any definite promise that applications reaching us after that date will receive any consideration.

The Future Prospects

The sale of six pairs of young foxes to parties in Russia for \$100,000 has opened up a new market for the product of the Dalton Ranch.

This sale places the productions of the Dalton Ranch in a class by itself as the price of \$16,666.66 a pair for young foxes is a World's Record.

It is a well known fact that Russia is the great market for Silver Black Fox fur, and to obtain the best that the world can produce, Russia as well as every other nation must look to the Dalton Ranch.

There is also an increasing local demand for Dalton Foxes as P. E. Island ranches as well as those from abroad, realize that to be successful in this new industry they must produce stock that will measure up to the Dalton Standard of perfection.

Applications for Stock may be made to the undersigned Provisional Directors, New Brunswick Representative, or any branch of the Canadian Bank of Commerce.

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GET OF THE GODS

A Christmas Story which Explains why Mary Connors Didn't Get the Butcher, and Why She Said a Prayer.

Mary Connors sat sewing in her little house at Neponset Corners, Connecticut, on a Christmas eve not long ago. She was a large-boned, muscular woman; a distaff, the handle of a plough, or even a sword, would have looked more natural in that heavy hand than the little steel implement she wielded.

Yet big and middle-aged as Mary was, she had had a charming youth; though passed by the bed-side of an aged grandmother. This much she minding old lady, after requiring of Mary a day-and-night attendance, including foot-rubbing, bathing, hot drinks, much reading aloud of the Bible, for a period of ten years, had passed away. All that had remained of her had been her property, which she had had the goodness to leave to Mary.

Then, of course, Mary fell in love with a healthy spinster of thirty, with a house and property, and with such a past, would not it be natural for her to marry? Well, she had, and she had had a prize poultry. As for the men in the family, they said they didn't care a blank about that sort of thing.

Suffered From Boils Constipation And Sick Headache.

There is no more frequent source of illness than that arising from bad blood. When the blood becomes impure the whole system is impure; boils and pimples break out, the bowels become constipated, and the head aches more or less.

Do not neglect to purify the blood on the first appearance of a pimple or boil. Cleanse it thoroughly by the use of Burdock Blood Bitters and thus prevent untold suffering.

A Lazy Liver

Upsets the Whole System. Dr. Morse's Indian Root Pills Put Things Right Again.

A bitter taste in the mouth—costed tongue—dizziness on rising—suddenly—bowels alternately loose and constipated—these mean that the liver is out of order.

Instead of flowing into the bowels, to regulate them, and aid digestion, the bile has been going all through the system, upsetting digestion, leaving the bowels constipated, and making the sufferer perfectly miserable. This is biliousness.

The quick, safe and certain cure is Dr. Morse's Indian Root Pills. They clear out the clogged-up system, stir up the lazy liver, cleanse the stomach and bowels and purify the blood. The bile returns to its normal course, the food is again digested properly and all the disagreeable symptoms vanish.

Doctors prescribe Dr. Morse's Indian Root Pills and they are known throughout the world as a proven cure for all digestive troubles. They are equally effective in strengthening weak kidneys and curing rheumatism.

Made by W. H. Comstock Co., Ltd., Pro.-ville, Ont., and sold by all druggists at 25c a box.

Are you one of those to whom every meal is another source of suffering?

Na-Dru-Co Dyspepsia Tablets will help you digested stomach to digest any reasonable meals, and will soon restore it to such perfect condition that you'll never feel that you have a stomach. Take one after each meal. 50c. a Box at your Druggist's. Made by the National Drug and Chemical Co. of Canada, Limited.

HERE'S THE QUEEREST LITTLE FARM IN ALL THE WORLD

MISS MCGLASHAN AND A SECTION OF HER "FARM"—BOXES AND BARRELS FULL OF BUTTERFLIES, MOTHS AND LARVAE.

San Jose, Cal., Dec. 10.—"Any woman can make \$50 a week during the summer time capturing and raising butterflies and moths. Little capital is required; expenses are small; the work is light, and done out-of-doors; and no knowledge of the science of entomology is necessary," says Miss Ximena McGlashan, a pretty young San Jose girl, who runs the strangest "farm" in America—a "butterfly farm."



When she was graduated from the normal school last spring Miss McGlashan spent a summer vacation in the mountains of California, where she captured and raised butterflies and moths. She found that the work was not only profitable but also very interesting. She decided to start a "butterfly farm" in San Jose, California.

Female butterflies will not deposit their eggs except when confined in a gauze bag or its equivalent, and over their particular food plant. Moths, however, will lay their eggs on the inside of any box or bag.

They must be fed every day from a few days to a few months many species passing the winter in the egg state.

Females are large, round and "fat" with eggs, while the males have slender bodies. Male moths usually terminate in a tuft of feathers, while the end of the female is pointed. In some species the sexes have different markings.

Part of a willow leaf, a clover leaf, or a blade of grass furnishes food for most kinds of moths, though under compulsion they will eat almost anything. Try the leaves of whatever grows in your locality until the food your caterpillars like best is found, with a piece of dried apple soaked in sugared water. The eggs will hatch in a few days.

The other day somebody recalled a story that Bill Nye used to tell on himself. Nye, who had a shockingly bad memory for faces, once got aboard the elevator in the old Fifth Avenue Hotel in New York to find that the only other occupant of the car was a short, square, serious-looking man, with an iron-gray beard, and with a cigar in his mouth.

"He looked at me and smiled," said Nye; "and then I knew I had seen him somewhere before, but who he was or where it was we'd met I couldn't remember. I saw he wanted to shake hands and so I shoved mine out to him first."

"Don't believe you know me," he said. "Well, I said, 'I know I've met you somewhere. Your face is familiar, but I can't place you. Where was it we met anyhow?'"

"It was in Washington City, a few years ago," he said. "You called on me at the White House when I was living there then. My name is U. S. Grant."

"I got off at the next floor," said Nye. "I was afraid I might ask him if he'd served in the Civil War!"

A Mistake. A new story of the crown princess of Germany comes from the hands of a woman and her work, and once, not long ago, she thought that a protegee of hers could very well fill the post of model that a leading firm of dress-makers had advertised being vacant.

She thought that to make quite sure of getting it she would approach the manager herself.

She called at the establishment in her unconventional way and asked for the manager. After a few minutes she was shown into his room.

"Come," she said at once, "because I saw your advertisement, and I thought—"

"I'm sorry, my dear," he said kindly. "It's no use. I'm afraid you are not quite smart enough for us. But you have a pleasant face and a nice manner, so if you'll come to me in a month's time I'll see if I can fix you up as a saleswoman."

By this time the crown princess had got her breath back, and managed to explain. The unfortunate manager, who had not, of course, recognized the princess, nearly fainted.

OVERDOING IT. Woodrow Wilson, at a luncheon at Spring Lake said of a boy athlete: "I am afraid he sets athletics too far above English, mathematics and history. His aunt said to him the other day: 'I am delighted to hear of your success on the school baseball team, Harry; but you must remember that there are other things in life besides baseball.'"

"Yes, aunt, I know," said the boy. "but hang it all, I'm afraid I'm too light for football or rowing."

Some Distinction. Private Secretary—I want enough salary so I can marry and be comfortable. R. R. President—What you ask is impossible, but I'll give you enough money to marry on.

WHAT CHRISTMAS IS AS WE GROW OLDER

As we grow older, let us be more thankful that the circle of our Christmas associations and of the lessons that they bring expand! Let us welcome every one of them, and summon them to take their places by the Christmas hearth.

Welcome, old aspirations, glittering creatures of an ardent fancy, to your shelter underneath the holly! We know you and have not outlived you yet. Welcome, old projects and old loves, however fleeting to your nooks among the steadier lights that burn around us! Welcome, all that was ever real to our hearts; and for this earnestness that made you real, thanks to Heaven!

Welcome, everything! Welcome, alike what has been, and what never was, and what we hope may be, to your shelter underneath the holly, to your places round the Christmas fire, where what is stirs open-hearted in your shadow, do we see obtruding furtively upon the blaze, an enemy's face? By Christmas Day we do forgive him! If the injury he has done is not too great, let him come and let him come. If, otherwise, unapplying, let him go hence, assured that we will never forgive nor accuse him.

On this day we shut out nothing! "Pause," says a low voice, "Nothing? Think!"

"On Christmas Day, we shut out from our frested, Nothing."

"Not the shadow of a vast City where the withered leaves are lying deep," the voice replies, "Not the shadow that darkens the whole globe? Not the shadow of the City of the Dead?"

Not even that. Of all days in the year, we turn our faces towards that City upon Christmas Day, and from its silent hosts bring those we loved, among us.

City of the Dead, in the blessed name wherein we are gathered together at this time, and in the Presence that is here among us according to the promise, we will receive, and not dismiss, thy people who are dear to us!

We had a friend who was our friend from early days, with whom we often pictured the chances that were to come upon our lives, and merrily imagined how we would speak, and walk, and think, and talk, when we came to be old. His destined habitation in the City of the Dead received him in his prime. Shall he be shut out from our Christmas remembrance? Would his love be so excluded? Lost friend, lost child, lost parent, sister, brother, husband, wife, we will not so discard you! You shall hold your cherished places in our Christmas hearts and by our Christmas fires; and in the season of immortal hope, and on the birthday of immortal mercy, we will shut out Nothing!

The winter sun goes down over town and village; on the sea it makes a rosy path, as if the Sacred tread were fresh upon the water. A few moments and it sinks and the night comes on and lights begin to sparkle in the prospect. On the hillside beyond the shapelessly-diffused town, in the quiet keeping of the trees that guard the village steeples, remembrances are cut in stone, planted in common flowers, growing in grass,

entwined with lowly brambles around many a mound of earth. In town and village, there are doors and windows closed against the weather, there are flaming logs heaped high, there are joyful faces, there is healthy music of voices. Be all ungentleness and harm excluded from the temples of the Household Gods, but be those remembrances admitted with tender encouragement. They are of the time and all its comforting and peaceful assurances; and of the history that reunited even upon earth the living and the dead; and of the broad beneficence and goodness that too many men have tried to tear to narrow shreds.—Charles Dickens.

No Judge of Truck. (New York Sun.) A frugally inclined farmer from up the state made a mistake and dropped into one of the most expensive restaurants in New York. He didn't care at the price of the bill of fare, which was perhaps just as well for his peace of mind. Instead he thought of the cheapest article of filling food that he had ever seen. When the beef trader saw the figures on the check he emitted a roar of rage and agony that brought the manager to him, demanding an explanation.

"This here water of yours is trying to rob me!" sputtered the indignant guest. "He had the nerve to charge me eighty cents for a plate of tripe!"

"That is the correct price," said the manager soothingly. "The diner eyed him for a moment in astonishment. 'Why you big burglar,' he yelled; 'you couldn't tote eighty cents' worth of tripe.'"

Much More Amusing. A little four year old girl, whose parents had been discussing an approaching meeting in connection with the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children, begged to be taken. Her mother explained that the meeting would not amuse her, but she persisted in her demand, and finally her mother agreed to take her if she promised to be very quiet.

"She was very good throughout the greater part of the proceedings, but after listening patiently to the speeches for some time she whispered to her mother: 'Mummy, this is dull! When is the cruelty going to begin?'"

Mean Brute. "Woman today is holding her own in everything," yelled the straggleto orator.

"How about her tongue?" asked a man in the rear of the crowd.

The Hammerer. The man who knocks for many a day, May wield the hammer, fiercely gay. But soon or late, the time will come When it will slip and mash his thumb.

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AROUND THE CITY

Fur Lined Glove Found. A lady's fur lined glove found on Charlott's street was brought to the North End police station, where the owner may receive it.

Fuelers to Meet. "C" Company, 62nd St. John Fuelers will meet at the drill shed at 7.30 this evening to return clothing and receive pay.

Will Change Athletic Allegiance. At the meeting of the physical work committee of the Y. M. C. A. held in the association building last evening it was decided to affiliate with the Athletic League of the Young Men's Christian Association of Canada instead of with the Maritime Province Branch of the A. A. U. of Canada.

Y. M. C. A. Social. The first Y. M. C. A. intermediate social was held last evening and marked the opening of the new fireplace in the boys' department room. The intermediates were entertained by the K. A. I. group and a most pleasant time was spent in games and music. Refreshments were served.

Accident to Montford's Officer. When the steamer Montford was being docked last night John Lindsay, an officer on board the boat, had the ends of two fingers of his right hand cut off. He was brought to the Emergency Hospital, Sand Point, where his wounds were dressed. In unloading the boat two of the workmen were knocked overboard. They were quickly rescued and it was found sustained no injuries.

Prisoners Working at Hospital. The chain gang from the county jail under the direction of guards Beckett and Bovee, are at present employed in excavating rock in the basement of the General Public Hospital for the purpose of making a suitable cellar for the storage of coal. It is expected that the prisoners will be at this work until next May, and when finished there will be ample room for about 200 tons of coal.

Monument to Rev. J. K. Bearlsto. The many friends of the late Rev. J. K. Bearlsto will be pleased to learn that the people of Glassville and vicinity have erected a beautiful monument to the memory of one who labored there as a minister for a long term of years, faithfully doing his Master's work and beloved by all who knew him. This token of their esteem to which so many cheerfully contributed, is a credit to the people and a worthy tribute to the memory of a kind and loving friend.

Date Changed. The work of arranging a Christmas concert for the winterport is being rapidly carried to a finish by the ladies of the Seamen's Institute. Everywhere the ladies are meeting with excellent success in their campaign for contributions. Among the things which they are arranging is a Christmas tree and they hope that all who intend donating a gift will leave them at the mission by Saturday, the 21st inst. As the date of the entertainment has been changed to Monday, the 23rd, the refreshments will be received on that day.

I. C. R. Business Heavy. E. Tiffin, of the I. C. R. board of management and Mrs. Tiffin, are in the city registered at the Royal. Business on the Intercolonial, Mr. Tiffin said, is excellent, both in the passenger and freight departments. The I. C. R. has already handled a large amount of wheat this year, and with the contracts they have made, expect that the railway will handle considerably more wheat this year than last. Passenger traffic this season has been unusually heavy. People are moving about more than in the past. Times seem to be better, and travelling with the ordinary class of people is getting popular.

BOLD ATTEMPT TO ROB CARPENTER. Officer Briggs Led Long Chase which Resulted in Tools Being Recovered—Robber Escaped.

While doing plain clothes duty on Simonds street, in the North End last evening, Officer Briggs was greatly surprised to see a man walking in front of him, suddenly start to run swiftly down the street and along the C. P. R. tracks. Thinking that all was not right, the officer at once gave chase, with the result that the man in front ran the faster. The chase led down Simonds street and along to Strait Shore Road to Hilyard's gate, where the man seeing that the officer was rapidly gaining, dropped two articles which he was carrying, and turning up Sherbrooke street, speedily lost himself in an alley.

Officer Briggs after picking up the articles dropped, which turned out to be a broadaxe and an axe, returned to the spot where the chase started. After a short hunt he found two boards had been ripped from the side of a workshop belonging to the McDonald Shipbuilding Co., from which the tools had been stolen.

PERSONAL. Sir Thomas Tait arrived in the city yesterday from Montreal, and will go to Miramichi this morning. Hon. O. T. Daniels, attorney general for Nova Scotia, arrived in the city yesterday from Halifax, and is at the Royal.

Hon. Jas. A. Murray, of Sussex, and Geo. B. Jones, M. P. P., of Apoluk, are at the Victoria. Hon. John Morley was not present at the meeting of the government last evening, and may not attend today as he has gone to Sunbury county to visit his son who is seriously ill.

WANTED—A second class female teacher for School District 43, Macco's Bay, applying, stating salary, to Wilson G. Mawhinney, Secretary to Trustees.

REDUCE POLICE FORCE UNTIL ONE MAN REMAINS

Commissioner McLellan's Latest Proposition Causes Much Comment on Street and Consternation in Police Force—Is Action Discourteous to Provincial Government?

The action of the city commissioner yesterday in resolving "That on and after the 31st day of December, the police force of the city shall be reduced so as to consist of one man," caused a great deal of surprise among the citizens and threw the police force in a state of consternation. Although the resolution on the face of it involves the strongest kind of condemnation of everybody on the police force with the exception of one man, the commissioner of public safety, who was responsible for the resolution, declined to explain his reasons for abolishing the force.

It is generally understood, however, that the object of the resolution is to deprive the chief of police of any authority and force him to resign. A well known lawyer, discussing the matter, said yesterday that the council could not carry out the resolution unless the policemen resign of their own accord, which they are not likely to do unless they have a definite understanding that they will be hired again. The chief of police possesses the power of both appointing and dismissing policemen, and the commissioners cannot compel him to dismiss the men. Furthermore, it is said to be doubtful whether the commissioners can deprive the chief of the powers and duties vested in him by legislation. It is said that the commissioner intends to create a force of city constables who will be directly under his control, and it is expected that some of the policemen when discharged will be given a chance to join the force of city constables.

Commissioner McLellan refused to discuss the resolution when asked by a reporter to state that it had been introduced after a mature deliberation and was part of a definite plan that would be carried out. "Surely the city will not be left absolutely without protection?" he was asked. "It is safe to say," replied the commissioner, "that the citizens will be protected as carefully as ever, as they now are."

"Will you hire the men at present on the force as city constables?"

NO RUSH FOR CUBAN TRADE IN POTATOES

Potato Growers Find Canadian Market Much Better this Year, Says F. E. Williams, Cuban Consul.

"How is the market for potatoes in Cuba this winter?" F. S. Williams, the consul for Cuba in St. John, was asked yesterday. "At the present time the market is good," was the answer. "Is New Brunswick shipping potatoes to Cuba this season in any quantities?" "Yes," was the answer. "Some shipments have been made from here this winter; but New Brunswick potato dealers don't appear to be taking a great deal of interest in the Cuban market this year, as compared with the last few winters."

"Well, I guess the only reason is that the market in Canada is more attractive. New Brunswick dealers are getting good prices in the markets in Canada, and while they can get good prices in the home market they are not likely to show much interest in the Cuban market. The Elder Dempster boat which cleared for Havana today had some potatoes, but not what you would call a large shipment."

TALKED MARITIME REPRESENTATION

Attorney General of Nova Scotia in Conference with Premier Fleming and Hon. J. E. Wilson.

Attorney-General Daniels of Nova Scotia, was in the city yesterday and had a conference with Premier Fleming and Hon. John E. Wilson in regard to the question of Maritime Representation. They discussed various matters relating to the problem of maintaining the present representation in these provinces, and made arrangements for a meeting later on in Ottawa.

After the conference Premier Fleming said the provinces had agreed on a course to pursue, but were not pushing matters, as they were of the opinion that the question of representation was not likely to be dealt with at this session of parliament. Mr. Daniels expected to meet Attorney-General Grimmer here, but the latter was detained at Worcester.

The stores of W. H. Thorne & Co. many, Ltd., will be open in the evening on Friday, Saturday, Monday and Tuesday.

Decorating Fire Stations. The firemen commenced last evening to decorate the stations for the holiday season, and with the abundance of flags and greenings the citizens who make their Christmas calls will find the stations more attractive than ever.

CHRISTMAS BASKETS FOR DESTITUTE

City's Poor to be well Looked After by Charitable Organizations—Plans as Arranged to Date.

With the rapid approach of Christmas the different charitable organizations are preparing their annual treat for the poverty stricken. The Salvation Army, as usual, is foremost in this line of endeavor, and their collecting pots have already made their appearance on the street. Unlike last year it is not the intention of the Army to provide free dinners for the poor, but to distribute well filled baskets amongst the deserving. They are also branching out in a new line of Christmas charity, and are requesting the citizens to fill Christmas stockings with necessary things for little girls and boys, and to mark on the outside the sex for which it is intended. It is hoped that a large number of these stockings will be received at the Army headquarters during the next week.

The St. Vincent de Paul Society are also planning to assist in the work of making a happy Christmas for the poor. During the past few days different members of the society have been busy ascertaining the number of deserving poor in the city with a view of presenting a well filled basket to each.

In the Protestant Orphan Home two Christmas trees will be given for the children, one for the boys and one for the girls, and will be trimmed in the first class style with decorations prepared by the children.

In the Monastery of the Good Shepherd the festival will be followed out along the usual lines, three trees are to be trimmed and presents will be provided for those interested in the work of the Monastery. One of the features of the entertainment will be the dramatic performance given by the children.

In the Home for Incurables, the General Hospital and other public institutions, the day will be celebrated with all possible festivities and everything will be done to make the occasion one long to be remembered by all concerned.

AN AUSTRALIAN MILITARY MAN VISITING CITY

Major Holman Addressed Officers of 62nd Regt. Last Evening, on Australian Military Training.

Major R. Holman, Sydney, Australia, arrived in the city yesterday from Halifax and is at the Royal. Major Holman who is on the instructional staff attached to the Australian Commonwealth militia force, is visiting this province in accordance with the interchange of officers system which was inaugurated ten years ago at an imperial council in London by representatives of the overseas Dominions. The object of the system is to have an officer from each of the dominions visit another dominion to bring before the military forces of that country the system of training and the like in vogue in the country which he represents, and in turn obtain an insight into the workings of the system in vogue where he visits.

Major Holman is a member of the 62nd regiment in their quarters, Major Holman gave an illuminating account of the system of universal training which prevails in the Australian Commonwealth, dealing in detail with the method by which the citizens' army in that country is youth-trained under the system according to the system the youth, on attaining his fourteenth year, begins his training, which is continued until the age of twenty-six is reached, thereby preparing a system of defense not only for that portion of the globe but helping to solve the problem of empire defense.

The system, the speaker pointed out, has proved of great benefit not only in fitting the youth for future emergency should their assistance be required, but is as well a great advantage in moulding the character, by the inculcation of lessons in discipline inasmuch as the youth can begin his training at the age when youth is most impressionable and it is continued during the years until his character is fully developed.

KING EDWARD LODGE HOLDS ANNIVERSARY

There was a large attendance at the anniversary celebration held by King Edward Lodge Prentice Boys in their hall Guilford street, West End, last evening. The Grand Master, N. E. Rolston, presided, and speeches were delivered by Commissioner Wigmore, J. F. P. F.; C. B. Locke, Harry M. P. F.; Harry Sellen, G. M. and Al Goodrich, grand chaplain.

An excellent musical and literary programme was carried through consisting of vocal solos by A. C. Smith, Edward Brittain, Harry Noakes, J. Calaup, R. McIntyre, Arthur Mills and Mr. Dykeman; musical duet, Messrs. Taiton; Club; Harry Sellen, G. M. and Al Goodrich, grand chaplain. Recitations: Miss Brittain, Walter Spencer, G. Atkinson; piano solo, A. C. Smith; mandolin, selection, E. Spencer; buck and wing dancing, George Wallace; vocal duet, Messrs. Hamilton and Kane; musical duet, Messrs. Taiton; recitation, Leonard Heans; saxophone solo, Percy Graves; recitations: Miss Brittain, Walter Spencer, G. Atkinson; piano solo, A. C. Smith; mandolin, selection, E. Spencer; buck and wing dancing, George Wallace; vocal duet, Messrs. Hamilton and Kane; musical duet, Messrs. Taiton; recitation, Leonard Heans; saxophone solo, Percy Graves; recitations: Miss Brittain, Walter Spencer, G. Atkinson; piano solo, A. C. Smith; mandolin, selection, E. 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A CHRISTMAS SPENT IN THE NORTHERN WOODS

How the Men in a New Brunswick Lumber Camp Enjoy Their Holiday--- Typical Sketches From the Outlying Districts of This Province.



TYPICAL LOGGING HEADQUARTERS.

(By J. Edgar March.)

In the great forests which cover the northern section of this province, where, for many months the snow lies thick upon the ground and the mighty trees seem to shiver under the biting winds, and intense cold, the lumbermen labor during the winter felling giant pines, fir, cedar and spruce, that the city dwellers and others whose paths lie along more pleasant lines, may build houses, ships and roaring fires wherewith to warm themselves. To these rugged toilers of the forest Christmas, in the full meaning of the holiday season, also comes, and although it is impossible for them to walk up King street and buy pretty things in the different stores, yet Christmas in a lumber camp in the northern woods is by no means a tame or spiritless festival. For one day in the year the eternal diet of beans is dispensed with and all enjoy beef, and, if lucky, perhaps, a juicy bear steak helps to swell the good fare. Up to Christmas eve the routine line goes forward unchecked, but on that day several of the leading spirits may be seen deep in secret confab with the cook and his wife, soon after which the youngsters, who are spending their first winter in the woods, begin to hear gruesome tales about the blood-sucking rabbit, the side-hill gouger and other fearsome animals which take special delight in wandering over the roofs of the



RICHARDS, THE METROPOLIS--NOTE THE BUSY SAWMILLS.

snow-covered cabins in the frosty light of Christmas morning, and climbing down the chimney hole breathe poisonous vapors which are always deadly to the young woodman. Or, if this course is not pleasing to the animal, he will wait on some side hill until the unsuspecting victim appears and then charge with fearful ferocity. On the receipt of the starting information the youngster at once asks what such an animal looks like with the firm determination of keeping a bright lookout. But when told that the side-hill gouger matches the snow in color and does not leave any tracks, and that to help it along the hillside the upper legs are shorter than the others, the youngster, he is ever so brave, goes to his work on Christmas eve pale and trembling. During the day several shouts of "here it comes!" add to the general excitement, and when, just at dusk, one of the older hands plunges through the woods wrapped in a white blanket the resulting panic is fearful to behold. This trick has been known to scare a first winter man into running blind through the bush for some considerable distance before the exultant laughter of his comrades brings him back fighting mad. On the night before Christmas a number of the more lucky of the crew, whose homes are within a distance of twenty miles, leave for their own firesides, and when the rest of the gang gathers in the sleeping camp with its two tiers of bunks around three sides of the long walled cabin, a roaring fire is started in the rundown, following which merriment of all kinds reigns supreme. The older hands sitting on the benches around the stove, tell tales of the long days of old to the crowd of admiring youngsters, who are speedily made to feel their own utter insignificance. Tales of the prowess of the old timers with the broad axe and of the days when men worked for \$12 a month, circulate freely

supplemented by the roaring of the huge fire in the ramboyn, some sturdy woodman sings the famous song. This usually brings the Christmas eve festivities to an end, but in many camps the Old Man of the Woods is sometimes introduced to deliver judgment on the ability of the younger woodman to fell trees. This custom is much akin to the visit of Father Neptune to the ships crossing the equator and is carried out by two old men who manufacture wigs out of oakum and moss, and who appear in the cabin just as the lights are turned out. The spokesman then calls the foreman of the camp and demands the names of those spending their first winter in the woods, the unfortunate are then pulled out of bed, their records examined, after which they are sentenced to sharpen the axes of the old hands for so many weeks, or, if the youngster has put himself too beans for his Christmas dinner. Or should the whisky, which sometimes finds its way into the woods on these occasions, have a jolky effect on the Old Man of the Woods, the cook's water barrel is sometimes the scene of an interesting souffe, when an unruly subject is taken out and ducked. On Christmas Day itself the time is given over to eating, sleeping, darning socks, mending clothes, writing letters home, and in generally preparing for the hard work of the next day. The midday meal, however, is the great feature of Christmas in the woods, for on this occasion the cook surpasses himself. The menu often ranges from beef to turkey, while the beans which form the staple article of diet on other days, are nowhere to be seen.

His Fall, "What is your profession?" "I started in life as a porch climber." "But you have reformed?" "Mercy, no! I am a railroad lobbyist now."

AN ODD CHURCH



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DEFENCE OF THE S.P.U.G.

What is considered as "The Only Right Christmas"—A Plea for Escape from the Exchange System of Giving

(New York Post.)

One hates to say it, but we all know that it is true—Christmas has become a riot. There are always safe and sane souls who begin to back water when the tide gets to running dangerously strong, and these are at work with the oars row against the increasing rush and crush of the Christmas time. Within the past two years single voices have been raised in protest, here and there; within the past year federations of women's clubs have frankly come out for a "sane Christmas"; and now appears the "Spugs" for "The Prevention of Useless Giving"—to eliminate through cooperative effort, the custom of giving indiscriminately at Christmas, and to further in every way the true Christmas spirit of unselfish and independent thought, good will and sympathetic understanding of the real needs of others.

I stood the other day looking down the long aisle of a department store crowded with women, all buying or looking for something to buy—all spenders of money. I knew this was but one of hundreds of such aisles in our big city stores, all similarly filled with crowds of spending women. The thought seized me with a sense of panic. Where did all the money come from, and would the busy men down town, earning, be able to keep pace with the busy women uptown, spending? It was a Christmas crowd, snatching things out of the heap, peering at counters, this side and that, and in the centre, in the hope of seeing something that would suggest itself as suitable for somebody, for here we are within two weeks of Christmas, pursued by the mandate to "shop early," and with the haziest notions as to what anybody wants anyway. Pity! Pity for the shopper! She's doing the best she can under the circumstances, but she can't do it. She's the best she can under the circumstances.

On steps and fingers some odds and ends on a counter, hesitatingly. "Would do for her? It's rather pretty, but what's it for, anyhow?" "Ishaw! She couldn't use it. But what can she use?" "Aye, there's the rub," for close on the heels of the command "shop early" snaps the "Spug" which "Give me useless gift as you value eternal friendship and the real Christmas spirit!" Then as the Japanese schoolboy says, "What to do?" We take another look down the long aisle jamming up with the influx of the afternoon crowd. We can't stand many more days of this. We edge along with the slow moving mass.

WHERE LOGGERS AND SETTLERS TURN FOREST TO FARMLAND

CHRISTMAS IN ENGLAND

The Christmas Eve and Its Customs Which Are Still Observed—The Waits and Their Music.

Somebody wonders at supper whether the true oval mince-pie is really meant to be in the form of a certain manger; and its contents to signify the gifts, various and rich, brought by the magi to that manger. And while the little ones are staring at this news, somebody else observes that it was a pretty idea of the old pagans, in our island, of dressing up their houses with evergreens, that there might be a warm retreat for the spirits of the woods in times of frost and bitter winter storms. Some child peeps timidly up at the biggest branch in the room, and fancies what it would be to see some sprite sitting under a leaf or dancing along a spray. When supper is done, and the youngest are gone to bed, having been told not to be surprised if they should hear the stars singing in the night, the rest of the party turned to the fire and begin to toast their chestnuts in the shovel, and to heat the elder-wine in the old-fashioned saucepan, silvered inside. One absent boy, staring at the fire, starts when his father offers him a chestnut for his thoughts. He hesitates but his curiosity is vivid, and he braves all the consequences of saying what he is thinking about. He wonders whether he might, just for once—just for this once—go to the stalls when midnight has struck, and see whether the oxen are kneeling. He has heard, and perhaps read, that the oxen kneel on a Christmas morning. There was a Christmas Day and he kept the manger warm with their breath; and that all oxen still kneel in their stalls when Christmas Day comes in. Father and mother exchange a quick glance of agreement to take this seriously; and they explain that there is now so much uncertainty, since the new style of reckoning the days of the year was introduced, that the oxen cannot be depended on; and it is not worth while to be out of bed at midnight for the chance. Some say the oxen kneel punctually when Old Christmas comes in; and if so, they will not do it tonight.

This is not the quietest night of the year; even if nobody visits the oxen. Soon after all are settled to sleep, sounds arise which thrill through some who are half-awakened by them; and then, remembering something about the stars singing, the children rouse themselves, and lie with open eyes and ears, feeling that Christmas morning has come. The music, one would think, give up the star theory; for the music is only two fiddles, or a fiddle and clarinet; or, possibly, a fiddle and drum, with a voice or two, which can be heard in the distance.

It is a popular habit to credit the far north of Canada with the last frontier, and to speak of the wonders of the Peace River country. Yet New Brunswick boasts a section which will favorably compare in wildness with that of the far north. This section is that portion of the province along the line of the International Railway between St. Leonards on the St. John river in Madawaska county, and Campbellton in Restigouche county. This country is practically the forest primeval, and indeed although the cedars, fir and spruce trees take to a large extent the place of the famed whispering pines and hemlocks, yet the forest is nearly all first growth, and the woodsmen often fell giant trees from which three logs running to over 2,000 feet of timber can be taken. The men of this country, whether French or English, are much in sympathy with their surroundings, being rough in appearance, but nearly always great of heart, thinking along lines different from those of the city dweller or even of the river farmer. The country although called hard, is the last post of the wilderness in the province, for even now the settlers are going in, and their log cabins have been scattered through the forest, often cheek by jowl with the logging camps of the lumbermen, presenting a strong feud is raging between the lumbermen and the settlers, one result of which was the Giroux murder, and although it is hoped that the feeling will not break out again, many of the

The Frontier of Civilization in New Brunswick Northland--Straggling Lumber Villages Carrying Germ of Greatness.



TYPICAL I. N. R. STATION.

properly fitted to facilitate Divine worship in the wilderness.

Anderson should not be passed over without some reference to the barber shop, which is conducted by two enterprising Frenchmen who look largely to the future for their fortune. This shop, while devoid of proper chairs and other accessories, is a model of its kind, and the customer while forced to sit in an ordinary kitchen chair, is shaved, shampooed or massaged, as his fancy dictates with all possible dispatch and neatness. The sawmill, however, together with the logging camps, are the mainstay to the life of this frontier village, as without them industry would be at a standstill. The sawmill, owned by a Frenchman named Michaud, employs about forty men and runs day and night. As to the future of the village, Mr. Dutilleul, the hotel and storekeeper, is optimistic, and although he admits that it will probably never grow to be a city, he is confident that the years to come hold many advances in store, and is sure that he will live to see Anderson hold the place and dignity of one of the most thriving towns in the star province of the Dominion. One mile up the track toward Campbellton, for there are yet no roads worthy of the name in the district, is the village of Five Fingers, to all intents the same as Anderson with the



CLEARING THE FOREST--THE VILLAGE OF ANDERSON IN THE DISTANCE.

settlers, as well as the lumbermen, do not hesitate to express violent opinions of each other.

A Great Lumber Country. On each side of the International Railway, which is doing great work toward the opening up of the country, the forest is filled with men belonging to the different lumber companies, and it is expected that many millions of feet of timber will find its way to the saw mills before spring. Already several millions of feet have been shipped out via the new railway at the rate of more than 30 cars a day. To load this lumber onto the flat cars, great staging have been erected. The logs are hauled up on these and dumped over the side.

After leaving St. Leonards, the first village of importance is Anderson, the scene of the Giroux murder, although there are several stations between at which the big lumber companies have established depot camps. Anderson is a village of between twenty and thirty families, and is the proud possessor of a school, a church, a hotel, a shingle mill, and last, but not least, a barber shop. The church, however, is one of the oddities of the country, being entirely built of logs, and at the expense of this Catholic residents. When it was finished it was found, greatly to the disappointment of all, that a bell tower had been forgotten, but the builders soon rectified this by erecting four logs about twenty feet away from the main building and attaching the bell to the top. The consecration of this bell is still talked of by the villagers. Service is held at Anderson once a month, and at the last service over 500 people were present, while another service was held at the same time, but the intention of J. A. Daigle, the leading store and hotel keeper and others of the leading men, to build another church next summer, the plans for which call for a neat wooden building

exception that the customary railway station is missing. Five Fingers, however, also boasts of a sawmill run on the same scale as that of the rival village, and is the winter headquarters of the McLaughlin Lumber Co., who have established a big lumbermen's store besides the other accessories for a depot camp. At Five Fingers as well as at Anderson, the settlers have cleared considerable land, and this spring will sow their crops between the stumps. High Optimism. These settlers are nearly all French, and are highly optimistic of the future possibilities of their hundred acres. All live in log cabins, the interstices between the logs being caulked with moss. The roofs, however, present a model of background architecture, the first covering being of split cedar on which mud is piled to the depth of two feet. This is allowed to dry, and then another framework of split cedar is built over upon which home-made shingles, also of cedar, are pegged. When finished these cabins are all warm and comfortable. One Frenchman who saw a Standard representative taking a picture of his home came to the door, and after ascertaining that the kokak was not a patent revolver, and that the reporter was not friendly with the lumbermen, invited him in, at the same time passing out the information that he was the proud possessor of "an old woman, nine children and an organ." The musical instrument seemed to be the prized possession of all. The settler, when the reporter couldn't see his way clear to perform on the organ, seemed much disappointed, but insisted on his eating large quantities of pancakes and beans, and on smoking the pipe of peace filled with French-Canadian shag. It is on record that the reporter had acute indigestion for some days afterward, but this just goes to show that hospitality is the keynote of the French disposition.

THAT CHRISTMAS SPIRIT



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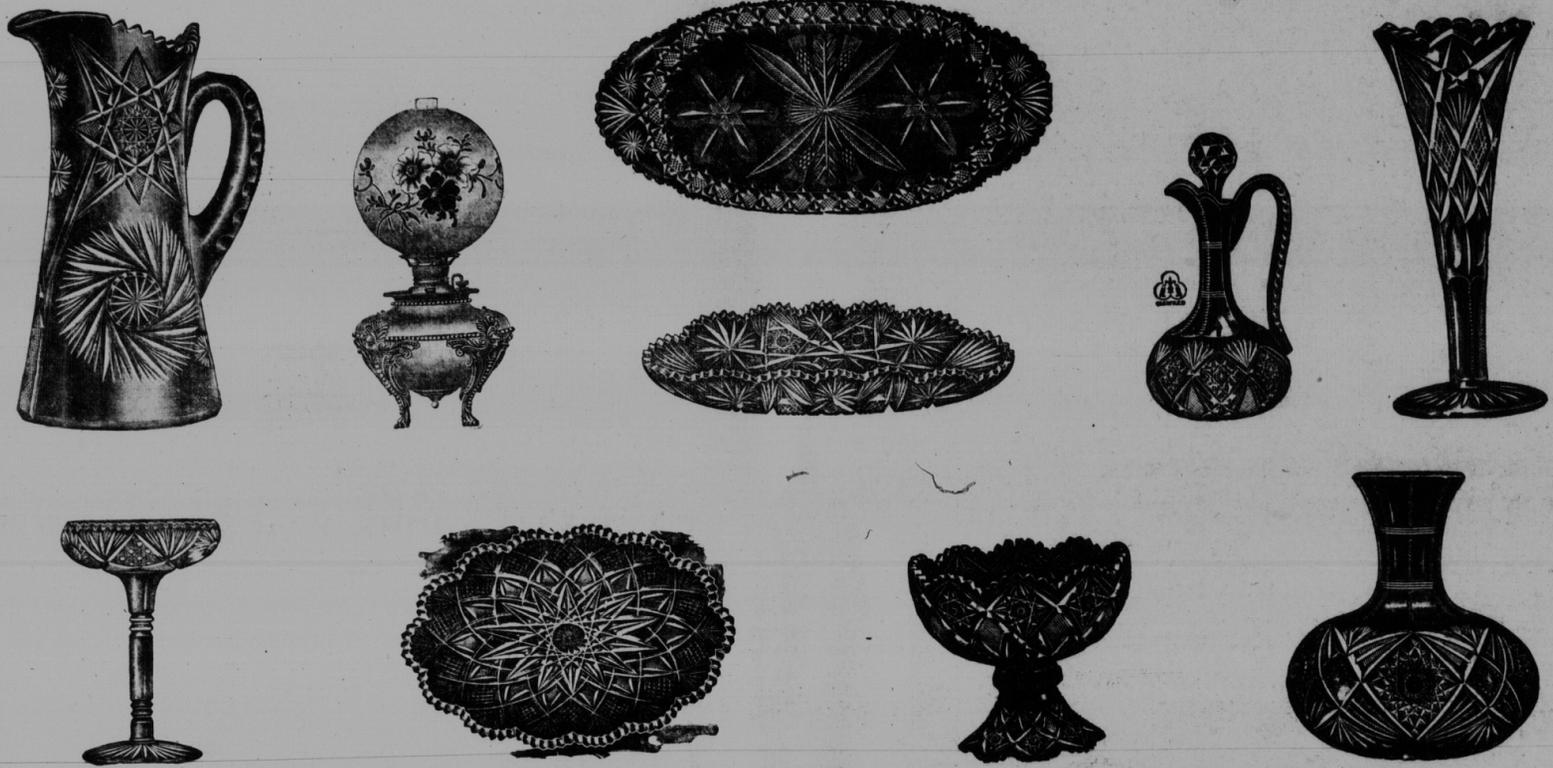
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THE HOME OF A FRENCH SETTLER. THIS IS CONSIDERED A FIRST CLASS FARM HOUSE.

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The next village of importance going up the line toward Campbellton is Richards, perhaps, the most advanced in civilization of all, and numbering about thirty-five or forty families besides the employees of the two shingle mills both of which employ upward of forty men each. Richards, besides being the largest village on the line is the winter headquarters of the Richards Lumber Co., one of the largest operators on the Restigouche waters. This company has established a shingle mill which has the record of sawing more shingles in proportion to the number of machines in use than any other mill in the province.

Last year a rather strange accident occurred at this mill when, with all hands hard at work, the boiler blew up wrecking the building and blowing three men who were in the boiler room through the side while another was shot up through the roof. After the smoke and debris had cleared away the anxious wives and friends of the unfortunate supposing them dead instituted a hunt for the bodies, but greatly to their surprise the missing men appeared out of the surrounding bush none the worse beyond a severe shaking up for their experience.

The other mill at Richards is owned by the De Long Co., and is saving for the Richards Lumber Co. Both these mills are busy night and day and are materially adding to the prosperity of the village. Richards also boasts a church together with a school and several other minor public buildings. It is highly probable both in point of situation and in present prosperity that Richards will prove the banner town of the district.

Pioneer Days.

The International Railway, to whose enterprise the opening up of this rich and fertile country is due, has since the day two years ago when the first train from Campbellton pulled into St. Leonard's after a run through one hundred and twelve miles of forest been foremost in the work of clearing the land and bringing settlers in. The pioneer days on the road are still talked of with a shade of regret by those who participated as with but few stops between the terminals fast runs attended by all many of excitement were made. In those days the conductors, brakemen and other train officials did anything out of the ordinary to quell a crowd of drunken lumberjacks and settlers by the simple method of sailing in and flooring the ring-leader either with their fists or with a good sized club. Many of these men have well earned reputations for handling gangs of this sort skin to those given the heroes of many of the leading books.

From a small beginning this road

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hardly be likened to that of the spheres. The voices sing:

"While shepherds watch'd their flocks by night,"

and then—marvellously enough—descend on this family on the families on the earth, to bless with the good wishes of the season. They certainly are wishing to master and mistresses and all the young ladies and gentlemen "good morning" and "a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year." Before this celestial mystery is solved and before the distant wains of the fiddle is quite out of hearing, the celestial mystery of sleep envelops the other and lays it to rest until the morning. The boys—the older ones—meant to keep awake; first for the Waits and afterwards to determine for themselves whether the cock crows all night on Christmas Eve; to keep all harmful things from walking the earth. When the Waits are gone they just remember that any night between this and Old Christmas will do for the cock, which is said to defy spirits in this manner for the whole of that season. Which the boys are glad to remember, for they are excessively sleepy, so off they go into the land of dreams.

A FAMILY AFFAIR.

Mrs. Newlywed's mother was terribly perturbed. A little bird, who ought to have known better, had whispered into her ear that Mr. Newlywed was addicted to the awful practice of playing cards at his club.

"Yes," remarked Mrs. Newlywed to her mother, "it's quite right. Frederick plays every night, but it doesn't matter, for he gives me all his winnings."

"But, my dear Cissie—"

"Oh, it's all right, mother, dear! He nearly always plays with Mr. Nextdoor."

"But what difference does that make?"

"Well, you see," explained the young wife, "Mrs. Nextdoor makes her husband give her all his winnings too. Then we just change over. I give her all Frederick's winnings, and she gives me the winnings of her husband."

"Oh," remarked the father pained.

"Thus you see," wound up Mrs. Newlywed, "both Mrs. Nextdoor and myself get more out of our husbands than we could possibly hope to do by any other means."

An instance.

"I am going to give my husband for a present a handsome ebony cane with a heavy silver handle."

"That will show him you intend to stick at nothing."

RUDE OF THE YOUNG TURK A REGIME OF BLUNDERS

Dogs Starved to Death on Desert Isle — Railways Unable to Handle Traffic — Public Health Neglected — Great Losses by Fire.

(Toronto Mail and Empire.)

Two and a half years ago the Young Turks collected the street dogs of Constantinople, 20,000 dogs of them and put them to die of starvation, thirst and disease on the remote island of Ozia, eight miles from Constantinople.

According to a notice from official Young Turkey, published at the time "an abundant supply of food and water is given daily to the animals, who in accordance with instructions set down from the first, have been deprived neither of food nor water." The pitiful, historic fact, however, is that the only abundance of water was from the briny sea of Marmora all around, and the only thing to eat was the diseased flesh of dogs who had died. The bread brought to the island was hard as stone and the dogs could not do otherwise than leave it untouched.

Four years ago, just after the granting of the constitution through the Young Turks' "bloodless revolution," occurred one of the most disastrous fires in Constantinople. Subscriptions poured in from all over the world. The devastated region cooled and should have been rebuilt without delay. It still lies, like a great scar, over a large area of Stamboul.

A Second Conflagration.

In July, 1911, on the very anniversary of the constitution, a second terrific fire afflicted the city of Young Turkey. Again subscriptions poured into Constantinople, but a second great scar, unrelieved by a single building raised from the ashes, blots the picture of Stamboul.

On June 3 of the present year another vast area of Stamboul was swept by fire. Though this was the smallest of the three great fires with which the Young Turks have had to deal, it burned over more than fifteen hundred houses. Nothing, of course, has been done toward reconstruction. A bird's-eye view of Stamboul reveals in these burned regions three hideous examples of Turkish corruption and incompetence.

Since the Young Turks came from power they have spent about a hundred million dollars on their army. They found the Ottoman army in a deplorable state, to be sure; the men were ill fed, ill armed, ill trained and ill clothed. Much of this was remedied, with the result that the Young Turks have had an efficient soldiery to put down the revolts created by their insensate policy of Turkization and repression. When, however, six weeks ago, they were obliged to answer the threatening attitude of the Balkan States with a mobilization of the Ottoman army nothing but the dumb, illiterate peasants was ready. Worse still, hospital facilities for the battlefield were non-existent.

Railway Congestion.

Three hundred thousand men were rushed to the front over a one-track

railroad by trains that have a maximum speed of fifteen miles an hour. Before all the soldiers had gone to the front traffic was complicated by the backward rush of thousands of frightened, cattle-like peasants, and then of thousands of wounded. Under the circumstances it is not surprising that the differently equipped and better managed Bulgarian army swept over the Thracian prairie from victory to victory.

To the absence of a proper Turkish commissariat can be laid the loss of 50,000 Turkish soldiers, irrespective of the losses involved by defeats which under better conditions of nourishment might have been avoided. The absence of field hospitals and aid for the wounded has cost the Turkish army another 50,000 men.

Ravages of Cholera.

Appalling as are these summaries of Young Turkey's unnecessary army losses, they do not begin to sound the note of horror which is involved in the cholera ravages.

Ten thousand cholera patients are the conservative number between San Stephano and the army base, a score of miles away. The conditions at San Stephano, though they might seem overpowering from the very numbers involved, are only typical of what is going on elsewhere on a small scale.

For the last 50 years Turkey has pursued the policy of settling Moslems from lands which have passed from under the Turk in lands still under Turkish rule, and always with the same result—decrease, poverty and death. Even when Young Turkey tried its hand at this business, and the immigrants, settled 3,000 Moslems from Bosnia and Herzegovina in Macedonia, over 10 per cent died the first year.

These are the official statistics. The cost of repatriating these Moslems was over a hundred thousand dollars, though where all the money went to would be difficult to discover. As the Turkish government is faced with the problem of dealing with at least ten times as many immigrants, but with no money and less intention to care properly for these forlorn people, it is not unlikely that the mortality in the present winter will reach 50 per cent.

Fairy Tales.

"Please to meet you, Mr. Borem."

"I can take a drink or let it alone."

"I was detained at the office."

"I will never say a cross word to you, sweetheart."

"I enjoy your sermons so much, Dr. Wind."

"Yes, sir, lots of mornings I have to break the ice in the tub before I take my cold bath."

"We have never had a quarrel since we were married."

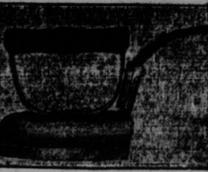
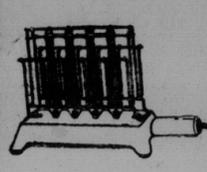
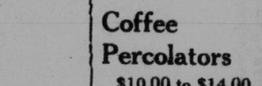
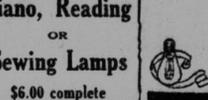
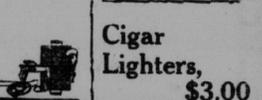
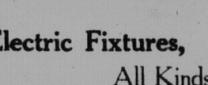
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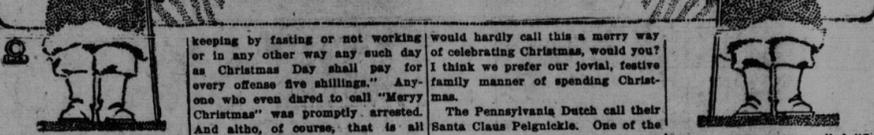
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HOW XMAS IS CELEBRATED IN OUR COUNTRY



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Of course you know that Christmas is celebrated in different ways in different countries, but did it ever occur to you that our United States and her possessions have also a variety of ways of observing this festive day?

While in the cold North the snow may be gilling high, and evidence of Jack Frost and his magic paint brush may be in evidence everywhere, down in the sunny southland the fire crackers, sky rockets and roaring cannon are heard from morning to night. There Christmas begins at midnight, and it is the noisiest, happiest day in the year. The soldiers march, the band plays, patriotic songs are sung and any northern stranger would surely think he was witnessing a Fourth of July celebration.

Although now Christmas is commemorated in all parts of the United States, in the year 1659, in New England, a law was passed that for a great many years prohibited the people from recognizing the day. This law said, "Anyone found to be

keeping by fasting or not working or in any other way any such day as Christmas Day shall pay for every offense five shillings." Anyone who even dared to call "Merry Christmas" was promptly arrested. And although, of course, that is all changed, to this day there are men and women living who never knew a Christmas during their childhood. In New Mexico, among the Spanish settlements, Christmas festivities begin one week before Christmas day. Happy parties of young folks do all at the different houses each evening. After entering the house they participate in a short religious exercise and the remainder of the evening they spend in having a jolly good time. The villagers celebrate the day by dramatizing the story of Bethlehem in the town hall. The rich and poor alike take part in these plays.

Did you know that the Shaker men and women do not sit at the same table except on Christmas day? Then after the church services they enter the community house where the men sit on one side of the table and the women on the other. The Elder presides at the head and says grace. Not one word is spoken during the meal. After dinner they all join in song, marking time with their hands and feet, and swaying their bodies. From these shaking movements they received their name of "Shakers." I

would hardly call this a merry way of celebrating Christmas, would you? I think we prefer our jovial, festive family manner of spending Christmas. The Pennsylvania Dutch call their Santa Claus Peigickle. One of the men of the community impersonates the part. He goes from house to house carrying a bundle of toys over his shoulder for the good youngsters, but also carries a switch for the naughty ones. Our children, no doubt, prefer to have their Santa Claus come down the chimney, and not walk up to the front door like any other man.

In Porto Rico the little folks believe that Santa Claus comes flying through the air like a bird. I wonder if before many years he will come to us in an air ship? The children place little boxes on their roofs or in the courtyards, and dear old St. Nicholas drops the gifts in them and flies by. In Porto Rico he is expected every evening for a week. Think of the children's excitement as they rush to their boxes every morning. But the Christmas celebration in Porto Rico is really a holy one, and it is commemorated with many religious ceremonies. The feast days beginning at Christmas last almost until Easter time. In the glamour and merriment of the day they do not forget its real significance. In Alaska some of the natives

have a pretty custom called "Going around the star." A large star, covered with bright paper, is carried around at night on a pole, by a crowd of men, women and children. They proceed from door to door of the well-to-do people singing carols. They are made welcome and invited into the houses and given refreshments. Since the United States owns Hawaii they celebrate Christmas the same way as we do. Only it is as hot there as our hottest July days, so of course they don't expect Santa in a sleigh and draw by our proverbial reindeer. Their children look for Santa in a boat. The Filipinos greet each other on Christmas morning with "Buenas Pascuas." Here Christmas is also a great religious event. Religious plays called Pastores are given by men, women and children who travel from village to village. And now as we have taken a little peek at the way Christmas is celebrated in different territories owned by our United States on Christmas Day let us give a thought of Merry Christmas to some of our brothers and sisters many, many miles away from us.

WHERE SANTA CLAUS BUYS HIS TOYS

In January, when the world is getting a jingle back into its pocket after the Christmas orgy, when the baby has licked all the paint off her Noah's ark, and the shops are settling down to the whitewash sales, the toy buyer for the biggest store packs his grip for Europe, to do it all over again. "I've been at it seventeen years," he said to the reporter, as they wandered over Toyland the other day, watching the elephant wag his trunk, and the painted tiger lick his jaws for gore, and all the dolls of dollydond hold out beseeching arms.

He didn't look old enough to match his statement. Doubtless his work keeps him young. No old-hearted human being could tell what the kiddies want, eleven months ahead of time, now, could he? "Germany's the great land for toys. They make them out in the cottages, eighteen or twenty miles from town," the toyman said. "The father is boss and designer, and the whole family works, down to the seven-year-old. Then, when the consignment's done, the daughters pack it into baskets, strap it on their backs, and trudge

off. You wouldn't see dad doing that—it's the women's work." Hundreds of thousands of Germans are engaged every year in the production of toys, whole districts being given over to some particular phase of the trade. "There's the Leipzig fair in March," the toyman went on. "We buyers get along to that after we've done England and France, and here we can see samples from the backwoods towns that are so hard to visit. Perhaps you imagine the trip's all a lark. But that's where you get one more thing. Last year we tried to make some of the

places in an auto, but the snow was so deep we got packed in—had to spend the night any old way, and get out by sled in the morning. I often wonder whether the people ever think of the trouble it takes to get the collection together before Toyland opens. "Somebody in a town where nobody dreams of anything but toys. "There's one factory there that hasn't more than about a dozen men in it, each of whom has the fifty dollar elephant came from. Three men worked on him, making the foundation with paper and glue, putting on his wonderful grey skin, and casting the wrinkles into it until you expect to hear him trumpet, as he stands on the jungle shelf wagging his tail." All the work of this class comes from the same little factory, the only one of its kind in the world, where each man is an artist, and gets paid like one. Geigner is another toy town. This was where Margaret Steiff lived, who invented the Teddy bear. The engaging little beastie had just been concocted when an American buyer happened along. The strenuous colonel had been shooting, and the press of the Republic was full of his skill. Margaret knew when Destiny knocked at her front door. She christened her invention, put up a factory six times the size of the old one, and worked to such good purpose that if you called Geigner, Steiff town, or even Teddybearboro, they'd probably know what you meant. Tettan runs to doll dishes. At least that's why the toy man sees them there. Among grown-ups, it's supposed to be a china town of great eminence. But when the factories get tired of banquet sets for lords and ladies, they go out and play a bit and make things for Angelina Seraphina to have tea on. Which brings us to Angelina herself. She's English and American, she's German and she's French, she's blonde or brunette, she's a beauty or a baby, she's made of rags or bisque, or kid or paper mache. But she's the love of every variety. And she gets herself bought in increasing millions every year. The American doll shows a tendency to freakishness. The Campbell Kid was a Yankee invention, and so was the Billiken, though both are now copied in Germany. The Teddy bear, on the contrary, has been transported from the Vaterland, and is turned out in vast quantities on this side of the Atlantic. The German dolls are stolid, but lovable. They have golden hair and blue eyes and pink cheeks, and ought to be called Gretchen. Some of them go as high as \$15, and are argued like the Queen of Sheba on her wedding trip. Others, again, show the influence of the quaint baby model invented in Sonneberg some three years ago. These babies don't look like the youngest of seven sons in the fairy tale. They're more like your own small cousin who takes after his dad. And they're the fascination of absolute lifelessness. But when it comes to creating the lady of fashion, man's self can put it all over the fraulein. You can pick out a French doll anywhere by the set of her clothes, the contour of her face. She lacks the round loveliness of Gretchen, does this Parisienne, but she could look charming in a peach basket, a dish pan, or potato masher, and she knows it. Three sisters in Paris by the name of Desirat turn out what they call "character models" of the Intimable little trifles made of nothing at all that stand coquetishly on the jewelry counter or in the silk exhibit, and sell for twelve dollars apiece. Here's one lady in purple, with a hat that's the last word in fanciest, audacious, a veil that you couldn't see her eyes with, an inch, a handbag the size of a copper, and a violet parasol as long as a big toothpick. She holds her narrow skirt back at just the right angle, pokes forward one tiny foot on her grey velvet pedestal, and lets you see "Lettie Desirat," signed in ink, to show her maker.

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vellous wonder-working English invention, the Veedee Health Machine and Blood Circulator, had doubtless preceded them in Canada, as the British press during the last seven years has published many reports of the numerous cures performed by the Veedee in the Old Country, but "seeing is believing" and the remarkable results obtained upon so many sufferers on the platform, in front of large audiences, day after day, in every town visited by the Demonstrators, have conclusively proved the value of the Veedee for the instant relief of pain and the cure of many complaints. Furthermore, every one of the small instruments sold for

home use in the Maritime Provinces has done so much good that it has become a working testimonial to the inventor and nearly every sale effected during the last week at the Demonstrator's offices, 78 Charlotte street, St. John, was to people who had been advised by their friends—who are Veedee users—to "get a Veedee and to enjoy the relief from pain and the invigorating of the whole system resulting from its use. In fact the stock of instruments brought from England is becoming rapidly exhausted on account of the large demand from all parts of the Maritime Provinces.



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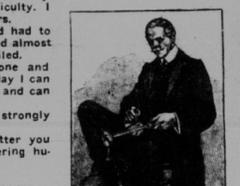
I had been Paralyzed for four years, and had lost, to a large extent, the use of my limbs. I could only walk with canes, and that with great difficulty. I had also been unable to read for three years. I could not do my own house work, and had to hire help for years. I suffered much, and tried almost everything to get relief, but everything failed. I heard of the VEEDEE, and bought one and have been using it for about four weeks. Today I can do my own work, I can walk without canes, and can read. I am still using the VEEDEE, and shall strongly recommend it to others similarly afflicted. You may make what use of this letter you may see fit, if it can be of any use to suffering humanity. Yours truly, (Signed) ESTHER THOMAS, 11 Almon St., Halifax, N. S.



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AT HALIFAX, N. S.

A BAD CASE OF SCIATICA. Mr. John Field, of 249 Creighton street, Halifax, complaining of sciatica with much pain in the hips, also rheumatic pain in the neck with numbness in the arm and hand, was referred to find that the pain had left him entirely after a short treatment with the Veedee.

RHEUMATISM FOR YEARS. Mr. E. H. Holeworth, of Stewiacke, Colchester county, suffering from Rheumatism in his knee stated after a short treatment "that nothing he had tried before had brought such a quick relief."

SHORT SIGHTED FOR 15 YEARS. Mr. Thomas Glen, of 50 Cornwallis street, so short sighted that he had two pairs of glasses and could not see anyone beyond the first row of the audience stated after treatment that his eyesight had so much improved that he could distinguish and see clearly people seated in the third row and even beyond.

CHRONIC BRONCHITIS. Mr. Garter, of 2 Argyle street, who was treated for the above complaint said that he could breathe wonderfully better and found great relief from the treatment.

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AT SYDNEY AND NEW GLASGOW

NEURITIS IN THE ARM. Charles Forbes was the first man. He said he was suffering from a painful arm, so much so that he could not raise it. After one application of the Veedee he raised his arm and walked off the platform without pain.

HEAD NOISES AND DEAFNESS. James Marshall, who said he boards in New Glasgow, was suffering with noises in his head and deafness. After an application he said the noises were gone and he could hear better.

CHAS. MACQUEEN WAS TOTALLY DEAF (LEFT EAR). After the Veedee had been applied he closed his good ear with his finger, and could hear questions addressed to him in an ordinary tone of voice.

PARALYSED FOR 12 MONTHS. Mr. Irving, Pentick street, was also treated. He came forward with a crutch and cane. He had suffered from rheumatism for a year, and his legs from the knees down, and feet were practically numb. The Veedee was applied to legs and feet for five or six minutes. The patient then reached for his crutch and cane and to leave the stage, but the professor took them away and he walked away unassisted.

INFANTILE PARALYSIS. Lee Lemee, of 29 Quinpool street, about seven years old, paralyzed of the left side almost from birth, was marvelously improved after treatment.

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A Sprained Wrist. C. F. Lardy, of 5 Middle street, whose sprained wrist was giving him a good deal of pain, said, after a short treatment with the Veedee, "the stiffness and pain are gone."

Painful Lumbago. William Fox, of Black River Road, afflicted with lumbago for two years, complained of severe pain in the back, especially when bending. After treatment with the Veedee, he smilingly told the demonstrator, "It's much better now; I've tried every thing and never had anything relieve me so quickly."

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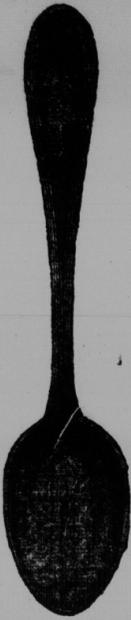
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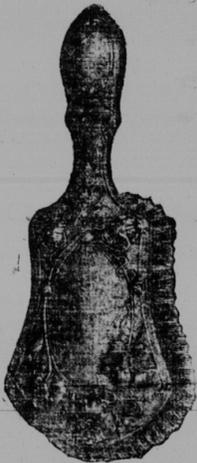
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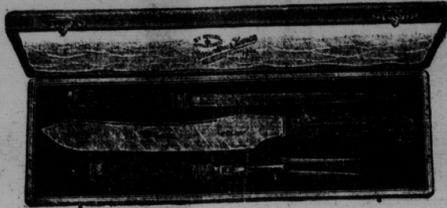
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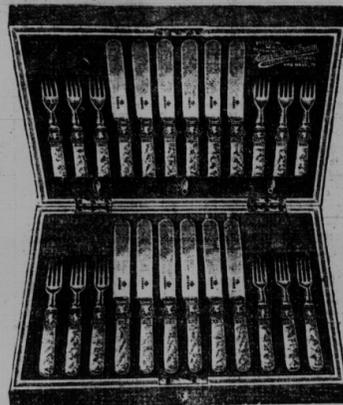
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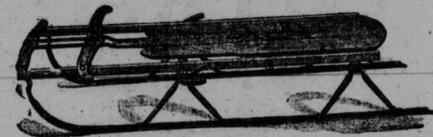
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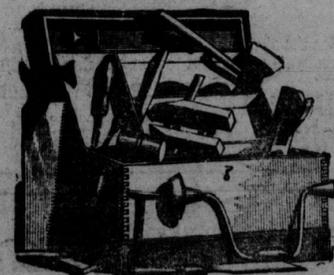
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"Great snakes and sea-serpents! Snowing to beat the band!" It was a jolly, fat, red-checked little man, with a white beard and hair to match, who exclaimed this. And his head was thrust out from a green-lattice window, and the fast-falling snow covered it as thickly as though it were not already covered quite well enough with curly hair.

"Well, well, well!" The Weather Man did not warn me that he intended to turn on the snow in such quantities. He said he was getting out of a nice snow for this morning, but he said nothing about such bushels of it as he has sent. But, the more snow the merrier in Santaville! Hi, hi, hi!"

Then Santa drew in his white head and snapped the green lattice shut, and fastened it. Then he drew down the window sash and turned to his private secretary who was up to his neck in the morning's work. "Dot some word from the little folk on Earth, eh Fingo?" said Santa, smiling over the pile of letters.

Fingo looked up, nodded his round black-haired head and replied: "Well, your letter, Governor." (Santa was known as the Governor in Santaville, his own realm.)

"Want some assistance, Fingo?" asked the Governor, winking and blinking in his funny way.

"You might call Humpty," replied Fingo, leaning open three letters at a time, and running through them at a glance. Fingo was the Master Letter-Reader of Santaville. And that was saying a good deal, since there were hundreds of assistant secretaries whose duty it was to help read the letters from Santa's Earth-Friends. Fingo could go through three or four letters at one glance and never miss a word. And what was more remarkable still, he never forgot a letter, once he read it. He kept a funny kind of memorandum book in which he jotted down names and addresses. And on looking over that book a year later, he could tell you exactly what each writer had said in his letter, and just what he had asked from Santa. Humpty was the second-best Letter-Reader in the Realm of Santa. So on this very busy morning Fingo decided to allow Humpty to come into his sanctum and assist with the early morning's mail.

"As 'bout Fingo, the Great!" laughed good old Santa. And he briskly waddled out of the room in quest of Humpty, who was engaged in sorting over tags in the Storage Room.

"Heigh-ho, Humpty!" called Santa beckoning to that busy little fellow. And as Humpty came running forward, his face as full of smiles as his head was full of hair, we shall explain why he was called Humpty. He was a hunchback. And once he had lived on earth, and had been very unhappy on account of his deformity. But one day Santa took pity on Humpty—who was a little abused orphan—and took him into his sled one Christmas Eve and carried him to Santaville, where there was no such thing as Want, nor Poverty, nor Unhappiness. And in Santaville no one ever noticed that thing which the Earth Children called deformity. All persons there were beautiful and good. And that was all that was required of one in Santaville—being beautiful and good—oh, yes, and happy, too, of course. But being good makes one happy.

"Yes, Good Santa," replied Humpty, coming close to Santa and bowing low. He loved to show his regard and reverence for the good Santa who had brought him into such happiness.

"You are to assist Fingo with the early morning's mail," informed Santa. "If you can get through by noon—well, there'll be some more letters from the Earth Children at that time. We're pretty busy, now, aren't we Humpty, my man?"

"And the sort of work that we like, too, my good Santa!" smiled Humpty. "We're getting things ready for the happiest time of all the year for the Little Folk—Christmas!"

"Right you are, my good Humpty," laughed Santa, trotting off down the long hallway. And Humpty hurried to the assistance of Fingo, and was soon buried in the reading of letters from all sorts and conditions of Little Folk on Earth.

And Santa went all over his workshop that morning, saying to each worker: "We'll have things ready for a start to Earth two days before Christmas. Ah, the weather is going to be just right for sleighing. The reindeer are in splendid condition and anxious to be off. It has snowed beautifully and everything is in ship shape order for Christmas—the season which belongs to us of Santaville."

"Ah, good Santa, I heard it rumored that you were to use an airship in the future instead of your sleigh and reindeer," said a rosy-faced old doll-maker who was sitting over his bench of tools, busily engaged in putting a fine flux-hair head upon a sawdust body. "Then the report is not true!"

Santa sat upon a big toy chair and rocked himself to and fro, laughing heartily. "My Master Doll-Maker," he cried, when he could stop laughing, "can you imagine Santa Claus going about in an airship? Why, it would be too ridiculous to speak about. I'd lose all my little friends were I to do so unseemly a thing. Ever since I took charge of this Christmas work and got acquainted with the Earth Children (which is more hundreds of years ago than you have any idea of) I have gone about my business in a sleigh drawn by ten pairs of reindeer. The little ones have gotten used to my traveling in this old-fashioned way. And I shall continue doing so till the end of my time—which will not be for many centuries to come—perhaps thousands and millions of years! Who can count the days of Santa Claus?"

And the happy fat little fellow became serious for once and sat looking out at the clouds which flitted past his window. Snow is ceasing, he remarked after a short time, spent in silent meditation. "And Time, like the cloud, is flying. We must be at our work."

So saying, Santa hurried from the Doll-Makers' Department and went to his stables. There the reindeer were showing their impatience to be out in the open, and Santa gave orders to his workers in the stables to hitch up the reindeer to the sleigh, as he meant to give the good animals a little exercise. "They seem to be nervous and then," he said. "Otherwise they'd get stiff-kneed, and would feel clumsy when trying to gallop over shifting clouds and rugged mountains and uneven roofs. We'll have a bit of exercise this morning."

When the sleigh was ready, Santa jumped into his seat, took up the reins and sang out to the prancing animals: "Up, my fellows! Up, and away into yonder sunlit cloud. The snow has ceased to fall, the wind's teeth are sharp. So, up and travel fast and get your blood circulating."

After the ride of several hours, Santa cried out to his reindeer: "Now to Earth, my good fellows. And don't lag. We must be there long before the sun is falling over the land. If we wait till the moon comes on, we'll attract attention. And that would never do."

The reindeer, understanding the very word their master said to them, made extra speed, and when the sun in the heavens—for now the sun was shining brightly after the heavy snow-fall of the early morning—pointed to 3 o'clock, the earth came into sight of Santa and his reindeer. "Ah, there is the dear old ball," cried Santa. And each animal tossed his head as if to say: "Aye, aye, Sir!"

"Hello, there, my Friend!" It was a gruff but friendly voice that called out to Santa as the sleigh was peering through the shadow of a dark cloud—a cloud which had not yet emptied itself of its burden of snow. "Hello, my old Friend! Withier away this cold afternoon."

Santa drew rein and looked about him. There, coming on foot, wading through the snow-drift cloud, was the Weather Man, Santa's life-long friend.

"Well, well, you are a sight to bring smiles to an ice-berg!" exclaimed Santa. "Come, may I give you a lift for a hundred miles or so?"

"I'm too busy just now, my Friend," replied the Weather Man, his frosty brow heavy over his piercing eyes. "I'm almost out of snow, and the factory hands are awaiting me to get ready for going on with their work. So while I'd like nothing better than a dip down to Earth, I'll have to forego the pleasure this time. Come on the Fourth of July, and I'll make the trip with you. And now, good-bye, Santa Claus."

Then the two wondrous personages parted company, one to go back to his snow factory, and the other to take a peep at Old Earth. Santa was anxious to see the children of the new homes, the new babies that had come since his last visit to Earth a year ago.

As the darkness settled over the land, and the lights shone from the countless windows of the countless homes, and countless little ones were gazing at the sunset table, with warm smiles to an ice-berg, Santa dropped from a fleecy cloud to the top of a tall church steeple. There he got out of his sleigh, told his reindeer to wait for him, and not to move from that steeple, and made his descent to the roof of a convenient house. And past the windows of hundreds of homes he started peeping into them, counting the new faces he was seeing for the first time.

"Lots of new little ones," he said to himself, smiling. "God bless them all! Well, they keep me busy throughout the year. And they are increasing so rapidly that I'll have to take several hundred new assistants next year."

Then Santa returned to the high church steeple, and as he was getting into his sleigh, the aged bell-ringer, accompanied by his grandson, came out of the church with a lantern in his hand. The little grandson looked up and cried out to his grandfather: "Oh, lookes Grandpa, here in the sky! It's Santa Claus and his reindeer. See them flying! Oh, now they're gone—clean through that white cloud over the church. Oh, Grandpa, did you see them?"

"No, my son, and neither did you. Your mind is so full of Christmas just now, that you see things mentally. You just imagined that Santa and his reindeer were over the church. Why, it wants a whole week before Christmas, sonny, and Santa never comes till Christmas Eve. Come along, and don't imagine things like that any more." And the aged bell-ringer swung his lantern and led the way along the snow-covered path to his home, his little grandson, Sammy, following. But in Sammy's heart was a feeling that he had not imagined seeing Santa. He felt the thing had been real. "He was just peeping round to see where the good children live, and getting acquainted with the children," said Sammy to himself. "But Grandpa is too old to understand. He hasn't cared about Santa for many, many years. But I do—oh, I do! And how I should love to slip away up into the clouds tonight and visit Santa's Realm! But—that would be impossible. It is not intended for boys to get off the earth. Santa knows that, so he comes to them."

Just then Sammy's grandmother opened the kitchen door for them, and as Sammy entered, the good old lady stooped and kissed him, saying: "I just had a letter from your cousins, Mabel and Ted, saying they were coming to spend Christmas with us, and that they had written Santa Claus of the change of their addresses so that he could fetch their gifts here—along with yours. Bless the dears!"

And Sammy knew that Santa would do as his cousins asked him to, although Grandpa laughed at the idea, and said: "That is nonsense, good wife. Children should not believe such silly things."

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 - Parlor Tables in Solid Mahogany.
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 - Dinner Gongs.
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A BRIDE'S FIRST CHRISTMAS



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WHEN the little bride, warmly flushed as to face, a bit disheveled as to hair, flings open the dining room door on Christmas day to a troop of his relatives or hers, nobody will ever suspect that she is suffering as keenly from stage-fright as any girl on her opening night. She is at ease about the table appointments. The shine of the new silver is properly placed, to the fraction of an inch; the decorations are simple yet cheerily Christmasy; the monogrammed linen is faultlessly glossy.

But the turkey, shy and mysterious bird—will he fall away in succulent slices from the carving knife, or will he prove a tough old fowl to be whittled and hacked into submission? And did she forget to put salt in the stuffing? And would the jelly stay jelled?

The chief reason for her concern may be largely overcome if the bride will take note of a few characteristics of a dead turkey and be sure that she is getting a young, tender one, instead of leaving the matter to the butcher.

BUYING THE TURKEY.
The flexibility of the breast bone is the first test. If the bone is soft and pliable the fowl is young. If it is hard and unyielding you may be sure he will not prove tender. Unscrupulous butchers have a trick of breaking the breast bone to deceive the unwary. A great many pin feathers also indicate a comparatively young bird. Another good way to test the fowl is by an exam-

ination of the crop. If any long, coarse hairs are found you can rest assured the bird is an old one. A fine skin, that breaks easily under the wings is another indication by which the younger turkey may be distinguished.

A mistaken idea which even many experienced housewives have is that the cock turkey is of better flavor than the hen. Providing the hen is young and plump, the meat will be found much sweeter and more tender than that of the cock.

The preparation of the turkey is usually a strange and uncertain ceremony for the inexperienced. Cook books are not illuminating on this point usually dismissing the matter with an airy "Prepare the same as chicken" or "Dress in the usual way." The following method has always been used by a woman whose grandchildren testify to its perfection.

ROASTING THE TURKEY.
After washing, wipe the turkey dry, inside and out, with a clean cloth; rub the inside with some salt; then stuff the breast and body. Sew up the turkey with a strong thread, tie the legs and wings to the body; rub it over with a little flour; place in dripping pan, pour in a cup of boiling water, set in oven. Bake the turkey often, turning it around occasionally so that every part will be uniformly baked. When pierced with a fork and the liquor runs out perfectly clear, the bird is done. If any part is likely to scorch, pin over it a piece of buttered white paper.

A fifteen pound turkey requires between three and four hours to bake. When you put the turkey in to roast, put the neck, heart, liver and gizzard into a stew pan with a pint of water; boil until tender; take them out of the water, chop the heart, gizzard and liver and throw away the neck. Return the chopped pieces to the liquor in which they were stewed. Set it to one side, and when the turkey is done, add to the gravy, after first skimming off the fat from the surface of the dripping pan; set it all over the fire, boil three minutes and thicken with flour.

SIMPLE STUFFING FOR THE FOWL.
Cut the brown crusts from pieces of stale bread, put into a suitable dish and pour tepid water (not warm) over it; let it stand one minute. Now take up a handful at a time and squeeze it hard and dry with both hands. When all is pressed dry, toss it up lightly through your fingers; add about a teaspoonful of salt and pepper, also a teaspoonful of summer savory, and the same amount of sage. Add one-half cupful of melted butter and a beaten egg. Work thoroughly all together, and it is ready for dressing fowls, fish or meat.

THREE MENUS A BRIDE MIGHT PREPARE.

- Julienne Soup
- Pea Patties
- Roast Turkey
- Potato Croquette
- Bread Sticks
- Celery
- Olives
- Cranberry Jelly

- Shredded String Beans
- Grape and Nut Salad
- Cream Cheese Balls
- Fruit Pudding
- Salted Nuts
- Wafers
- Sugar Sauce
- Coffee
- Oyster Soup
- Olives
- Roast Chicken
- Cranberry Sauce
- Sweet and White Potatoes
- Creamed Onions
- Tomato Jelly on Lettuce Leaves
- French Dressing
- Suet Pudding
- Coffee
- Nuts
- Raisins
- Grapefruit
- Tomato Soup
- Roast Goose
- Mashed Potatoes
- Celery and Apple Salad
- Christmas Pudding
- Cheese Croquettes
- Bons Bons
- DELICIOUS CHRISTMAS PUDDING.
- Steamed Pudding.

the sugar and eggs just before serving.

Suet Pudding.
One cup of sweet milk, one cup of chopped suet, or one-half cup of butter, one cup raisins, one cup molasses, three cups of flour, spices to taste, two teaspoonfuls soda, and a little salt. Use more fruit if desired. Steam. Sauce. Whites of two eggs beaten stiff, two-thirds of a cup of sugar. Boil a little flour and water together until as thick as cream, add a little salt and strain while hot, onto the eggs and flour. Flavor if desired.

Christmas Pudding.
Soak two cups of bread crumbs and sufficient warm milk to moisten thoroughly. Add one-half cup dark molasses, one cup raisins, one cup nut meats (walnuts), one-half teaspoonful each of salt, soda (dissolved), cloves, cinnamon, nutmeg, and a piece of butter and half a cup of flour. Put in a bread tin, cover with candied cherries. Steam for two hours. Serve hot, with this cold sauce: two tablespoonfuls butter creamed with one cup of powdered sugar. Add one egg well beaten. When smooth add pinch of salt, and one teaspoonful vanilla. Just before serving add one cup of whipped cream, blending thoroughly.

SOME NUT GOODIES.
Nut Mince Pie.
For this pie is required one cup walnut meats, two cups apples, cut fine, one-half cup vinegar, one-half cup of water or fruit juice, one-half cup sugar, one cup raisins, one-half teaspoonful each of cinnamon, allspice, cloves, and salt. The spices and sugar are mixed then add all the other ingredients. Divide into two pie-plates lined with pastry, cover with a top crust and bake in a hot oven.

Almond Cookies.
One pound ground almonds, one pound sugar, one tablespoonful of powdered cinnamon, one tablespoonful of powdered cloves, and one of allspice, five cents worth of anise seed, four eggs, two teaspoonfuls of baking powder, and flour. Mix the sugar with the almonds, add the spices, yolks of eggs, baking powder, and flour to make a stiff dough. Roll out, cut into diamonds and bake in a moderate oven.

Hickory Nut Macaroons.
To the white of an egg, beaten very lightly, add one cup of sugar (pulverized), and then one cup of hickory nut meats. Drop on brown paper well greased with lard. Bake in a slow oven. Leave on paper until cool.

Hickory Nut Wafers.
For this recipe is required two cups of flour, one cup of sugar, three quarters of a cup of butter, one egg, one-half teaspoonful of soda, one-half cup of sour milk and one cup of nut meats. Cream the butter and sugar well, and stir into it the milk, then the nut meats, and then the flour. Drop on a greased tin. Bake in a moderate oven.

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DECORATIONS

MOUSE & TABLE

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THE glimmer and sparkle of the Christmas season is upon us. How cheerful the wreaths look in the windows, and what fun and excitement there is in preparing for the blissful merriment of Christmas day. Who doesn't believe in Santa Claus at this season of the year? Though Santa Claus may come in an automobile or an airship, though he may find steam radiators instead of chimneys, and the tree may be illuminated with electric lights instead of candles, still he is welcomed with as much enthusiasm as when he arrived in his sleigh driven by his sturdy reindeer.

Enter into the spirit of the festival with the enthusiasm of youth. Try to have each succeeding Christmas, even more than the previous one, emphasize the gladness of the day.

Christmas should be a home day in which old and young participate alike. Decorate the house with garlands of evergreen and holly; use an abundance of the vivid scarlet berries and the Christmas flower, the poinsettia. Have the rooms a mass of color and flame. With a

little ingenuity and originality one can evolve many splendid attractive color schemes.

One novel decorative idea in which the boys and girls can assist is to make the room look like fairyland with flowers and real branches. Have the children gather great bunches of branches and trees. Then they can be kept busy cutting cherry blossoms or any simple flower out of crepe paper. The twigs can be quickly inserted through the center of the petals, or the flower can be pasted onto the branch. Have some blossoms separate and some in clusters. Put huge bunches of the branches in every conceivable spot above the picture frames, on the hearth, in vases on the table, and wherever you can find space for them.

Some of the blossoms can be strung onto strings and draped from the chandelier to the corners of the room. Pretty hanging curtains of the flowers can drape the windows and doors. You will be amply repaid for your labor when your task is completed.

CHRISTMAS TREES. What is Christmas without a Christmas tree? The climax of the day comes when the tree is lighted

and viewed in all its glory. A tree that is hung entirely with silver tinsel and light glass balls, is like a shower of silver rain. The presents are attached to this tree with clothes pins covered with silver foil. The gifts are wrapped in silver paper. Silver bells tinkle from the branches and silver stars of pasteboard covered with silver paper are attached with wires to the top of the tree.

Another tree is festooned with birds and butterflies in a multitude of colors. The butterflies are of spun glass, while the birds are of celluloid. The tree can stand in a waste paper basket or an immense flower pot. A heavy weight should be placed at the bottom to steady the tree and the tree should be tied on with a stout cord. Pack the basket with moss or green tissue paper.

A tree that is decorated at an expense of less than two dollars is trimmed with articles that can be made at home. Hang chains on the boughs made of strips of red and green paper pasted to form rings. One link is slipped through the other until you have chains the desired length. Popcorn wreaths are very effective. Sew each popcorn separately with coarse white thread on white hat wire and form into circles. A yard of tulle will make about twelve bags. Fill the bags with goodies and sew together with coarse worsted. Tartan mittens, stockings, and pitchers can be filled with nuts, raisins, candies and figs. Clusters of gilded nuts are suspended from the branches with

gold string. The nuts can be glued together. In some of the nuts have little surprises; a bright new coin, a thimble or any small trifle. Pasteboard trumpets are made of a horn of cardboard covered with green or red paper. Glue a circular piece of cardboard to the lower end of the horn and fill the horn with some little souvenir.

Home made drums, cornucopias, in a variety of pretty designs, are made of cardboard covered with paper; transfer pictures such as the children use, can be used to decorate the outer covering. The boys will like theirs the better if they contain marbles, and the girls if theirs are heaped with jacks or some doll's furniture.

Santa Claus should be at the top-most branch of the tree. Dress a doll in red crepe paper. Trim the hair in cotton batting with small pieces of coal for buttons. His hat can be made of black mat board, and his hair and flowing beard of white cotton.

THE CHRISTMAS TABLE. Christmas spells hospitality, and the Christmas dinner will be all the more enjoyed by the family and guests if there is something about it to distinguish it from other days.

Plan a table that is unique in its decorations and that will draw forth expressions of surprise and exclamations of admiration when it is seen bedecked in all its holiday glory.

A table that is typical of the day and that will stand out in the minds of your guests has for a centerpiece the bright poinsettias. Cover a milk

pan with scarlet paper, tie a big flaring bow around the center, fill the pan with either real or paper poinsettias. From the center of the flowers draw red ribbons to each plate. Have the ice cups and place cards decorated with the same flower. A table cloth of paper in poinsettia design is effective.

The candle shades are ornamented with small poinsettias and a big bunch is suspended from the chandelier.

A table for the children could have for a centerpiece a small house made of cardboard with a snowy roof of cotton. Cut Santa Claus and his sleigh drawn by six reindeer out of red and black cardboard. Snip up this with wires above the house. Have a bank of cotton around the house. In the cotton, have sprigs of evergreen. The hou horns are in little sleighs of cardboard, drawn by a pair of reindeer. For the place cards draw a four-inch snow man on a white card, including plug hat, and cover all in white crepe paper, except his hat which is black. Mark face in ink. Paste snow man on card 5x1 1/2 inches. Put small strip of cardboard on back for stand.

For the failed almonds use little baskets of crepe paper with wire handles. Cover with paper and have a sprig of holly on the handle. A snow man in front of each plate, is of paper stuffed with cotton. He holds a branch in his hand of holly, and wears a black cardboard hat. His face is marked in ink. Snowballs of cotton dusted in mica could be scattered over the table.

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A thousand of this beggar-folk
Knocked at my Iron Gate last night."

"I stared the fools that paid for fire
I froze the fools that paid for meat,
I have my human helpers, Sirs—
Noddling, quoth Death, "The trick was neat."

"The old," quoth Death, "the white of hair,
That lived their span and seek their graves—
What prize are those? But these were fair,
And all were young, and most were brave."

"I saw them stiffen in the gloom,
Waiting, wide-eyed, the tardy dawn,
The huddled dozen in the room—
How should they know that one was gone?"

"They lay all silent, black and grim—
But once a woman's wail I heard,
Praying a cursing prayer to Him,
That Savior whom I once half feared."

"Poor Jesus Christ, a gift to me—
Upon a hill they nailed Him high.
Yet I have seen since, mistily,
His face, and wondered, Did He die?"

"That was the only Face that e'er
Wake aught in the but scorn of men,
Fools, fools, mankind! Who will not bear
That Face against my hosts again!"

"By all the stinging tears that flow
Because of me, by all the grace
That might have been on earth, I know
That I could be bondsman, to that Face."

HE WHOM A DREAM HATH POSSESSED.

(By Shamas O. Sheel.)
He whom a dream hath possessed
Knoweth no more of doubting,
For mist and the blowing of winds
And the moulting of words he scorns;
Not the stilted speech of schools he hears,
But a knightly shouting,
And never comes darkness down,
Yet he greeteth a million mourns.

He whom a dream hath possessed
Knoweth no more of roaming;
All roads and the flowing of waves
And the speediest flight he knows
But wherever his feet are set, his soul
Is forever homing,
And going he comes, and coming he
Heareth a call and goes.

He whom a dream hath possessed
Treads the impalpable marches,
From the dust of the day's long road
He leaps to a laughing star,
And the run of worlds that fall he
Views from eternal arches,
And rides God's battlefield in a flash
And golden car.

They were leaving Eden,
"The laugh," exclaimed Adam, "is
on us."
"And that," rejoined Eve, with sudden
consciousness, "is about all,"—
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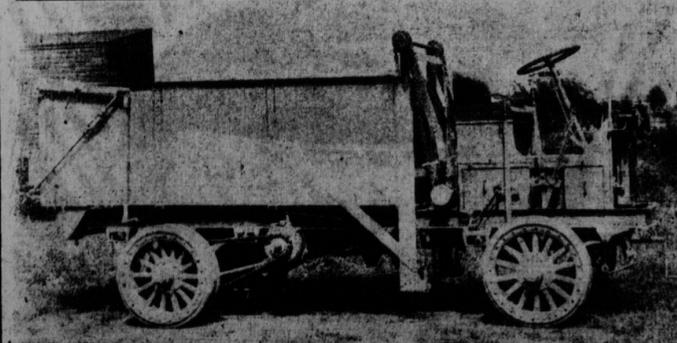


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Next Day, Hour of the Drake.—This day I will exclude myself from all calls, in order that I may devote myself to thoughts of my celestial mother, who died 44 years ago this day, and who for that long time has been thinking of my coming to the Peaceful Springs of the Nine Springs. With all the incidents of my life, its trials and lamentations, its moments of joy and pride, with all and every affair of life I cannot forget my celestial mother, and all she was and is to me.

My father died many years before my mother, and his grave is great and hallowed. Many hundreds of times did my mother bless it and ask my father's spirit to hurry the time when her own might join his in the Happy Vale of Ancestral Longevity. My mother could never think of taking her own life. It is thought great and glorious to do such a thing by many of the ignorant—and many of the intellectual too—but my father's beloved helpmeet could never think it was right nor that it pleased the spirits of the gone before.

In my early days I was possessed of many ideas that I now know were foolish and wicked and not at all in agreement with common sense or philosophy; and one of these is suicide, and another is the putting out of the way of infants. If a man or woman has lost his or her face (that is, is disgraced) so badly that it is impossible to retrieve it, then perhaps it is better to be buried deep in the earth than to live and see shame all the rest of one's days. Or if a government official, with many honors bestowed upon him, is caught stealing the money that belongs to the throne and cannot pay back all that he has taken, even to the last cent, it is better that he take poison. For by doing so he will be thought better of by his family and friends and by the government. But if he will persist in living, even when the law of his punishment do not reach him, he is each day a greater disgrace than he was the day before; and upon his family the burden is heavier as each hour passes.

Or if a great official when he finds that his country is humiliated through him, even though personally he be not at fault, it is a true sign of great love of country if he put an end to his life. For what happiness can a man have when he knows that his name which he so proudly bore is the name to be forever linked with some defeat or degradation of his country's? I can bless the name of my great and noble friend Admiral Ting, and can bow before the grave of the illustrious Gen. Chang. And I can burn in cease to the spirit of the gallant Com-

modore Liu (officers who committed suicide following the capture of Wei-hai-wei by the Japanese in January, 1895). Yes, they are honored by all the world even in defeat, and their spirits are sweetest and happiest among those of our noble ancestors! Yes, even the Japanese, in their hour of material victory over our brave men on land and sea, did not refrain from doing great honor to these glory laden officers of our army and navy.

The writer here refers to the honor paid the suicide by Admiral Ito, the Japanese commander, who restored one of the captured Chinese vessels to be a ship of honor for the conveying home of their bodies.

I did not ever care much for the Japanese, and a deadly hatred was in my heart against that nation when it forced China into war over Corea, which for 2,000 years had been ours; but I loved Marquis Ito for this noble action, and I was ready to treat with him in the arrangement of peace.

Such causes for self-destruction are sufficient, but many people take their lives for less reason that would be necessary to send a vagrant to jail for two days. They are silly people; they act only from silly and selfish motives; they have much pride and self-love, and they want others to think they are brave. Many widows cut their throats or bind wine tightly about their necks or their bosoms, or swallow large doses of poisonous herbs in an attempt to show what affection they have for their departed husbands.

What a silly thing, especially if that was the reason, but the truth is that the widow has become lazy or she fears no other man will want to work for her support. In this she does not deceive herself, neither does she fool the many thousands who are glad to come and witness her death. Let the widow marry again and rear up more spirits to honor the spirits of those gone before, of course if she is too lazy to do this suicide is good enough for her.

When I was a very young boy in Antin I was accused of something wrong and some of my youthful friends told me that I could only save my face and the face of my family by jumping into a well. I was guilty of the wrong—the taking of two ducks from a pond, which I cooked and ate—and I was very sorry, even without the severe punishment administered to me by my father and mother, as well as by the owner of the fowl. But I did not want to die, although my father could not pay for the ducks, and was himself given 200 strokes of the bamboo.

least if he had been able to bribe the magistrate so as to escape the public beating, it would not have been so bad. Still I thought my father and myself had suffered enough, and I went to my mother to ask her if I should jump into the well. She said no, that it would not be right; but that the better thing for me to do would be to earn enough in the next harvest time to pay for the ducks and give an extra duck and nine eggs besides. This advice I followed, paying my debts and more for I gave a fine rabbit to the magistrate who had my father whipped, and ever after that he was the friend of our family.

My life's greatest grief was the death of my mother, and I died a year of mourning, but the throbs had been so great that I was unable to go to Corea and I was compelled to be in constant communication with the Taung-ley-amen.

A letter from Von Moltke has just been handed me by Song. I shall read it tomorrow. Tonight I must read long into the hours from the philosophers, in memory of my mother.

The little battery of artillery, all its mouth pointing east-north (northeast) seem to say that if we ever fight the Japanese again we shall be better prepared. The toy guns please that part of nature which is of the boy. But the business battery present is a joy indeed!

I now (8 P. M.) take up the Mang-tze for a five hours reading.

Morning—The letter from Von Moltke is simply one expressing his desire to meet me when I arrive at Potsdam. He was to have been at Schonenberg. I can scarcely write that horrible name.

But I shall never forget the wonderful display of sky fire (fireworks) the people of that place prepared for me. We have many kinds of colored sky fires in China, and they are truly wonderful, but what I saw at S. (a mark in the diary) was as if all the spirits of the air had combined to make a home show for me in Europe. There were real battles of men and ships. I know, because I have seen them. And there were great representations of the Golden Dragon, a picture of the Emperor's Grand Dowager (Tsu Hai) and of the emperor.

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when the army committee, headed by General von Getner, and the city committee, headed by Burgomaster Sanders, called.

(On a marginal note, written some time later, the viceroy explains that he was interrupted in his description of the "feast of S." by the arrival of one of his party with a number of important cables, one of them being from President Cleveland inviting him to America in the name of the American people. This message also inquired on behalf of the state department, the probable time of the viceroy's arrival in the United States.

The diary continues: Bremerhaven (Three or four days after leaving Potsdam).—From all that I have seen, I am more than ever convinced that the Kaiser and Prince Bismarck meant what they said when they averred that the German empire was destined to become a dominant factor in Europe. I am wonderfully impressed with the way this nation seems to be working as a unit. The army is upon a business basis, the navy is on a business basis, and the whole machinery of government works smoother than our best Canton timepieces.

I arrived here this morning, accompanied by a host of high officials, and others met our party here. The whole place is in gala attire, and I have all I can do to make myself believe that I am only a foreigner visiting the country instead of a king in this land. I am told that hundreds and thousands of foreigners are here today, and a great number have been introduced to me; some English, some French and some Americans—the latter said to be so rich that they could buy the fleet of magnificent warships lying in this fine harbor.

It is a long time since I was engaged in any fighting, hand to hand, and I am now getting too aged to think of engaging in it; nevertheless my eyes never tire of regiments of soldiers nor of great warships that can do things.

In answer to my questions I have learned the approximate cost of most of the German ships. There are great shipyards here, and Germany intends to build all her navy for all time at home. I could wish for nothing better than that China should build her own fleet and have every man and officer in it a true son of the Middle Kingdom. But our people are not sailors, except upon the rivers, and they do not know how to handle machinery. But they will learn in time, I hope. Anyway when I return I shall make it my duty to urge advancement in all western arts and crafts. We have our beautiful literature, far ahead of that of the western nations, but they have the money and the guns.

It was a sad thought for me today, as I saw those fine ships lying idle there that they were doing us there for good while if they had been ours, we would have conquered the Japs.

Some of the officers hinted that I ought to leave an order at Bremerhaven for one or two ships, and I said to one of the admirals standing by: "If you will sell me that ship over there for 1,300,000 taels I will go in her to France and England and America." But he said that my naval knowledge was too good; I had picked out his flagship, the strongest battleship of the German navy.

much of German foods. Maybe it is the wines that trouble me, for I have been taking much of their white wines and like them so well that Count Hatfeldt said he would ship many casks to Tientsin for me.

Seventy-five thousand Frenchmen surrendered to the Germans just where we crossed the river.

HOW THE PRICE GREW.

(Toronto Star.)
An Ontario man grew in his orchard three bushels of apples which a farmer in Winnipeg wanted to eat. A man here had them; a man there wanted them. The grower was paid 75 cents, the farmer cost 50 cents; the railway charged 75 cents freight; if you like, let it be assumed that other handling at both ends cost 75 cents. The consumer pays \$5.25. This means that the farmer for his apples and his profit got 75 cents; the railway for its transportation and its profit got 75 cents; the handlers for their work and the profit got 75 cents. And the two middlemen got \$1.75 each for the part they played in the transaction—if they divided equally, which is most improbable. The retailer in Winnipeg probably got only 75 cents. These two men neither produced, transported nor consumed the apples. They financed and directed the transportation.

CHILD LABOR IN CANNERIES.

(Brandon Expositor.)
There is more danger of child labor in connection with canning factories than anywhere else. The work is such as children can readily be employed at, and this fact is recognized even in our own province. Hence ex-

ceptional privileges are conceded to these factories in the matter of hours of labor, etc. It is to be said of most of these factories that, in the past at least, they have been the chief sinners against proper sanitation, and have not been as careful as they might have been with regard to the moral and hygienic conditions under which the people in their employ live. It is certain that no such condition of affairs exists in Ontario today as has been found to prevail in the neighboring state of New York. Rather through the efforts of the factory inspectors there has been a great improvement, which, it is to be hoped, will steadily continue.

An Oak Mine.

(Harper's Weekly.)

Mines of wood are found in the south of Russia, where they were discovered very recently when the bed of a river was dragged. Not very deep in the earth but covering an extent of 200 square kilometers a forest of oaks was found where it had been buried by some unknown cataclysm centuries ago. The wood is in perfect preservation. The man who found the entombed forest has drawn from his mine many trunks of trees measuring from 40 to 60 metres high and at least 18 inches in diameter. The mine is worth a fortune, for the wood is of the first quality and as a result of its long rest underground, it has taken the most varied colors, ranging from dark brown to pale rose and running through all the shades of blue and yellow. One hundred and fifty thousand of the ancient oaks have been turned over to the cabinet makers.

