

CHILDREN'S PLAY SERIOUS BUSINESS FOR PARISIANS

Washington, Dec. 6—Parisian children place St. Sulpice at the beginning of their year, and turn out in crowds a few weeks May.

The Tuilleries Garden, laid out in the reign of Louis XIV, also offer inducements to the Parisian young. There, under the surveillance of the marble river gods surrounding the fountain, future admirals race their sailboats. "Yachting," as this is called in the French capital, is even more popular in the Luxembourg, the only remaining renaissance gardens in Paris. In their favorite left-bank recreating park model yachts may be rented for a small fee to be sailed in the octagonal fountain.

Toys Original

In addition to the outdoor delights which Paris has supplied its children, the city has also given untold thought to the originality of the toys with which young Edouard and Jeanne while away the indoor hours. It was a former chief of police, M. Louis Lepine, who was responsible during his term of office for the first toy exhibition, which is now an annual feature in Paris.

Like all Frenchmen, a lover of children, M. Lepine resolved to investigate complaints that toys had deteriorated. After official gazings into shop windows, the chief of police declared that the toys were poor winter substitutes for the outdoor diversions which Paris provides in the summer. He issued a circular to toy manufacturers announcing an annual toy exhibition, stating that prizes and diplomas would be awarded to the manufacturers displaying the greatest originality in their work.

The response was tremendous, and the first show an outstanding success. That was 33 years ago. Today the Lepine exhibition has become a state institution with a definite place in the fall calendar of events. It takes place on the Champs-de-Mars, laid out about 1770 as a drill ground for the Ecole Militaire. It is now a park, bordered with houses.

Prizes from the President and from the presidents of the Chamber and Senate, prizes from the judges of the Paris law courts, and more prizes from scientists, literary men and the leading newspapers, induce the originators of toys to do their utmost for the highly esteemed younger generation.

Thirty years have passed since the busy chief of Paris police laid aside problems of crime long enough to insure superior toys for his young charges. But the tradition persists, and children continue to be an important element in the city's life.

BEAR MEAT IS CONSIDERED A DELICACY IN BOSTON MARKET AND SOLD AT HIGH PRICE

(Boston Post)

Bear meat, for those who like it, is the novelty in game being displayed at several meat stalls in Faneuil Hall Market this week-end. There is a choice between bear meat from Maine and Vermont, in case the purchaser has a preference, and the price, according to cut, is from 30 to 65 cents a pound. The steaks and chops are the expensive cuts.

Native Honey in the Comb

Nice-looking persimmons, in individual salad size, are only 5 cents each at one stall. If you haven't tried them as salad, now is the opportunity. The few Florida strawberries in the market are sorry-looking at 50 cents a pint basket, but the avocado pears from the same State at 50 cents each are worth while. These are larger than usual and very sound.

Egg Prices Lower

Eggs have turned and are lower again. The stall that gets the highest price for them is asking 59 cents a dozen for eggs that are guaranteed to be less than four days old. The latter are brown eggs. 911 white eggs sell at 54 cents and fancy henner eggs at 52 cents. Western henner eggs at 52 cents, fresh Western eggs are 36 cents and native pullet eggs are back again to 42 cents a dozen, and at some stalls are sold at 40 cents.

The tendency is for butter to cost a little more. The best tub at one stall is 40 cents and at another 35 cents.

Western tub butter is 25 cents and Western rolls are 58 cents for two pounds at one stand. Lightly salted butters are 40 to 43 cents and fresh butter is 45 and 50 cents.

Pork Prices

In meats, lamb is a little higher but this is thought to be only a temporary increase. Legs, legs and loins, and loins separately, are 23 to 25 cents a pound, forequarters of lamb are 11 and 12 cents and flanks are 5 cents. Lamb chops are 40 to 50 cents a pound, and in some places 60 is asked for kidney chops.

Pork is a reasonable buy and the weather favors its use. Loins of pork are 13 to 15 cents a pound, the costlier variety from Eastern pork. Pork chops are 25 and 30 cents. Hams are 16 and 18 cents a pound and include a variety of high grade brands. Slices are 35 and 40 cents a pound.

Beef Prices

Beef prices at several stalls are still at the slightly shaded cost this week of 55 cents for a pound of porterhouse steak, 50 cents for sirloin and 40 cents for top of the round. A tip of the sirloin roast is 45 and 50 cents and the first cut of the rib roast is 40 cents a pound from a good quality of beef. Club steaks are 65 cents. Brisket cuts of corned beef are from 23 to 28 cents and middle rib pieces are 15 cents a pound.

In Maine veal there are loins at 22 cents a pound, rumps at 25 cents and

shoulders boned and rolled at 20 cents. Breast of veal is 20 cents and veal cutlet is 65 to 75 cents a pound. Knuckles of veal are 18 cents and sweetbreads are 25 to 30 cents a pair.

Venison For Mince Meat

Such things as pigs feet are 10 cents a pound and boiled ones are 13 cents, and pickled pig's feet are 15 cents. Fresh honeycomb tripe is 30 cents and pickled honeycomb tripe, 25 cents. Pork scraps are 65 cents a pound.

One concern has reduced sugar cured sliced bacon from 30 to 27 cents a pound this week, fresh and corned tongues are 25 cents a pound and smoked tongues are 33 cents.

Game of various kinds is having a good sale. Venison steaks are 75 cents a pound and the chops are the same. Forequarter pieces of venison are only 15 cents a pound and they do say that it makes the best meat for mince meat. If you have never used it, you do not know the best flavor in mince pies, according to specialists.

Roasting Chicken

There are mallard and black ducks from the Cape at \$3 a pair and hen pheasants at \$4.50 a pair, moose meat at 65 cents a pound and rabbits at 30 cents a pound. Suckling pigs are \$3.50 each.

Roasting chickens are as cheap as fowl in this week's poultry market ranging upward from 23 to 30 cents.

Turkey Prices

Old man turkey is very reasonable with Southwestern turkeys as low as 20 cents, Northwestern birds at 25 and 28 cents and native and Northern birds at 35 cents. Those that are headed and drawn are 38 cents a pound at some of the stands.

Fish Prices

This week most mackerel are the chilled variety at 12 and 15 cents a pound. Western salmon at 20 and 25 cents is chilled and also halibut at 25 cents. Fresh halibut is 50 and 60 cents a pound, fresh smelts that can be split and broiled are 45 and 50 cents and smaller ones are 30 cents.

All that's feasible in an invention that won't work is later appropriated by somebody else.

GREAT CITY OF NEW YORK NOW FACES BANKRUPTCY

Warm Springs, Ga., Dec. 3—President-Elect Roosevelt last night began re-arranging a schedule that will permit him to leave here Tuesday afternoon for Albany, N. Y., where he will deliver his message to the New York State Legislature, called into extra session by Acting-Governor Lehman to consider New York City's plight.

Roosevelt, who has cancelled all engagements after today, conferred yesterday with Rear-Admiral Cary T. Grayson, chairman of the inaugural committee, on plans for the celebration to be staged when he takes office March 4, and then announced a time of departure that will bring him to the State capitol for the session.

Present plans call for the Governor to reach New York City late Wednesday. He will spend the night at his East 65th street home and board a train for Albany in the morning.

Bankruptcy Proposed

New York, Dec. 3—The comptroller of the city of New York yesterday proposed municipal bankruptcy for the city on December 15 unless bank loans can be renewed or extended.

The acting governor of the State of New York simultaneously called a special meeting of the Legislature, to convene next Friday, to repeal rules which forbid the city to cut certain parts of its payroll.

WOMAN HOARDED \$32,000 IN HOME

Mineral Point, Wisconsin, Dec. 4—Almost everywhere R. R. Mathieson looked in the cellar of the farm home of the late Mrs. Elizabeth Rule he found money. It was stuffed in bags and purses and took three hours to count. When he finished he found there was \$32,000 in paper currency and coins.

Mathieson is administrator of the estate of Mrs. Rule, who got rich from royalties paid for removal of ore from the Rule farm.

BEGGARS PASS HAT, GET BUTTONS

Warsaw, Dec. 5—Buttons threw the Beggars' ball, annual gala event, into a tumult this year.

The "king of beggars," according to custom, bought the drinks for the assembled company of mendicants. Then the hat was passed around to defray expenses.

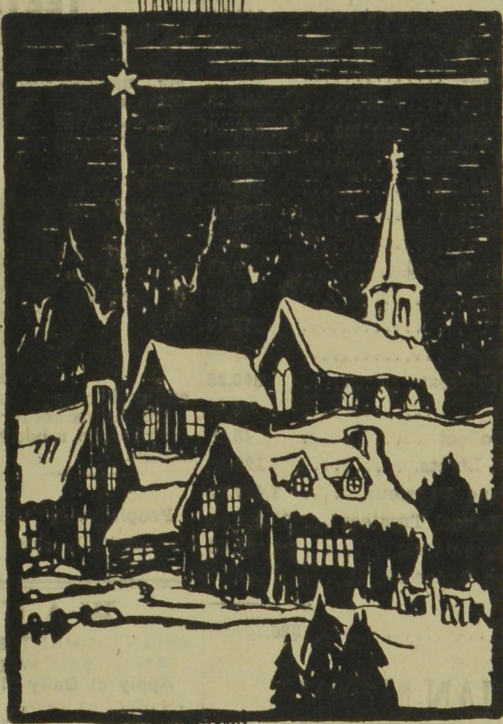
When the king looked into it, he found buttons instead of coins. In a rage, he called police, who arrested many of the beggars.

Incidentally, some of the deaf, dumb, blind and crippled seemed to have miraculously regained the use of their impaired organs.

They were whooping it up in jolly style until the buttons put a crimp in the festivities.

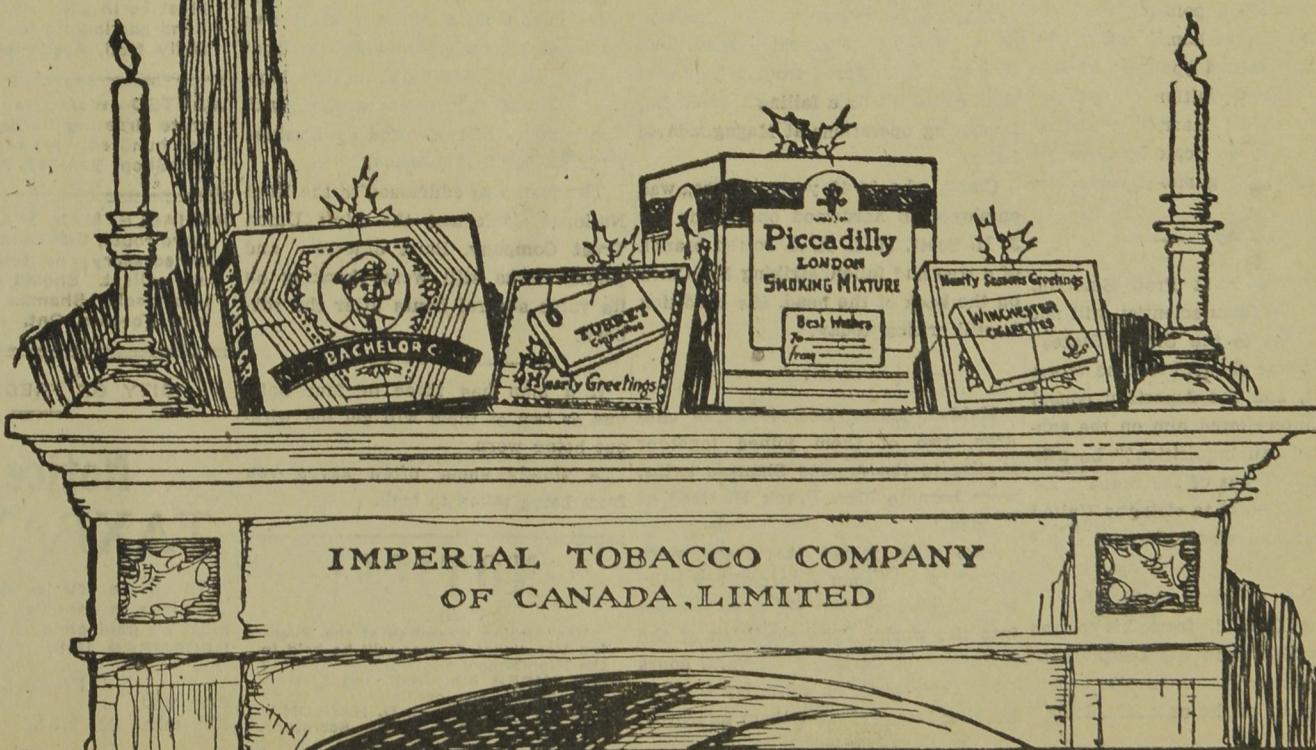


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