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President Roosevelt has declined the job of arbitrating in the Venezuelan matter.

The Telegraph advocates the division of local politics on federal party lines, and calls for a convention of the Liberal party.

The pastor of the Dominion Methodist church at Ottawa donned a gown Christmas, and some members of his congregation not favoring such a fashion, retired from the service.

Hon. Mr. Prefontaine, who has recently seen Sir Wilfrid Laurier, says he is enjoying better health than he has had for two years. Mr. Prefontaine is also authority for the statement that Parliament will not meet till March.

The Courier is wicked in reminding Mr. Hazen and the Sun editor that the former's speeches and the latter's editorials don't count with the electors on polling day. What a useless expenditure of wind, according to the friendly Courier.

The latest returns from the prohibition referendum in Ontario give a majority of 93,466 for prohibition. A few returns are still wanting, but those already in give a total vote of 194,700 for prohibition. The required number was nearly 213,000.

Sympathy for murderers may be carried too far. Encouraged by the success which met efforts to save Higgins' life, parties in Halifax are circulating a petition asking commutation of the sentence of death passed on Cook, the wife murderer.

The death of Senator Primrose at Pictou, N. S. was awfully sudden, and a great shock to his family and friends. He had been slightly indisposed for a few days suffering from acute indigestion, but was much better and particularly bright the evening of his death. He went up stairs to make preparations for retiring. A very few moments after he had gone into the bath room his wife called, but receiving no response opened the door to find the messenger of death had sped more quickly. Death is ascribed to heart disease.

THE CAROL SERVICE.

Attended by an Appreciative Audience
Which Taxed the Capacity of the
Methodist Church.

The carol service in the Methodist church last evening was a pronounced success in every particular, and the large audience, made up of every religious denomination in the city, thoroughly enjoyed it. A lengthy and varied program, consisting of vocal and instrumental solos and quartettes and selections by the choir, was carried out by local talent, and all who took part acquitted themselves in a highly creditable manner.

The service commenced at eight o'clock with a hymn by the choir, followed by a scriptural lesson and prayer by the pastor Rev. J. A. Rogers.

L. A. Wilmot Lemont, organist of the church, rendered an organ prelude with splendid effect. Next came a carol by the full choir, capitalily rendered, and much enjoyed by the audience. Miss Gardner, who was down on the programme for a solo, was prevented by illness from taking part, and her place was taken by Miss Hazel Palmer, who quite captivated the audience with a violin solo. Another carol by the choir, entitled "Come to the Manger," was followed by a cornet solo, admirably rendered by W. A. London, of the auditor's general's office. Mr. A. E. Masie, who came on next,

rendered the "Star of Bethlehem" in a feeling manner, his fine tenor voice being heard to splendid advantage. A male quartette, composed of Messrs. Boyle, Foster, Thomas and Fradsham, rendered "Adeste Fideles," which was greatly enjoyed by the audience. One of the best features of the evening was the instrumental quintette taken part in R. H. Nicholls, violin; Mr. Lemont, piano; Miss Bessie Everett, organ; Allison Doak and Frank Thomas, clavinets. They played in perfect harmony and had encore; not been prohibited they certainly would have been brought out a second time.

The second part of the programme commenced with an organ prelude by Mr. Lemont, made up of selections from Dubois, Mascagni and Mendelssohn. It was rendered in a faultless manner, and much enjoyed by all. Miss Fannie Palmer, Fredericton's talented soloist, rendered "The Birthday of a King," in her most exquisite style and delighted all who heard her. Miss Bessie Everett, organist of St. Paul's church, followed with an appropriate selection on the organ, which in the opinion of a great many was one of the best treats of the evening. Another enjoyable feature was a violin quartette in which R. H. Nicholls, Miss Stella McCatherin, Ray McGibbon and Gordon Pitts took. The entertainment concluded with a chorus by the choir, followed by the National Anthem.

Miss McConnell of Marysville, who was to have sang a duet with Frank Thomas, was prevented by illness from taking part in the programme.

THE FISHER TROUBLE.

St. John Stock Speculators Assured that they will be Protected.

The Globe called on H. M. Tabor, the St. John representative of Fisher & Fisher, in reference to the financial troubles of the firm. Mr. Tabor said he understood there was some truth in the report that the firm are in financial trouble. The extent of their difficulties he was unable to say, stating that he was then waiting information on the subject, as well as concerning what they intended

doing. Fisher & Fisher did considerable business in St. John.

Mr. Tabor telegraphed the New York representatives of Messrs. Fisher, W. B. Smith & Co., asking if they could protect the St. John business. The reply was as follows: "Yes; will protect St. John."

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