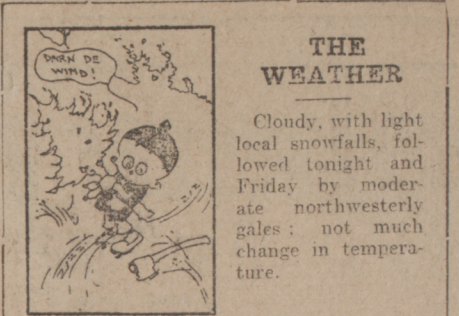




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CZAR ON SENTRY GO; GUARD ILL

Ruler of Russia Credited With Fine Manly Act—Two Hours As Infantry Soldier to Make Test of Equipment

St. Petersburg, Dec. 23.—(Special).—A Russian court bulletin recorded lately that the czar walked about Ljadova for two hours wearing the uniform and carrying the accoutrements of an infantry soldier.



TSAR NICHOLAS II.

In order to test the equipment. Another story has now reached St. Petersburg to the effect that, while the emperor was strolling in a park with his adjutant, he noticed that one of the sentries had been attacked by hemorrhage. He sent the adjutant to tell the man to quit his post and report himself to the doctor. The man replied that he dare not and that he was under oath to die rather than leave his post until he was relieved.

The czar then approached and told the man that the same oath compelled him to obey his emperor, who was empowered by military code to relieve the sentry. The czar then ordered the sentry to surrender his rifle to him and instructed the adjutant to accompany the man to the barracks and explain.

FIREMEN WIN IN HARD FIGHT

Explosions, Falling Walls and \$250,000 Loss Features of Kansas City Fire

Kansas City, Dec. 23.—After a two hours' fight made hazardous by frequent explosions and falling walls, firemen here early today gained control of a blaze that consumed the Rialto building at Ninth street and Grand avenue and caused a loss of \$250,000.

A few persons slept in the building but it is believed all escaped. The building was a total loss, not even the walls remaining.

SILENT AS TO THEIR HUNT FOR TREASURE

Nogales, Ariz., Dec. 23.—Several of a party of Americans who passed through here two months ago to explore Tibour Island, in the Gulf of Lower California for hidden treasure and mineral deposits, arrived yesterday on their way home. For weeks it had been feared that they had been lost or killed by the cannibal Seri Indians.

They report that they met with no accidents, but were mute as to the result of their search. Their comrades will return in a day or so.

FIRE IN MAINE VILLAGE

Munroe, Me., Dec. 23.—The fire-fighting force and apparatus from Brooks hurried seven miles over the country roads in the night and succeeded in saving this village from probable serious disaster by fire last night. Although a number of buildings were burned, the store of L. F. Stimpson was the only one totally destroyed. The loss is about \$8,000.

EXPLORER AMUNDSEN NOW BEGINS SEARCH FOR COOK

Report of Committee Investigating Cook's Mt. McKinley Claim Will Be Delivered Tomorrow—It Will Discredit Cook's Declaration

New York, Dec. 23.—A Copenhagen cable despatch to the World this morning says that Capt. Ronald Amundsen, discoverer of the Northwest passage, who planned a four years' voyage in Fritof Nansen's Arctic steamer Fram, to prove that a current runs from the Behring Strait over the North Pole, has begun a systematic search for Dr. Cook.

The mysterious disappearance of Cook at the time when he was expected to keep in close touch with the University of Copenhagen, which was testing his claim, was the first cause of the doubt of his story which now the university regards as false.

The despatch says that the captain, who was one of Dr. Cook's most ardent supporters, does not expect to start on his Arctic voyage until next July, and will devote the intervening months, if necessary, to finding Cook.

MONTREAL FIRE CHIEFS SUSPENDED

First Results of Judge Cannon's Investigation—A. A. Federation Disbanded—Bernier Before Can. Club

Montreal, Dec. 23.—(Special).—The first results of the recent civic investigation by Judge Cannon, were shown today when District Fire Chiefs Dubois and Marin were suspended and may be dismissed later when the fire committee fully considers their cases.

The Amateur Athletic Federation of Canada, at a meeting held last night, formally passed a resolution disbanding that body and recommending to the A. A. U. of Canada.

Quebec, Dec. 23.—(Special).—Captain Bernier was a guest of honor at a luncheon of the Quebec Canadian Club at the Chateau Frontenac yesterday. He related experiences of his recent trip to the Arctic regions. He received a hearty reception.

Hamilton, Ont., Dec. 23.—(Special).—Lieut. Col. Moore, commanding officer of the 13th regiment, has received word that King Edward has consented to allow the regiment to be named the 13th Royal Regiment. The honor is conferred because of the regiment's efficiency in shooting and other matters.

Quebec, Dec. 23.—(Special).—The cases against moving picture houses for keeping open on Sunday have been postponed for further evidence.

Belleville, Dec. 23.—(Special).—Next Monday will be municipal nomination day and there are no candidates for mayor and twenty-one aldermen.

Chatham, Ont., Dec. 23.—(Special).—Fitzpatrick, a noted diamond thief, has been sentenced to ten years in prison for snatching a bank clerk's valise containing \$1,000.

Toronto, Dec. 23.—(Special).—Toronto is having a great post office rush. The largest mails ever known here are being handled.

Hamilton, Dec. 23.—(Special).—Joe Tagherino has been acquitted of a charge of sending Black Hand letters.

Toronto, Dec. 23.—(Special).—Hon. Adam Beck was nominated for mayor of London, Ont., yesterday. There will be opposition.

St. R. C. Clark was yesterday appointed receiver for Scarborough Beach, a big Toronto amusement enterprise, run largely by the same interests which control Dominion Park, Montreal.

Ottawa, Dec. 23.—The railway board has decided that the telegraph companies should not put its five letter code limitations into effect until July 1.

The question was raised by the Canadian Manufacturers' Association. The telegraph companies in the past have allowed ten letters to be put into an artificial word. A few months ago the companies announced a reduction to five letters. This was protested, on the ground that it would seriously increase telegraph rates.

WESTERN FARMERS BUY 30 "AUTOS"

Bumper Wheat Crop and Consequent Prosperity Make Things Go

Detroit, Dec. 23.—J. C. Coe, a Saskatchewan farmer, dropped in to Detroit on Sunday, and by the time he had finished his errand yesterday, he had purchased thirty automobiles for his farmer friends of the far northwest.

He was not an agent. He told his neighbors he was going east, and they gave him their orders, accompanied by bank drafts. Bumper wheat crops in the northwest were the cause of so much prosperity.

WIDOW GETS \$15,000,000

New York, Dec. 23.—The estate of John Stewart Kennedy, the multi-millionaire banker, who died here last October, is valued at more than \$15,000,000, according to the will which has just been admitted to probate. He left about \$30,000,000 to charity. His widow gets about \$15,000,000 by the will.

FREE TRADE UNION SENDS 800 SPEAKERS OUT TO STUMP GREAT BRITAIN

HAPPY MORNING AT KINDERGARTENS

Closing Exercises in Brussels and Waterloo Street Schools—Santa Claus There

After a very successful school term, the free kindergartens in Brussels and Waterloo streets, closed this morning for the Christmas holidays. The exercises were interesting and were enjoyed by a large number of people. In both kindergartens, the closing was practically the same. The programme consisted of Xmas songs and carols by the children, and of the playing of games.

In each room was a large tree, with gifts, the handwork of the youngsters, and comprising a variety of articles. Besides having made the presents on the trees the little tots also assisted in decorating the buildings, making long chains of pretty colors, rosettes and fancy paper designs. These were displayed in profusion about the rooms and made a very pleasing sight. The attendance in each school has been very regular, the average being about forty-five, and no cases of sickness or death were reported.

Those in charge of the Brussels street kindergarten during the past term, were Miss Hattie Allan, Miss Lou Estie and Miss E. Baisley. The teachers in the Waterloo street kindergarten during the past term were Misses Belle Miller, S. Brown, B. Engles, M. McAvity, H. Haley and A. Bullock.

There were many visitors to the schools this morning among them being Mrs. H. H. Pickett, Mrs. John Bullock, Mrs. S. D. Scott and Mrs. Edward Sears. An interesting feature of the programme in each place was the stripping of the trees of the gifts and while the children were absent from the rooms, having them re-filled with more useful and costly presents by those in charge, who played the role of Santa Claus very cleverly. The gifts made by the children were given to their parents and friends who were present, and the youngsters, in turn, much to their surprise and joy, received many happy remembrances from "Santa Claus."

OTTAWA HOCKEY TEAM MAY PLAY HERE NEXT MONTH

There is a likelihood that the hockey fans here will have an opportunity to see the local favorite clash with the fast Ottawa team, champions of the Ottawa City League. The Ottawa team are to play the Amherst Ramblers the latter part of this month, two games, and negotiations are under way to have them play here also. A game here with the Montreal team would no doubt be a big drawing card. The All-St. Johns are practicing every night now and are commencing to look like the real thing. Among those training out are Patterson, Kennedy, Clawson, Philips, Roberts, Gilbert, Macaulay, Carson, Flood, Phelan, the Montreal star and Errol Inches. The team expect to have Cribbs, the Chatham lad, and cracker good tender out with them tonight, also Sam Gregory who some years ago was one of the fastest of the local men and who of late years has been playing stellar hockey in Winnipeg.

ESTRADA WILL NOW ASSUME OFFENSIVE

Bluffsfield, Nicaragua, Dec. 23.—General Estrada, it is said, is now assuming the offensive against the government of President Madriz. The insurgent leader holds that the Zelayan element was removed from consideration by the sweeping battle of Rama. Madriz and his associates now represent the enemy.

THE GLEANER HAD TROUBLE

Fredericton, Dec. 23.—(Special).—The Gleaner newspaper was not published last evening as the new press lately installed could not be made to work properly. The man worked all night at the job and succeeded in getting the paper out at 7 o'clock this morning.

Byron Kinghorn, resident engineer of the Transcontinental at Edmundston, George E. Howie, who holds a similar position at Grand Falls, and Kenneth Chestnut, who is on the engineering staff at Latouche are home to ride the Christmas holidays.

CORINTHIAN FREED; WORK OF RELOADING BEGUN; LITTLE DAMAGE SUSTAINED

Halifax, Dec. 23.—(Special).—Amid the roar of machinery from six steamers, mingled with that of her own, the Allan liner Corinthian was again placed with deep water under her keel at high tide this morning. About 4 o'clock the whistle sounded for all the steamers to take the strain. The lighter of the cargo had its effect. The steamer slid into deep water, apparently unaffected by her four days' stay on the reef.

Will Let Loose Flood of Oratory on Monday Next; Lull Now For Christmas Holiday

Proposed Reforms in House of Lords Occupy Attention Now—Lord Curzon's Scheme to Reduce House to 400 and Have Certain Conditions Which Must First Be Met

London, Dec. 23.—(Special).—The Liberals are preparing to meet their opponents at every point in the campaign that will be resumed with unexampled vigor after Christmas. It is announced today that the Free Trade Union will despatch 800 speakers next Monday in an organized campaign throughout the country.

These will combat the vague tariff reform programme of the Conservatives and appeal to the people to stand by the trade policy of the government. Their opponents are somewhat handicapped for lack of a definite tariff policy and speakers able to present it in an attractive form.

Lord Curzon's Reform Proposal

Toronto, Dec. 23.—(Special).—The Globe cable from Stewart Lyon says: "A general cable has been declared in the war of the budget, as the people are too busy preparing for Christmas celebrations, and interest in the fight has for the moment given way to the holiday spirit."

FOR HARMONY ON THE DIAMOND

Lynch Asks Umpires for Report on the Baseball Trouble-Makers

New York, Dec. 23.—Thomas J. Lynch, the president of the National League, sent out a letter yesterday to his six veteran umpires—Hank O'Day, Bob Emslie, Steve Kane, James E. Johnston, William J. Klein and Chas. Rigler—asking them to communicate with him stating with whom most of their troubles with the players originated last season and whether coaches, managers or "bench-warmers" were primarily at fault.

President Lynch hopes to reduce the friction that has existed in the past between the referees and the players. But before he starts on any plans, he wants the umpires to furnish him with a full list of their grievances and to learn from them the best means of making the arbitrators and players work in harmony.

MEDALS FOR GIRLS IN NEW YORK STRIKE

New York, Dec. 23.—Cheered and praised like the suffragettes in England, seven girl shirtwaist strikers, who served terms of five days each on Blackwell's Island for disorderly conduct during the strike, were decorated with bronze medals tonight in the presence of 3,000 enthusiastic followers in east side hall.

THE ROSTREVO SAFE

London, Dec. 23.—The railway companies' steamer Rostrevor, for which fears have been entertained, arrived at Holyhead, Wales, at 2 o'clock this afternoon. The captain reported that he had been delayed by fog and also by stopping to assist a schooner which had been dismantled in the storm.

BANK OF ENGLAND RATE UNCHANGED

London, Dec. 23.—The directors of the Bank of England at their weekly meeting today made no change in the minimum discount rate of 4 1/2 per cent.

STRIKE BREAKERS LET GO

Ludlow, Mass., Dec. 23.—The Ludlow Manufacturing Associates discharged the 200 Greek and Italian strike-breakers brought from New York during recent strike in the mills which ended with the return of the Polish strikers to work this week.

TARIFF DECISION BY MARCH 1

Taft Ready Then to Announce What Countries Will Get Minimum Rate Benefit—President and Santa Claus

Washington, Dec. 23.—A long consultation at the White House between President Taft, Secretary of State Knox, the members of the tariff board and members of the trade relations staff of the state department, indicated that President Taft will be in a position on March 1 next to proclaim just which countries are to be given the benefit of the minimum American tariff in return for concessions on their part.

Senator Aldrich, chairman of the finance committee of the senate, who framed the maximum and minimum clause of the tariff bill, was called into the conference. The tariff board, composed of Professor H. C. Emery, James B. Reynolds and Alvin H. Sanders, has been engaged for the last three months in seeking out tariff discriminations against the United States. It is said that these were not hard to find, and that many of them were entitled to the distinction of being termed "gross." Efforts will be made to adjust matters with most of the countries through diplomatic channels within the next two months. The greatest difficulty of adjustment is expected with France, because of the heavy increases made by the Jayne bill on wines and other imports from that country.

Taft and Santa Claus

When little Henry Gordon McMoran, the six-year-old grandson of Representative McMoran of Michigan, was introduced to President Taft, during the congressional calling hour at the White House, he blurted out the chief executive that he had begun to doubt the authenticity of "all this Santa Claus business." At the suggestion of his parents he had decided to leave the matter to President Taft for settlement. The president was taken aback for a minute, but looking down on the little fellow and putting him on the head said:

"Well, young man, if you write a letter to Santa Claus and on Christmas morning find he has brought you all that you asked for, isn't that enough to show that he not only exists, but is a mighty fine fellow?" The boy admitted that that certainly would be a point in favor of Santa Claus and he agreed to reserve his judgment until Christmas morning. In the meantime he is going to be very busy with letter writing.

Gifford Pinchot, chief of the Bureau of Forestry of the Interior Department, called at the White House and talked with President Taft regarding participation by the United States in the international conference on conservation proposed by former President Roosevelt, which is planned to be held at The Hague next year. The object of the conference is to gather data as to the world's supply of natural resources and to devise the best means of conserving these resources. The president is deeply interested in the subject and assured Mr. Pinchot he would lend whatever assistance he could to the movement.

Industrial education, what it has accomplished and its present condition, in all probability will be made the subject of a general investigation under the supervision of the bureau of labor. Secretary Nagel and Commissioner Neill both favor it. They so told a committee of the American Federation of Labor, made up of President Fombers, John Mitchell, James O'Connell and Frank Morrison who called to present the subject in obedience to instructions given them at the recent Toronto meeting of the organization where the question of industrial education came up for an interesting discussion. The members left with Secretary Nagel the complete report of the special committee on this subject laid before the convention. The secretary promised his callers to take up their request for serious consideration.

No Embassy at Vatican

The papal legation will send an official communication to Rome supplementing the White House letter in which President Taft notifies the pope of his inability to recommend the establishment of an embassy to the Vatican. Mr. Diomedeo Falconio, who will sign the communication, will set forth explanations showing that it is not feasible for this country to give diplomatic recognition to the church when there are so many principal religions beside the Catholic.

MARCONI AIR LINES BRING MORE WORD OF HEAVY STORM

Terrific Weather Reported in Marconigram to Queenstown from Steamer Chicago—Is Short of Coal—Friesland Not Heard From Yet

Queenstown, Ire., Dec. 23.—(Special).—Further evidence of the terrific weather experienced on the Atlantic in the last few days, have been received here in a Marconigram from Captain French, of the steamer Chicago, which left New York on December 11 for Havre.

IS BOUNTY FROM QUEEN ENGLAND?

Unknown Benefactor of Wretched Poor Distributes Christmas Gifts on Victoria Embankment

London, Dec. 23.—(Special).—Unknown men for the past two nights have collected the homeless destitute who frequent the Victoria embankment and have given to each man a knitted jacket, gloves, a scarf and a shilling, and to each woman a shawl, gloves and a shilling.

They refuse to give the names of the donor of the articles.

The Daily Mail today says that Queen Alexandra, stirred by newspaper stories of wanderers who seek refuge on the embankment, has taken this means of providing Christmas presents for them.

LEAVE NO AVENUE FOR THEIR ESCAPE

Prosecution Guarding Against Elderly Trio in Bath-tub Case Dodging the Issue

New York, Dec. 23.—Although Mrs. Caroline B. Martin, mother of Mrs. Carey Sneed has been indicted with her two sisters for the murder of the East Orange bath-tub victim, the New Jersey authorities have not yet obtained possession of Mrs. Martin, and the self-willed elderly woman is determined not to be taken from New York state without a fight. Today her attorney, Col. Robert J. Haine, announced that he would also take steps for bringing habeas corpus proceedings to test the strength of the case against his client.

BIG COAL AND IRON PROPERTY SOLD

Baltimore, Md., Dec. 23.—At a meeting of the directors of the Georges Creek Coal & Iron Company yesterday, it was decided to recommend the acceptance of an offer by the Jamison Coal & Coke Company for the Georges Creek property. A special meeting of the stockholders has been called for January 15 to ratify the sale.

BRILLIANT RUN BY POOL PLAYER

Boston, Dec. 23.—A brilliant opening run of 70, within nine balls of the world record, held by Frank Ely, kept Tom Huston of St. Louis, the world's champion pool player, ahead of Bennie Allen of Kansas City in the second book of 200 balls in their 60-point match in this city last night. Huston finished the evening with 236 to 141 for Allen. With last night's score added, Huston leads Allen 412 to 326.

MORE VOTERS IN BOSTON

Boston, Mass., Dec. 23.—A gain of 2,019 voters in Boston for the next municipal election in January was shown when registration closed last night. The figures showed 112,675 voters as against 110,656 last year.

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