

Little Old Man Grows Plump Christmas Spirit Overflowing

What a Cold Grey Dawn it Would be if There Were no Santa Claus! But the News is That His Pack is Bulging Over — It's Christmas Time in Prince Edward Island Stores and There are Gifts for Everyone — Let the Stockings be Filled.



IF THERE WERE NO SANTA CLAUS! There would be "no stockings hung by the chimney with care." No toddlers pattering down the steps in their flannel nighties in the grey dawn on Christmas morning. No "See what Santa has brought me!" from the ecstatic voice of the child.

There would be no need for Christmas trees loaded down with good things. Nor gay festoons of lights and evergreen. Nor stars twinkling above the doorways. Nor candles burning in the windows to light the way of the passerby.

But there is a Santa Claus. He is the embodiment of the Christmas spirit. He is ruddier, more rotund, merrier than ever. He thinks first of the little children.

His arms are loaded down with gifts. His pack is bulging over. "Si-lent night, Holy night", the carollers burst forth

And, Santa dear, I hope you're having a football on to me! And I, a bat, likewise a mit! We need them on the field.

And, Santa dear, go to the poor Children everywhere; And bring them toys and lots of joy.

And over there in that old shack There lives a dear old man. Bring him a pipe. Likewise some clothes, and tobacco too.

SCOUR COAST FOR SCHOONER

(C.P. By Guardian's Special Wire) HALIFAX, Dec. 21.—Four cutters were scouring the heavy ocean off the Nova Scotia coast tonight in search of the Lunenburg schooner Shirley B. Corkum, unreported since she was sighted flying distress signals last night.

The disabled fishing craft, carrying 24 men, had been swallowed up by the gale which swept the Atlantic seaboard, leaving a trail of damage across Nova Scotia and Newfoundland.

The Lunenburg schooner R. B. Bennett, homeward bound from the Banks, sighted the Corkum last night but was unable to get close enough to ascertain the trouble.

Later the driving storm separated the two vessels and the Bennett, badly battered and with her wheelhouse carried away, reached her home port today.

Tonight the fisheries cutter Arras and three Royal Canadian Mounted Police cutters were searching for the missing vessel.

Daughter Of Hon. H.H. Stevens Dies In Mt'l.

(C. P. By Guardian's Special Wire) MONTREAL, Dec. 22.—Miss Sylvia Stevens, 22, daughter of the Hon. H. H. Stevens, former Minister of Trade and Commerce, died tonight at Montreal General Hospital, where she had been a patient for almost ten weeks, and where she underwent a very serious dual operation on Oct. 15.

She had been ill for three years, and after consultation with leading physicians, it was decided to operate as a last possibility. So serious was her condition found to be, however, that very little hope of her recovery was entertained at that time.

CANADA'S UNSOLVED MYSTERIES

MURDERED FOR FIFTY DOLLARS

(By George C. Murray)

(Canadian Press Staff Writer) (Copyright, 1934, by The Canadian Press) GLENHARRY, N. S., Dec. 23 — Tragedy lingers long in town and village, and every time farmers of this scattered community pass along the winding road back of Glenarry they are reminded of the Dryden murder, one of Canada's unsolved mysteries.

John Dryden, aged recluse, was murdered for \$50. Neighbors, puzzled by the deserted appearance of his little dwelling on the crest of the hill overlooking Dryden's Lake, found him dead May 5, 1930, under his blood-stained bedclothes. He had been killed by a blow on the back of the head, and doctors said he had been dead for several days before the body was discovered.

The \$50 he had drawn from his savings account in New Glasgow April 15 was missing, also his heavy gold watch and two gold chains. Everybody in Glenarry and for miles around knew kindly 74 year old John Dryden and liked him. Enraged by the brutal crime in their peaceful community, all endeavored to aid the police in tracking down the murderer. The result was a mass of evidence that led the sleuths on many different trails.

Developments moved swiftly after Halifax detectives recovered the watch and chains from a pawnshop in the provincial capital. Two men were arrested charged with murder. Both were acquitted in supreme court at Pictou; but first one of them, an itinerant Irishman, created a series of sensations in the magistrate's court at New Glasgow.

Testifying at this preliminary hearing, the moody Irishman professed to know every detail of the crime and told a vivid story that chilled an audience he played to at every opportunity. He described himself as a spectator of a drama which convinced the court he should have been an author of fiction. John Dryden was murdered at midnight on Good Friday, he said after picturing a group of three men and two women standing in the dingy cottage at Glenarry.

On the bed a heap of clothes moved as the old man tried to get his head from under them and gasped for breath to speak, the witness continued. Two swings of an axe and the form under the clothes was motionless. Three men and two women left the building and walked out into the night with the loot.

SAFETY SPEED COMFORT SERVICE CANADIAN NATIONAL RAILWAYS

A MERRY CHRISTMAS.... and a HAPPY NEW YEAR.

In extending to its patrons and friends the Greetings of the Season, the C.N.R. is glad to record a year of improvement over that immediately preceding and to express its anticipation that the coming year will maintain this upswing in business.

But the realization of our hopes depends upon the patronage which the public gives us. At this Season of Goodwill, it may be appropriate to suggest that those who are in a position to do so can confer a boon on their fellow-citizens by ridding themselves of hampering and groundless fears and by adopting instead an attitude of confidence and co-operation.

The C.N.R. seeks the goodwill of all Canadians. It looks for, and will strive to merit a greater measure of patronage, a fuller opportunity to be of service. The expenditure of just a few more dollars per head of population, during the coming year, on the services the company provides, will not only be of prime importance to the C.N.R. but will also be of benefit to all workmen and merchants in Canada.

And it will be a worthwhile expenditure because of what the C.N.R. gives — speedy and reliable transportation, courteous and efficient service, reasonable rates and fares all the year round, and special low rates and fares on many occasions, such, for example, as the present holiday time.

Let us, then, have a Merry Christmastide and a Happy New Year.

CANADIAN NATIONAL

MARTIN INSULL NOT GUILTY OF EMBEZZLEMENT

(A. P. by Guardian's Special Wire) CHICAGO, Dec. 22.—Martin Insull was absolved of embezzlement charges today.

Prosecutors had failed for the third time to fix criminal responsibility for the collapse of the huge Insull power empire.

The jury filed into the crowded court chamber after six hours and 45 minutes of formal deliberation and after a tense silence they announced that they found the silver haired defendant not guilty of stealing \$344,720 from the Middle West Utilities Company he headed to carry on his private stock market operations.

It was the third Insull triumph. Samuel and his son, Samuel, Jr., and 16 co-defendants were freed in Federal Court on Nov. 24 after a long trial on charges of fraudulent use of the mail in pushing the sale of their securities at a time when the far flung utility domain was crumbling.

MOLEY DISCLOSED YESTERDAY TO THE UNIVERSITY OF TORONTO'S WOMEN'S CLUB. BUT DR. MOLEY, FOLLOWING A LONG-HELD THEORY THAT WOMAN'S APPROACH TO GOVERNMENT AND POLITICS WAS NOT DISCERNIBLY DIFFERENT FROM MAN'S, HAD TOLD ROOSEVELT THAT HE GAVE WOMEN STUDENTS JUST THE SAME LECTURES AS MEN.

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SOMETHING UNIQUE IN AUCTION SALES

BERWICK, N.S. Dec. 21.—(CP)—They've been having auction sales in the Annapolis Valley for more than 300 years now but valley folk think this one beats them all.

The goods had been seized by the plaintiff when the defendant did not pay the amount due within the specified time, and here are the articles listed for sale. "One set of artificial teeth, second hand (upper plate), four gold teeth suitable for a young man, parts of an upper plate of artificial teeth."

Colds in The Poultry Flock

(Charlottetown Experimental Farm News Letter)

Colds or catarrh of the nasal passages in poultry seem to resemble in many respects colds contracted by humans. This disease is common to all domesticated birds and generally makes its appearance in the fall of the year during changeable weather. Symptoms of a cold are very dry eyes. The birds become dull, the eyes watery and a watery discharge comes from the nostrils.

If only one or two birds are affected the cause is probably low vitality in these individuals, but if the cold becomes general, housing conditions are likely unsatisfactory. Immediate steps should be taken to see that the house is free from draughts, and that the birds are not crowded. Crowding may be caused by housing too many birds in a house, or by the birds gathering in the corners instead of going to the roosts. A damp house, or one without proper ventilation will lower the vitality of the stock and render them susceptible to disease.

Dry well ventilated poultry houses and careful feeding are the best means of preventing colds, but even under ideal conditions a few birds may become affected. Separate the sick birds from the rest of the flock, and place them in a warm dry room. Give each bird about a half a teaspoonful of Epsom salts, plus a drop of argyrol in each nostril. If a reasonable amount of care is taken the cold will soon run its course.

Commission Will Probe British Arms

(C. P. Cable)

(By Guardian's Special Wire) LONDON, Dec. 22.—Prime Minister Ramsay MacDonald announced briefly today a Royal Commission will be appointed to investigate activities of British armament-making firms. He made the announcement before the House of Commons recessed for Christmas but said he was unable at the moment to elaborate on it.

Nevertheless the bare announcement occasioned wide interest, particularly in view of the fact that names of British manufacturers came up last summer in Washington where a Senate Committee is probing activities of United States armament makers.

Losses Dignity

Martin dropped his customary cloak of dignity. He scrambled over the rail to the jury box. In high glee he shook hands heartily with each of the 12 men who set him free.

He hugged his brother, Samuel Insull, Sr.—the power potentate who took him from a laborer's job and made him president of the \$2,000,000 Middle West concern. Tears trickled from Samuel's eyes. With nervous hand, Martin wrote out a formal statement and handed it to reporters. It said: "This is the end of a very long road, but a very pleasant one."

BUSINESS AGAIN NORMAL DR. LOCKE BACK ON JOB

WILLIAMSBURG, Dec. 22.—This town tasted the bitterness of depression last week, but it all came to an end this morning when business activities were resumed in their usual prosperous way. The reason for this lull, which continued for seven days, was that Dr. Mahlon W. Locke, whose relief for the sick and maimed brought Williamsburg fame, was laid up with influenza. Confined to his bed, and unable to attend the many who were here for consultations, the town's business dropped 100 percent.

The two hotels and many rooming houses became empty; patients departed for their respective homes upon being told they could not see the famous doctor; nurses, usually very busy, went home for a rest, and even store owners, finding there were no customers in sight, closed their shops and decided to take a holiday.

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Snapped in his informal pose, the Bulgarian royal family is shown outside the palace in Sofia. King Boris is at the RIGHT, while Queen Joanna is holding the little Princess Marie Louise. The queen is the former Princess Giovanna of Italy.