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"The Strongest Memory is Weaker than the Weakest Ink."

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Christmas 1939

"And there in the same country shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night."

A year ago we were celebrating the advent of Christmas in the hope and expectation of remaining at peace with the world.

The past few weeks have brought heartening evidence of the power of the British Navy and Allied air and land forces.

Paradoxically, the story of Christmas gains in meaning and significance during times of national crisis.

Agents Of Good Will

A news item in yesterday's Guardian described the rush and bustle at the Charlottetown Post Office.

The Late Hon. Mr. Palmer

The late Hon. Herbert James Palmer, K. C., whose death is reported in today's issue, was a link with the historic past as well as a figure beloved and esteemed on his own behalf.

which did not fear to tackle the oratorios of Handel and Haydn. He was zealous in promoting amateur theatricals.

His familiar figure will be missed by young and old in Charlottetown, and his memory will be treasured as one of Prince Edward Island's finest citizens.

EDITORIAL NOTES

Tomorrow Christmas Services.

Monday Christmas Holiday.

The stores report good business, and all set for a Merry Christmas.

The last-minute practically for Christmas buying and preparations.

When we are celebrating do not let us forget to toast the boys who are away doing their bit.

No customs duty or other charges will be charged on imports into France of horses, mules, dried beans, lentils or peas, until June 30, 1940.

"I have often thought, says Sir Roger, it happens very well that Christmas should fall out in the middle of winter," wrote Addison in an early issue of The Spectator.

Laurence Oliphant died this date, 1888. He wrote the "Narrative of the Earl of Elgin's Mission to China and Japan in 1857-59," a standard work of the relations between the Orient and the Occident.

Canadian exporters of certified seed potatoes to Cuba are again advised that seed potatoes weighing less than one and one-half ounce will not be permitted entry.

The sangfroid of some youngsters is refreshing. A Mrs. Cecil McKnight, a farmer's wife, heard a faint cry that sounded like the voice of her two-and-a-half-year-old son, Keith.

The Dominion Steel and Coal Corporation have appointed Rev. Dr. Maxwell M. MacOdrum minister of the Presbyterian Church, Sydney.

It is announced that Mr. Robert England, M.C., M.A., well-known Winnipeg educationist, has accepted the post of director of the Canadian Legion War Services overseas education branch.

At Sudbury, Ont., a judge imposed a suspended sentence on a car driver found guilty of driving a car while drunk, and was immediately called to book by the Department of Justice at Ottawa.

A plea to conduct business affairs in accordance with officially announced plans for a long war is contained in the current butter and cheese summary of Olive and Dorion, Montreal dealers.

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NOTES BY THE WAY

The Prescott grain elevator is full to overflowing and a dozen freighters will winter there with storage cargoes of wheat.

Canadian troops have not seen action in France yet. But one soldier at least has found it necessary to open fire on the enemy.

On guard duty near Revelstoke, British Columbia militiaman found himself attacked by a large grizzly bear.

Shots fired by a vessel at sea caused considerable stir in Durban recently. A Durban whaler, the Egeland, was returning to harbor with two dead whales in tow.

Often enough one finds reason to complain in a general way that some governmental policy is not right. It becomes more apparent when facts are pointed to in a concrete way.

Alexander Muir was strolling with George Leslie near the Leslie Nurseries in Toronto one day in Autumn of 1887.

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The Health League Of Canada

HEALTH OF ENGLISH PEOPLE

Entering the war, the health of English people was never so good. The average weight of school children has increased by three pounds and the average height by half an inch compared with ten years ago.

The lowest on record and just half of what it was in 1901. Infant mortality has a new low record of 53 per thousand births, a little more than one-third of what it was at the beginning of the century.

Maternal mortality in 1938 was less than 3 per 1000 births, while 5 years ago it was 4.4. The deaths from tuberculosis are again the lowest on record, being only half the number in 1911.

The black spot is the increase in cancer mortality, the number of deaths for 1938 numbering 6,605, which was 1,000 more than in the previous year.

It is that which has so revolutionized the health of the English people in the number of cases of diptheria and that there are still some 3,000 deaths from typhoid. Well, the remedy for diptheria is thoroughly well known to English authorities.

Good King Wenceslas looked out On the feast of Stephen, And the snow lay round about, Deep and crisp and even.

"Hilher, pace, come stand by me, If thou knowest it telling, Yonder peasant, who is he? Where and what his dwelling?"

"Bring me flesh, and bring me wine, Bring me pine logs hither; Thou and I will see him dine When he bear this thither."

"Sire, the night is darker now, And the storm grows stronger; Fairly fall, I know not how, I can go no longer."

In his master's steps he trod When the snow lay dinted; Heat was in the very sods, Which his foot had printed.

MOSCOW — (CP) — Two chairs from London have been placed on exhibition in the Museum of the Revolution here.

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Of Arms And Santa Claus

(New York Herald-Tribune)

American toy shops, according to old legends, are refusing to succumb to the rearmament which is spawning miniature Maginot lines on the shelves of their European counterparts.

But to the children themselves, of course, these considerations have little weight, and the atmosphere of war will naturally increase the interest of a lively boy in the little tank.

But there were times when gales sprang up with incredible suddenness and attained relentless fury. Then the ships were strung out in a line from their moorings, and cable watches kept vigil on the mirthful links to report any dragging of the anchor.

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BEST WISHES FOR A Merry Christmas TO OUR Friends and Customers E. A. FOSTER Central Drugstore

sea trips in the Autumn to Stromness and Kirkwall? Why Autumn particularly? A considerable experience of Orkney weather revealed that that is the best time of all the year to visit those islands.

OXFORD, England — (OP) Joyce Blencowe, daughter of an Oxford tailor, who became the wife of Prince Mahmud of Trengganu last June, has been officially recognized by the Prince's brother the Sultan of Trengganu, and given the name of "Bright Eyes."

BURHAM BEECHES, England — (OP) — It was a grocery six weeks ago but now the corner shop act as a day nursery for the children of 20 mothers who are working in factories nearby.

Fred — You are a singular son of girl. Mabel — Well, that's easily altered.

The great man was ill and peevishly declined to answer the doctor's questions. "Very well," finally said the doctor, in exasperation, "I'll tell your wife to send for a veterinarian; he's used to treating patients without asking questions of them."

For a Delicious Cup of Orange Pekoe Tea Mr. Tea Pott Says: Use BRAHMIN Full Flavoured Tea

SEASON'S GREETINGS

To our policyholders and friends, near and far, we extend Hearty Wishes for a Merry Yuletide and Happy New Year.

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DODD'S KIDNEY PILLS

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