

EMPIRE SHOW ASSURED FOR 1915

LONDON, Dec. 20. (Special)—The British Dominions Exhibition scheme was formally endorsed at a meeting held yesterday at the Mansion House presided over by the Lord Mayor and attended by many influential men, including Canadian representatives.

A CURIOUS WELSH PRACTICE

There are not a few curious or otherwise interesting Christmas customs which are seldom heard of outside the particular localities in England and Wales in which they are observed.

DECORATING THE HOUSE FOR YULETIDE

An old-fashioned country house forms an ideal background for Christmas decorations. The two most important points to be studied in carrying them out are brilliance of colouring and boldness of design.

DON'T DOLE WITH ALCOHOLIC "TONICS"

This is honest advice for you who are run down and sick—don't drop with alcoholic "tonic." We're backing this advice with our personal guarantee of satisfaction to you, or your money back.

ATLANTIC RATE WAR INEVITABLE

LONDON, Dec. 20.—The Atlantic rate war which has been threatened for months past seems now inevitable. It is stated on the authority of the Journal of Commerce that the two most important German companies have failed to arrive at a settlement of their difficulties, and the situation has now been aggravated by the Hamburg-America line deciding to reduce its rates before the important meeting of the North Atlantic conference to be held on the 21st of next month.

RAID ON TORONTO GAMBLING RESORTS.

TORONTO, Dec. 20.—A police raid was made yesterday afternoon on an alleged gambling resort in the St. James Chambers, Adelaide and Jarvis streets. The following were arrested: Arthur J. Horton, William J. Gallagher, Mary Denning and Edith Doyle.

BANK OF COMMERCE PROFITS ON PAID-UP CAPITAL 20 P. C.

TORONTO, Dec. 20.—In the Bank of Commerce annual statement issued yesterday, profits are shown at \$2,992,957 or almost twenty per cent on the paid up capital of \$15,000,000 and 10.5 per cent on the paid-up capital and reserve.

OTTAWA, Dec. 20.—It is removed in official circles here today that Major Leonard of the Transcontinental Commission will be knighted by King George at New Year's.

A Chef's Common Sense

Many housewives think that French chefs have notions which are too high to be of use to the ordinary home cook. "They have so much to do with," complains the home cook, "they are so used to working with large quantities of supplies that they know nothing of the needs of the home kitchen, where economy must be practised."

Evil of Substitution Exposed

A dealer substitutes because he makes more profit on an inferior article. A local citizen was induced to take a substitute for Putnam's Corn Extractor, with the result that the substitute burnt his toes and failed to cure. Putnam's contains no acid and is guaranteed. Always get Putnam's Extractor, 25c. at all dealers.

LONDON SAVES BY POWER PRICE CUT

LONDON, Dec. 20. (Special)—It was announced at a meeting of the Water and Electric Commission today that the Ontario Hydro-electric Commission had made the recent cut in the price of power to the municipalities retroactive, and that the reduction applied on the city's November account. This means that the city is now buying power at \$23 instead of \$24 per horsepower.

DREAMED THAT SANTA WAS DEAD

(L. P. Tanton) What a horrible night, what a time I have had: Dear Mamma, has my hair turned grey? For an imp of sleep-evil, got into my head, And I dreamed that old Santa was dead.

CHIEFS FROM NIGERIA

They journeyed to England to assert the Rights of Natives Among a party of Nigerian chiefs who arrived at Plymouth was one huge fellow about 6 feet 6 inches in height and broad in proportion.

FLYING ACROSS SAHARA DESERT.

PARIS, Dec. 20.—A French Aerial Squadron is soon to attempt a flight across the Sahara Desert. Mrs. Robt. Aflleck, proprietor of the King George Hotel, has returned home after visiting her parents in Cape Breton.

BRITAIN AGAINST PANAMA FAIR

LONDON, Dec. 20. (Special)—The cabinet tonight decided against official representation of Great Britain at the Panama-Pacific Exposition. Apparently the board of trade has not changed its belief that only small benefit would accrue to British exhibitors, and the ministers took the view that because of the rapid rise in the national expenditure it would be inadvisable to devote any considerable sum of money to this purpose, especially in view of Germany's refusal to participate officially in the exposition.

CRAZY MAN SHOCKS AUDIENCE

BERLIN, Dec. 20th. (Special)—An amazing incident occurred before a fashionable audience assembled for a performance of Lohengrin at the Royal Opera House. While the third act was in progress an unclothed man suddenly burst into the stalls from a side entrance.

TO TAKE CITY OF MEXICO BY FIRE AND SWORD.

MEXICO CITY, Dec. 20.—The traitors, Huerta and Biangué, after a very short process, will be publicly degraded and hanged from this balcony of the National Palace as a warning to all. The rest of the cabinet will be shot after being judged.

CARDINAL RAMPOLLA'S WILL.

ROME, Dec. 20.—Cardinal Rampolla's will, dated 1889, makes provision for his sister to the amount of \$60,000. Jewellery to a similar amount is bequeathed to the church of St. Cecilia and \$100 to the Cardinal's valet.

OH! YOU HAVE SUCH BEAUTIFUL HAIR!

What a pleasant thing to have said to you! And why shouldn't it be? You who envy others their lovely hair, and are ashamed of the dull, lifeless, stringy appearance of your own—use Harmony Hair Beautifier, and let others envy you.

VERY DOUBTFUL CANADIAN DEAL

LONDON, Dec. 20. (Special)—A Canadian episode which requires to be probed, and "directors seen in no hurry to issue an explanation," is the comment made by the Financial News in connection with complaints that are being received regarding the Imperial Loan and Investment Company.

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On October 4, duty presented through the bankers on the date was returned to me on the 4th of December, unpaid, with the note. Not being paid, I have applied to the bankers and brokers and neither of them has any information as regards what would appear to be an extraordinary default in payment of interest.

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