

SMILES



"How long have they been married?" "Not so long. I understand it will hold her hand in the movies."



Duck: Hello, Mr. Turk. Why the sad looks? Turkey: Well, you know I at ways have an attack of blues about this time each year.

CHRISTMAS SHOPPING HINT

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"I offered Reggie a penny for his thoughts." "Did you get them." "No, he was out of thoughts at usual."



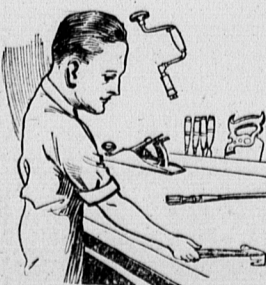
She: Have you been drinking again? He: Hic! Noze, not 'tal, ma dear, hic—only—hic! a drop of hare tonic.

Mad Elephant On Warpath

PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 26.—Tusko, Portland's mad elephant, went on a rampage here yesterday, wrecked the building which has been his winter quarters, and all but escaped before several score of workmen and handlers fettered him with steel cable and chain. Dozens of police kept rifles trained upon him to shoot had he escaped.

EYESIGHT EXAMINATION

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SUMMERSIDE HIGH SCHOOL CLOSING—The Summerside High School closed on Wednesday for the Christmas holidays. Christmas carols were sung by the pupils in the Assembly Hall, after which each class returned to their rooms where Christmas trees held candy and gifts for the children. The teachers were the recipients of many lovely gifts from the pupils. Christmas greetings were exchanged by all before leaving to meet again on January 4th.—S.

IN AID OF RED CROSS—The school children of St. Eleanors put on an excellent concert in aid of the Junior Red Cross on Tuesday evening in the hall. Mr. Colin Cresswell was the very efficient chairman. Recitations, songs and readings by the children delighted a large audience. Other performers were Mr. Edward Lockhart, Miss Rowena MacLeod in a duet, "Whispering Hope." Readings by Miss Anna Bennett of Charlottetown and Miss Audrey Harvey of Linkletter. The following morning in the school room the children's tree was held and candy and presents distributed. Mr. Gordon Bennett, head-master, and Miss Cresswell were presented with gifts from the pupils.—S.

CHRISTMAS CONCERT: The Sunday School children of the United Baptist Church, Summerside, held their Christmas concert on Tuesday evening in the Baptist Hall. Rev. Mr. Wilson was chairman and made a few remarks at the opening of the program wishing everyone a very Happy Christmas. A delightful program of Christmas recitations and songs were rendered by the pupils and their performance was highly commented upon by parents and friends who filled the hall to capacity. A Christmas tree laden with toys and candy for the little ones and presents for the teachers was the chief attraction of the evening. Santa Claus put in an appearance and distributed the gifts. Rev. Mr. Wilson received a Christmas present from the tree for which he gave Santa Claus his profuse thanks. A vote of thanks was extended to Mrs. Collin Stewart, Mrs. Chester Palmer and Mrs. J. Dobson and others who were in charge of the program for the excellent manner in which it was carried out.—S.

PERSONALS

Miss Dorothy Kirwin of the Experimental Fox Ranch, Summerside, is spending the holidays at her home in Charlottetown.—S

Prominent New York Reporter Dies

NEW YORK, N. Y., Dec. 26.—Charles Somerville, one of the best known of New York's veteran newspapermen, died Friday after a brief illness. He was 58 years old. For years he covered major trials, sports events and other assignments, working at various times for three dailies. He once said that he had witnessed 18 electrocutions, 6 hangings, one lynching and one murder. Since 1919 Somerville has been out of active newspaper work, devoting his time to writing fiction, mostly detective stories.

SHERBROOKE WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

The December meeting of Sherbrooke Women's Institute met on Wednesday afternoon, Dec. 16th, at the home of Mrs. Major W. Townsend. The house was prettily decorated in keeping with the theme of the programme for the month, Christmas. Eleven members and two visitors responded to the roll call by Christmas verses. The President, Mrs. L. B. Linkletter, presided, and the usual routine of business was carried out. \$5 was voted the Red Cross from Institute funds. It was also decided to forward \$1.50 to Mrs. K. Wyand to promote Dental Clinics. Pamphlets on health were distributed to each member. Money was voted to procure Christmas treat for the school children, the committee being Mrs. Lyman Hall and Mrs. Robert Milligan. The Sick Committee for next month, Mrs. J. C. MacDonald and Miss Annie McNeill. It was decided to have the annual community social in the hall on January 19th, and refreshments and program committee were appointed to make further arrangements for same. After an interesting programme, lunch was served. A vote of thanks was tendered the hostess, after which the meeting closed with the National Anthem.

Tignish & Vicinity

There is one place where Christmas is kept three times a year—in the Church of Nativity at Bethlehem, the reputed site of the Stable of the Inn. The Roman, Greek and Armenian Greek bodies have each their respective section of the Church, but their celebrations do not occur on the same day. The Latin Christmas is celebrated at the Roman Catholic altar on December 25th. Thirteen days later the Orthodox Easterns perform the Greek rite. Another thirteen days later the Armenian church keeps its own ceremonial of Byzantine faith. The Eve of Epiphany, or Twelfth Night (January 6) is to the children of Rome what Christmas is to us.

Straw is said to be used for decoration in Greek homes on Christmas day in memory of the Stable of Bethlehem. Christmas carols originated in the eleventh century, being sung between the scenes of the miracle and mystery plays of the period. The turkey has not always been the favorite bird on the Christmas menu, the peacock, in ancient times taking its place on the festival board. The oldest name for Christmas is "The Feast of Lights" in remembrance of the lighted heavens in which the angels appeared on the first Christmas day. The use of the Christmas wreath is believed to be traceable to the pagan custom of decorating buildings and places of worship at the feast which took place at the same time as our Christmas. The wreath is not used to such a great extent in Europe as in Canada, although decorations with evergreens are much used.

The students of Tignish studying in St. Dunstan's arrived home Tuesday night for the Christmas holidays and are looking forward to a very enjoyable and well earned vacation. They are: Oswald Murphy, Hollis Morrissey, Gerald Handrahan, Hector Buote, Lloyd Keough, Walter Bernard, Willie Handrahan. J. Henry Gallant of the C. N. R. express is spending a few days in Summerside assisting in the Express Office at that point during the Christmas rush of business. Mr. Ralph Harper, Boston, has arrived here to spend the Christmas holidays at his home here. Miss Evelyn Gaudet, Charlottetown, is spending Christmas at her home in Tignish. Mrs. Josephine Corbett and Miss Annie Bernard were visitors to Charlottetown during the first part of the week. Miss Belle Corbett a student at St. Joseph's Convent, Charlottetown, is spending Christmas at her home in Tignish. On Tuesday afternoon December 22nd the pupils of Tignish Convent entertained upwards of fifty parents and visitors at the closing exercises for the Christmas holidays. This entertainment was in the form of a play with Christmas songs and music, which was all well acted and carried out and which showed the excellent training given by the Sisters. Rev. J. A. MacDonald was present as guest of honor and complimented the Sisters and pupils on their lovely program. He also spoke of the advantages the young girls have while attending a Convent School and what value this excellent training would be to them later on in life. He was glad to see so many present and he wished all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year." Following is the program: Duet—"A Sleigh Ride." Marjorie McLellan, Joan Bernard, Anne M. LeClair, Kathleen Macdonald. Chorus—"Ring, Bells Ring" School. SANTA'S VISIT: Act I—The Home.—Poor Family Mother—Agnès Chaisson. Children.—Harriet Gaven, Ida

EASTERN GUARDIAN

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BURN'S ANNIVERSARY, annual Concert at Montague, uncer auspices, Saint Andrews Presbyterian Church choir. Watch for further announcement. 11118-12-23-31.

Wage Reduction Agreed To

(Canadian Press) CHICAGO, Ill., Dec. 26.—Fred W. Sargent, President of the North Western Railroad, said last night the wage controversy between the road and 5,000 maintenance of way employes has been settled. Under the agreement, Sargent said, the employes will accede to the decision to be reached regarding proposed wage reductions for all union railway workers. The railroads have announced a cut for all union workers, and negotiations are under way between the unions and the roads. The North Western announced a 15 per cent. reduction for maintenance of way employes several weeks ago. The workers immediately began a strike vote. Salaries of the North Western workers will remain unchanged, Sargent said.

Brennan, Marion McKinnon, Rosella Gallant, May LeClair, Kathleen McKinnon, Thelma Gaudet, Fairy—Kathleen McDonald. Act 2—SANTA'S PALACE Santa—Mary Gaven. Mrs. Santa—Lena Richard. Helpers—Mary Richard, Mary Burnham, Lillian Skerry, Adele Richard, Hattie McInnis, May Richard. Song: "Low in a Manger"—Tiny Tots. Act 3—CHRISTMAS SPIRIT Symbols Wreath—Elize Gaudet. Candle—Lorraine Rich. Card—Goldie Sudsbury. Candy Cane—Claude Bernard. Song—"Snow Flakes" Grades 3, 4 and 5. "God Save the King"—T.

TIGNISH CONVENT Following are the pupils, Grades 9 and 10, having over 75% in examinations on work of first term (in order of merit). 1, Frances McLellan and Lucille McQuaid; 2, Mildred Murphy; 3, Tillie Gallant; 4, Isabel Gaven; 5, Leone Mosher. Pupils below 75%, in order of merit—Irma Gaudet, Florence Howatt, Viola O'Meara, Evelyn DeRoche, Beatrice O'Brien, Olive Rayner, Frances Murphy, Edith Bernard, Gertrude Gaven, Helen Ryan, Mary Mokler, Teresa LeClair, Marjorie McLellan, Dorothy Morrissey, Marcella Bernard, Margaret Buoderick, Anne Marie LeClair, Brenda Gallant, Doris Gaven, Mildred Gaven, Mary Gaven. Honor Roll Grade VIII—1, Elsie Costain; 2, Doris Arsenault; 3, Stella Bernard. Grade VII—1, Emmeline Gaudet. Grade VI (a)—1, Eliza Gaudet; 2, Mary Richards; 3, Della Doyle. Grade VI (b)—1, Edith Gaudet; 2, May Gaudet; 3, Vera Arsenault. Grade V—1, Lillian Skerry; 2, Claudia Bernard; 3, Janie Harper. Grade IV—1, Frances Skerry; 2, Celine Richard and Marie Richard (equal); 3, Margaret McLeod. Grade III—1, Jeanette Kinch; 2, Irene Richard; 3, Felicia DesRoche.

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NOTICE As I am now opened up again for business, after my recent loss, I wish to thank my friends for their help and kindness to me. (Signed) UPTON SMITH, Stanley Bride.

Rum Cargo Under Christmas Trees

HALIFAX, N. S., Dec. 3 (By the Canadian Press)—The road to Portuguese Cove is narrow. Yesterday morning word came to headquarters of the Nova Scotia police here that a schooner load of liquor had been landed at that point, a fishing settlement located just where Halifax harbor broadens out to the open sea. Five doughty constables, conveyed in five cars, set out to waylay the smugglers. They had reached a narrow stretch of road near the Cove when a motor truck was observed approaching. The first police car drew out to let it pass. Escorted on the truck's driving seat was a burly negro. His load consisted of Christmas trees. "I" said one of the cops, "am going to have some fun with this coon."

"Halt," he ordered. The truck drew up; and the police proceeded to search it. Beneath the deck load of Christmas trees they uncovered 22 five gallon kegs of rum. It was then that the driver doffed his hat. Almost at once he became recognizable, under a liberal coat of shoe polish, as Jack Bevis, already wanted on two charges connected with assaulting a policeman and speeding. A third was laid against him. "What does he think he is," a Nova Scotia policeman said, "Al Jolson?"

ST. LOUIS AND VICINITY

The public schools are closed for the Christmas holidays. All join in wishing the teachers and pupils a very pleasant vacation. Rev. P. Walsh of Palmer Road was a visitor to Summerside on Tuesday. Congratulations are extended to Miss Patricia Shea, student at Prince of Wales College, who has successfully passed the semi-annual examinations. Miss Shea is spending her holidays at her home at Waterford. Miss Margaret Doucette, teacher of Cartier school, is spending the Christmas holidays at her home at Palmer Road. The Whist party held at the Palmer Road Hall on Dec. 16th was a decided success. Despite the inclemency of the weather and the bad roads it was largely attended. A neat sum was realized.

There were many beautiful floral tributes, a pillow, from the family; spray, Mr. and Mrs. Frank P. Cone; spray, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Lewis and family; wreath, Mr. and Mrs. Lowden Ashley and family; crescent, Mr. and Mrs. Frederick Palmer and family. The pall bearers were: Messrs. William Irving, Lester Wallace, James Wilkie, Russell Bell, J. W. Forsythe and Theodore Lewis. The remains were tenderly laid to rest in a grave, which loving hands had prepared in the family plot in the Casumpeck Cemetery. The sympathy of the community goes out to the bereaved family in their hour of sorrow.

The semi-annual examination of the pupils of Waterford school was held in the school house on Tuesday evening. The night being fine it was largely attended. After a thorough examination of the pupils on the various subjects by the teacher Miss Francis Kenny and visiting teachers, a very enjoyable programme was rendered by the pupils. Congratulations were extended to the teacher and pupils on the manner in which they conducted their undertaking. Messrs. Leavitt Kenny and Wilbert Shea of Waterford, students at St. Dunstan's University, arrived home Tuesday night to spend their holidays at home. Miss Patricia Callaghan, teacher at Richmond is spending the Christmas holidays at her home at Ebbesfleet.—T

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In Memoriam

MR. THOMAS INMAN

A deep shadow of gloom was cast over Alberton and vicinity when it was learned that on the morning of December 16, 1931, the messenger of death had entered the home of Mr. Thomas Inman and called him to his heavenly home. Although in failing health for some months, his family and friends did not realize until a few days before his death, that the end was so near. During his illness he was attended most faithfully by his loving wife and family, but despite all that could be done of loving care and the services of five different physicians, all was to no avail and on the above date he yielded his soul to his Creator in whose strength he patiently bore his sickness. The deceased who was in his 66th year, was well and favorably known throughout the Province. He was the eldest son of the late George and Rebecca Inman. The home which he loved so well has lost a kind and affectionate husband and father. The community has lost a quiet, unassuming citizen, a faithful and obliging neighbor, who was ever ready to give a helping hand to anyone in need and a friend who could be depended upon at all times. The deceased was an upright Christian gentleman, strictly honest in all his dealings with his fellowmen. He was one of the most prosperous and well-to-do farmers in the community and his work was ever characterized by tidiness and neatness. He was also a good horseman, having raised some of the finest draft horses to be found in the country. He was for many years a faithful member and supporter of the Alberton Methodist Church (now the United Church). During his illness he was frequently visited by his pastor, Rev. A. S. Weir, who conducted the funeral service from his home on Saturday, Dec. 19th. Despite the bad condition of the roads the service was very largely attended. The hymns sung were "The Lord is My Shepherd," "Safe in the Arms of Jesus," and "All the Way My Saviour Leads Me," and the beautiful duet, "Christians Good-night," was rendered by Mr. Alvin Ashley and Mr. Russell Leard. There are left to mourn their irreparable loss his heartbroken widow and family of three daughters and two sons, namely, Mrs. Frank P. Cone, of Hopkinton, Mass.; Myrtle, Olive, Willard and Preston at home, also one sister Barbara, (Mrs. Charles Lewis), and one brother John, both living at Alberton.

Each leper, however, has been given treatment by Dr. C. P. Brown, medical health officer, who is in charge of the quarantine station at William Head. For the past few years Dr. Brown has been patiently injecting a compound of ethyl and chalmogra oil into the blood stream of these afflicted people and at least has been able to give them the most treasured of all Christmas presents—hope for recovery. Cures have been effected elsewhere in the world, but to these, imprisoned on a lonely isle, seeing is believing. At last they have seen and now they all wait hopefully for that day when they too will be released from the sea girt island to return to their homes.

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Leper Leaves Island Cured

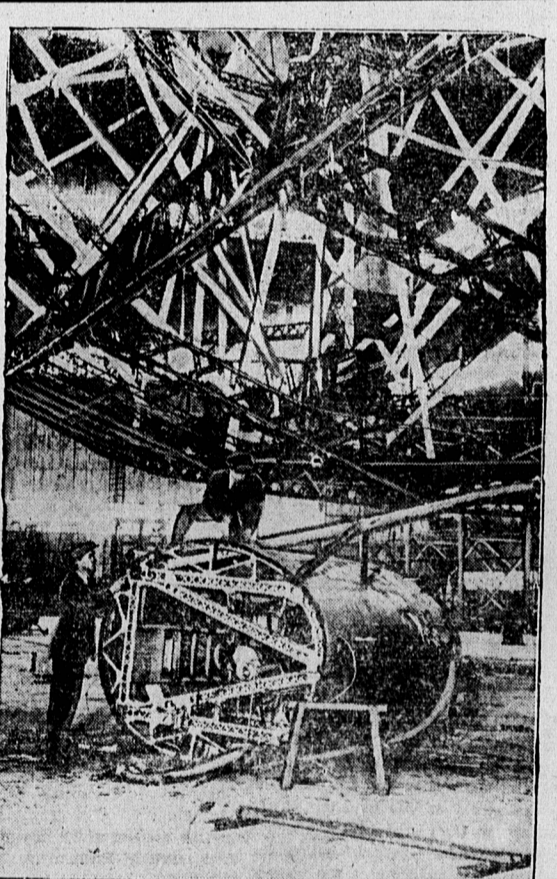
VICTORIA, B. C., Dec. 24.—(By the Canadian Press)—Unclean! Unclean! No longer will that dreaded warning ring in the ears of one member of the Lazareta here and because of this there is rejoicing among the lepers on Bentinck Island. A strange mixture of sorrow and happiness permeates the little colony—sorrow because one of their friends has left them and happiness because he has been repatriated. As they go about their chores—weeding the garden, cutting fuel, washing clothes and performing a multitude of other domestic duties—the lepers talk with a hopefulness born of realization. "Probably I will be the next to go," one remarks to another, trying the while to conceal a gleam of hope in his eyes. But he need not suppress his emotions for the same is felt by all of them.

On this little wind-swept island a few miles from Victoria, is a row of wooden cottages where members of the colony used to live until death brought an end to their miserable existence. Here on this island one day succeeds another with monotonous regularity. There is nothing to break the routine of the lepers' lives unless it be a shipwreck, which does not occur frequently on these barren shores. All that remains for these lepers is to occupy themselves with gardening; listen to the radio; play bridge at night.

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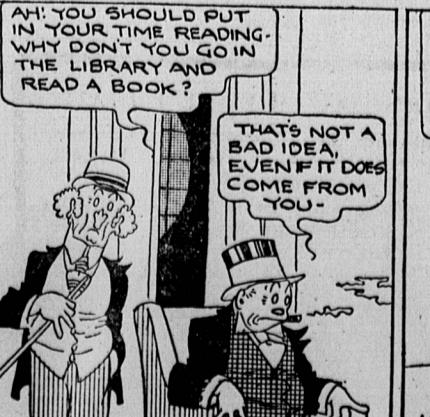
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R-100 DESTROYED TO REDUCE EXPENDITURE A moving sight, indeed, is the dismantling of Britain's air queen R-100, to be reduced to the mere level of souvenirs and ash trays. View of scrapping operations is seen here.

BRINGING UP FATHER



By George McManis