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A FEW CHILDREN STILL WAIT FOR ALIAS SANTA CLAUSES

Today The Little Ones Make Their Last Appeal to The Citizens of Charlottetown. Here is an Opportunity to all to Make Their Christmas Morning a Happy One

"Mother, I do hope Santa got our letter—I'd just love to have nice boots and Mary wants her new dress and mother, do you think Santa will forget Charlie's sweater? You remember last Christmas, he forgot to bring anything, but I guess he didn't get our letter last year." And as the little fellow talked, his big blue eyes glowing with eager anticipation, the mother sighed heavily and turned her face away lest her child should read the fears that lurked in her heart.

"Too well she remembered the loss and disappointment last Yuletide season had brought her little ones and wondered if this year their childish hopes would again be unrealized.

The letter has been sent to the Alias Santa Claus headquarters, the Charlottetown Guardian Office, but each morning as she scans the borrowed paper it is only to find that as yet no one has offered to help her three fatherless children.

Now readers, this case is only one among the many which are brought to our attention almost every day, and it is indeed a pathetic one. There is only one day left. Many children are yet to be provided for, and there are many mothers who like the one above referred to are waiting and praying that you will help them play the part of Santa Claus.

Yes, we know there are many places for spare money especially at this season, and no doubt you gift giving problem is a costly one, but when one considers the amount of comfort and happiness a dollar or two spent on a gift for some poor child will bring, we think it is really worth the effort. And more than that the gift which costs you a trivial sum of money will be to that child proof sufficient to convince him or her that Santa Claus, the spirit of Christmas, still lives. Remember the time is short and the little children are during these days living in happy anticipation of the joys your gift will bring them. It is your duty to help so do not let this last appeal remain unanswered.

Yesterday an additional number of names of needy children was received from the city clergymen. It is the expectation that there can be found enough Alias Santa Clauses to adopt all these, that the names are now printed. Readers desiring to act as Alias for these last minute kiddies should send in their names and present at once, and to facilitate the work of distributing the gifts, they should on no account neglect to put the child's name and number on each parcel.

THESE CHILDREN NEED ALIAS SANTA CLAUSES.

- 54. Vincent, age 11, boots. 59. Anthony, age 7, skates. 61. Mona, age 13, cap and mittens. 62. James, age 11, sweater. 70. Lillian, age 6, dress. 87. Charles, age 6, sweater. 88. John, age 6, sweater. 101. Frank, age 12, sweater. 104. Mary, age 6, dress. 105. Baby Annie, age 3, Dress and Doll. 115. Veronica, age 5, sweater and cap. 131. Joseph, age 6, wool trousers. 132. May Louise, age 2, dress. 133. Mary, age 12, sweater. 134. Ralph, age 9, cap and stockings. 144. George, age 9, sweater. 151. Angelina, age 12, cap and scarf. 152. Esther, age 14, sweater. 154. Lena, age 10, dress or sweater.

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NO COMPLAINT DECLARES N. S. MINER

Coal Probe Commission Hears Something New in Line of Evidence.

HALIFAX, N. S., Dec. 22.—A new note in the proceedings of the Royal Commission investigating the coal industry of Nova Scotia was sounded today when Robert Kirkwood, miner from an independent Greenwood colliery testified that he and his fellow workers had absolutely no complaint to make against the management of their company.

"We have our troubles," said the witness, "but they are invariably settled in a satisfactory manner. I think it only fair to the officials of our company to emphasize this."

The witness said that he appeared before the commission on behalf of the mine workers at Greenwood colliery in order to see if something could not be done to keep the mine working. Operations had been conducted to the point where they had been held up by a stop of coal owned by the British Empire Steel Corporation.

In 1914, he testified it had been decided it would be unprofitable for the predecessors of the corporation to operate this strip, on account of its distance from the base of operations. But the corporation was now attempting to mine the coal, and the belief of the Greenwood workmen was that this was being done for the expressed purpose of forcing the abandonment of their colliery. The witness told of the pride he and his fellow workmen felt in their homes and their village of Thorburn, and quoted Burns:

"That wee bit heap o'leaves and stribble, Has cost those mony weary nibbles; Now thou's turned out for a' thy trouble, But house or hald, To thole the winter's sleetie dribble, And Cranreuch cauld!"

The chairman: "I think you had better translate that, Mr. Kirkwood. It appears to have been lost on the rest."

Stuart West, also from Greenwood, concurred in the evidence given by Mr. Kirkwood.

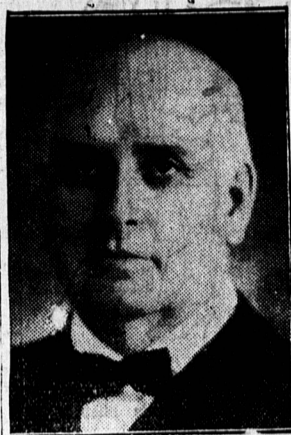
CANADA HAS CROP WORTH A BILLION

(Canadian Press.) OTTAWA, Dec. 22.—Canada has just finished harvesting a billion dollar crop from her fields and returns from her studs, herds, flocks, and her son T. A. Davies. She is also survived by Mrs. J. D. Hyndman, wife of Judge Hyndman, of Edmonton, who is a daughter of the late Sir Louis Davies.

LYNCH NEGRO

OLIAKSDALE, Miss., Dec. 22.—Lindsay Coleman, negro, was lynched here Saturday night, a few minutes after a jury in circuit court had declared him not guilty of the murder of Grover G. Nicholas, plantation store manager. Coleman was one of several negroes arrested after the brutal slaying of Nicholas, October 15, by a man who knocked at her door and asked for the store manager on the head with an axe.

Mayor Duquette of Montreal



Who complains that he is merely a "social necessity" with authority over none but a secretary and a stenographer. He does not intend to run again, he says, so is at liberty to expose what he calls the "straggle" of the mayoralty of Canada's biggest city.

Dominion Executive G. W. V. A. Meet Dec. 29th.

(Special to The Guardian) OTTAWA, Ont., Dec. 22.—Sir Richard Turner, V. C. President of the Dominion Great War Veterans Association has called a meeting of the Dominion executive of the Association to be held December 29th in Ottawa.

Turks And Russia Sign Agreement

(Canadian Press) CONSTANTINOPLE, Dec. 22.—An Exchange Telegraph says that Ismet Pasha, Turkish premier announced the signing in Paris, Dec. 17, of a new agreement between Turkey and Russia, pledging mutual neutrality if either country is attacked. Foreign Minister Tchitcherin signed for Soviet government.

Deny Charge Made By United States

(Canadian Press) LONDON, Dec. 22.—Officials of the British government today emphatically denied that the government has been "manipulating" prices of crude rubber and said that the suggestion made in United States that Great Britain is endeavoring to pay her war debts out of rubber profits is pure nonsense.

Belgium's Budget Shows A Surplus

BRUSSELS, Dec. 22.—Belgium's budget for 1926 in its final definite form, shows a surplus of 3,000,000 francs, with total receipts of 5,300,000,000 francs against expenditures of 4,970,000,000.

Declares Jews Must Accept Jesus' Words

NEW YORK, Dec. 22.—Standing before a capacity congregation in Carnegie Hall, Sunday, Rabbi Stephen S. Wise, of the Free Synagogue, asserted that, contrary to Hebraic teaching, Jesus of Nazareth was not a myth, but a man and that the Jews must embrace the teachings of Jesus. If Christianity is impractical and unattainable, as the Jews say it is, said Dr. Wise, then it is because the Christians have failed to live up to their Jesus' teachings. He declared these teachings comprise a code of ethics, unparalleled in any writings in history, being the very foundations of morality.

DROWNING FATALITY AT EAST BIDEFORD

Mr. Frank Dawson Loses Life While Returning Home Over River Ice.

Probably the first drowning accident through the ice this season occurred at East Bideford on Monday evening when Mr. Frank Dawson, a highly respected resident of the district lost his life. The deceased had been visiting Mr. Joshua Henderson, Freeland, Lot 11, and started for home by the ice down the Bideford River. The ice was good but there were two openings and it is thought that he drove into one of the openings as it was snowing heavily at the time. The neighbors heard cries but at first thought it was only the school children and did not pay much attention to them. However, upon going down to see they found the horse and sleigh in the opening about a quarter of a mile from the house of the deceased. The horse and sleigh and the late Mr. Dawson's cap were floating in the water. The party grappled and found the body immediately. When found the deceased's arms were rigid as if he had had his two elbows over the edge of the ice trying to hold on till help came. He had on a Mackinaw and a fur coat and other heavy clothing which made it impossible for him to extricate himself.

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Austrians To Be Freed At Yuletide

BUDAPEST, Dec. 22.—Twenty-five army officers sentenced to various terms for treason, in supporting the late Emperor Charles in his attempt to regain the throne in 1921, are to be pardoned by Regent Horthy on Christmas. A pardon will also be extended to former Minister of Interior Beniczky who is serving a sentence for divulging the newspapers the nature of the evidence in secret trial.

Mrs. Annie Besant

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Forsees War And Declares U. S. Is "Meddler"

(Canadian Press) BERLIN, Dec. 22.—A Communist newspaper the Red Flag quotes Foreign Minister Tchitcherin of Soviet Russia as declaring he foresaw a grave conflict between Great Britain and United States which was already discernible in their differences over the Chinese policy, Britain's attempt at commercial penetration of South America and the fight over rubber prices. The real victor of the world war, he continued was United States, which now was "meddling in all the affairs of the world."

Prince Sends Personal Contribution Of \$5,000

(Special to the Guardian) LONDON, Dec. 22.—The Prince of Wales who was first president of the British Empire Exhibition has sent \$5,000 as a personal contribution toward the heavy liabilities which must be shouldered by the private guarantors of that enterprise.

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POLLING IN BYE ELECTIONS TO TAKE PLACE JANUARY 14

Mr. H. Frank MacPhee Appointed Minister of Public Works, Hon. H. D. McEwen Taken Into Cabinet And Appointed Trade Commissioner to Visit British West Indies With View to Developing Trade.

At a meeting of the Executive generally and with Prince Edward held yesterday afternoon the appointment of a Minister of Public Works was taken up and considered. The appointment had been tendered to Hon. James A. McNeill, Summerside, but was declined by him on account of pressure of business. The position was then tendered to Mr. H. Frank MacPhee, Barrister, Conservative candidate for the Third District of Kings.

Mr. H. D. McEwen, M. L. A., for Second King's and Mr. MacPhee were admitted as members of the Executive and were duly sworn in by His Honor Lieutenant Governor Heartz.

At the meeting, Hon. H. D. McEwen was delegated as special Trade Commissioner to the British West Indies. He leaves on January 1st under instructions to visit the principal centres in the B. W. I. and investigate trade conditions with a view to developing trade between these colonies and Canada.

POLAR FLIGHT REPORT IS CONFIRMED

(Canadian Press) NEW YORK, Dec. 22.—Vilhelm Steffansson, Arctic explorer to-day confirmed reports that an airplane flight to the polar regions would be attempted from Point Barrow, Alaska, next spring. The flight will be in charge of George H. Wilkins second in command in Steffansson's arctic exploration in 1914 and 1915, together with Lieut. Carl Benjamin Eideelson, of North Dakota, who was an aviator during the Great War, have been chosen to make the flight.

Alarmed By Bandit Outrages

(Canadian Press) DUBLIN, Dec. 22.—A series of outrages by armed bandits is alarming citizens of the Irish Free State. There have been large numbers of robberies recently, people being held up in residential sections of Dublin and forced to hand over their valuables at the pistol point.

Announcements, Coming Events, Meetings, Etc

- \*\*Don't forget the School Concert at Bonshaw Hall, Wednesday, December 23, at eight o'clock. Admission 15c. Sale of boxes. 6518-21-31
- \*\*Wanted goose and duck feathers. Henry McFarlane & Co. Highest prices paid when not mixed. 6553-22-1wk
- \*\*Concert and pie Social at Cape Traverse Hall on Wednesday, Dec. 23rd. Ladies with pies free. 6529 12 22 21.
- \*\*Come to Christmas concert in Clyde River Presbyterian Church, Dec. 24th. If stormy the 26th. 6565
- \*\*Dr. Houston will be in his office Oakley House, Souris, Saturday, Dec. 26th, from 10 to 4. 21
- \*\*Reserve Dec. 23rd for United Church Sunday School concert and Xmas tree in hall at Pownall. It stormy following fine night. 6536-12-22-21
- \*\*The Ladies of The Vernon Community League intend holding dance in the L. O. L. Hall, Millview, Wednesday evening, Dec. 30. Refreshments will be served. 6571-12-23 23
- \*\*Kelly's Cross. Reserve Wednesday, Dec. 30th, and come to Kelly's Cross to see a real West-Boston rain, entitled "An Arizona Cowboy." Full of thrills, comedy, excitement. Do not forget the date, Dec. 30th. 6537-12-22-21
- \*\*The P. E. Island Arrahire Breeders Club will hold a special meeting at the Agricultural Hall on Tuesday, Dec. 29 at 8 o'clock. Important matters to be discussed.

All who Have Undertaken to be ALIAS SANTA CLAUS Are requested to send their parcels immediately to the Guardian to facilitate the make-up for distribution.

4 MORE SHOPPING DAYS THIS IS THE SHORTEST DAY OF THE YEAR BUT TO ME IT'S ONE OF THE LONGEST

GREAT BUSH FIRE RAGING (Canadian Press) MELBOURNE, Dec. 22.—A great bush fire is raging near Alexandria one hundred miles north of this city. Four thousand acres of timber valued at \$5,840,000 already have been destroyed and several narrow gorges from death are reported.