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SATURDAY, DECEMBER 25TH, BEING CHRISTMAS DAY, AND A STATUTORY PUBLIC HOLIDAY, THE MORNING GUARDIAN WILL NOT BE ISSUED ON MONDAY. THE EVENING GUARDIAN WILL NOT BE ISSUED ON SATURDAY, BUT WILL BE PUBLISHED AS USUAL ON MONDAY. ADVERTISERS PLEASE NOTE THESE CHANGES.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 25, 1915.

## CHRISTMAS MORNING REFLECTIONS

In another column an esteemed contributor gives expression to some Christmas thoughts peculiarly appropriate to this year of warfare, and it is not our intention here to traverse the ground he has so well covered. Suffice it that we recite the Angel's Message of nearly two thousand years ago in proclaiming "Peace on earth to men of goodwill." No other one possibly can enjoy this divine "peace," whether all wars cease or not, and no one can be deprived of this divine peace, war or no war, so long as his life is governed by the spirit of goodwill. The measure of a man's peace on earth is in proportion to the spirit of goodwill with which he is endowed. A strife-provoker cannot possibly have divine peace; the defender of the weak and oppressed, even though his hands be red with blood, may be, and usually is, possessed of the peace which passeth all understanding. Therefore it is quite in order at the present time for Christian people in the home and in the churches to celebrate the anniversary of the Prince of Peace with joy and gladness, though the other usual accompaniments of mirth and gaiety will generally be dispensed with or considerably restrained.

## GERMANY BEFORE THE WAR.

In a copy of the Literary Digest dated October 18, 1913, ten months before even a shadow of the great war cloud was discernible, we find the following paragraph, clipped from an article in the *Tag* (Berlin) by General Von Bernhardt, whose name has since become notorious:—

"We are not threatened only by economic misfortune (the General was at this time contemplating the imminent war) but by an economic catastrophe. This last point cannot be too earnestly insisted upon. In this respect Germany is not so well off as France. Germany, in order to supply the needs of its population, is forced to rely continually upon foreign countries. It is true that she raises in her own territory 95 per cent. of the meat which she consumes, but she cannot raise a sufficient quantity of grain. We fall short every year 15 or 20 per cent. in our annual supply of breadstuffs. The situation of our industries, therefore, in case of war, would be most critical. Germany is forced to import a great part of the natural products of which she has need: Our steel industry imports annually 12,000,000 tons of ore. Our commercial exchanges—imports and exports—rose in 1911 to \$1,500,000,000, of which \$3,250,000,000 was sea borne."

He says further that in all probability, in case of war, France would have access to foreign ports and foreign productive countries much more easily than Germany. In his opinion both the British Channel and the Mediterranean would be cut off from Germany by the battleship's of the enemy. The Mediterranean would be dominated by French and British warships. If we tried, he says, to gain what we needed by a land route we should find France to the west of us and Russia on the east of us, while Belgium and Denmark would probably be hostile and Holland under the control of British guns.

"To sum up," concludes Bernhardt, "we are in a dangerous situation and find ourselves compelled either to augment our military power to such a degree that we would be sure of success or to give up all hope of a great future. There is no choice in the matter. We must either be a great World-Power or abandon ourselves to an irremediable decadence."

It is interesting to trace to their source the streams of inspiration that led Germany into this war. It was to become a great World-Power that Von Bernhardt was willing to plunge Europe into a mess of blood and slaughter and sacrifice. And he and his fellow-seekers after World-Power had laid their plans so carefully that they all but succeeded.

In view of the stories filtering through the press with reference to food shortage in Germany Von Bernhardt's admission of Germany's dependence upon other countries and upon sea borne commerce is illuminating. Three and a quarter billions of sea borne commerce shut off by hostile ships! Think of it. Is it any wonder that the German peasants are suffering? Fifteen to twenty per cent. of breadstuffs to be brought to Germany over seas and those seas

all closed to German commerce! Is it any wonder the German peasants are hungry and that there are bread riots, in which women and children clamouring for food are being killed? It will be observed that the shortage complained of by Von Bernhardt was an annual occurrence when industry and thrift in the factories and on the farms were normal. How much worse now when commerce has been stopped, when farming is being carried on by women and old men and children.

## HANDSOME CHRISTMAS PRESENTS

Some months ago at the request of several readers the Guardian opened a Field Gun Fund, of which Mr A. W. Hyndman, manager of the Royal Bank, kindly consented to act as honorary treasurer. Subscriptions came pouring in, and in a comparatively short time \$5,000 was remitted to the Minister of Militia. Then came the announcement that the Dominion Government desired it to be understood throughout the country that no subscriptions or contributions for machine guns were required, as all expenditure for that purpose should be defrayed out of the public treasury.

When this intimation was published we had a considerable sum still at the credit of the Field Gun Fund. After consideration we decided to recommend, and did recommend in the Guardian, that this balance should be handed over to the Patriotic Fund, the most deserving and needy of the funds now before the public. We asked if any subscriber to the Fund had any objection, to notify us. Several weeks have elapsed since then, and no objection having been received, the honorary treasurer has closed the account, and we have sent a cheque for \$2,552.26 to the Patriotic Fund, which will form a very acceptable Christmas present. We append the hon. treasurer's statement for general information:—

I beg to submit herewith statement of receipts and disbursements in connection with the Machine Gun Fund:—

Total subscriptions	\$7,507.11
Interest	45.15
Remittance to Minister of Militia and defence	\$5,000.00
and Defence	\$5,000.00
Cheque in favour of Treasurer of Patriotic Fund	2,552.26
	\$7,552.26
	\$7,552.26

A. H. HYNDMAN,  
 Honorary Treasurer.

Another Fund to which we opened our columns, at the instance of Mr A. W. Bruce, Red Point, was the Road Districts Field Gun Fund, but before it was well started, the official intimation given above was issued. After consultation with Mr Bruce the Guardian published a similar notice to that issued to the subscribers to the other fund, and no objection was received in this case either. The hon. treasurer of this fund, Mr G. W. Harrison, manager of the Canadian Bank of Commerce, has accordingly closed the account and has forwarded, through the Guardian, a cheque of \$149.25 to the Patriotic Fund, of which Major Bartlett is hon. secretary. Mr Harrison sends us the following statement of receipts and disbursements:—

Aug. 27, 1915—Red Point Road	\$27.25
30—Fortune Bridge Road	15.00
Sept. 1—Bradalbane	19.00
8—Bradalbane	1.00
9—Milton Cross	7.00
	\$149.25
	\$149.25

G. W. HARRISON,  
 Honorary Treasurer.

Thus the subscribers to these two funds are in the happy position of having made a handsome Christmas present of \$2,701.51 to the Patriotic Fund, which is being administered in the interests of our brave soldiers and their dependents.

9—Cape Traverse	39.50
16—Strathcona	6.45
16—Primrose	19.30
Oct. 7—Gaspereaux	5.90
18—Sturgeon	7.05
Nov. 30—Interest to date	.83
Dec. 23—Interest to date	.37
Dec. 23, 1915—By cheque in favour of Patriotic Fund	\$149.25

## QUIBBLE AND EVASION

United States papers are not saying much about the situation created by the Austrian reply to the Ancona note, but they are no doubt thinking a lot. The Brooklyn Eagle touches it with fine contempt as follows:

"From the unofficial summary of the Austro-Hungarian Government's reply to Mr. Lansing's note we quote the following masterpiece of quibble and evasion:

"Therefore, the Austro-Hungarian Government must leave it to the Washington Cabinet to draw up the individual legal maxims which the commander of the submarine is alleged to have violated in sinking the Ancona."

"The Ancona issue is not one of 'individual legal maxims.' It is an issue of fundamental law. The law is older than the Austro-Hungarian Government, older than the Cabinet at Washington, older than any man-made code of statutes or of ethics. It was given on the tablets of stone brought down by Moses from Sinai. It comprises exactly four little words: 'Thou shalt not kill,' interpreted by Christ to read forever: 'Thou shalt do no murder.'"

## HAPPENINGS OF THE WEEK

Noel! Noel!  
 Thus sounds each Christmas bell  
 Across the winter snow.  
 But what are the little footprints all  
 That mark the path from the church-yard wall?  
 They are those of the children waked  
 From sleep by the Christmas bells and light.  
 Ring sweetly, chimes! Soft, soft, my rhymes!  
 Their beds are under the snow.

Noel! Noel!  
 Carols each Christmas bell  
 What are the wreaths of mist  
 That gather near the window-pane  
 Where the winter frost all day has lain?  
 They are soulless elves, who faint  
 Would peer  
 Within, and laugh at our Christmas cheer;  
 Ring fleetly, chimes! Swift, swift, my rhymes!  
 They are made of the mocking mist.

Noel! Noel!  
 Cease, cease, each Christmas bell!  
 Under the holly bough,  
 Where the happy children throng and shout,  
 What shadows seem to flit about?  
 Is it the soldier, there, who died  
 Ere the greens were sere last Christmas-tide?  
 Hush, falling chimes! Cease, cease, my rhymes!  
 The guests are gathered now.

This has been a busy but happy week given over entirely to shopping and preparing for this Day of days. The stores have been crowded each day with excited, good natured shoppers from all over the Island, all on the same errand, each looking for something to give pleasure to others, which is the real secret of Christmas. Social activities were laid aside, but all no doubt be actively taken up this week especially by the younger folks who always make the holiday season something to be remembered during the entire year.

Mr. F. W. Hyndman is being congratulated this week on his appointment to the membership of the National Geographic Society which is an honour reserved for those who have done original work in travel and discovery. Mr. Hyndman's work in Egypt has given him an international reputation among geographers, and it is due no doubt to this he has been signally honored.

Miss Alice McKinnon, who is taking the Domestic Science Course at Macdonald College is spending the Christmas holidays with her friend Mrs. Fraser in Kingston, Ont.

The announcement of Earl Kitchener's engagement to the Dowager Countess of Minto who visited Charlottetown some years ago, was quite interesting news made public this week, but it was later emphatically denied by a London cable to New York.

Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin Rogers and family left this week to spend Christmas in Boston with their little daughter who is attending school there.

Dr. Leo Frank made a most gracious host at a dinner given by him on Thursday evening in honor of the new American Consul, Mr. W. A. Pierce. Quite a large number of prominent gentlemen were in attendance and the dinner arranged and excellently served dinner was thoroughly enjoyed by them.

Miss Ethel Bagnall, a recent graduate from the Royal Victoria Hospital, Montreal, is in Ottawa, and will spend a short time with her brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Rodd, formerly of this city.

Mrs. R. M. Johnson and daughter, Miss Eleanor, have gone to Bridgewater, N. S., to spend the holidays with Mrs. Johnson's brother, Mr. John Lewis.

The engagement was announced this week of Louise, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. E. B. Macready of Charlottetown and grand-daughter of the late James Bennett, D. D., of Saint John, N. B., to Arthur Colledge Bearlsto, son of the late P. McN. Bearlsto, M. D., and of Mrs. Bearlsto and grandson of the late Hon. Justice William H. Pope. The marriage will take place quietly in Charlottetown the latter part of January.

This has been a week of welcoming home, as daily crowds of happy young people have been arriving from the different colleges and universities on the mainland.

Mr. Walter Ings has arrived home from the Royal Military College, Kingston, on a short holiday to his mother, Mrs. A. E. Ings.

Mr. Culbert Simpson is home from Kings College for the holidays.

Many of the men of the 105th Highland Brigade will go home for a part of the Christmas and New Year season, the arrangement being that half the strength shall go at Christmas and half at New Years. Home is the choicest place in the world and its charm must be specially great to the men in khaki who are looking forward to departure for overseas service. It is hoped that this may be the happiest Christmas of their lives, and that its memories may linger long with them in the months to come.

His Hon. Lieut. Governor Macdonald and Mrs. Macdonald will hold the usual levee at Government House on New Year's Day.

## CHRISTMAS EVE.

For fear one walf, this winter night  
 Should lack a gorment's fold  
 Bring forth fair vesture, warm and bright,  
 Lest the dear Christ-child go cold.

Nor let one hungry from your door  
 Fare sorrowing unfed,  
 The whitest loaf bring from your store,  
 Lest the Christ-child faint for bread.

Hush mirth, to hark, this bless'd eve,  
 The wretched's weakest cry—  
 The homeless at your hearth receive  
 Lest the Christ-child pass you by!  
 —EDITH HOPE KINNEY.

## DAILY SELECTIONS FOR GUARDIAN READERS

Furnished by W. S. Louison.

### CHRISTMAS MORNING.

Oh come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant,  
 Oh come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem;  
 Born upon earth, behold the King of angels;  
 O come, let us adore Him,  
 Oh come, let us adore Him,  
 Oh come, let us adore Him, Christ the Lord.

Yea, Lord, we greet Thee, born this happy morning,  
 Jesu, to Thee be glory given;  
 Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing;  
 Oh come, let us adore Him,  
 Oh come, let us adore Him,  
 Oh come, let us adore Him, Christ the Lord.

NOTE.—Mingled feelings of gladness and sadness will divide ones thoughts today. The absent loved ones and early memories, the dreadful war now raging seems out of place, with the spirit of Christmas. The beautiful lives of the Hymn quoted ought to fill our hearts with gratitude.

## TRAFALGAR FUND

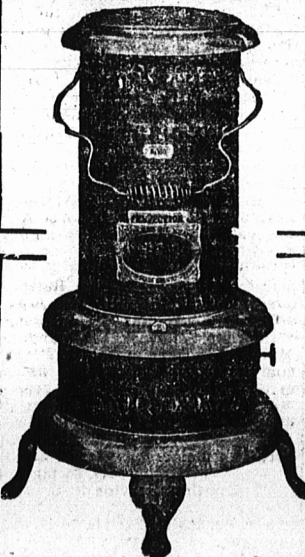
The following letter has been received by His Honor Lieut. Governor A. C. Macdonald from the Chairman of the Finance Committee of the British Red Cross Society, acknowledging the receipt of the Trafalgar Day collections.

83, Pall Mall  
 London, S. W.  
 7th December, 1915  
 Sir.—I am desired by Lord Lansdowne to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 20th November, enclosing draft for £2,293-11-6d, being the amount collected in the Province of Prince Edward Island on "Trafalgar Day," in aid of the funds of the British Red Cross Society and the Order of St. John.

I desire, on behalf of Lord Lansdowne and the Finance Committee, to express to you, and through you, to all who contributed this most generous sum, the grateful thanks of the Joint Societies, and I would beg to be allowed to express personally to you our obligation for all you have done to promote the success of the collection in your province.

I have the honour to be,  
 Your obedient servant,  
 ROBT. A. HUDSON,  
 Chairman of the Fin. Com.  
 The Hon. A. C. Macdonald,  
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Though Christ a thousand times  
 In Bethlehem be born,  
 If he's not born in thee,  
 Thy soul is still forlorn.

### ONE OF FORD PARTY DEAD.

CHRISTIANIA, Dec. 22.—Lloyd Bingham, a member of the Ford peace party, died to-day of pneumonia. He was the husband of Amelia Bingham, the American actress.

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