

THE BUMPER CROPS

Golden Harvest The Greatest in History of The World

Review Year Shows How Soil Tillers Have Advanced in Prosperity and Wealth—Amazing Figures Shown

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BIGGEST OFFICE BUILDING.

Edifice to Have 800,000 Feet of Floor Space.
New York, Dec. 10.—It is announced here by the contractors in Chicago that Chicago is to have the biggest office building in the world in point of area.
The building, to be known as the Insurance Exchange, will contain more than 800,000 square feet of floor space. Construction costs will be approximately \$4,000,000, which added to the cost of the land and the carrying charges will represent a total investment of \$5,000,000. Under the contract the builders must finish their work by March 1st, 1912.
The largest office building in the world at present is the twin Hudson terminal building in this city.

HAD HARD BATTLE.

With the Ice on Lake St. Clair.
Chatham, Ont., Dec. 9.—Capt. Thomas Bennett and six of the crew of the United States tug George Thompson, of Port-Huron, reached Wallaceburg, this morning, more dead than alive, as the result of battling for hours with ice in Lake St. Clair, in their yawl, in which they escaped when the tug went down Wednesday. They were blown to sea from Mitchell's Bay and were all badly frozen and had been thirty-eight hours without food.

GIRL'S AWFUL CRIME

Former Kingston Girl Dismembered Baby's Body

Parts Were Burned and Others Were Stuffed Into a Drain—It is Alleged She Confessed and Flew.

A special despatch to the Whig from Rochester, N.Y., says:
"The police, to-day, started searching for nineteen-year-old Gertrude Enright, Kingston, said by the police to have dismembered the body of a baby, stuffing parts in the drain and burning others."
The crime was discovered in the rooming house, at 99 Broadway. An investigation to find what was clogging a bath room drain pipe disclosed the arms, legs and trunk of an infant.
The Enright girl confessed although she disappeared before taken into custody. Mrs. Van Duren told the authorities the girl had rented a room from her some time ago, saying that she had come from Kingston.
"She was a handsome girl, not more than nineteen years and quiet and demure," declared Mrs. Van Duren. "I cannot believe she could be responsible for the tragedy."
The police allege the girl carried the dead body of the infant into the house and dismembered it with a razor. They declare that the head was burned and that the trunk and legs and arms were stuffed into the bath room drain pipe. A suit case, containing the tiny little undergarments of the child, soaked in blood, was found.
The Enright girl was not married, according to the officers, and came to the United States in September. The Kingston police were asked to-day to watch for her.

Miss Enright lived in Kingston with her family until a few months ago, when she went to Rochester. She was employed in a local store. Her people know nothing of her unfortunate position. The chief of police has not yet been notified.
Another Horrid Tragedy.
Sherbrooke, Que., Dec. 10.—The Eastern townships are aghast over a tragedy which occurred last night, here. It is surmised that while James Houghton, grocer, and his son, James, were working in the furnace room, the son suddenly struck his father on the head with a hammer, which he was using. He then took his own life by hacking his throat and body. Both were found dead. The reason for the act is unknown.

A Christmas Greeting

CHRISTMAS is coming. Welcome news to every son of man, about this anniversary! They go back to childhood, run to every child of God. Oh, the memories that cluster through youth, continue through manhood, and hallow old age. They are refreshing and refining in their quality. However pleasant other seasons may be, this is, essentially, the season of peace. The theme of the angelic choir is the theme of every Christian community, "Glory to God in the Highest, Peace on Earth, Good Will Toward Man." There is no music so sweet as that which is associated with the birth of our Blessed Lord.
During the last year over 20,000,000 of people have been studying the life of Christ, and it has been a source of profound inspiration. There is no life so complete, so pure, so exalted, which one may view from any side and find free from flaw. The contemplation of it begins with the Advent of our Saviour and followed the unfoldings of His marvelous career with ever-increasing interest. There is no romance more entrancing, no experience more uplifting, no subject upon which one may meditate with greater satisfaction. Step by step, mentally, the student has in thought attended the work of the Master, has heard His words, has witnessed His ways, and in the presence of His miracles, parables, and scenes, supernatural given, great most heartily and willingly to the great confession of Peter, "Thou art the Christ, the Son of God."
Gradually there has been the respectful approach towards Christmas Week. The glimpses one gets of the Divine nature certainly deepen his religious devotions. From the Last Supper, instituted in the upper chamber of the good man whom no one knew but Christ, and drawn towards Him in an interview such as Nicodemus, there has been the pilgrimage to the manger, the betrayal, the mock trial, the crucifixion, the burial and the resurrection. All these events, as by a series of panoramic views, have passed before his mind, and the individual has turned away, saddened by the survey, to cast eyes upon another scene.
It is Christmas Eve. The city is ablaze with lights. There is a hurrying to and fro of busy people. Their laughter is carried far upon the clear crisp air. The voices are those of happy souls. There is a feeling of expectancy abroad. Some great incident is about to happen, and one that touches all humanity. In every home or hotel there is talk of what will come the morning. Strange it is that through the Ideal Man there is the sense of kinship, and once a year at least there is the felicity that affects the masses. Santa Claus becomes the medium of a joy, a pleasure, an exhilaration, that cannot be estimated. The older ones may smile incredulously over some of the stories which they hear—they have grown wiser with the passing years—but they can be young again just for a while, and they can remember, too, when they sat by the fireside and dreamt of Santa Claus. He was to them the embodiment of all that was pure and good, a fitting type of Him whose anniversary is so close at hand.
And now what has the life of Christ suggested to those who have been studying it? What are some of its lessons? One is, as Longfellow puts it, that
"Life is real, life is earnest,
And the grave is not its goal;
Dust thou art, to dust returnest,
Was not spoken of the soul."
Christ came to earth to show men how to live, how to serve, how to suffer, how to grow in virtue, how to act the many part, how to cultivate and display the Christian graces.
Ruskin caught the idea correctly and so put himself on record by saying: "I have dedicated my life to the interpretation, not of the beautiful in fact and form in landscape and gallery, but of the truth and beauty of Jesus Christ."
A Japanese officer, who accepted of a Christian's sympathy and support in his last hours, while under condemnation for treason, saw how far his life had been a failure because it had not been in accord with the life of Christ. "The thing that impressed me most," said a tourist who witnessed the Passion Play at Oberammergau, was the young woman who personated Mary, the mother of Christ. She served us at the evening meal and again at breakfast, and an hour later she was the heroine in the sublime drama. It was interesting; it was more than that; it was a revelation of the spirit of Christian service. I could not help thinking that Christ Himself was among us as One who served."
It is eyes we need in these days, then, eyes to see all that is passing around us, eyes to penetrate to the essence of the things that are our scrutiny, in order that we may convey kindly greeting or bestow the Christian benediction which the season suggests. "I could not sleep," said a woman of a most benevolent character, "if I knew that any one in the next house or the next block lacked for anything which was necessary for her welfare." How many will be able to sleep on Christmas Eve contentedly, knowing, as they must, that without some concerted government, some most necessary and persistent missionary endeavor, houses may be without cheer, some little stockings without filling, and little hearts chatter lest Santa Claus may pass them by.
It is a happy thought that the Ideal Man has, by His life and labors, by His splendid example, His devotion and self-sacrifice, put a new song into the mouths of His followers, that He has moved the millions to kindly acts, that to-day He lives in the affections of the people as never before, that in His Name there are countless charities, and that in a thousand ways His examples are finding expression in the deeds of devoted people.
An anonymous writer sums up the Christian world and Christian experience in a few pungent sentences thus: "In a sense Christendom takes inventory of itself at this time in each of its activities. One of the benefactions of the holiday is that it gives men the chance to do this and puts them in the mood to do it. It is the last and greatest 'recess' of God. The pause it imposes is not so much on man's alarm, although the din of conflict grows ever louder while the message of good will unto men deepens into deed and custom, as it is on the absorptions and distractions of an age so wrapped up in its pursuits that it hardly has time to look about it. At Christmas-time men do look about them. That its atmosphere could make a bad man out of a good one, or a generous man out of a selfish one, is one of the paradoxes whereby perhaps we must look to the general fiction of Dickens for complete verification. But it does make men kinder, more thoughtful, more serene, than their wont."
The compliments of the Season to all our friends. A Merry, Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

CONTEST A HOT ONE.

Local Option Will be Voted on Monday.

Regina, Dec. 10.—As December 12th draws near, interest in the great local option contest now in progress throughout the province intensifies. With by-laws being submitted in all four cities, Blean towns, and some villages, rural municipalities and local improvement districts, the general outcome of next Monday's vote will determine whether or not provincial prohibition is within the range of practicable facilities.
In Regina city itself excitement is growing rapidly, and both sides are putting forth the most strenuous efforts. Meetings for or against local option are being held nightly, and no stone is being left unturned to poll every available vote.

BIBLE SELLER IN COURT.

Turned Back at Border, Charged With Non-Support.

Toronto, Dec. 10.—George Buskin, known in every town and village of Ontario for his annual visits collecting for the Colportage Mission, and who was recently turned back at the American border by United States immigration officials, appeared in the police court on a charge of non-support laid by his wife.
Buskin is an aged man, but only last year he was married to his present wife. In court, the point was raised by the defence as to whether Mrs. Buskin was his legal wife.
The complainant said she was married in Bristol, England, many years ago, but she obtained a divorce from her first husband in Kansas and six years ago he died there. The defence asked for proof of this, and the case was adjourned until Monday.
The defence also questioned the woman's sanity.
Mrs. Buskin said her husband who for a great many years has been collecting money throughout the province for the distribution of Bibles in Northern Ontario, has hundreds of dollars put away.

BOGOTA RAILWAY SOLD.

Popular Disapproval of Concession to Am. Means.

Bogota, Columbia, Dec. 10.—The final payment of \$375,000 was made by the Bogota city government, to-day, completing the transfer of the properties of the Bogota City Railway company from the American owners.
The Americans built and operated the local lines under a concession received under the presidency of Gen. Reyes. Popular disapproval of the concession resulted, last March, in a successful boycott of the road and finally in its compulsory sale to the municipality for \$500,000.
There have been no anti-American demonstrations recently.

TO RESTORE CANTEEN.

General Declares it is Better Than Present Conditions.

Washington, D.C., Dec. 10.—The anti-canteen law is severely criticized in the annual report of Maj.-Gen. W. P. Wood, commanding the United States troops in the Philippine Islands, who says that it is responsible for many of the offences which cause the soldiers' trial by court-martial.
"The desire of a very large percentage of normal men for some sort of stimulants is a desire which such men are sure to gratify," says Gen. Wood. This demand of the soldiers previously was gratified by the canteen without harm to himself or to the service, is the opinion of the general. But since the privilege of purchasing a whole some beverage under satisfactory conditions was withdrawn, Gen. Wood declared that "there have grown up on the outskirts of every reservation disreputable places where liquor of the most unwholesome, vile quality is dispensed, usually at exorbitant prices from the direct effects of which the soldier commits many offences which cause his trial by court-martial and often bring about his physical collapse."
Cabinet for China.
Pekin, Dec. 10.—It seems safe to announce that the ancient absolute regime in China will exist only historically after the Chinese New Year in January, 1911. It is stated that the throne has decided to accede to the resolution of the imperial senate, praying for the immediate creation of a constitutional cabinet.

GRAMME OF RADIUM BOUGHT.

Sir Ernest Cassel Gives \$75,000 for It.

Vienna, Dec. 10.—The English Radium Institute has concluded the purchase of a gramme of radium from the mines of the Austrian ministry of public works. The price paid is \$75,000.
The money has been provided by Sir Ernest Cassel, who thus places an unusually large quantity of the metal at the disposal of the English institute for medical purposes. Half the amount is to be delivered in January and the remainder, which is being accumulated, in three months' time.

High Prices in Alaska.

Seattle, Dec. 10.—Men who arrived from Alaska said prices in that isolated country were mounting higher and higher. Sugar is twenty cents a pound, and bacon, ham and flour in proportion. Horses are in great demand, \$5 an hour is the price of a team. An first-class stage dog will bring \$100.

DAILY MEMORANDA.

The nearest Christmas is at hand. The more Canada's furs are in demand.
Waterworks committee, 4 p.m. Monday.
Wesleyan Street Church sale, December 12th.
The White Square, Grand Opera House, 8:15 p.m.
Grand opening, Palace Hotel, Monday night, Dec. 12th.
Special sale to-night of Xmas gifts.
Wesleyan.
Leo Hamilton, piano tuner and repairing, 416 Brock street, phone 441.

AT THE CAPITAL.

The Militia Department Will Build Its Armouries.

Ottawa, Dec. 10.—In the house, yesterday, Sir Frederick Borden announced that in future the armouries that have to be built throughout Canada will probably be constructed under orders from the militia department instead of the public works department.
It is understood that the present system of calling for tenders for such work will prevail but the militia authorities will look after it. It is contended in some directions that they naturally should have a better idea as to what is needed to suit certain sections of the country, and what kind of armouries it is business to build than the public works department officials, so the change will probably go into effect.
Conservative members took up some time criticizing members of the government for what appeared to them as an attempt to obstruct business in connection with the public accounts committee's work. Some criticisms were levelled at Hon. William Pugsley, minister of public works, and there was a good deal of talk over discussions that there had been last year relative to sub-target guns accounts.
The house got down to discussion of the estimates and got through the civil government estimates in connection with the department of justice.
They also got through some of the militia department ones regarding which Sir Frederick Borden was asked several questions.
The new order that has been issued that all parties wanting to see officials at the militia department buildings, on Slater street, must get passes is being severely criticized. It is claimed it resembles "red tape" of which there is perhaps already too much in some parts of this department. The Free Press, the liberal sheet here, devoted a column to this matter one day last week, its criticism being quite severe. In the house yesterday, Sir Frederick Borden was questioned about the new rule.
Professor Prince, the Dominion commissioner of fisheries, has received word that the university of St. Andrew's, Scotland, the most ancient of Scottish universities, has appointed him the representative of Canada on the international committee which has been formed at the suggestion of Lord Rosebery, the lord rector of the university, in connection with the celebration of the 500th anniversary of the university.

SAD CONDITIONS.

Peterboro County Shows Deplorably Bad Morals.

Peterboro, Dec. 10.—"Gross neglect of children, desertion, bigamy, adultery, and worse." In these words Inspector Gunton, of Toronto, an official of the department of dependent and neglected children, described conditions found in Belmont township in this county, this morning, on his return from an investigation, accompanied by local agents and police.
As a result of their inspection a man and woman have been arrested for bigamy and a charge is being laid against another man of a more serious nature still. Sixteen children have been taken out of their homes for homes, eleven of them being brought to the Children's Aid Society shelter in this city.

MANY ARE DEAD.

As the Result of a Mine Explosion.

Calgary, Alta., Dec. 10.—A terrific explosion occurred in Western Canada Colliery mine, at Bellevue, on Crow's Nest Pass, last night, and forty-five men were entombed. The fire was extinguished and the mine entered.
At midnight twenty men had been removed, of whom seven were dead, the remainder being badly, some fatally injured. Some are still in the mine. All the men involved are foreigners, Italians or Swedes. The cause of the explosion is unknown.

QUEEN MARIAN'S DEATH.

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Lisbon, Dec. 10.—The treasure of the ministry of finance has been arrested, charged with paying the debt of Queen Maria Pia, grandmother of King Manuel.

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Both roles, Dyer's value is all that is to be desired. Cut price elsewhere.

WEATHER PROBABILITIES.

Toronto, Ont., Dec. 10, 10 a.m.—Ottawa Valley and Upper St. Lawrence—Fair and continued decidedly cold today. Sunday, higher temperature, and some light snow falls.

TO-NIGHT

HALF PRICE SALE

OF WAISTINGS

About 200 yards of pretty materials of Wool, wool and Silk, etc. Fabrics that would make smart Waists, Kimonos or Dressing Sacques. We offer them in colors—Pink, Green, Yellow, Navy, Rose, Sky and Nile. Many of them are in fancy stripes, and some are spot effects.
Regular Prices were 40c to 75c.
Sale Price, 25c.

CASH SALES. NO APPROVAL.

Special Sale Tea Cosey Covers

We were fortunate enough to secure a Set of Samples at about half the regular price. We offer these pretty pieces made of White Linen and White Muslin, beautifully embroidered with white or colors. We also show the natural linen shades, with colors. Just the thing for a useful Xmas Gift.
On sale at 25c to 75c.

JUST HALF THE REGULAR PRICES.

STEACY'S

MARRIED.
McCAIG-ANGLIN—On Dec. 9th, 1910, at St. Patrick Street, by Rev. T. W. Ford, J. Frank McNeil, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Anglin to Rev. Donald H. McCaig, of Trillickan, Ont.
ROBERT J. REED,
The Leading Undertaker,
Phone 577, 250 Princess Street.
JAMES REID
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"TWO BARE MATTRESSES"
One 1 ft. dia., one 4 ft. Both re-
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Grenoble Walnuts.
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Shelled Walnuts.
Shelled Filberts.
Table Raisins.
Table Figs in Glass.
Table Prunes in Glass.

Jas. Redden & Co.

Pastor Warren Naggers.
Chicago, Dec. 10.—My advice to wives is not to nag their husbands. It may gratify your feelings to give way to an outbreak of temper, or it may satisfy yourself and show others how to do it, but it will be unproductive of no good results, it is anything a man hates, it is nagging. In my opinion most domestic disturbances are caused by that. This statement was made by Rev. William White Wilson, pastor of St. Mark's Episcopal church, in an address to the Social Economics Club.
Far Neck Pieces and Muffs.
For Mink, Fox, Alaska Sable, Ermine, Persian Lamb, etc., come in and see the new latest styles for Christmas presents at Campbell Bros., Kingston's busy for store.

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