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THE CHRISTMAS MESSAGE.

"Peace on Earth; Good Will to Men." The song of the Angels has come down through the ages, awakening in the hearts of men the sweet est and tenderest memories. This year, in contemplation of the world' greatest tragedy, one may reasonably question whether the Christmas message has been properly interpreted.

Two of the great nations, now at war, have declined to make merry and for very different reasons. Germany, embittered in spirit, bereaved, depressed, cannot sing the old songs, and her people are advised not to attempt it. France, in megitation, suggests a calm, devoted, reverential attitude on the part of her people. er for it.

England, on the other hand, pre- were at war with Germany." sents the rare combination of opti- Again, and finally, in January of are at home.

however, some mysterious purpose to American navy is absolutely helpserve, and sooner or later the song of less. So woeful is the lack of Amethe Angels will be heard again above rican destroyers, light cruisers, and the tumult of the war. Peace will battle cruisers, so weak in the speed surely brood over the earth. This is the humble and most devoted prayer of every Christian soul.

Frank Darling, of Toronto, writes to the press to say that recruiting is retarded because the pensions offered to disabled and returned soldiers are inadequate. The point appears to be well taken.

NEW TROUBLE LOOMING UP.

The registration of the men of Britain was regarded at the time as the prelude to conscription. men were enrolled according to ages They were then divided into groups or classes. The first calls were upon the unmarried, and those without domestic burdens. They led to a registration of an unexpectedly large number, so many, indeed, that during the last few days allowed for the purpose, the recruiting stations became glutted and the registration could not be completed."

Act. The country, through the War never amount to much until there is Council, decides that it will be neces- special accommodation and equip sary to add one million men to the ment for it. army, and it is to be done by draft upon the registered manhood. The eligibles are to be given another chance to join the colors, and if they fail to do this, conscription will be resorted tested by-elections. Why? The necessary authority for providing them, and that would never do. this new and large addition to the army, did not refer to conscription, but it was involved in the law; and it will certainly be used if there is ne-

cessity for it. The Irish trouble is looming up again largely. Mr. Redmond and Mr. Dillon did not wait for the word conscription to be used before they

imply a useless sacrifice of men at the absence of the thousands of milthe front through inefficient leader- lions that the Allies were expected ship. They see the ground for this to pay. In anticipation of this, the in the reports from the west of Eur- German people are groaning aloud. ope and from the Dardanelles, where there appears to have been considercannot be conducted on lines of abso- Raids of this kind are not adverlute precision. The "too lates" of tised. the British have not been confined to Dr. Richardson is having the most acts of the Government. At the encouraging support from the elec- British workers on munitions, givsame time there have been serious tors as a candidate for the Mayoralty: ing them a never-dreamed-of prosmishaps on the side of the enemy. The people are warmly tendering him drink expenditure in many cases It has had its reverses, notwithstand- their support, and he appreciates ing that in many years its aims were this very much. to build up an army and a discipline of the most perfect kind and for the Horse flesh has been declared by

Published Dally and Semi-Weekly by Germany at the present time. Coffee horse meat from England was selling Leman A. Gulld Managing Director people are famishing according to portance was, this: that the horse has the latest reports.

COMPARISON OF NAVIES.

One year, if paid in advance \$5.00 scheme of naval development, the war. Most of this money has been ble class collected at the residence of One year, by mail to rural offices .\$2.50 article of Frederick Palmer is repaid back. So that the loan of their teacher, George E. Hague, of Dank year, to United States\$3.00 markable. It appears in the New wheat to the farmers of Canada, and the Merchants Bank, and presented \$1.00 York World, and deals with the les- the proposed loan of money, is not a him with an elegant gold-headed One year, to United States \$1.50 sons of the European war. Britain, new thing. Canada can afford to Attached is one of the best job Seas because she has in her navy things. the great essentials of gun power, speed and range. Reference is made to the sea battles which have occur red between the British and German Frank R. Northrup, Manager. ships during the war. Off the coast of Chili Admiral

Cradock failed because he had not the warships with a speed and range necessary to cope successfully with the ships of the enemy. Off the Falklands Admiral Sturdee met the same German ships and because he commanded a fleet that had the range make toys for good little children, cotton batten stomach, but there are and the speed sent the other ships On the day before Christmas he so many more children to bring to the bottom. Once more fast German cruisers attacked the west coast dren who have attended Sunday and down chimneys practically every of England in the fall of 1914, and School regularly ever since Decem- minute. Some children sit up and got away in the fog, relying on their ber 1st. gun power and speed to escape the

States navy, which has no battle crui- stead, for the reindeer is not liable dren. Whenever anybody tells them sers, had been defending the English Santa Claus stranded on the roof of look at father's stomach and smooth sea-ports, the Germans might have some house. If they ever make an chin and laugh. Besides, they know In prayer they will spend the Christ- played this trick up and down the automobile which will climb up to that father couldn't get down a chimmas, and rising will feel the strong- coast at will, as they could to-day up the top of a gable roof and then new with his long legs without using and down the Atlantic Coast if we jump over to the next house with- a ladder and a rope. Just because

been disappointments and reverses in squadron ventured out of its retreat. ways slides down the chimney feet the right stocking, which proves it. the war, but John Bull, typical of It included the light cruisers and a whiskers. He then goes to the big- when he comes to a home where his race, is not cast wown nor dis- flotilla of destroyers. But the British mayed. In gratitude of heart for navy sent force enough out to defeat what the soldiers have done, he sends | the Germans. "The British set the to them the usual comforts and good style," says Palmer. "They lead. It is a case of letting the Others follow. We, who by our namen at the front realize the regard ture, ought to be the most up to and affection of their friends who date, are the most backward. We are only ten years behind the other, "Peace on Earth; Good Will to Men." Add two years for construction of a of unselfishness which happens only flare skirts and purple top coats and While the war clouds hang threat- battle cruiser, if we lay one down, eningly over the land this sounds and we are twelve." He adds, after like a mockery. It was never de- making a vivid description of the of grabbing and learns the beauty of Christmas dinner usually makes a signed that Christian nations should German and British navies, his tesbe in deadly conflict, that they should timony as to the value of destroyers pour out their life's blood in useless and light cruisers and battle cruissacrifice. Providence may have, ers, saying that without them the required for scouts, and the guardians of the battle ships, compared with Britain and Germany that the American fleet could not keep to the sea in the Atlantic in case of war nor could it keep to the Pacific.

> The American Naval Board under Admiral Dewey does not read the lesson of Europe in the same way The battleship is decided to be the report of the Navy Department warns against an exaggerated value of the battle cruiser." Evidently the observation of either Dewey or Palmer is at fault, and it is an important matter seeing that the United States Government contemplates an investment of over \$500,000,000 in paval equipment during the next ten

EDITORIAL NOTES.

Dr. Merchant recommends a tech inical high school for London. Tech-Now comes the surest test of the nical education in Kingston will

London Free Press says there 'must be a general election or none at all." It does not want any con-The Premier, in asking for the Government might be defeated in

> Taking into account the great reserve that mist be maintained in orier to meet the wastage of fifteen per cent., it will be necessary to train an army of 3,500,000 in Britain dur- they've found that speeding is a bore, and now they're looking for a goat; they seize that driver by the threat, and take him ing the next year. England's conto the donjon keep, where he may gnash his teeth and weep. temptible little army grows.

declared that they would be against its war out of the indemnities it col- to be a law. This happens every day or three; the criminal it under any circumstances. They lected. That was the announce- too oft goes free, while motorists who'd not offend, must pay will fight it to a finish. Thep prom- ment of her financial expert. Now the fiddler in the end. ise this, and there is no doubt that there is to be increased taxation, to they will do what they say. They raise the money for war purposes in

It is reported that 500 aeroplanes able loss of life through misunder- and air battle bruisers will some of standings which should not cave oc- these days raid the German battlecurred. War is something which ships at Essen and Kiel. Bosh!

very service in which they are now the New York Board of Health as le- reigned in the Ford peace party up gal for domestic use. This decision to an hour before landing, it looks was largely based upon the declara- as though one-half of them would It costs something to live well in tion of Dr. Ackerman, who found that sells at \$2.40 per lb.; bacon, \$1.60 at higher prices in Brussels than Arper 1b.; eggs, \$1.60 per dozen. The gentine beef. A further fact of imnever been known to suffer from tu-

At a time when so much attention The British Government loaned is being concentrated upon the Ame- £200,000,000 to British business men rican navy, and in connection with a who had suffered at the outset of the he says, has been the Mistress of the copy the Mother Country in many lot on Brock street, adjacent to Dr.

A Bad Example.

(Port Arthur Chronicle.) Sir Richard McBride is a classic example of a man with a brilliant

Wages And Drink.

(Brantford Expositor.)

The Outlook,

25 YEARS AGO

E. J. B. Pense was appointed treasurer of the Diocese of Ontario.

F. Conway has purchased a fine Fowler's residence.

wait for Santa Claus to come down

the act of filling the stockings is no

Santa Claus is a little, fat old sleep. man who lives just across from the Once in a while Santa Claus finds North Pole and doesn't do a thing time to be at the Christmas tree at from one year's end to the other but the church in false whiskers and gathers these toys together and presents to now than there used to starts out to deliver them to chil- be that it keeps him busy tretting up

Santa Claus does not use an auto- the chimnel, but the Sand Man al mebile, for fear that he might have most always gets ahead of him scouts and light cruisers of Britain. a puncture and disappoint some lit- Some people say there is no Santa "If," says Palmer, "the United the boy or girl. He uses reindeer in- Claus, but you can't fool the chil out spilling any of the toys, Santa nebody ever caught Santa Claus in

Santa Claus never comes in sign that he didn't do it, and besides, mism and contentment. There have this year, the German battle cruiser through a door or window, but al- he always put the right present in foremost without getting soot in his Santa Claus always feels badly gest stocking, which is usually little there was a little boy or girl last brother's, and crams it full of things Christmas, but now no stocking or that little brother has wanted for playthings or little tree. We have four weeks. Santa Claus always an idea that he goes away on tipseems to know just what each little toe and hunts up some home where boy or girl wants, and lots of peo- the simplest of toys brings Heaven ple believe that he hangs around and into some childist heart.

CHRISTMAS

the spirit of Christmas Day the whole like the withered fragments of might depopulate the churches, but college boarding-bill for it would make it easier to raise the straight months. pastor's salary without slaughtering The plain purposes of Christmas is

next meeting of the Eastern Star.

Christmas is the accepted time for Christmas is a violent epidemic all children who are scattered from once a year. It is the one day in lean heavily against one of mother's which the world forgets the business plain, homespun dinners. Mother's giving. If everybody would live in seven-course spread at Sherry's look year around, there would be no in- Dutch lunch, and on this account it centive to join the church in the is highly prized by children who hope of getting to Heaven. This have held sweet communion with the

three or four innocent home-talent to make the children happy. Any Christmas which fails to perform this Christmas is always preceded by important function becomes a tragone day which is the busiest in the edy. People who have no children year for the average husband. The of their own generally manage to

most difficult task which a man has find a few in the neighborhood who to perform is to pick out a Christmas are not overstocked with toys, and present for a wife who can't think sneak up on the back porch after of a thing she wants but love and supper with an armul of suspiciousaffection and possibly a sealskin pooking bundles. These kind-heartsaque. Many a man has bought his ed folks miss the biggest joy in life, wife a handsome carpet-sweeper for however, by not being present in the Christmas, only to be asked later by morning when the children wake up your Xmas money, we will some aggrieved relative why he and find their stockings choken with sell beautiful hand colored didn't thrown in a sack of flour. The Noah's arks, toy pianos, hobby horprinciple reliance of the navy. The department stores are always crowd- ses and peanut candy. The enrap- pictures cheap. Order early ed the day before Christmas by chop- tured lock on the face of a baby girl and have frames made to fallen husbands on a mournful hunt when she first catches sight of a your taste. for something which their wives can wabbly-eyed French doll on Christwear without creating a riot at the mas morning is worth more than all

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ful lunatic, who gives his car no end of power, and burns up

All men should lift their feet and kick against the cheer

roads; he kills our geese and cats and dogs,

and spoils our Poland China hogs. We are

with terror stricken dumb, when we behold

the monster come, and climb a tree a fur-

long high, to save ourselves till he goes by.

runs the leading grocer down, and scars the

local merchant prince, and no regret does he

evince. Then comes a driver safe and sane,

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by the village tower at fifteen modest miles

an hour. The villagers are sad and sore;

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