

THE EX-KAISER IS TO PREACH

The Sermon in Connection With His Christmas Eve Ceremony.

WILHELM FELLED TREES

WITH THE ASSISTANCE OF TWO MEN AT CASTLE.

The Berlin Government refused to allow the Court Chaplain to go to Holland.

(Canadian Press Despatch) London, Dec. 23.—William Hohenzollern has arranged for himself a Christmas celebration after traditional German style, as far as circumstances will permit, according to a despatch from Amsterdam today. The arrangements by the ex-emperor's insistence will include elaborate religious ceremonies on Christmas Eve. The idea of using the village chapel for these, however, has proved impracticable for various reasons, one of them being the fear of popular hostile demonstrations. The service, accordingly, will be held in the drawing-room of Amerongen Castle.

The ex-emperor desired to have the court chaplain, Dr. Ernest von Dryander, come from Berlin to preach the sermon at the Christmas Eve ceremony, but the Berlin Government, says the despatch, has refused permission for the chaplain to go to Holland. The service, consequently, will be conducted by a German missionary from Zeist, near Amerongen, but Herr Hohenzollern himself will deliver the sermon. Many friends of Count von Bentinck, the former emperor's host, have been asked to attend the service, the message adds, but have refused the invitation. The former ruler's audience, therefore, will consist of Count von Bentinck and his family, the ex-emperor's suite and servants of the castle.

Christmas trees will be provided as usual for the celebration. Herr Hohenzollern cut these down himself with the help of two men of the estate, in Amerongen pine woods. The trees are now being decorated and loaded with gifts.

DARING THEFT OF DIAMONDS

Fifty Thousand Dollars Worth of Gems Taken by Masked Bandits.

NIGHTWATCHMAN BOUND

WHILE THE ROBBERS MADE A BIG HAUL.

Looted the Offices of I. L. Michaelson & Sons in Eastern Townships Bank Building, Montreal.

(Canadian Press Despatch) Montreal, Dec. 23.—Diamonds valued at \$50,000 were stolen from I. L. Michaelson & Sons, Eastern Townships Bank Building, corner of St. James Street and Victoria Square, between 10.30 Sunday night and two o'clock this morning by three masked bandits, who overpowered the night watchman and blew the safe with two charges.

The robbery is a sensational one. About 10.30 o'clock last night the night watchman of the building, George Fletcher, was called to the door by the ringing of the bell. As soon as he opened it, three men stepped up. Handing him a suitcase, one remarked: "Give this to the woman who cleans up the place." As he said this the others pressed inside and attacked the watchman. He was quickly overpowered, bound hand and foot and carried up the elevator to the eighth floor, where the Michaelson offices are located. There he was tied in a chair obtained from the robbed office and left outside the corridor while the three thieves were busy. The firm has been in business here for only a month and the offices had not been completely arranged.

Canadian Casualties.

Prisoner Repatriated.—A. McDonaid, Gananoque; W. A. Brown, Lind say.

Died.—A. Chrow, Peterboro; D. Leonard, Cornwall.

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A GLOOMY CHRISTMAS FOR BERLIN PEOPLE

Stigma of Defeat—The Newspapers Are Lacking in Christmas Cheer.

(Canadian Press Despatch) Berlin, Dec. 23.—The outlook for Berlin's first revolutionary Christmas appears to be anything but merry. The disposition of Berliners seems to be gloomy. The stigma of military defeat has been eclipsed momentarily by political uncertainty, food stringency and disturbed economic conditions. Never before, even during the war, have beggars and street vendors been met with in such numbers in Berlin. Professional beggars and crippled and invalid soldiers multiply. An odd holiday spectacle is an able-bodied soldier in uniform grinding Christmas music from an organ. There will be little holiday travel as through-trains have been withdrawn. Trains which ordinarily took twelve hours now take thirty. Newspapers also are lacking in Christmas cheer.



ARTHUR J. HANNISTER, DEMORESTVILLE.

Who was awarded the Royal Humane Society of Canada a bronze medal for bravery. The deed for which the medal was awarded took place on August 20th, 1916, when he saved two boys from drowning in the millpond at Demorestville.

BAVARIA IS FACING DANGER FROM ANARCHY

The Press is Threatened and the Ballot is at Stake.

(Canadian Press Despatch) Munich, Dec. 23.—So chaotic have conditions become during the past week or two that three of the various leading parties have combined, for the first time in years, to issue what amounts to an ultimatum to the Bavarian Government. The Bavarian people's party, the German people's party and the Munich branch of the Liberal party have signed an appeal, which says that recent occurrences, especially those of the last few days, leave no doubt that Bavaria is facing danger from anarchy. The press is threatened, freedom of assembly exists no longer and the ballot is at stake.

WILL SEIZE BERLIN

With Loyal Troops If Order is Not Re-established.

(Canadian Press Despatch) Zurich, Dec. 23.—The Ebert Government in Berlin is reported to be faced with another crisis through the resignation of the minority members of the cabinet.

Political circles in Berlin, another report says, are agitated by a rumor that General Groener, who succeeded General Ludendorff as chief quartermaster-general, has threatened to seize Berlin with the troops that have remained faithful if order is not re-established here shortly.

Death of Warworth Man

Warkworth, Dec. 23.—Albert H. Stillman, who conducted a large tin-smith business here for the past six years and was very widely and favorably known in this community, died on Friday of acute peritonitis, after an illness of a few days. Mr. Stillman is survived by his wife, one son and an infant daughter. District.

German Troops in Posen.

(Canadian Press Despatch) Zurich, Dec. 23.—Field Marshal von Hindenburg, according to reports received here from Germany, has concentrated a large force of soldiers in Posen, German Poland. The Polish nationalists have claimed it as part of the new Poland and Polish troops have invaded the territory.

Brantford Courier Ceases Publication

Brantford, Dec. 23.—Owing to increasing difficulties and rising expenses of publication, the Courier announces to-day it will cease publication after Dec. 31st. Its good will having been bought out by the Expressor.

A Heavy Deficit.

(Canadian Press Despatch) Berne, Dec. 23.—Reliable despatches from Russia indicate that government operation of five hundred mills and factories in 1918 has been a complete failure and resulted in a deficit of four hundred million roubles.

The Greatest Christmas.

(Canadian Press Despatch) London, Dec. 22.—The newspapers join in welcoming President Wilson and say it is the greatest Christmas in the history of the Anglo-Saxon race.

Five hundred thousand Italians lost their lives in the war. Of this number 200,000 were killed in action.

GERMANY IS NOT SHORT OF FOOD

The Chief Difficulty is in the Distribution of It.

ALLIES NOT DECEIVED

BY THE WAIFS OF HUNGER FROM THE HUNS.

In Austria the food question is serious. However, American Government to Supply Against Famine and Revolution. Washington, Dec. 23.—Germany is in no present danger as to food, according to State Department information. Her chief difficulty is one of distribution. Some places in Germany have sufficient food. But despite the vaunted German efficiency her means of distributing food have been poor, while there was grafting and hoarding. Approaching the east the food situation grows graver. In Austria it is a subject for concern.

The American Government's disposition toward the food problem in Germany is to make no hasty food adjustments and when they are made not to ration her extensively. The sole concern of this Government in that respect is to see that the distribution problems are adjusted so that famine cannot cause a menacing revolution in the nation. It will be necessary to supply some food to the central empire later. But the United States Government will not hurry this process.

Meanwhile the German propaganda "waifs" for assistance are falling on ears that they do not deceive. The department has made a careful analysis of the whole German situation and now realizes fully that these plaintive appeals are insincere and designed to foster a false sympathy which should react to Germany's advantage at the peace table and throughout the world.

Accepts Campbellford Call.

Cobourg, Dec. 23.—Capt. (Rev.) H. B. Kenny, who is completing his first year here as pastor of the Methodist church, has accepted a unanimous invitation to the pastorate of the Methodist church at Campbellford for next conference year.

Count Romanones, the Spanish premier, was in conference for half an hour with President Wilson in Paris. It is reported that the premier invited the president to visit Spain, but no official announcement as to Mr. Wilson's reply has been made.

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PRESIDENT WILSON'S PRELIMINARY WORK IS NEARLY DONE AND HE WILL BE READY FOR ACTUAL PEACE CONFERENCE.



HERBERT C. HOOVER

(Canadian Press Despatch) Paris, Dec. 23.—President Wilson's conference today and tomorrow will virtually complete the preliminaries he is expected to dispose of before going to England. They probably will lay the principal part of the ground work for the actual peace conference. Mr. Wilson considers the most pressing of all problems before the Entente nations is in a fair way toward being solved. This is the question of supplying food to the starving peoples of the liberated countries. It now seems probable that its work will be handled principally by the United States, through Herbert C. Hoover. A satisfactory understanding appears to be in sight. Participation by the United States in the various councils that have been handling the food questions, matters of shipping and the like is being gradually wound up as the American officials are trending toward the opinion that these are proper subjects for the consideration of the league of nations, or at least of preliminary organizations which may precede it. Some of those who have been giving the subject close study and have been following the conferences with the Entente representatives say they would not be surprised if the real foundation of the league of nations were to be laid in co-operative arrangements between the United States and the Allies for handling these fundamental questions.

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PLAN A PALACE IN THE CLOUDS

The British Enterprise Transforms Fairy Tales Into a Reality.

London, Dec. 23.—The Times announces, on authority of its special correspondent, that a British airship has made a cruise of sixty-one hours without a stop. It is no longer a secret that the Germans owned their escape out of Jutland to a Zeppelin. Zeppelins also enabled the flotilla which bombarded Scarborough to escape. An airship already has been planned, the gas capacity of which will be 10,000,000 cubic feet, four times greater than the biggest German Zeppelin. The length of the new airship will be 1,100 feet, and its speed sixty-five miles an hour, with a cruising range of 20,000 miles, able to lift a weight of 200 tons, containing saloons, drawing-room, smoking-room, roof garden and an elevator. The British have an airship of almost two and three-quarter millions in capacity, now being built. Its length is 700 feet, and it is able to lift 50 tons. Its speed is 71 miles an hour, its cruising range 9,400 miles, and its cruising endurance nine days.

SHOWS NEED OF LEAGUE.

Said Munitions Left From War Cause of Trouble.

London, Dec. 23.—The Chronicle, regarded as Premier Lloyd George's personal organ, prominently displays a special despatch from Geneva, arguing that need of the league of nations is evidenced by the situation in Galicia and the Ukraine. The despatch points out that in those two countries German, Polish, Bolsheviks and released Italian prisoners are fighting and plundering, "because the war left machine guns and munitions in the hands of everyone."

To Sing To Doughboys.

Paris, Dec. 23.—Miss Margaret Wilson, daughter of the President, has left Paris for a concert tour of thirty days among the American troops in the vicinity of Chaumont, where American headquarters is located. She is planning to sing on Christmas Day at Gondrecourt, in the Meuse department, in the same region where President Wilson will dine with the American soldiers.

Airmen Killed in England.

London, Dec. 23.—After looping the loop near the Fairport Airborne, Essex, yesterday, Lieut. Thomas E. Simpson, of London, Ont., attached to the Royal Air Force, was seen to dive towards a wood. His dead body was found later under the smudged machine.

Sale of Real Estate.

Dwelling No. 63 John street, owned by B. Derbyshire, to D. Whelan; stone dwellings, Nos. 237-239 Earl street, owned by B. Derbyshire, to H. Clark; building lot on corner of Clergy and Johnson streets, owned by Mrs. A. Steacy; dwelling, No. 642 Princess street, owned by H. Clark, all sold by E. W. Mullin & Son.

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A BIG FUTURE FOR AVIATION

Lord Weir, British Air Board Chairman, Makes Prediction.

AIRMEN WILL NAVIGATE

IN FOGGY WEATHER AS EASY AS SHIP CAPTAINS.

London, Dec. 23.—Lord Weir, chairman of the Air Board, entertained by the Manchester Corporation, made a remarkable prediction that within five years navigating an aeroplane over a long course in bad, foggy weather, would be as easy as navigating a ship. He said that already we have machines that can land safely at a definite gliding angle entirely without human control. When a pilot is able to set instruments by kite balloons in clear air indicating his position, he will be able to land safely in Toronto, although completely fogbound. "Big weight-carrying machines carrying thirty-seven passengers can descend to the surface of the sea, float and rise again with this load," said Lord Weir. "We tested these machines in every way and possess substantial numbers, either delivered or under construction." An international aircraft convention to organize flying is already drafted and is being submitted to the Allies and if approved will become international. An air conference will be held within a few months also, and a bill for the control of British flying will be drafted and be submitted to the new Parliament at the earliest possible date.

Lord Weir laid stress on the importance of training air navigators. He saw no immediate limit to development on the constructional side, but only on the operational side. He urged the importance of the creation of an energetic meteorological service specially designed to help air transport, the adoption of improved systems of wireless telegraphy, telephony and first class systems of day and night marking of landing places and aerodromes.

ARMY LAUNCH DRIVE FOR ONE MILLION

Red Shield Campaign to Assist Blood-and-Fire Soldiers in After War Work

The Salvation Army is about to launch a campaign to raise \$1,000,000 for war and demobilization purposes. The money-getting campaign will be from Jan. 1st to 25th. The Duke of Devonshire, Governor-General of Canada; Sir Robert Borden, Sir William Hearst, Sir Wilfrid Laurier, and many other prominent citizens have endorsed the scheme, and strong committees have been formed for the purpose of boosting the objective. The Salvation Army intends to use the money for three purposes: (1) To establish hostels for returned soldiers who are discharged and in need until they are absorbed into industrial life. (2) To provide emergency receiving and maternity homes for soldiers' wives, widows and dependent children in need. (3) To continue during demobilization in England and France the squillions and comforts already provided by the Salvation Army for the Canadian soldiers overseas.

RETURNED SOLDIERS' CLUB

Of Queen's University Arranges For Several Events.

At the final meeting of 1918, of the Queen's University Returned Soldiers' Club, arrangements were discussed for the holding of a banquet for the purpose of welcoming home new members and for the inviting of members of the Soldiers' Settlement Board to address the members at this banquet. Some discussion took place regarding the relationship of the club to the Great War Veterans' Association. It was pointed out that the members of the club were identical in every way with those of the G.W.V.A. and every member was urged to join that organization as soon as possible. A committee was appointed to make arrangements for a dance. Two of the members were appointed to represent the club in a debate to be held against the G.W.V.A. Debate committee to meet all troop trains to welcome returning soldiers was also appointed.

PLAYED LIVELY AIRS.

Salvation Army Band Entertained People Waiting for Troop Train.

The Salvation Army band is always on the job when a troop train arrives, if given time to turn out, and they stay together in very short notice. Sunday night they went to the railway station to meet the boys returning home. It was 4 o'clock when the train pulled in, but Adjutant Smith and his faithful bandmen stayed on the job and played lively airs until the train arrived, and did much to prevent the wait from being tiresome. The members of the Salvation Army band had the pleasure of welcoming one of the former members of the person of Lieut. George Granger, who was deputy bandmaster under Bandmaster Christmas. Lieut. Granger has been overseas three years, and suffered eleven wounds from machine gun fire.

WARMEST SINCE 1913.

For the first twenty days of the month the average temperature recorded at the provincial Observatory is 32.2 degrees, which is warmer to date than any December since 1913. In that year the temperature for the whole month was 33.4 degrees. In 1889 the warmest December experienced, the average being 34.3 degrees. Last year was one of the coldest Decembers, and consequently the present month seems especially warm by comparison. The average was 15.5 degrees, while the coldest ever was in 1876, when it was 17.2 for the month.

Royal Arch Masons.

At the annual convocation of Ancient Frontenac and Cataraqui Chapter No. 11, R.A.M. G.R.C., the following officers were elected: Ex. Comp. H. J. Milne, Z. Ex. Comp. W. A. Bryant, H. Comp. W. A. Bevan, W. J. Ex. Comp. James A. Minnes, treasurer; Comp. R. S. Graham, S.E.; Comp. G. L. Vanhorne, S.N.; Comp. H. V. Moore, P.S.; Ex. Comp. R. Bunt, Tyler; Ex. Comp. W. J. Renney and Ex. Comp. William Jackson, auditors.

Ran Once Too Often.

Dr. Michael C. Costello, remembered by many in Kingston as a medical graduate of Queen's university ten years ago, ran once too often for the majority of Calgary, Alta. He held the office for four years and lately contested for a fifth term, but was defeated by 200 votes. Dr. Costello's father was one of the pioneers of Calgary, and the doctor is possessed of a goodly share of this world's goods.

Odds and Ends Sale.

The Young Ladies' Club of Brock street Methodist church held an odds and ends sale on Saturday afternoon in the church hall. Mrs. D. A. Lough was in charge of the arrangement and the booths were supervised by Miss Harton, Miss R. Potter, Miss Keating, Miss Stagg, Miss Meggs, Miss Peters and Miss Wilkinson. Together with the household fair, the club netted a sum of \$225.

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THE LATEST NEWS BRIEFLY GIVEN

Despatches That Come From Near And Distant Places.

TIDINGS FOR OUR READERS

PRESENTED IN THE BRIEFEST POSSIBLE FORM.

The Whig's Daily Condensation of the News of the World From Telegraphic Service and Newspaper Exchange. Captain Bartlett is planning to fly to the North Pole by airplane. All Britain is preparing for a joyous and old-fashioned Christmas. Russian casualties in the war were nine millions, of whom nearly two millions were killed.

An order-in-council doubles the post discharge pay for returned soldiers and extends it for six months.

A home for the deaf and dumb to cost approximately \$500,000 has been decided on by the Manitoba Government. The Allies are much concerned over Bolshevism in Russia and Germany. A college for Bolsheviks has been started in Moscow. With the occupation of Eger and Reichenberg, the Czech-Slovaks seem to have all of German Bohemia completely cut off from German Austria.

It is understood that Bryce M. Stewart, editor of the Labor Gazette, will be appointed to the position of Director of Labor Research and Employment Service.

Government by the Clayton Ship and Boat Building Corporation, have been launched, and the keels for four Government canal boats are being laid.

German Baron Brockdorf Rantau, German minister to Denmark, has been appointed foreign minister of Germany in succession to Dr. W. S. Solw, according to reports from Berlin.

The Krupp Company has decided not to pay a dividend this year. German arms concern paid a dividend of 12 per cent. in each of the first two war years, and 10 per cent. last year.

Announcements made of the appointment of Major-General Charles T. Mencher, who commanded the 42nd (Rainbow) division in France, as director of the United States air service, succeeding John D. Ryan.

That in less than ten years, the greatest part of the population of Canada will be living west of the Great Lakes is the prediction of an. Charles Stewart, Premier of Alberta, at Calgary.

General Pershing notified the war department at Washington that under authority granted him by the president, he had awarded the distinguished service medal to the general commanding the various French, British, Belgian and Italian armies.

TO BE THREE STAGES IN FORMING LEAGUE. Germany Must First Expiate Her Misdeeds Before Being Admitted to It.

(Canadian Press Despatch) Paris, Dec. 23.—The formation of a league of nations, the Matin says to-day, will be in three stages. The Allied Governments will decide the principles of such an organization, which will include compulsory arbitration and limitation of armaments. Germany and her former allies will then be told that they must accept these principles.

A treaty of peace will be formulated. Later a conference will be held to discuss the formation of a league. neutrals will be admitted, the article continues, but Germany will not have an equal standing until she had expiated her misdeeds, and before she can do so an international organization will be working.

Fiftieth Anniversary. Pembroke, Dec. 23.—An esteemed Pembroke couple, Mr. and Mrs. George McDonald, had the happy privilege of celebrating on Saturday the fiftieth anniversary of their marriage. Mr. and Mrs. McDonald were married in Wilberforce on Dec. 14th, 1868, by Rev. Brock Taylor. They afterwards lived for a considerable period in Westmeath, coming to Pembroke some thirty years ago. Ever since they have been respected citizens of the town, and Mr. McDonald has for years past filled the position of bailiff of the first Division Court here.

To Ask For Wireless Station. Trenton, Dec. 23.—As a result of the founding of the steamer Minola at Brock Island, Lake Ontario, and because of the many wrecks which have occurred at this point, recently, local mariners will petition the Marine Department at Ottawa to place a wireless station at that point, so that a steamer in trouble may have a chance of securing assistance.

Four For Toronto Mayoralty. (Canadian Press Despatch) Toronto, Dec. 23.—Mayor Thomas L. Church was to-day nominated for election to his fifth consecutive annual term in the mayoralty. He will have three opponents, Controller John O'Neill, ex-controller Thomas Foster, M.P., and W. H. Shaw.