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GETTING READY FOR CHRISTMAS

A great many people are getting ready for the Christmas festivities and others have scarcely thought about it. Yet the great day is only six weeks away. That is not long in which to make plans, to make or purchase presents, to arrange parties and to do those thousand and one things which are necessary in order that the holiday may not fall flat.

To suggest buying Christmas things early is trite but yet the fact remains that the last-minute shopper has often to take the leavings, the things that have been picked over and handled and discarded.

Prince Rupert merchants are making preparations for a good Christmas business and doubtless their anticipations will be realized but it will help them and be a great advantage to the purchasers if the people buy early. This is the time to plan the buying.

In order that no mistakes may be made, the best thing to do is to get pencil and paper and make a list of those to be remembered. Tick them off as they are provided for and revise and eliminate as you go along. It will usually be found that the first list is too long for your own purse and some will have to be struck off.

PRESENTS FOR A DOLLAR

Time was when a dollar present was sufficient, but today things have changed somewhat and a dollar does not seem much more than an old-fashioned nickel. The result has been that people have in many cases given up sending presents and send personal cards instead. They are easy to send and not very expensive. Everything will depend upon the personality of the sender and the recipient. Many send presents and enclose a personal Christmas card with them. What is needed, however, is neat little Christmas presents that can be purchased for a dollar or so and can be easily mailed. Here is a chance for the originality of local merchants. If they can put up something in a neat package so that the purchaser has nothing to do but enclose his card, they should appeal strongly to the popular fancy.

AGREEING ON ONE DEFINITE MESSAGE

Canon Gower-Rees who recently came to Canada from England to be rector of St. George's, Montreal, says one of the difficulties about religion today is that there are two hundred denominations that cannot agree upon one definite message for the people of the world. That certainly is a handicap. Yet they are all looked upon as Christian. Possibly one message which a number of them have forgotten is that contained in the line "He went about doing good." The sermons and church services were only incidental. The life was the main thing. It was the personal touch with the people of the world throughout the week that counted.

The Christian denominations of the world should get together and find out how many things they have in common. Then work together along those lines and agree to differ on the smaller matters of individual differences. It is to be assumed that church people have brains and could work out such a scheme. Forget that they despise people of other denominations and acknowledge that these despised ones have much in common with the rest and that they in their own way are taking some part in making the world happier.

Canon Gower-Rees says that the fact people are not going to church today is no sign of dying interest in religion. He says that those who go today do so because they like to go and not because it is the fashion. Apparently the people like to hear the Canon because a queue formed outside his church hours before the service opened on the last Sunday before he left England. Possibly it is because he has a message that appeals to them.

BALDWIN SEES AN IMPROVEMENT

Premier Baldwin of Great Britain sees an improvement in the condition of Europe which might lead to more settled conditions leading to permanent peace. With countries that formerly were opposed in war now banded together in the interests of peace, there should be possibilities of getting rid of the armaments competition which has been the bane of past days. Production for useful purposes rather than for war would change the economic outlook. It is to be hoped that Mr. Baldwin is not a false prophet. The world today is getting ready for a change from old methods but the change has to come slowly. We cannot run world affairs on utopian principles yet.



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DIARY FOUND OF JAPANESE

Men Kept Locks of Their Hair to Send to Buddhist Temple at Home

Mystery veiling the death cruise of the ill-fated Japanese fishing schooner, Ryo-Yei Maru was solved with the finding of a minute day-by-day record of the hapless ship's wanderings over the wind-whipped waters of the Pacific. In the personal effects of Genosuke Matsumoto, one of the fishermen, was found a two-man diary beginning very shortly after the ship cleared from the little port of Misaki, December 5 last, says The Seattle Post-Intelligencer.

The diary, which had heretofore been overlooked, was found by United States customs inspectors who thoroughly examined the little vessel lying at her berth at Pier 41.

PLAGUE

Plague added its horror to starvation in that dreary cruise and four different times the doomed men saw life and hope slip over the horizon just as rescue seemed imminent. One of these chances was in the form of a foreign (non-Japanese) steamship which was sighted on January 27. It was the last vessel seen by the ill-starred crew of twelve. Three other ships, all Japanese, were sighted by the luckless crew of the Ryo Yei Maru, but each time the other vessels sailed on heedless of the frantic efforts of the lost men to attract their attention.

The diary dispels every illusion of the fatal cruise, and explains how the little craft drifted for eleven months without being driven ashore or coming in contact with other ships. The captain and crew of the Ryo-Yei Maru fought to the last to save their ship and themselves. But instead of accepting the aid of the elements, the dauntless men set their meager sail against the winds that would have saved them and tried to navigate their craft back home instead of heading for the coast of North America.

On one day is the entry: "We made thirty miles this day, sailing in a north-westerly direction."

The first of the ill-fated crew died on March 9, three days after the captain had painted their names on the cedar board with the message that they had decided they must die. He was Denjiro Hosai, a fisherman. The engineer, the man who could not repair the disabled motor, died four days later: "Sickness," the diary said.

This part of the grim record, which is printed in pencil in a small water-logged daybook, was kept by Suteji Izawa. Izawa and Matsumoto and the captain also preserved a lock of each man's hair as he died for burial in the Buddhist temple at home. It is the custom, Japanese Consul H. Kawahara explained. Although the bodies may be lost or buried elsewhere, a lock of the hair is always kept in the temple.

HAIR KEPT

Nine little envelopes there are with their last mortal remains of ten of the death ship's crew, the locks of two who died the same day being preserved in one envelope.

The last death on record was April 19, and the last entry in the diary was May 11. On this day Matsumoto wrote as usual, adding that he had fallen prey to beri-beri. Izawa had died on March 20, on which day Matsumoto took up the diary and the sacred task of preserving the locks of his dead comrades.

On various occasions it is written, fish were caught, indicating that the crew never gave up as long as their strength held out. Once they snared a "big bird," landing him on a tuna hook baited with flesh. On another day they sighted a seal, which "must mean that we are near Alaska," the faithful chronicler entered in his record.

SIGNAL IN VAIN

Mishap overtook the ill-fated craft five days after they put out to sea. The crank shaft broke. Three days later they sighted another Japanese fishing craft and signalled frantically their distress. They were not seen. Again on December 16 they attempted to hail a steamer of the T.K.K. Lines. They waved their arms and built a fire on deck, but to no avail. The same afternoon they sighted another fishing craft. This, too, slipped over the horizon without answering their desperate signalling.

No mention is made of the steamer West Ion and likewise the question of whether members of the crew prolonged their lives by resorting to cannibalism is not touched upon. But the catches of fish were meager, and the fact that all their food was gone on March 6 remains undisputed. Also there is the mute evidence of the clean-licked and whitening bones, which Dr. L. P. Seavey, United States quarantine officer, first official to board the death craft, declared pointed plainly to cannibalism.

FATHER OF LOCAL LADY PASSES AWAY IN BELGIUM HOME

Mrs. Eddie Hudson last night received a cable conveying the sad intelligence of the death near Brussels of her father. Mrs. Hudson returned only two weeks ago from a visit with her parents in Belgium. Her father was not in the best of health then but his death, which was unexpected, has come as a great shock.

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IS RELIGION DYING TODAY

English Canon Now Rector at Montreal Declares it is Not

LONDON, Nov. 12.—Canon A. P. Gower-Rees, M.C., former Vicar of Bolton, Bradford, who has gone to Canada to assume the rectorship of St. George's, Montreal, gave his own reply to the question "Is Religion Dying?" when he delivered his farewell sermon to the men of his former congregation on the Sunday before he sailed.

"What contribution are those people making who are so ready to say what preachers should or should not do?" asked the Canon. "Thousands of pounds are paid for an A1 footballer. What is paid for an A1 preacher? Is he kept alive? Is he provided for? We have been living on the dole religiously. We have been expecting first-class things without providing first-class support, and in many ways we have got what we deserve."

"I won't have bazaars in my church. I don't believe in them. I regard them as an insult and reflection upon the congregation because they are unable to foot the bill."

Canon Gower-Rees said they must not take half-empty churches to be a sign of religion dying. Those who went to church today went not because it was the fashion but because they liked to go. "We Christians talk about one Lord—yet we have 200 denominations which cannot agree upon one definite message. The man in the street demands there shall be less squabbling among the churches."

Many hundreds were unable to gain admission when the Canon preached to a mixed congregation in the evening, a queue forming outside three hours before the service began.

Canon Gower-Rees has been in Holy Orders over 20 years. He was chaplain to the Forces from 1915 to 1919, and was twice mentioned in despatches. The value of the benefice he relinquished in England was £382 net.

SCHOOL KEPT ARMISTICE DAY

Children Assembled and Sang Patriotic Songs and Kept the "Silence Together"

Yesterday morning Booth School celebrated Armistice Day by the pupils all gathering in the assembly room where they listened to a short address by the principal, Miss Mercer. This was followed by a two-minute silence after which all joined in singing the well-known old hymn, "O God our Help in Ages Past."

A chorus was sung by the school "This Land of Freedom," closing with "O Canada," after which the pupils filed off to their rooms and work proceeded as usual. Poppies were sold to the pupils who wished to buy them.

Yesterday the city whistles blew at 11 for the two minute silence and many people on the streets and in the offices stopped and marked the occasion in the proper manner.

Man in the Moon

WHO was it won the girls' nighties at the Catholic bazaar? And what did he want them for?

He bought a ticket at the fair And thought that it was fun But what to do with all the goods Is the problem now he's on.

IT is commonly reported that since the bazaar Ed. Gibbons may be seen going to business on a tricycle. Oh well, the weather is rather cold, that's all!

WITH all the beauty shops in town there is no excuse for a woman being ugly these days.

TWO lines difficult to reduce are the waist line and waste line.

WIVES are all right except when they begin to make a man's shirts for him. Then it is time to call a halt.

WHEN you have a radio set you use

WAS VERY WEAK NERVOUS AND MELANCHOLY

Mrs. Geo. McKenzie, Campbellford, Ont., writes:—"A short time ago I was troubled very badly with my heart and nerves, the cause of it, I think, was my going through the change of life."

"I was very weak and melancholy, and so nervous I could hardly bear to hear a clock ticking, and I did not sleep well."

"I was advised to try so I sent at once for a box; took them and got another, and before they were all gone I felt good, my nerves are fine, I do not mind any noise, and I can sleep well. I cannot recommend them too highly to those suffering as I did."

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I keep a little radio set,
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And mostly when I turn the dial
I usher in the static.

ONE of the worst features about this culture we all practice is having to give up eating onions.

LAND ACT.
NOTICE OF INTENTION TO APPLY TO LEASE LAND

In Queen Charlotte Islands Land Recording District of Prince Rupert, B.C., situated at Jedway Harbor, Moresby Island, Q.C.I.

TAKE NOTICE that Millard Packing Company, Limited, of Vancouver, B.C., occupation Packers, intends to apply for a lease of the following described lands: Commencing at a post planted at the northeast corner of Lot 88, Q.C.I.; thence northwesterly and along high water mark 15 chains, more or less, to a point N. 56 37' E. from the N.E. corner Lot 140; thence north 56 37' E. 1-5 chains, more or less, to low water mark; thence southeasterly along low water mark to a point N. 56 37' E. from the location post; thence 2.2 chains, more or less, to the point of commencement, and containing 3 acres, more or less.

MILLARD PACKING COMPANY, LIMITED, Applicant.

Dated September 7, 1927.

NOTICE

IN THE MATTER of an application for the issue of a Provisional Certificate of Title for the East half of Lot 2027, Cassiar District, said to contain 320 acres, more or less.

Satisfactory proof of the loss of the Certificate of Title covering the above land having been produced to me, it is my intention to issue, after the expiration of one month from the first publication hereof, a Provisional Certificate of Title to the above land, in the name of MADELINE MINTON. The original Certificate of Title is dated the 30th September, 1913, and is numbered 4470 I.

Land Registry Office, Prince Rupert, B.C.
17th October, 1927.
H. F. MacLEOD,
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