

A MERRY CHRISTMAS TO ALL

CHRISTMAS WITH ROYALTY:— Family Gathering At Sandringham

QUIET REIGNS AT OTTAWA
Cabinet Ministers Scatter For Festive Season.
OTTAWA, Dec. 23—(AP)—The Royal Family will have children's Christmas party at Sandringham with everybody present except the Emperor and his wife, the Emperor and Empress. The Earl and Countess of Harewood, with two sons, growing up, will hold a family party of their own as usual, at their home near Leeds.
Whether the Duke and Duchess of Windsor were invited to Sandringham was not disclosed. They are not going, but Uncle Edward sent presents.
It will be an exciting morning for Princess Elizabeth and Margaret when they come down stairs in the morning to give and receive presents. But as Elizabeth is now 12 years old and Margaret eight the greatest shouting is expected from Prince Edward of Kent, three, with a contribution from Princess Alexandra, his sister.
Princess Alexandra may have some difficulty realizing that Dec. 25 means two important things in her life—Christmas Day and her birthday anniversary. She will be two.
The children will enjoy the company of their parents, their grandmother, Queen Mary, and the Duke and Duchess of Gloucester who returned recently from a hunting trip to Kenya.
Early in December King George went to Sandringham and arranged preliminary details of the Christmas Eve party which he and the Queen and other members of the Sandringham House party will entertain in the ballroom, before a great Christmas tree. On the 25th will be hung gifts from members of the Royal Family to all their servants.
A few days after Christmas the houses party will break up but the King and Queen are expected to remain at Sandringham throughout January.

INSURGENTS ATTACK ALONG SEGRE RIVER

Moroccan Forces Launch Strong Drive In Wintry Weather.
HENDAYE, France, Dec. 23—Moroccan forces of General Franco's northern army may have started the long-heralded offensive with which the Insurgents hoped to end the Spanish civil war, now in its 30th month.
Dispatches from both sides of the newly active Catalan front agreed on this—that there had been a series of Insurgent attacks along the east bank of the Segre River, near Tremp, the Government's first line of defence against a drive from the northwest against Barcelona.
By way of Zaragoza, the Insurgent high command announced, that the Catalan line had been broken in four places, about 50 miles from Barcelona, seat of the Government.
Thrown Back
Government dispatches reaching Bourgnon-Madec, France, at the front, said the Moroccans made six assaults in the mountainous area along the Segre, fighting in driving snow and near zero weather, but were thrown back.
Border observers awaited more complete information for an indication of whether this was merely a local, feverish action or the start of a drive after weeks of delay attributed to bad weather and a leakage of Franco's plans.
The Insurgent report did not divulge the specific points at which it said the Government line had been broken. Insurgent forces attacked in the same sector Dec. 15 in what appeared to be a large-scale operation—but activity died as suddenly as it began. Insurgents explained that thrust was designed simply to test the Government front for a weak spot.
But Government advisers reported that human players hundreds of Barcelona complete plans of General Franco's projected offensive and that this was the reason for the delay.
His explanation appeared to be supported by the subsequent acknowledgment that military plans had been found in a British diplomat's baggage and a far-flung spy ring had been uncovered.

THANKS TO SANTA PALS:— Christmas Joy Assured Many

"May Love and Peace and Happiness, With dear old Christmas Come — And brighten and protect and bless Each heart and hearth and home."
Santa Pals' work is nearing an end for another season. Last night slightly more than 1000 parcels for needy children were ready for delivery, which will begin promptly at 8 a. m. this morning.
There are still a few unprovided for, however, children of unfortunate parents whose names were sent in by City clergymen yesterday.
It is still time for would-be Santa Pals to send in contributions. They will be most joyfully received. Don't worry that there will be too much—as any surplus is divided equally between the two orphanages.
As the work of this Department draws to an end for 1938 those in charge send Christmas greetings and best wishes to kind Santa Pals who by their generous contributions made this work a real joy.
YESTERDAY'S SANTA PALS
In memory of Brian Austin Kennedy, Miss Betty Lou Howatt, A. Friend, John Allen.
Bobby Allen, Norma Jean Allen, Miss Lucy A. McGuire, The 3rd. Ch. Town Guide Company Temperal Patrol, Miss Bonnie Toombs, Mrs. Arthur G. Bruce, Lavina Bonnell, Miss Enid Rogers, Hi-Y Grads, Miss Marjorie Stewart, Miss Helen Kirwin, Shirley Dunning, Roma Dunning, Girl Guides, Borden, Ruth McLean, Cornwall, Betty McLean, Cornwall, Arthur Coffin, Margaret Coffin, Mary and Eileen McPhee, Jack Eichel, John W. Yeo, Margaret Mellett, Norma Ayers, Jess and Bernice Murray, Edna and Frankie Leonard, Elaine Murley, Skippy Murley, Frank Kelly.
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FEW BRITONS ENJOY WHITE CHRISTMAS

Old-Time Ceremonial, However, Will Mark Yuletide Season.
(By The Canadian Press)
Britons throughout the world conjure up a picture of snow-covered fields, glistening evergreens and frozen lakes as an ideal Christmas setting, but only a small proportion of the 500,000,000 inhabitants of the globe's red-tiled areas ever see the "old-fashioned" Christmas card landscapes usually associated with Yuletide.
Jack Annick and his neighbor in Newfoundland are envied abroad at this holiday season. While they stroke their furnaces and settle down to roast turkey and cranberry sauce in a real Christmas environment, their Australian and South African cousins swelter in temperatures that frequently soar well above the 100 mark.
The British Isles found Jack Frost in one of his rare, wild moods this week and Father Christmas can be counted on to make his annual visit in most districts with old-time ceremonial. He will hiech Donner and Blitzen and all the rest of his ancient sleigh for the first time in many years.
There will be no "White Christmas" in other parts of the British Empire but the Christmas spirit is unconquered by torrid heat and tropical storms.
British men-of-war steam through the Red Sea under a pitiless sun, saluted with flags and gunfire. Jack will have the traditional Christmas "bust" and he'll enjoy it too even though the desert is probably of the cinnabar variety.
Singapore the cross-roads of the east-meets Yuletide a time of revelry despite the heat and same can be said of Hong Kong where British folk gather for dinners and dances. In West India they put on their best "bib and tucker" go to early church and follow it up with open-air concerts in Kingston, Jamaica and other big centres.
Down in the Antipodes mid-summer holidays are getting underway. Blazing sunshine makes no difference to the Aussies' enthusiasm at Christmas although plenty of cold turkey are gaining favor. Sydney people make for Coogee, Bondi and other coast resorts and the feast is preceded by a dip in the ocean. Even in lonely up-country sheep stations where the heat is terrific, routine duties are laid aside.
In New Zealand, old English of all the Dominions, old customs are not forgotten although Christmas is one of the great outdoor holidays of the year. There is likely to be strawberries and cream for desert along with this.
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ADD FUEL TO FIRE:— Nazis - American Rift Broadens

SNOW COVERS BRITISH ISLES
Face First White Christmas In A Decade.
(By PAT USSHER, Canadian Press Staff Writer)
LONDON, Dec. 23—(CP Cable)—Britons faced the first white Christmas in a decade as the great howling wind for the holiday began tonight.
Railways ran extra trains, treading many services to accommodate the heavy traffic. Snow-clogged roads, preventing comfortable automobile driving, turned thousands of extra travellers to the railroads.
Continued snow, sleet and frost were predicted, assuring the country of a Yuletide observed in a seasonable setting for the first time since 1927—bearing a last minute change in the weather which it is never safe to rule out in this country.
A shortage of milk, coal, vegetables and flowers faced London as transportation fought to restore normal services. Dozens of roads were blocked and conditions were expected to become worse. The railway companies estimated the weather had cost them almost \$1,250,000 in extra help and damage to rolling stock.
Two double-decker buses skidded on a slippery street in Birkenhead and collided. One overturned. One person was killed and 40 injured.
The cold wave threatened to disrupt the holiday sports program. Numerous soccer and rugby fixtures for Saturday were cancelled. Horse racing has been at a standstill all week and the Greyhound tracks are closed down.
The River Royle at Londonderry
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COMING EVENTS

- Ebenzer Concert Christmas Eve. L-153-12-24-11.
- Auction in Vernon Hall Tuesday, January 3rd. L-170-12-24-27.
- Pleasant Valley Concert will be held Saturday night. L-172-12-24-11 date.
- Come to dance Orwell Hall, Wednesday, December 29th. L-147-12-24-11.
- Borden Line Club loading hoga lambs, calves every Tuesday. Hours 12 to 3. L-348-12-31-2-5-11.
- Dr. LaCorriere, Dentist, will be in Georgetown December 29th until January 3rd. L-171-12-24-11.
- Buying dress poultry daily until March. Correct grading. George Leighton Co. L-59-12-22-11.
- Buying hogs at Albany, Thursday, Friday at Emerald until noon. G. C. Green, Emerald. L-228-12-24-11.
- Christmas concert Kinkora Hall postponed until Saturday, December 24, commencing at 7:30. L-183-12-23-21.
- Come to the Dance in Emerald Hall Tuesday, December 27th. Aspicks Women's Institute, Orchestra. Lunch served. L-544-12-23-24.
- Anyone wishing to contribute to the children's Christmas at the Protestant Orphanage may leave baskets at 188 Prince St. L-424-12-17-14.
- Livestock Marketing Board extend heartiest seasonal greetings to all those who have rendered practical support during the past year. Best wishes to others and we cordially invite their patronage and support. L-156-12-24-11.
- Livestock Marketing Board hereby express appreciation of the splendid services rendered by the Canadian National Railways during the past year in connection with our marketing services. Their co-operation has been a considerable factor in our record of success and we cheerfully acknowledge the "human element" permeating our various experiences with local representatives. L-156-12-24-11.

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"I just want to pass out feeling good. I have done my best. I have done what I have been able to do. I take no credit for myself. I propose for the rest of my life to do all I can for mankind."
"What I have done others could do. If they don't they will regret it. They will regret it when they are passing out."
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BROKE AIR RECORD
LONDON—(CP)—All commercial air records were broken when an Imperial Airways liner flew from Croydon to Paris with 17 passengers in 53 minutes, an average of 338 miles an hour.

Preparations For Opening Of Parliament Well Advanced

Urges France Be Independent Of Anglo - U.S. Oil Interests
BY ROBERT B. PARKER, Associated Press Foreign Staff
PARIS, Dec. 23—(AP)—Deputy Charles Baroin in a confidential report to the Chamber of Deputies' Mines Committee recommended today that the Government break France's dependence on the United States and Great Britain for oil, which he declared gave those nations virtual control of French diplomacy.
Baroin, the committee's chairman, visited the United States last year to discuss French oil needs in case of war. His report declared:
"France cannot, even if she desired, take a firm position in the matter of diplomats' difficulties without fearing that an understanding between England and America or even an agreement among the three trusts would prevent her from speaking firmly."
He recommended that the Government adopt measures already used in Germany and Italy and erect plants to turn part of France's plentiful coal supply into liquid fuel.
He called for the use of wood burning machinery in buses, trucks and heavy vehicles and intensification of the alcohol industry to supply fuel.
Of 6,000,000 tons of crude oil treated annually in French refineries, Baroin declared at least two-thirds was furnished by the Standard Oil, Royal Dutch and Anglo-Persian Oil Companies, which he called "the three trusts."
The remainder is brought from Rumania and Iraq by French interests and would be shut off in case of a European war," he said.

MONDAY
Being A
PUBLIC HOLIDAY
The Next Issue Of
THE GUARDIAN
Will be on Tuesday
December 27

Wanted Pair Still At Large

(C. P. by Guardian's Special Wire)
MONTREAL, Dec. 23—(CP) Only two of 24 men charged with conspiracy to defraud the Federal Government of \$4,000,000 by illegal importation and transportation of liquor were still at large tonight after the surrender of Joseph Wolfe of Lower LaHave, N. S. Wolfe surrendered to Royal Canadian Mounted Police late Thursday and was brought here. Magistrate B. W. Brasseil remanded him until Jan. 3 on bail of \$3,000, same amount as set for the other 21 who also appear for preliminary hearing that day.
Thomas Rossiter and Jack Creighton, both of Halifax have yet to be located.

Near Agreement On Solidarity

May Change Site Of Winter Fair
FREDERICTON, Dec. 23—(CP)—In event the Maritime Livestock Breeders' Association decides to move the Maritime Winter Fair from Amherst, Fredericton has entered the list of bidders for the event.
"If the fair is coming to New Brunswick, Fredericton, the capital and centre of the province's agricultural life is the proper place," Mayor C. Hedley Forbes said tonight.
Action towards obtaining the fair was discussed previously at Moncton and Saint John.

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SAINT JOHN, N. B. Dec. 23—E. Brock Rideout, former principal of the Superior School at Black's Harbor, has been appointed superintendent of adult education and school festival under the Provincial Government Department of Education. He will teach and direct school children throughout the province in music, public speaking and dramatic studies.

LAST SHOPPING DAY
I DON'T CARE WHAT THE ALMANAC SAYS THIS IS THE LONGEST DAY IN THE YEAR

MERRY CHRISTMAS

Maritime East: Decreasing North-westerly winds, mostly fair and a little colder; scattered snowfalls.

METEOROLOGICAL SERVICE, TORONTO, Dec. 23—(CP) Minimum and maximum temperatures:	6B	4B
Dawson	40	52
Victoria	24	28
Edmonton	9	20
Regina	8	20
Winnipeg	2	18
Toronto	16	34
Ottawa	2	16
Montreal	13	18
Quebec	Zero	4
Saint John	14	24
Halifax	22	22
Charlottetown	24	26

High tide this afternoon at 12.59 and tomorrow morning at 12.10. Sun sets this afternoon at 4.29 and rises tomorrow morning at 7.37.
First quarter moon Dec. 29, 6.53 P. M.
Summerside tide eighteen minutes later than Charlottetown.
THE CAR FERRY SAILINGS
Leave Borden 9.45 a. m. 1 p. m. Tormentine 11 a. m. 3.05 p. m.