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Master of all,
No place too great and no cottage
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Mr. Barbes, who worked in the accounting division, joined the Naval Service at headquarters here in 1911, the year after Canada's navy was authorized by Parliament. Miss Evans, who recently worked in the Directorate of Naval Plans and Intelligence, joined the Service shortly before the outbreak of the First World War.

Both began their service when Rear Admiral Sir Charles Kingsmill was Director of Naval Service, a post he filled after being the negotiating officer from the Royal Navy when the R.C.N. was inaugurated.

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In the past, the King, in the absence of recommendations, has generally limited awards to Canadians living in the United Kingdom for meritorious service there. No honors were awarded for New Year's 1947, but a lengthy list was issued Dominion Day, July 1, 1946, when more than 1,200 Canadians, mainly civilians, were decorated for their contributions to the war effort.

With July 1, 1948, marking the 80th anniversary of Canadian confederation, it is possible that honors then will be announced. Possibly at the same time award will be made of the Canada Medal, first distinctly Canadian decoration for merit.

Prime Minister Mackenzie King announced creation of the decoration Oct. 14, 1943, but no award has been made. Silver and circular in form, it may be won by civilians or servicemen, Canadians or foreigners, for "meritorious service above and beyond the ordinary performance of duties."

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Canadians Warned To Save Fuel Oil

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Reconstruction Minister Howe announced "substantial" reductions are to be made in imports of the fuel from the U.S. and, while he did not disclose the extent of the cuts, it was indicated they might run to 50 per cent.

Hope for their safety had almost been given up when a search party returned to the Christmas-decorated general store here with the four missing hunters.

None of the four suffered any ill effects from the nerve-wracking experience in the backwoods of Queen's County.

"We're tired and hungry but that's all," they told Sable River residents as they waited for a taxi to take them to their homes in Liverpool, 30 miles away.

The four, William Oickle, 29, Burtham Westhaver, 19, James Woodsworth, 18, and Jimmie Rogers, 27, had entered the woods at Port Mouton, 15 miles from Liverpool last Thursday and had not been reported until today.

Gordon Smith, veteran Sable River lumberman led the search party which located the missing four in an abandoned hunting camp at a spot known as the Whitebents, 10 miles from here at 4:30 A.M. A.S.T. today.

"We fed them some hot soup and they were as chipper as ever," he told the Canadian Press. "We camped overnight and then came out this morning. The young fellows, they were a perky lot, spent their last days walking and their nights sleeping."

"They made camp each night and lit a fire. That's probably the reason they are still alive. It's sure a good Christmas present for their mothers."

After the youths' one day of provisions, they lived on one rabbit and two porcupines.

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One Second From Eternity

OMAHA, Dec. 23 — (AP) — A railroad engineer whose train nearly crashed into a car at Fremont, Neb., last Sunday today told the young couple in the car "You were one second from eternity ... please, for God's sake, don't try it again."

Neither the couple nor the engineer was identified. The engineer's letter was published in the Omaha World-Herald. It said, in part:

"When you drove your car across directly in front of a speeding passenger train ... it was so close that I, in the cab, could see the young girl (your sweetheart, I presume) throw her hands up in front of her face and cringe up against you in stark horror ..."

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Another deadlock was created over the U.K.'s desire to have full and unrestricted use of the Canadian credit to Britain.

On both these issues, Britain finally compromised and the present agreement was reached, providing for continued British purchases of wheat, cheese, beef, eggs and bacon.

These are the highlights in the inside story of the four-week negotiations here between the British food mission and the Canadian Government.

Hard Bargaining

Probably never before has there been such hard bargaining between Canada and Britain.

But the marketing policy of Agriculture Minister Gardiner, calling for exports to the British market to provide long-term stability, came through its toughest test.

Arms For China Left Unloaded On Halifax Dock

(By The Canadian Press)

HALIFAX, Dec. 23 — Thousands of chests of machine gun ammunition, consigned to the Chinese Air Force, remained piled up on the dockside tonight after the officers and crew of the Canadian freighter Islandside signed off the ship leaving it without steam for loading.

All hands, except the master, signed off the ship yesterday and only a maintenance gang supplied by the C.S.U. remained aboard to keep the boilers going but there was not enough steam to operate the winches.

Canadian Seamen's Union (C.L.C.) officials said most of the seamen had signed off the ship because of a Union decision not to man a vessel carrying arms.

The cargo which the Islandside was to carry consisted of 60 tons of ammunition and combat aircraft, part of a quantity of Canadian surplus war equipment which had been sold to the Chinese Government.

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Christmas Business Is Reported Good

While no figures are yet available to enable the City merchants and smaller retail businesses to compare this Christmas season's sales with those of last year, all the larger houses are reported to be well satisfied with this year's Christmas trade. A spokesman for one firm said he was of the opinion that this season's sales were, perhaps, slightly larger than those of last year and that he thought all other firms had also shown an increase in sales.

On the other hand poultry dealers reported that turkeys and geese were moving slowly with ducks and chickens selling much more easily. Two of the larger dealers attributed the slowness of turkey and goose sales to what they termed "unreasonable prices". Turkeys at 55 cents a pound and geese at 50 cents were too high for the average man's budget. Though ducks at 50 cents a pound were just as high, they said, the small family could have a good dinner with roast duck at a comparatively small outlay. The same could be said of chickens at 45 cents or at 40 cents, which was the price some dealers charged.

Heavy Snowfall In Parts Of New England

BOSTON, Dec. 23 — (AP) — A sudden storm covered New England with as much as 10 inches of snow tonight, assuring the six-state area of a "white Christmas."