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KING GEORGE SPEAKS TO EMPIRE

Pope Pius Makes Strong Plea For Lasting Peace

BY GEORGE BRIA

VATICAN CITY, Dec. 25 —(AP)—Pope Pius, broadcasting his traditional Christmas message to the world Monday, excoriated totalitarianism as the root of human misery, and outlined "fundamental prerequisites for a true and lasting peace."

The Holy Father called for an end to "artificial creation through the power of wealth of arbitrary censorship," pleaded for the outlawing of hate, persecution and "the unjust vexation of honest citizens" throughout the world, and warned the nations not to commit themselves the crimes for which they denounce others.

The traditional Christmas reception for cardinals and members of the Papal Court took place in the great consistorial hall of the Vatican.

The Pope, clad in white robes, sat on a gilded throne facing two microphones. He looked less pale than usual, and spoke in firm tones.

About 200 prelates, including 18 cardinals, attended, along with three cardinals-designate.

His Holiness, who yesterday created 32 new cardinals, including Archbishop James C. McGuigan of Toronto, said he had been anxious that the greatest possible number of races and peoples would be represented in the College of Cardinals so that "this creation may portray in a living manner the universality of the Church."

This universality, he said, is more important today than ever before, with mankind facing the gigantic task of restoring peace, order and prosperity to the world.

S. S. John Cabot At St. John

The S.S. "John Cabot" which sailed from Charlottetown for St. John's, Nfld., on Saturday, Dec. 15, arrived at her destination on Sunday, Dec. 23, according to a telegram received last Monday by Mr. W.E. Agnew, trade agent for Newfoundland.

Because of the severe snowstorms which last week swept the western and southern coasts of Newfoundland, the Cabot, which has been having trouble with her boilers during recent weeks was forced to put into Trepassey, Nfld., where she was supposed to await the arrival of the tug "Cachelot" with 30 tons of fuel.

Mr. Agnew could not say last night whether or not the tug had reached the "Cabot". All he could definitely say was that, with or without the tug's aid, the "Cabot" had succeeded, after being out of Charlottetown for eight days, in making St. John's, and that the 120 cattle aboard were in good condition.

London Fur Broker Ill In New York

SALT LAKE CITY, Dec. 25 — (AP) — John Cobb's contemplated trip to Utah to begin preparations for his efforts to boost his world land speed record was cancelled when the London fur broker was confined to his New York hotel by illness yesterday.

He has booked passage on the Queen Elizabeth Dec. 30 and will return to his home.

Cobb said he would come to Utah in April or May and look over the Bonneville salt flats where he set the record, 369.7 miles per hour, in 1939.

(Mr. Cobb was in Summerside, P. E. I. only recently.)

N. S. Dehydration Plant To Re-Open

KENTVILLE, N. S., Dec. 25 — (CP)— The Canadian food plant here will re-open Thursday, Jan. 3, to resume its potato dehvration contract for the British Ministry of Food. The potato contract was cancelled Nov. 23.

The Unemployment Insurance Commission office here is busy trying to get in touch with all former employees of the dehydration plant.

Widow Of F. L. C. Bond Dies In Montreal

MONTREAL, Dec. 25 — (CP) — Mrs. F. L. C. Bond, widow of the late F. L. C. Bond, former vice-president of Canadian National Railways, died in hospital today after a three-months illness. Mr. Bond died two weeks ago.

She is survived by a daughter, Mrs. Robert S. Thornton of Montreal.

Coming Events

**Box Social and Dance, Corran Ban Hall, Friday, December 28th. 12-22-3i.

**Buying daily, all kinds of live and dressed poultry. Paying top market prices. Signed Davis & Fraser Ltd. 11-28-tf.

**Dance and Reception, Kinkora Hall, Thursday, December 27th. 12-24-26-2i.

**Come to dance at Hazel Grove School Wednesday, Dec. 26. If not fine, following night. 12-26-1i

**Unloading car of bulk wheat, Wednesday and Thursday. Wiltshire Dairying Co. 12-24-2i

**Annual Meeting Kingston Farmers Institute, Kingston Hall, Wednesday, December 26th 8 o'clock. If not fine Thursday. Important business. Wilbur Younker, Secretary. 12-26-1i.

**Loading hogs, Thursday, Dec. 27, as follows: Kensington from 3 p.m.; Summerside to 1.30 p.m.; Borden Bagnall, Hunter River, Friday till noon. Elmer Wigmore, Breadalbane, Friday, till 11:30 a.m. MacEwen and Caseley. 12-26-2i

**Every day during this season we'll be wanting a large quantity of Poultry, especially milkfed chickens as well as the lower grades. We'll buy on live basis or dress them for you at 7c per bird and pay you on a dressed graded basis. Fair grading, good prices and prompt returns. Eastern Packing Co., Souris. 12-15-12i.

10 Best-Dressed Women In World

NEW YORK, Dec 25 — (AP) — Mrs. Stanley Mortimer was named the best dressed woman in the world for the second consecutive year today while the Duchess of Windsor, who barely made last year's list, moved up to fifth place.

The selections were announced by the New York Dress Institute which conducts an annual poll to select the world's best dressed woman.

The list:

Mrs. Stanley Mortimer, the former Barbara Cushing, sister of Mrs. John Hay Whitney and Mrs. Vincent Astor.

Mrs. Byron Foy, daughter of the late Walter Chrysler. Mrs. Foy was second last year.

Mrs. Millicent Rogers, New York socialite.

Mrs. Lawrence Tibbett, wife of the opera star.

The Duchess of Windsor.

Mrs. George Schlee, fashion designer known professionally as Valentina.

Mrs. Harry Hopkins, the former Louise Macy.

Rosalind Russell, film star.

Mrs. Robert Sarnoff, the former Esme O'Brien.

Clare Booth Luce, Connecticut Congresswoman. Mrs. Luce placed fifth on last year's poll.

Battered Troopship Arrives At N. Y.

NEW YORK, Dec. 25 — (AP)— The United States light cruiser Philadelphia, her fo'castle deck buckled, her hull plating ripped and her guns shields and fitting twisted by wind and waves, arrived today with 1,368 military personnel.

"We did everything possible to get the boys home for Christmas and still preserve the ship," Capt. Robert W. Berry said.

A roll of 41 degrees and 80-foot waves delayed the vessel, he added.

First Peacetime Christmas Talk Since 1938

LONDON, Dec. 25 — (Reuters)— King George today broadcast his first peacetime Christmas message since 1938 to his people and the world, appealing to the young for faith in life despite the savagery the war, and stressing the better understanding of brotherhood, won in the fire of battle.

Broadcasting from his residence at Sandringham, Norfolk, His Majesty said:

For six years past, I have spoken at Christmas to an Empire at war. During all those years of sorrow and danger, of weariness and strife, you and I have been upheld by a vision of the world at peace.

And now that vision has become a reality. By gigantic efforts and sacrifices a great work has been done, a great evil has been cast from the earth, and no peoples have done more to cast it out than you to whom I speak.

With my whole heart I pray to God by whose grace victory has been won, that this Christmas may bring to my peoples all the world over every joy they have dreamed of in the dark days that are gone.

This Christmas is a real homecoming to us all, a return to a world in which the homely and friendly things of life can again be ours. To win victory, much that was of great price has been given up, much has been ravaged or destroyed by the hand of war. But the things that have been saved are beyond price.

In these homelands of the British peoples which we have saved from destruction, we still possess the things that make life precious and we shall find them strengthened and deepened by fires of battle.

Faith in these things held us in brotherhood through all our trials, and has carried us to victory.

Perhaps a better understanding of that brotherhood is the most precious of all the gains that remain with us after these hard years.

Together all our peoples round the globe have met every danger and triumphed over it; and we are together still. Most of all are we together, as one world-wide family, in the joy of Christmas.

I think of men and women of every race within the Empire returning from their long service to their own families, to their own homes and to the ways of peace. I think of the children, freed from unnatural fears and a blacked-out world, celebrating this Christmas

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New Air Freight Service Planned

BALTIMORE, Dec. 25 — (AP)— Charter air freight service will bring lobsters from Newfoundland, rare orchids from the Amazon, tropical fish from Peru, and shrimp from New Orleans into Baltimore within a few weeks.

George R. Hutchinson, manager of aviation service for the John C. Knipp and Son, Co., who announced plans for the services, said the concern already had two reconverted C-47 cargo planes in Baltimore and expects soon to obtain three four-engine C-54's.

The company recently purchased the Curtiss-Wright airport for a sum reported to be over $250,000.

"We already have a contract to fly shrimp from New Orleans to markets in New York, Boston and other cities," Hutchinson said.

"We will take off from Baltimore, fly to St. John's, Newfoundland, or some other northern fishing port, pick up lobsters and distribute them to dealers in New York, Boston, Baltimore and New Orleans."

Rough Weather Hits Much Of United States

NEW YORK, Dec. 26 — (AP) — A storm mixture of everything in the weatherman's winter catalogue was moving northeastward into New England tonight after leaving virtually all the northern half of the United States east of the Rockies locked in snow, sleet or glaze. Rail, air and highway traffic was hampered.

The storm extended as far southward as Northern Georgia which had all the varieties, and westward through Nebraska, where the snowfall ranged upward to 11 inches at Lincoln.

Throughout the entire area, trains and busses were far off schedules in many instances and plane flights were cancelled entirely in some.

The snow fall was heaviest in Upper Michigan and Wisconsin, and generally was measured at around 12 inches, the Chicago Weather Bureau reported. Elsewhere the freezing rain followed snow in the North Central States, but the glaze conditions extended over virtually the entire area.

In some sections, riding temperatures today reduced highway hazards and made traffic possible, but more snow was forecast.

The Weather Bureau in Boston expected the first phases of the storm there to be in the form of snow, followed by sleet and freezing rain.

At Miami, Fla., the largest winter-time vacation crowds since the war spent Christmas Day on the beach in 78-degree temperature.

Christmas Weather

By The Canadian Press

After waiting for many days in the hope of having a white Christmas, snow began falling Christmas Day in the Ottawa and St. Lawrence Valley district, slowing down highway, rail and air traffic.

Snow, driven by a light wind, started falling in Ottawa early yesterday and continued throughout the day. The temperature was more moderate than in the last few days, with the mercury hovering around the 25 degree mark.

The storm pushed eastward and struck Montreal around three o'clock yesterday afternoon, and blanketed the surrounding district in a matter of minutes. At the height of the snow storm, visibility was poor, but moderating temperatures removed some of the traffic hazards. Light snow fell over the Quebec City district, and temperatures were somewhat colder than at Montreal.

The Maritime Provinces missed out on the Christmas Day snow, although the sky was overcast throughout the day. However, a recent snowfall left the district fitting for a white holiday season.

At Toronto, the weather was mild throughout the day, but temperatures began to fall after dark. Light snow, mixed with sleet, fell and left sidewalks slippery. An icy surface covered the ground, but traffic on the roads soon crushed this into slush.

Short Story Contest Winners Announced

TORONTO, Dec. 25—(CP)— Two writers from Vancouver and one from Sarnia, Ont., have won prizes in Maclean's Canadian short story contest, the editors of the magazine announced today.

The winners are:

Kay Webster (Mrs. Paul Belanger) of (3530 West 34th Ave) Vancouver, $1,000 grand prize for "It Takes All Kinds,"

Jean Howarth of (2560 West First Ave.) Vancouver, women's editor of the Vancouver Daily Province and a former Calgary Herald reporter, $500 prize for "I'll Wait For You All My Life."

Mrs. Anka Stewart of Sarnia, Ont., $500 prize for "The Scar."

Judges were Hugh MacLennan, Montreal, author of "Two Solitudes"; Gwethalyn Graham, Montreal, author of "Earth And High Heaven;" H. Napier Moore, editorial director of Maclean-Hunter Publishing Co.; W. Arthur Irwin, editor of Maclean's; Arthur Mavse, assistant editor of Maclean's in charge of fiction.

Some 2,142 stories were submitted.

Bulldog Gives Life To Save 5 Persons

BBOSTON, Dec. 25 — (AP) — Wings, an English bulldog, gave his life today to save his family as fire swept through the home of Edward J. Powers, jr., early Christmas morning.

The bulldog raced through the house barking frantically until he wakened Powers. The mother aroused their two children—Barbara, 11, and Edward, 12, while her husband sounded an alarm.

When firemen arrived the children were safe outside the house and Mrs. Powers lay unconscious just outside the door, where she had fallen and injured her right arm.

The origin of the blaze, which destroyed the single family wooden dwelling was not determined.

When the flames were extinguished firemen found Wings' body huddled in a charred corner of the second floor.

New Value For Franc Announced

PARIS, Dec. 25 — (Reuters) — The French franc has been devalued to a rate of 119.10669 to the United States dollar and 480 to the pound sterling, the French Ministry of Finance announced tonight.

Decision to devalue the franc was taken by the Cabinet last Sunday at a specially called meeting, and attempts to keep the proceedings secret were ineffectual.

The old rate was 200 francs to the pound sterling or 50 to the dollar.

Judging from France's current cost of living, compared with prewar, the franc is worth only about one-tenth of its prewar purchasing power.

Domestically, the devaluation of the franc merely recognizes officially what was already an established fact. Official circles hoped that devaluation would not be followed by further rises in internal prices.

Official financial circles saw the devaluation as essentially a triumph for the gold standard which the United States and the Soviet Union have vigorously defended.

It was asserted here that Britain's adherence to the Bretton Woods agreement means that Britain is returning to the gold standard, after leaving it in 1931.

The devaluation's immediate advantage for France will be a profit for the Government on the revaluation of the Bank of France gold stock. This will give the French treasury a nest egg to cover expenditures for three months or more.

Catholic Church At Sudbury Burned

SUDBURY, Ont., Dec. 25 — (CP) — A Christmas eve fire which started as Father Isabelle and five parishioners put up Christmas decorations destroyed Saint Matthew's Roman Catholic Church at nearby MacFarlane Lake.

The fire broke out in the roof and had made considerable headway before it was discovered.

The priest and the five parishioners, assisted by persons living near the church, removed all moveable furnishings from the church except a statue of the Virgin Mary. Collapse of a section of the roof made it impossible to save the statue.

Prominent City Business Man Died Yesterday

A prominent City business man in the person of Frederick E. Colwill passed away yesterday at his residence, 133 Fitzroy Street, City, after a prolonged illness. A life-long member of Trinity United Church, the late Mr. Colwill was also a member of the local I.O.O.F. and Rotary Club.

As a young man with considerable experience in the drug business, he went to the United States. A lover of music, he was a graduate of the New England Conservatory of Music and during his lengthy sojourn in the United States, he was organist of the Third Religious Society in the Unitarian Church, Boston, and also, later, of the Scotch Presbyterian Church, Boston, Mass. He had extensive business connections in Boston and was financially interested in the United Shoe Machinery Company, Boston.

About 13 years ago, upon the death of his brother, Robert Colwill, he returned to Charlottetown and took over the drug business of Johnson and Johnson.

The late Mr. Colwill is survived by his widow and a son, Frederick, who lives in New York. He also has a sister, Mrs. G.C. Dennis, living in Charlottetown.

The remains will be forwarded to Boston to-morrow for interment.

Merry Christmas In Canada's Arctic

OTTAWA, Dec. 25 —(CP)— It was a merry Christmas today in Santa Claus' back yard in the Arctic Circle where Eskimos left snow-blocked igloos to join trappers, missionaries and other persons at lonely outposts for feasts which at one spot included ice cream.

It was a black and white Christmas at most of the lonely Canadian outposts where there was little or no daylight. Celebrations were held under the flickering light of seal oil hurricane lamps. However, a cold pale moon mirrored in the snowy whiteness furnished an eerie light for the chill outside.

At Port Harrison on the bleak Quebec coast of Hudson Bay, two little girls—possibly the most northerly Canadian white children—got a big kick out of being first on Santa's list as he started south of his round-the-world visit.

Canada's most northerly radio station is Arctic Bay far up on the icy rim of Baffinland where five men and a women enjoyed a fare that included soup made from ptarmigan birds, a fish entree of Arctic char, polar bear steak, plum pudding and mince pie.

The Transport Department surveyed its northern outposts to see how they were celebrating Christmas and these are highlights of some of the reports from spots scattered from Resolution Island on Hudson Strait in the east to Copper Mine in the Northwest Passage in the west:

The Resolution Islands post treated Eskimo neighbors to ice cream, cake, candy and nuts.

Port Harrison saw Marion Stewart, daughter of R.C.M.P. Cpl. Stewart and Faith Shepherd, daughter of the Anglican missionary, become the first Canadian white children to receive a visit from Santa.

The Nottingham Island post at the entrance of Hudson Bay ate roast chicken and boiled ham while the Eskimo visitors sang native songs.

At Chesterfield Inlet on the west coast of Hudson Bay the post went to midnight mass following which the natives joined with the whites in singing carols to the accompanyment of a portable organ.

LONDON —(CP) —Eight of 10 babies born illegitimately remain with their mothers, said Dr. Dorothy Taylor, senior medical officer of the Maternity and Child Welfare of the Ministry of Health.

As seven-inch snowfall blankets the nation's capital, President Truman emerges from the White House for a brief look and playfully tosses snowballs at photographers. It was Washington's heaviest snow of the season.

Message From President Truman

WASHINGTON, Dec. 25 —(AP) —President Truman, in a message Monday to the people of the United States, said they must strive without ceasing to make real the prophecy of Isaiah that nations shall beat their swords into plowshares and "neither shall they learn war any more."

He offered this counsel to the nation after turning on the lights of the national community tree on the south lawn of the White House, the first time the tree has been lighted since the United States went to war in December, 1941.

400 Yanks Get On Wrong Trains

WASHINGTON, Dec. 26 —(CP) —Two trains pulled out of the Union Station during the holiday travel rush, each carrying about 200 passengers happy at finding places on the crowded cars.

Their joy was short-lived—they all were on the wrong train.

By error 200 passengers who thought they were boarding a through train for the Carolinas, Georgia and Florida had boarded a local; those who wanted the local were aboard the fast train.

Both trains halted at Fredericksburg, Va., and unloaded, but those aboard the local missed the fast train and many of those on the fast train already had been carried past their stations.

The stranded groups, unable to squeeze onto following trains, finally were accommodated on extra cars the railroad rounded up for them.

FORMER SAILOR KILLED

PERTH, Ont., Dec. 25 — (CP)— Garth Walker, 22, recent Royal Canadian Navy dischargee, was killed instantly and Clarence Lambert, 38, died later in hospital, from injuries suffered when a car in which they were riding left the highway and struck a culvert a few miles from here last night.

Traffic Crashes Responsible For 11 Of The Total

By The Canadian Press

As Eastern Canada celebrated its first peacetime Christmas in seven years, 17 persons met accidental death Monday and Tuesday.

Traffic accidents, two involving trains, took 11 lives. Three Quebec men died following explosion of a still, an Ontario man succumbed to burns, a woman's body was taken from the St. Lawrence River near Montreal, and a search party found the body of a soldier missing in Northern Ontario.

J. A. LaPointe, 51, and his wife 52, were killed in a Christmas Day collision between an automobile and a tram car in Quebec City. Huguette Renaud, nine, died later in hospital. Injured were the little girl's father, Arthur Renaud, and her brother, Ronald, aged 13.

When the automobile in which they were riding Christmas eve skidded from the highway and overturned near Perth, Ont., Garth Walker, 22, recently discharged from the Royal Canadian Navy, was killed and Clarence Lambert, 38, died later in hospital. Injured were Mrs. Elsa Walker, mother of Garth Walker; Mrs. Gertrude Kingston and Richard Bush. All are from Perth.

Struck by an automobile when on her way home from an uncle's house where she had gone to borrow Christmas cookie cutters, Doreen Peterson, 13, was killed in east Toronto Christmas eve. Her nine-year-old brother, Harold, suffered slight injuries.

In another Christmas eve accident, two brothers, George Brown, 24, and Gordon Brown, 20, were killed at Mount Forest, Ont., when the automobile in which they were riding was struck by a Canadian National Railways train at a level crossing. Their cousin, Robert Campbell, 19, was severely injured.

In Newcastle Bridge, N.B., Clarence S. Yeamons, 55, a coal mine operator, died Monday after a Can-

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Halifax Woman Was 104 Yesterday

HALIFAX, Dec. 25 —(CP)— Believed to be Halifax county's oldest citizen, Mrs. Rebecca Skier of Halifax quietly celebrated Christmas and her 104th birthday at her home today. Able to sit up every day, she takes keen interest in current events. She was born at Tracadie, N. S.

METEOROLOGICAL SERVICE, Toronto, Dec. 25 — (CP) — Minimum and maximum temperatures Vancouver 34, 44; Edmonton 1 below, 12; Regina 4, 7; Winnipeg 15, 17; Toronto 20, 38; Ottawa 6, 27; Montreal—, 29; Quebec 7, 21; St. John 18, 11; Moncton 18, 23; Halifax 23, 28; Charlottetown 22, 23; Sydney 27, 30; Yarmouth 27, 29; St. Paul 18, 28.

FORECASTS:

Lower St. Lawrence: Easterly gales with snow or part sleet.

Lake St. John: Strong easterly gales and a little milder with snow.

Gulf and North Shore: Easterly winds; increasing to gales with snow.

Bay Chaleur: East and southeast gales with snow.

Maritime West: Southeast to south gales with snow or sleet changing to rain.

Maritime East: Cloudy followed by strong southeast winds and gales with snow and rain.

High tide this afternoon at 4.40 and tonight at 4.31.

Sun sets this afternoon at 4.24 and rises tomorrow morning at 7.38.

Last quarter moon December 26, 3 A. M.

Summerside tide eighteen minutes later than Charlottetown.

CHARLOTTETOWN — NEW GLASGOW
(Daily Except Sunday)
Leave Charlottetown 1.10 4.00 p.m.
Arrive Charlottetown 2.35 5.20 p.m.
N.S.—P.E.I. FERRY SERVICE
SUNDAY SERVICE
Leave Charlottetown 12.15 5.45 p.m.
Arrive Charlottetown 5.20 8.10 p.m.

100 Holiday Fatalities Reported In United States

NEW YORK, Dec. 25 — (CP) — Fire and hazardous weather conditions for all kinds of travel were responsible for most Christmas fatalities reported throughout the United States tonight. Death of 17 persons in a hospital fire at Hartford, Conn., was the major disaster as the holiday toll rose toward 100, an incomplete tally showed.

The Christmas eve fire at Niles Street Hospital—for aged and chronically-ill patients—was started when a short circuit in wires lighting a Christmas tree occurred. Twenty-six victims, including 10 firemen, were in hospital in addition to the 17 dead.

At Fayetteville, W.Va., five of a family of 10 children died today when fire destroyed their house, and at Carlisle, Pa., three children perished in a similar fire.

A mother and father and four of their children died at Meriden, Conn., in a Christmas eve fire.

As rain, sleet, snow and hail swept almost the whole country east of the Rockies, rail, road and air travel was hampered and rendered dangerous. The accident involving most persons reported came at Gaffney, S.C., where seven persons died when their motorcar struck a railway train at a grade crossing Monday night.

At Oneonta, N.Y., Raymond H. Wood, 19, was charged with murder following the Christmas-party shooting of two brothers early today. A similar charge was filed against Harold Everett Anderson, 31, at San Pablo, Calif. Police charged he stabbed his estranged wife to death Christmas eve.

A certificate of death by suicide was issued following the finding of the body of Rep. J. W. Ervin (Dem.-N.C.) in a gas-filled Washington kitchen.

Holiday Spirit Dimmed In Places By Privation

By The Canadian Press

A world at peace for the first yuletide in six years celebrated Christmas with the holiday spirit dimmed in many lands by privation and suffering.

In the town of Bethlehem, the birth of Christ was re-enacted at midnight Christmas eve in the Church of the Nativity by high church dignitaries before an overflow of pilgrims from all over the world.

British military authorities in Palestine made special efforts to enable as many service personnel as possible to take part in the pilgrimage.

To many lands, short on food and fuel, the season held more threat than promise.

Shattered Berlin managed to collect more than $300,000 for gifts and food, and some restaurant owners offered free meals to children.

The starving people of cold, war-damaged Poland received 10,000 gift parcels from the United Nations Relief and Rehabilitation Administration.

Italians, desperately low on fuel, gave thanks for unseasonably warm weather.

In Britain, civilians still on wartime rations shared the best of their depleted larders with thousands of Canadian and American soldiers awaiting transportation home.

In Russia, although Christmas is not an official holiday, there was a festive atmosphere in Moscow and many other of the larger cities. For Russians, New Year's Day is an even more important celebration than the observance of Christmas Day—Jan. 7—by the Russian calendar.