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CHARLOTTETOWN, CANADA, SATURDAY, DECEMBER 29, 1928

King Improves After Setback

His Majesty Was Somewhat Better Yesterday, but His Condition is Still Causing Anxiety.

(Canadian Press) BULLETIN, LONDON, Dec. 28.—The following bulletin was issued tonight on King George's condition: "The King had a restful day. The slight improvement noted this morning is maintained." (Signed) "Hewitt, Rigby, Dawson."

LONDON, Dec. 28.—A restful day for the King and maintenance of a slight overnight improvement served to allay partially the alarm caused by Thursday night's bulletin from the doctors attending His Majesty. No extra consultants were called to the palace this evening and this fact was also considered reassuring.

The brief bulletin issued about 8.30 p. m. and signed by Sir Stan-ley Hewitt, Lord Dawson of Penn and Sir Hugh Rigby, said: "The King had a restful day. The slight improvement noted this morning is maintained." The earlier announcement which was not issued until nearly noon, was as follows: "The King had a fair night with quieter sleep towards morning. There is less difficulty with taking nourishment and the general condition has improved during the last 12 hours."

At the palace will continue, however, until the medical advisers are able to inform the nation that definite progress toward recovery can be noted. "The illness which has been noted since the King's illness of weight and administered during the difficulty experienced in persuading him to take nourishment. The fact that this difficulty had lessened overnight may have had something to do with the subsequent silence on the subject of the proposed new remedies."

Rebels Cut off Light and Power

(Special to The Guardian) LONDON, Dec. 28.—King George has regained some of the ground which he lost yesterday, but his condition was fraught with anxiety and in well-informed circles it was thought that His Majesty still has a hard fight for life ahead of him. The King's physicians reported this morning that while the condition of the affected lung region had definitely improved, his general condition has not shown the same progress. In other words weakness and a deficiency of recuperative power persist to a serious degree. A long consultation was held this morning by five of the noted specialists who have been attending His Majesty. It was devoted partially to a general review of the progress that he has been making. More stringently, however, it was reported that new measures had been considered and adopted for remedying the situation caused by the failure of the patient to respond to a greater degree to treatment designed to build up his strength and to dull him through to convalescence. There was no hint at this time as to what these measures would be.

FRUIT AND VEGETABLE PROTECTION IN TARIFF

OTTAWA, Dec. 28.—Owing to the failure of the Dumping Act, as administered by the present Government, to protect the fruit and vegetable growers from United States competition, it is possible, much against the government's wish, that the tariff will be used to afford protection. Seasonal duties are now being discussed and it would be no surprise if the budget contained provision for their imposition.

The general state has improved during the last 12 hours. At a consultation held this morning the progress during the past week was reviewed; during that period there has been definite improvement in the local condition. On the other hand, the general condition, as evidenced by the King's weight and strength does not show the same progress. Measures best adapted for meeting this difficulty were considered and determined upon. (Signed) Stanley Hewitt, Hugh Rigby, E. Parquhar Buzzard, Humphrey Reilly, Dawson of Penn.

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Special Drugs for His Majesty

(Canadian Press) LONDON, Dec. 28.—The Evening News, Southampton correspondent says that a small packet of special drugs for use in connection with the King's illness was brought on the liner Olympic today and delivered to a King's messenger. His dispatch stated that when the ship docked the messenger was conducted to him a small packet with which he had been entrusted just before the Olympic left the United States.

THE THIEF GREAT PLAY

Splendid Performance by Glossop-Harris Company at Prince Edward Last Evening—Play Will be Repeated Tonight.

The Glossop-Harris English Repertory Co. are fast making a legion of friends in Charlottetown. Up-to-date plays, with superb portrayals and impersonations of the various characters have featured each and every performance so far during their engagement in this city.

"The Thief," a wonderful and thrilling story of a woman's great love for her husband; the many splendid situations and pretty love scenes and above all the expert manner in which the entire cast portrayed their respective characters, made this play one of the finest that Charlottetown theatre-goers have seen in years.

This afternoon the Glossop-Harris Company are presenting by popular request their famous war play "French Leave".

COURT ACTION THREATENED

(Special to The Guardian) NEW YORK, Dec. 28.—The Cunard Steamship Company today threatened possible court action against the United States Shipping Board for the latter's action in placing the steamship President Roosevelt at the use of the Ward lines for service between New York and Havana. The Cunard line charged the Shipping Board with violation of a United States federal statute.

LAST MINUTE NEWS FLASHES

(Special to The Guardian) CHATHAM, Dec. 28.—Losses estimated at from \$22,000 to \$50,000 were suffered by smelt fishermen, whose nets were carried away when the ice in the Miramichi River broke up and went to sea Tuesday night.

TORONTO, Dec. 28.—C. A. E. Chivell, Toronto, was elected president of the Commercial Travellers Association of Canada, it was announced here today, following the final returns of a mail vote.

PORTLAND, Me., Dec. 28.—The Gloucester fishing schooner Beate Althiero struck a submerged construction near shore at Cape Porpoise today and sank. Capt. Hamor reported the loss to the owner, Frank Darlington at Gloucester, after he and the crew had rowed ashore from the schooner, which went down quickly with a hole in the hull.

TROMSOE, Norway, Dec. 28.—The most important Soviet officials will sail January 26 for New York aboard the S. S. Maren to conduct significant negotiations in the United States. The Soviet State Bank, president of the Soviet State Bank, and Valery Myshakin, vice president of the Soviet Supreme Council, have completed arrangements for their trip to America after being delayed here by illness and refusals of visas.

BOLIVIAN FORGES ON MOVE AGAIN

Situation is Grave Says Despatch from Paraguayan Govt.

(Special to The Guardian) WASHINGTON, Dec. 28.—The Paraguayan government tonight advised its legation here that Bolivian forces "have occupied" anew Fort Vanguardia, and have advanced twelve miles farther into the interior.

Germans Secure French Contracts

(Special to The Guardian) BERLIN, Dec. 28.—The German group of building contractors has secured contracts in France on the reconstruction program amounting to 45,000,000 marks (approximately \$10,900,000). About 1,500 German workers will be employed on the undertaking, which include construction of new quays in Bordeaux, Homer stations in the Pyrenees, improvement of Seine harbors, canalization of the Rhone river and changing of the fourth position among the provinces of the Dominion in benefits reaped from the tourist industry.

No Split in the Salvation Army

(Canadian Press) LONDON, Dec. 28.—Commander Evangeline Booth, head of the Salvation Army in the United States, on her arrival in London this afternoon to attend the meeting on January 8 of the high council said emphatically: "I have not come to seize the throne. There is no split in the Salvation Army, she told the Associated Press correspondent.

"There will be no split whatever," she said. "The high council may make decisions that I shall never be a party to any step that will interfere with my unity. I am here merely as a member of the high council, but I come with the prayers, faith and confidence of the entire United States Army behind me."

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These figures take no account of tourist travel to New Brunswick from the United States by train and stamers, nor do they include tourist travel from the other provinces of Canada, which would materially swell the total outlay by visitors attracted to New Brunswick by the province's recreational resources. So the gross outlay by tourists visiting New Brunswick in 1928, according to the Canadian Pacific Railway's basis of figuring, may be safely said to have been in excess of \$15,000,000. Thus the tourist industry becomes the fourth most valuable industry in New Brunswick, being exceeded in value only by forest products, agriculture and general manufactures. The tourist industry produces more than twice as much wealth in New Brunswick as the province's commercial fisheries, more than six times as much as the mines, three times as much as construction and five times as much as electric power has produced up to the present.

Predicts Crisis



Arthur Beverly Baxter, the Canadian who is managing editor of the Daily Express newspaper, London, who has "spilled the beans," by announcing that Beaverbrook is prepared to go to the mat with the dis-hard political parties in Britain in order to effect an empire-wide tariff. Baxter, who made the announcement during his present visit in Canada, predicts that Beaverbrook's action will result in one of the greatest political crises in British history.

N. B. ESTIMATES \$15,000,000 IN REVENUE

The Tourist Industry Is Now Fourth in Value to the Province.

FREDERICTON, Dec. 28.—A report issued by the Canadian Pacific Railway, dealing with the value of motor tourist travel from the United States to Canada and its growth, places New Brunswick in fourth position among the provinces of the Dominion in benefits reaped from the tourist industry. The report characterizes "the outlay for which these motor tourists are responsible" as "a very substantial item among the various sources of Canadian national revenue."

Figures are given for 1927 which estimates the outlay by the visitors to Canada from the United States in that year as \$7,628,140. Ontario is named as the province that is "the principal benefactor from tourist expenditures, with Quebec in second place and British Columbia, with New Brunswick next, leading the Maritime Provinces as well as Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Alberta."

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THREE HUGE PROJECTS INVOLVED

English Channel and Gibraltar Straits Tunnels Planned.

PARIS, Dec. 28.—Three great engineering projects which would link the British Isles and Europe with Africa, making it possible to travel from the north of Scotland to Cape-town, Africa, without changing trains, are to be an outstanding subject under serious study by British French and Spanish engineers during the next year.

The engineering feats will make this possible: 1—The tunnel under the English Channel, linking Britain and France.

2—A tunnel under the Straits of Gibraltar.

3—A single-track railroad across the Sahara Desert, putting the heart of Africa within six days of London.

Each of the three projects is full of difficulties, and as important to world peace and transportation as the great trans-continental railways. European engineers contend. The English channel tunnel, which would spoil England's "splendid isolation," has been opposed by the British War Office for half a century.

The Gibraltar tunnel is much farther advanced, and during the first weeks of the New Year an official Spanish technical commission will report on the situation, ending months of investigation.

Algiers probably will be the Spanish terminal because it is the rail-head of the main line from the rest of Europe. On the African side, the terminal would be Spanish Morocco rather than in the Tangiers zone.

France to Contribute

France would contribute the trans-Saharan railroad, which eventually would be prolonged down the west coast to other French lines to Cape Town. The cost of such a line across the desert would be about \$80,000,000. Material obtained from Germany under the Dawes plan could be diverted to construction of the road, but French engineers would be called upon to foot the major part of the bill.

Exponents of the railroad plan contend that it would pay for itself in 25 years just as the trans-Siberian road proved profitable. They claim that cotton plantations could be established in the heart of the Sahara cattle ranches in Africa and great granaries along the entire west coast.

A gigantic irrigation scheme would be carried out in connection with the construction of the railroad. The program of irrigation would reclaim 4,000,000 acres of rich valley land in the upper Niger. Much of this would be suitable for cotton, and the beef output of West Africa would be quadrupled, the experts claim.

Canadian Claims For Reparations Find New Ground

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Stribling and Sharkey to Fight

(Canadian Press) MIAMI BEACH, Fla., Dec. 28.—Definite announcement was made here today by Tex Rickard that W. L. "Young" Stribling of Macon, Ga., and Jack Sharkey, the Boston sailor, will be signed for a heavyweight bout here on February 27. The winner probably will meet Jack Dempsey for the championship.

TO IMPORT GOODS FROM MARITIMES

Premier of Newfoundland Predicts Increased Prosperity for 1929.

(Canadian Press) ST. JOHN, N.B., Dec. 28.—"Where it is possible to import goods from the Maritime Provinces, we will give the Maritime Provinces preference." Such was the assurance given this evening by Sir Richard Squires, premier of Newfoundland, who with Lady Squires, passed through St. John en route to Boston.

Sir Richard said that he was not travelling in an official capacity and that he and his wife would spend a brief vacation in the Massachusetts city.

Interviewed at the station he did not leave his train—the Prime Minister said that the country's wholesale business was greater during November and December than it had been for many years. He was optimistic in his predictions of an increased prosperity for 1929. The limited public postage stamp to be printed so that Empire penny post need not wait for the return of penny rate for inland letters.

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Compensation to Parents

(Special to The Guardian) MONTREAL, Dec. 28.—Financial compensation aggregating \$10,000 was approved by the city council yesterday to those parents who have not sued the city for damages in regard to the Laurier Palace Theatre fire disaster of 1927. The amount to be paid to each family will be determined by the executive committee of the council after inquiry into each case. In this disaster on Sunday afternoon, Jan. 9, 1927, seventy eight children lost their lives.

ANNOUNCEMENTS, COMING EVENTS, MEETINGS, ETC.

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"*Loading live hogs at Hunter River Jan. 2nd, up till noon. Signed, James E. Andrews. 1019-12-28-31

"*Buying Hogs at Emerald Wednesday forenoon January 2nd. Everett Haslam. 1032-12-29-31

"*Club loading hogs at Murray River January 2nd. List before Dec. 29th. John W. McLeod. 9972-12-27-31

"*Club loading hogs at St. Peter's Wednesday, January 2nd. Geo. J. McInnis, sec'y. 1038-12-29-31

"*The annual meeting of the Union Dairywomen Association will be held in Vernon Hall, Tuesday, January 8th, 2 p. m. J. W. MacLeod, secretary. 1035-12-29-31

"*Take Notice. The residents of Kelly's Cross, Brookville and vicinity do hereby notify parties owning or operating fox hounds that the running of same over properties of residents of other ways trespassing during the coming winter, will not be tolerated and will be closely watched. Signed on behalf of residents, John Carragher, Philip Smith, Patrick McGeer. 1027-12-31

DOMINIONS ARE ADHERING TO NEW TREATY

British Empire Goods are Assured of Most Favored Nation Treatment When Pact is Finally Ratified.

(Special to The Guardian) LONDON, Dec. 28.—The dominions are adhering with Britain to the new commercial treaty with China. Interest in the treaty is more immediately diplomatic than commercial. Britain is first among the great powers to give practical effect to full recognition of the Nanking Government as the government of China. Recognition is rather early for the writ of Nanking does not yet run in many parts of the country where there are still provincial rulers, with their own little armies who will continue to exact hkin or taxes on foreign goods despite the fact that hkin is abolished by the treaty.

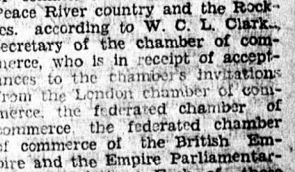
The Nanking Government, however, is in control of Canton and the Yangtze river which are areas mattering most for foreign trade. British public opinion approves of the foreign office in making its peace with the Chinese national government. The British Empire goods are assured of most favored nation treatment when the treaty is finally ratified. There is expectation, however, that the Chinese national government, enjoying national autonomy will gradually raise a new Chinese wall of tariffs.

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TOUR STARTS IN AUGUST

(Special to The Guardian) MONTREAL, Dec. 28.—At least sixty delegates from the British Isles will come to Canada next summer to join the Canadian chamber of commerce in its tour of the Peace River country and the Rockies, according to W. C. L. Clark, secretary of the chamber of commerce, who is in receipt of acceptance from the chamber's invitations from the London chamber of commerce, the federated chamber of commerce, the federated chamber of commerce of the British Empire and the Empire Parliamentarians' Association. Each of these bodies will be represented on the tour by at least twenty members. The tour starts next August.

THE TREES LOOK SCHOLARLY NOW 'CAUSE ALL THE SAP'S IN THE GROUND



TORONTO, Dec. 29, 1928.—Maritime, fresh to strong westerly winds, clearing, somewhat lower temperature.

Toronto, cloudy 42-36
Halifax, cloudy 38-34
Montreal, cloudy 36-30
Quebec, snow 42-20
Charlottetown, rain 42-34
St. John, cloudy 42-38
Boston, cloudy 46-42
New York, clear 48-38
High tide today at noon and tonight at 1.20.
Sun rises this morning at 7.41 and sets this afternoon at 4.34.
Last quarter moon Wednesday, Jan. 2nd, 2.20 p. m.

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