

So far as one shuns evil, so far he
does good.

The gift of continuance is a great
grace.

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ITALY MAKES RENEWAL OF COLONIAL CLAIMS

FASCIST PRESS SEES COUNTRY AS PRISONER

Gayda Warns Italy Has Power To En- force "National As- pirations."

ROME, Dec. 12.—(CP Havas) —
Virginia Gayda, authoritative Fas-
cist commentator and editor, said
today that Italy is Great Britain's
prisoner in the Mediterranean.
He said the Italian Government
must seek "freer exits" and addi-
tional colonial space since Italy's
freedom of movement and its in-
dependence are threatened in the
Mediterranean by the fact Britain
could close Gibraltar and the Suez
Canal at will.
Gayda warned that Italy has
sufficient military power to en-
force these "national aspirations,"
and that the time would come to
define the country's demands.
"Whatever the outcome of the
present conflict," he said, "Italy
will realize her national aspira-
tions."
A colonial settlement, he added,
was essential to any constructive
European settlement and was of
particular interest to "poor, hard
working Italy."
Observers recalled that a year
ago Italy opened a "colonial cam-
paign" demanding rights in Tunisia,
Sudan, the French port of
Djibouti in French Somaliland
and shares in the Suez Canal. Her
territorial demands on France
strained relations between the two
countries.
Gayda's speech today, delivered
in a broadcast to school children,
caused observers to wonder whether
it would mark launching of a
renewed campaign.
The Fascist press tonight warn-
ed Russia that Germany stands
ready to help Italy in the Balkans
and will help to bar any Russian
infiltrations of the "identical inter-
ests" of the Rome-Berlin axis
in that area.
The Popolo d'Italia's Berlin cor-
respondent said the Danubian-
Balkan sphere would prove the
"crucible" of the German-Russian
agreement.

Only Eleven Days Till Christmas Eve

Santa Pals are Urgently Needed to Bring Joy to Many Little Ones.

This seasonable weather turns one's thoughts to
Christmas. And after all this happy event is less than two
weeks away. Naturally everyone is looking forward with
keen anticipation to spending a joyous Christmas. Family
reunions will be the order of the day, and those who are
unable to be home will be warmly remembered. For
grown ups it will be a joyful celebration but for the chil-
dren it is the greatest day in the whole year. To them,
Santa Claus is somebody real, somebody who will bring
them the things they have wished for. How eagerly they
compare their toys to other little chums.
At least we hope this will be the case. Surely Santa
Claus won't forget a single boy or girl on the day that
really belongs to them. But there is always that chance
that good old St. Nicholas might pass the house of one of
these innocent little children.

It is to avoid this catastrophe that we are asking you
to become a Santa Pal. Race, color or creed is no considera-
tion if a child is in need. Every one of these unfortunate
children must be spared the terrible anguish, that would be
theirs if they felt that they had been slighted by Santa
Claus. Everyone of them must be looked after.

Day after day we are receiving numerous letters, in
hand writing of tender aged children, containing a heart-
felt appeal to Santa Claus asking for nuts and candy, some
little toy or article to wear. In almost every case the
letter closed with the expressed hope similar to the one
used by a little 8-year-old girl who finished by saying:
"I hope Santa you won't forget me."
And so Santa Pals we will also close by saying to
you "Please do not forget them." Send your contribu-
tion right away to Santa Pals care of the Guardian.

YESTERDAY'S SANTA PALS

- Mary and John Fielding.
- Miss Midge MacLeod.
- Mrs. A. V. Saunders.
- Miss Agnes Clinton.
- Miss Marjorie Carr.
- Miss Carolyn Joyce MacKie.
- Keppoch.
- Mrs. Ewen Cameron.
- Mrs. Mudeock McKinnon.
- Mrs. Mary A. Taylor.
- Mrs. P. W. Clarkin.
- Miss Madolyn Clarkin.
- Mrs. G. A. Spink.
- Miss Mary Lee MacMillan.
- Mrs. E. A. Foster.
- Mrs. W. H. Prowse.
- Miss Nancy Hyndman.
- Master Frederick Hyndman.
- Master David Paul Cudmore.
- Frederick W. I.
- Mrs. Harry Miller.
- Miss Joan Miller.
- Master Stanley Miller.
- Mrs. Barbara Ann Cronin.
- Francis A. Friend.
- Gerry Fleur and Doris Hillion.
- Catholic Women's League, Sub-
Division.
- Mrs. E. D. Fraser, Elmira.
- D. E. Gibbard.
- Billy Bourke.
- Joan Wood.
- David Wood.
- Jim Wood.
- Rev. Leonard Deugan.
- Mrs. Fred Andrew.
- Miss Dorothy Andrew.
- Master Harold Howatt.
- Mrs. Arnett Howatt.
- Miss Ruth Christie.
- Mrs. Isabel Howatt, Summer-
side.

SANTA PALS TO DATE

- "An old friend of the Little
Children".
- Miss E. Burnett.
- Miss Elizabeth Anderson.
- Miss Margaret Irving.
- Mrs. Bartlett.
- Mrs. Cosh.
- In memory of Mr. and Mrs.
Douglas McEwen.
- Miss Isabelle Goodwin.
- Mrs. W. R. Aitken.
- Miss Lila M. Coles.
- Master Earl Dunning, Kensing-
ton.
- Miss Margaret Coffin.
- Mr. Arthur Coffin.
- Miss Laura Hughes.
- Miss Sandra Currie.
- Miss Lena McLure.
- Mrs. G. H. Black.
- Mrs. McCreedy.
- Mrs. Mark McGuigan.
- Master Mark McGuigan (Jr.)
- Miss Roberta Ann McGuigan.
- Miss Isabelle Goodwin.
- Master Maurice Goodwin.
- Major and Mrs. F. F. May, St.
Eleonors.
- In memory of Mr. and Mrs.
John T. Power.
- Mrs. M. MacFadyen.
- Officers and other ranks of the
Royal Canadian Corps of Signals,
Sydney, Detachment of the Char-
lottetown 6th District Signals, per
John T. Smith A. Sgt. Major.
- Miss Annie Matheson.
- Miss Shirley Jane Dunning.
- Miss Roma Anne Dunning.
- Miss Elizabeth Simmonds.
- Mrs. W. C. S. McLure.
- Mrs. G. H. DeBlais.
- Helene DeBlais.
- J. A. McKinnon, Georgetown.
- Miss Sally Forbes, 299 Euston
St.

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"In The First Place Sir John--"



Well and energetic, Rt. Hon. R. B. Bennett, the former Prime
Minister was photographed in animated debate with Sir John Keith
(left), director of British Overseas Airways, on arrival in New York
from Britain, Mr. Bennett driving home his point with forceful
finger. Mr. Bennett will make a brief stay in Canada in connection
with the Red Cross work which he has undertaken, before returning
to his home in England.

FINNS SMASH LARGE SCALE RED OFFENSIVE

Three Soviet Battal- ions Reported "Wip- ed Out."

HELSINKI, Dec. 12.—Fin-
nish troops and airplanes smashed
a large scale Russian offensive
today, a Finnish communique re-
ported, wiping out "three enemy
battalions and leaving hundreds
of the fallen enemy lying before
our positions."
The Russians were repulsed with
"tremendous losses" in hard
fighting on an 800-mile front
from the Karelian Isthmus to
Tolvajarvi, about 75 miles north
of Lake Ladoga, the Finns said.

At the same time, a report
from the Finnish port of
Manytuoto said the 2,217-ton
German freighter Bolheim had
been sunk in the Gulf of
Bothnia by a submarine. Several
of 29 survivors insisted the
submarine was Russian al-
though there was no positive
identification.

The captain, second officer and
radio operator were killed by shell
fire. Survivors said the subma-
rine tossed 15 shells into the vessel.
The Finnish military commu-
nique indicated today's fighting was
some of the most severe since the
war started.

"Severe fighting occurred also at
the eastern front, particularly at
Tolvajarvi and east the Russians
a severe defeat. Three enemy bat-
talions were destroyed. We cap-
tured 27 machine guns, 25 express
rifles, 13 machine pistols and
other materials and in addition
destroyed several tanks."

The communique concluded by
reporting that the comparatively
small Finnish air force which re-
cently had been supplemented by
Italian and British planes bombed
and machine-gunned Russian
troops.
Despite favorable flying weather
Helsingfors was not bombed. Fin-
nish military authorities said the
reason was the effectiveness of
anti-aircraft defenses. They as-
serted that within the past week
numerous enemy planes have
been driven off by batteries on Is-
lands in the Gulf of Finland.
In their haste to escape, the

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Snow, Sleet In N. S. And P. E. Island

The first snow storm of the sea-
son appeared to have finally blown
itself out last night. Motor traffic
between here and Summerside
and one or two of the larger
towns was at a complete standstill.
Department of highways snow-
plows were going into action but
it was not expected paved high-
ways would be open for several
days. Dirt roads would be blocked
to wheeled traffic until banks
thawed, it was said.
A low ground drift that kept
filling in roads in the late after-
noon gave place to light freezing
rain and sleet last night. The wind
remained in the northeast.
During the storm which began
late Sunday night nine inches of
snow fell in Charlottetown. Wind
velocity was not great, not ex-
ceeding 30 miles per hour for most
of the storm. Temperatures were
only a few degrees below freezing.
The 80-ton schooner "Lorne A" of
Summerside was still hard aground
at Salutation Cove, five miles from
Summerside last night. Loaded with
coal from Inverness the craft
drove ashore yesterday afternoon
in a blinding snow storm.
Shipping men at Summerside last
night believed the vessel would be a
total wreck. Ray Tanton, owner of
the schooner, was making prepara-
tions to salvage as much as possible
of the standing rigging. The cargo
of coal for Holmstam at Summerside
was expected to be lost.
The crew rowed ashore Monday
night when they were unable to free
their craft.
Canadian Airways resumed their
service between here and Moncton
yesterday. Their planes were
grounded Monday by snow and
freezing rain. The eastbound flight
from Moncton to Charlottetown was
not made last night, however, be-
cause of late communications on the
mainland, it was said here.

HALIFAX, Dec. 12.—(CP)—
Snow and sleet drove down on
sections of the Maritime Provinces
today, bringing the worst condi-
tions of the young winter.

No Snow In N. B.
While New Brunswick enjoyed
moderate cold with no snow, Nova
Scotia and Prince Edward Island
met weather that partially crippled
some communication facilities and
seriously hampered traffic.

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Widow Of Famous Habitant Poet Dies

IVRY NORTH, Que., Dec. 12—
(CP)—Mrs. William Henry Drum-
mond, widow of Canada's famed
"poet of the habitant," died today
at her country home in this village
50 miles northeast of Montreal. She
was 60.

Deceased by her husband in
1907, Mrs. Drummond had been ill
for some time. She was the
daughter of the late Dr. O. C. Har-
vey of Savannah La Mar, Jamaica.

RECRUIT IS APPRECIATIVE

LONDON, Dec. 12.—(CP Cable)—
Lieut. General Sir Guy Williams,
commander-in-chief of the eastern
command, tells this story:
A newly joined conscript in one
of the training camps was so ap-
preciative of army cooking that af-
ter the first meal he left twopence
under his plate.

Unidentified Plane Is Reported

PARRSBORO, N. S., Dec. 12
—(CP)—Residents of this dis-
trict were puzzled tonight by
reports that the sound of an
unidentified airplane's engine
had been heard near here "dur-
ing a heavy snowstorm today."
Frank M. Hollins, telephone
linesman, reported hearing the
plane at intervals for about two
hours at Wharton, seven miles
from this Cumberland County
town on the Bay of Fundy. No
plane, however, was known to
have been over the region dur-
ing the day.
(In Halifax, Royal Canadian
Air Force officials said a check
had failed to clear up the Parrs-
boro report. All military and
civilian planes in the district
had been accounted for.)
(Except for scheduled air line,
no civilian planes are allowed
to fly over Nova Scotia without
special permission.)

Pickets Hold Lines Before Fish Plants

LOCKEPORT, N. S., Dec. 12—
Pickets barricaded a railway
tracks leading to two fish-process-
ing plants opened their lines today
to allow the removal of an empty
box car, but that was the only re-
sult of their guard against ship-
ments by the companies engaged in
a dispute with them.

Pickets, who yesterday blocked a
Royal Canadian Mounted Police at-
tempt to escort two loaded railway
cars out of the plant yards, made no
objection as a locomotive went
through for the empty. About 150
men were on the picket line, against
600 yesterday.

Of the 40 R. C. M. P. officers who
struggled with the crowd in yester-
day's clash, only two were at the
scene today.
Meanwhile, there appeared no
change in the comparatively
peaceful relations between the dispu-
tants and the companies and their
fishermen and fishhandlers. The
men, members of the Canadian
Fishermen's Union, are demanding
recognition from Swinn Brothers
and the Lockeport Company, Limited.

The plants were closed seven
weeks ago when the issue cropped
up. Yesterday they opened official-
ly, but only a few men returned to
work.
Today, the union addressed a
telegram to Premier Macdonald
claiming the "companies again re-
fused yesterday to meet with em-
ployees" and asking him to "initiate
negotiations." The telegram also
protested "use of the R. C. M. P. as
strike-breakers and their breaking
the good order which was in
Lockeport."
(Assistant Commissioner F. J.
Mead of the R. C. M. P. said in Hal-
ifax last night the purpose of his
men's presence in Lockeport was "to
allow free use of the railway with-
out force if at all possible.")

Superior Planes Are Developed To Outclass Nazis

New Ships To Do Even Better Than Present R. A. F. Machines Against Best Enemy Air Force.

(By J. F. Sanderson, Canadian Press Staff Writer)
LONDON, Dec. 12.—(CP Cable)—Great Britain, it was
disclosed today, has developed new types of extremely
fast and powerful aircraft which will emphasize the proven
superiority of Royal Air Force machines over German
fighters and bombers.

Sir Kingsley Wood, Air Secretary, dropped a hint of
the new super airfleet when he told the House the Air
Ministry has "new and more powerful types" of planes
which will be in operation soon.
He referred to the "definite superiority" of Britain's
present models over the German Dorniers, Junkers and
Heinkel bombers and Messerschmidt fighters, and infer-
red that the new planes would do even better.

Squadrons of the Royal Canadian Air Force "will in
due course be playing a part in active air operations in
Europe," he said and in the meantime a Canadian fighter
squadron has been formed in this country from Canadian
personnel now serving with the R. A. F. and which is about
to take its place in the first line of air defence of this
country.

He concluded his general
picture of three months of
aerial war with this state-
ment:—
"We must be prepared to
face, perhaps in the spring,
another and more strenu-
ous and difficult chapter.
We must continue unceas-
ingly in all our efforts and
extend them, and we must
not for a moment relax the
state of our preparedness.

"But we can be confident
that our air defence system
is sound and that our per-
sonnel and aircraft are su-
perior to the enemy's, and
that our strength, defensive
and offensive, is growing
steadily, so that every day
we are in a better position
to establish our ascendancy
in the air."

Sir John Simon announced Brit-
ain and France had signed a com-
prehensive agreement establish-
ing wartime monetary co-operation be-
tween the two allies. It touched
such questions as currency control,
the floating of loans and the avail-
ability of currency.

Secret Session Today
For the first time since the last
war, Parliament will hold a secret
session tomorrow. Workmen were
busy during the day putting up ex-
tra doors and barriers. The King
signed a special order-in-council to
assure secrecy.
The order-in-council forbids publica-
tion of any proceedings of the
secret session except such material
as may be officially communicated

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King And Queen Attend Funeral Of Princess Louise

WINDSOR, England, Dec. 12
—(CP)—The King and Queen at-
tended the funeral at St. George's
Chapel here today of His Majesty's
great-aunt, Princess Louise, Duch-
ess of Argyll, who held a special
place in the hearts of Canadians as
the widow of a former govern-
or-general of the dominion.
Hon. Vincent Massey, Canadian
high commissioner at London, was
among those present at the services,
held in the same chapel where on
March 21, 1871, the Princess, daugh-
ter of Queen Victoria, became the
bride of the Marquess of Lorne,
Princess Louise was the first Eng-
lish princess in 350 years to marry
outside royal circles.

Seven years later the couple went
together to Canada for the Mar-
quess' term as governor general
which ended in 1881. He later be-
came the Duke of Argyll and died
in 1914.
At the time of her death Dec. 2
at the age of 91, the Princess was
the eldest surviving child of Vic-
toria. Two of Queen Victoria's chil-
dren—the Duke of Connaught, 89,
and Princess Beatrice, 82, mother
of former Queen Victoria of Spain—
are still living.

Maritime East: Strong north-
east winds or gales with snow or
rain.
TORONTO, Dec. 12.—(CP)—Mini-
mum and maximum temperatures:
Dawson 4B 8
Victoria 44 51
Edmonton 17 36
Regina 21 24
Winnipeg 10 26
Toronto 20 36
Ottawa Zero 15
Montreal 6 16
Quebec 7 19
Saint John 19 25
Halifax 28 32
Charlottetown 25 31

High tide today at 12.50, and
at midnight.
Sun sets this afternoon at 4.18
and rises tomorrow morning at
7.30.
First quarter moon, Dec. 18, 5.04
p. m.
Summerside tide eighteen min-
utes later than Charlottetown.

THE CAN FERRY SAILINGS
Leaves Borden 9.45 A.M. 1.00 P.M.
Leaves Tormentine 11.00 A.M.
5.05 P.M.

SATURDAYS ONLY
Leaves Borden 4.45 P.M.
Leaves Tormentine 7.00 P.M.

10 MORE SHOPPING DAYS
IF YOU TELL YOUR
AILMENTS YOU MUST
TAKE THE REMEDIES

