

Man is ever dearer to a good man than an angel.

The civilized savage is the worst of all savages

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Assassination Heightens Tension In Far East

KING'S GREETINGS HEARD EMPIRE OVER

FIRES MAR CHRISTMAS IN NOVA SCOTIA

\$50,000 Property Damage In Widely Scattered Fires Throughout Province.

(C. P. by Guardian's Special Wire) HALIFAX, Dec. 25—Fires took the joy out of Christmas in widely separated communities of Nova Scotia causing more than \$50,000 property damage and driving two score people, including 25 hospital patients from their quarters.

Two more fires in the vicinity of Windsor destroyed homes early this morning. At Upper Falmouth Frederick Smith, a farmer, fought intense heat and smoke to bring his mother, wife and two children to safety.

A home at Upper Prospect near Halifax was destroyed by flames that nearly took the lives of Russian Christian, his wife and four young children.

A family of nine, was forced into the bitter cold of dawn Tuesday morning by a fire which destroyed the home of Thomas Gilbey at North Beaverbank, Halifax County.

A Christmas eve fire at Digby did heavy damage to a provision store owned by George C. Ryan.

ANNOUNCEMENTS COMING EVENTS, MEETINGS, ETC

*Hockey in Graham's Road rink tonight at 8 o'clock, Dairy Kings vs. Monarchs. Skating Saturday night. L-4063

*Kinkora Hall—Come and enjoy the social evening in Kinkora Hall Friday, Dec. 27th. Good music. Refreshments served. L-4064

*Poultry, buying dressed chicken and fowl until March. Market values. Correct grading. Geo. Leighton Co., next Queen Hotel. L-3692-12-20-1f.

*Buying live and dressed poultry daily at J. F. Frenchie's warehouse, Kensington, paying highest market prices. H. S. McEwen and Oliver Campbell. L-3445

*Smaller: Members of No. 3 Sig. Coy. and those wishing to go to camp in 1936 enroll now for preparatory course in signalling with A. D. MacMaster, 170 Kent Street. L-3095

Text Of His Majesty's Christmas Message

(C. P. Cable, By Guardian's Special Wire) SANDRINGHAM, Norfolk, England, Dec. 25—Following is the text of the speech broadcast throughout the British Empire today by the King:



KING GEORGE V

Individual men, women and children are dwellers here at home or in some distant outpost of the Empire.

It is good to think that our own family of peoples is at peace in itself and united in one desire to be at peace with other nations—a friend of all, an enemy of none.

To those who are suffering or in distress whether in this country or in any part of the Empire I offer my deepest sympathy but I would most give a Christmas message of hope and cheer.

Once again as I close I send you all, and not least to the children who may be listening to me, my trust Christmas wishes and those of my dear wife, my children and my grandchildren, who are with me.

I add a heartfelt prayer that wherever you are God may bless and keep you always.

Increase In Fisheries Export

(C. P. by Guardian's Special Wire) OTTAWA, Dec. 25—Canada's export trade in fisheries products has been substantially greater in 1935 than it was in 1934.

"Sales to the United Kingdom increased by about \$1,117,000 and sales to the United States by approximately \$791,000.

Among his best-known books are "The Accident of M. Herbert," "Poet," "A Character" and "Minnie Brandon."

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FOUND WORTHY "SANTA PAL" IN LT. GOVERNOR

710 Young Guests Entertained At Hilarious Party at Government House.

"A wonderful time; I think I enjoyed it more than the kiddies did themselves!" This was the comment of His Honour, Lieutenant Governor DeBorja, after playing host to 710 children, including all those on The Guardian "Santa Pal" list, at a most delightful Christmas Tree and entertainment at Government House yesterday afternoon.

Beautifully adorned for the festive season, Government House yesterday afternoon, with its hospitable host surrounded by romping children, presented a scene which would have inspired someone to invent Santa Claus.

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Middlewestern States Swept By Blizzard

(A. P. by Guardian's Special Wire) CHICAGO, Dec. 25—A blizzard blustered out of the north country today crippling air, rail and highway traffic and spreading zero cold through the middlewestern United States.

Thousands Feared Dead In Quake

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Chinese Railway Official Slain In French Quarter Japanese Marines Patrol Streets Of Hongkew Area As Precaution Following Killing.

(A. P. by Guardian's Special Wire) SHANGHAI, Dec. 25—Tension mounted high in the international settlement early today following the assassination last night of Tang Yu-Jen, vice-minister of Chinese Railways, by gunmen in the French concession.

Tang had just left his automobile to enter a house in the French concession. The French police said the motive of the crime probably was political.

Tang had arrived Tuesday from Nanking where he interviewed Major-General Rensuke Isogai, the Japanese military attaché, who is reported to be studying pending Sino-Japanese problems.

Commenting informally, Japanese officials voiced concern, pointing out that Tang was a friend of Japan and declaring his assassination probably was a result of his friendly attitude toward the Japanese.

Tang had served the Chinese government as the chief negotiator in recent Sino-Japanese negotiations.

He quit his post in the Foreign Ministry when Wang Ching-Wai resigned following his wounding. Wang still remains in a serious condition and his post as Foreign Minister of China recently was taken over by Chang Chun, the Japanese-educated former Governor of Honan Province.

From Nanking came reports to-night that a small army of students from Shanghai were approaching the capital by automobile, bicycle and afoot, while all through traffic on the railroad was again paralyzed after the passage of a single train.

Nanking authorities are talking steps to check possible disorders.

Continue Probe Into Actress' Death

(A. P. by Guardian's Special Wire) LOS ANGELES, Dec. 25—Inquiry into the death of Thelma Todd focused tonight on a report the blonde actress' throat bore swellings or bruises such as might have been made by the jamming of a bottle neck or a pipe into her mouth.

"I am not inclined to discount anything in this case," declared Deputy District Attorney George Johnson, "but if she was dead the number of hours she was supposed to be, I can easily see how the throat might be affected."

Johnson did not disclose the source of the report, but said he would take up the question with autopsy surgeons, whose report has fixed the cause of death as carbon monoxide.

George Rochester, foreman of the grand jury which adjourned yesterday to reconvene Friday, has said that "murder by monoxide" might be the solution of the case.

Decrease Is Shown In November Fish Landings

HALIFAX, Dec. 25—November fish landings in the Maritime Provinces and Magdalen Islands showed a decrease of 3,226,400 pounds from the total for the same month last year.

Forecast

POPE MOURNS FAILURE OF PEACE EFFORTS

By John Evans. Associated Press Foreign Staff VATICAN CITY, Dec. 25.—Pope Pius mourned the failure of peace and the menace of war yesterday, asserting "We have come to Christmas in moments darkened by melancholy, menacing clouds, and human bloodshed."

The Pontiff, on the 56th anniversary of his ordination told 34 cardinals who brought Christmas greetings to him that "We have not abandoned hope."

"These are days of the gravest preoccupation," His Holiness said, "holding the world in painful and tormenting suspense. We truly wish to find and to make a beneficial contribution to all these sad and complex problems."

"Until now, we had hoped to bring today in this beautiful hour serene, a reassuring word. Our hope has not been fulfilled. This is not to say that we have abandoned hope. We cannot, and that is a happy situation, for hope maintained even in the worst hypothesis. Because for us hope is a duty and is deeply embedded in Christmas life."

A MAN WHO LETS HIS WIFE DRIVE THE CAR IS EITHER PLANNING ON A NEW CAR OR A NEW WIFE!



(Canadian Press) Moderate northwest winds; mostly fair but unsettled with some snow towards night.

TORONTO, Dec. 25—Minimum and maximum temperatures: Dawson ... 30B 7B Aklavik ... 26B 15B Edmonton ... 3B 2 Winnipeg ... 18B 2B Toronto ... 9 14 Ottawa ... Zero 4 Montreal ... 6 10 Quebec ... 6 10 Saint John ... 8 18 Halifax ... 18 22 Charlottetown ... 14 22

FORECAST Maritime Provinces: Moderate northwest winds; mostly fair but unsettled with some snow towards night.

High tide this morning at 11:45 and tonight at 10:45. Sun sets this afternoon at 4:23 and rises tomorrow morning at 7:37.

First quarter moon Wednesday, Jan. 1st, 9:15 a. m. Summerside tide eighteen minutes later than Charlottetown. CALENDAR: Leave Borden 9:45 A. M. (Extra) 1 P. M. Leave Tormentine (Extra) 11 A. M. 2:35 P. M. Daily except Sunday.