

Christmas Greetings

MAXIMS
OF A
MERE MAN

Welcome be Thou, Heavenly King,
Welcome born on this morning,
Welcome for whom we shall sing,
Welcome Tale.

THE GUARDIAN OF THE GULF

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The King is come to save mankind,
As in scripture truths we find,
Therefore this song we have in mind,
In Excelsis Gloria.

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PLANE MISSING IN ST. LAWRENCE RIVER AREA

Four Children Lose Lives In Flash Fire

OTTAWA, Dec. 23 — (CP) — A tragic, pre-Christmas, "flash" fire in a converted air force barracks today took the lives of four children and sent their mother to hospital with severe burns.

The dead children of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Sevigny were Jean, six years, Andre, four, Louise, three, and Michael, four months.

They died in flames which took less than an hour to sweep through the H-shaped, two-storey barracks just outside the R.C.A.F. air station at nearby Rockcliffe which recently had been converted into homes for veterans and their families.

The father, at work when the fire began shortly after 8 A.M., did not know of the blaze until police officers tonight with eight unidentified members of her crew nursing slight injuries as a result of a rough return trip from Bermuda.

The 866-ton, steel-hulled ship was pounded by angry Atlantic gales on the trip to Hamilton and back and her ports were smashed and a lifeboat lost. Her accompanying submarine Tiden also received a buffeting.

The ships were on a training cruise.

(The Canadian Press today erroneously reported that the ships were at Hamilton, Bermuda, their turning point.)

Later, in hospital, Mrs. Sevigny told physicians she had been awakened by the crackling of the flames and the heat and ran to the bedroom window, smashing the glass with her bare hands.

As flames licked about her ankles, she stumbled back and fell over a chair, sprawling head first into a mass of flames.

She struggled to her feet and bolted back to the window. But it was too small for her to crawl through unaided. She hung there, half inside and half out, the splintered glass about the frame tearing her body. Finally, a passing milk delivery man said a resident of the building pulled her into the house.

Bleeding and blackened, Mrs. Sevigny stood by the window, crying for the rescue of her children, until an R.C.A.F. hospital crew forcibly took her to the station hospital, seriously burned.

Ottawa's Citizens' Housing Committee found temporary shelter for the 70 persons left homeless by the fire.

N. B. Pelt Show January 2 To 7

FREDERICTON, Dec. 23 — (CP) — The New Brunswick Fur Farmers' Association will hold its annual fox pelt show Jan. 2 to 7 at Salisbury.

The show is open also to New Brunswick breeders who wish to become members of the provincial association. New types of fox fur were prominent in previous displays, and while no new types are anticipated this time, breeders have concentrated on improvement in quality.

Pelts will be received, classified, and judged at the warehouse of Sam R. Colpitts, Salisbury.

Following the conclusion of judging on Saturday, Jan. 6, the prize pelts will be placed on public display here from Monday afternoon to Tuesday night. The pelts later will be shipped to Montreal for special feature and sale.

Coming Events

*Dance, Christmas night, Yeo's Hall, Montague.

*Poultry — Buying daily live and dressed poultry, Paying top market prices. Davis & Fraser Ltd.

*Expecting car of Royal Fleets at Vernon Christmas week. Please order now. E. C. Nelson, Cherry Valley.

Tomorrow Being CHRISTMAS DAY

The next issue of THE GUARDIAN will be

THURSDAY, Dec. 28

Jones Government Accepts \$2,000,000 Minimum Offer From Ottawa 'In Principle'

Canadian Ship Has Rough Voyage

HALIFAX, Dec. 23 — (CP) — The Canadian naval submarine auxiliary San Peur is back in port here tonight with eight unidentified members of her crew nursing slight injuries as a result of a rough return trip from Bermuda.

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Contaminated Milk Found In St. John

SAINT JOHN, N. B., Dec. 23 — (CP) — Police continued investigation tonight into incidents involving the sale of milk in St. John since the association of producer-suppliers for the Saint John area began a strike two weeks ago for higher prices.

The contaminated milk was found in two shipments from the Hammond River and Apohaqui areas. Dairies emphasized that routine tests always prevented any possibility of impure milk reaching consumers.

In other reported incidents, a producer at Norton found his milkhouse saturated with a gasoline-like substance, and salt and sugar were dropped into the gas tank of a truck owned by a milk shipper at Hammond River.

In a strong statement today, Mayor James D. McKenna appealed for immediate action to increase the supply of milk here. This has been estimated at about 60 per cent of normal this week with receipt of additional amounts from new shipments.

"There must be within the province of New Brunswick ample authority to put an end to this unchristian-like and horrible torture of children through lack of proper sustenance," said the mayor.

Fewer Ships Going To Halifax This Year

HALIFAX, Dec. 23 — Mayor J. E. Ahern said tonight he intends to take up with authorities at Ottawa the complaints of Halifax stevedores that work on the waterfront here has been slackening.

He said the men had protested the routing of ships to Saint John instead of Halifax and that work was "not as good as this time last year."

Alberta Will Appeal To Privy Council

EDMONTON, Dec. 23 — (CP) — Premier E. C. Manning announced today the Alberta Government would appeal direct to the Privy Council on the decision of the Appellate Division of the Alberta Supreme Court that part of the Alberta bill of rights was ultra vires.

In a three-page statement, Mr. Manning said his government had given "careful consideration" to the judgment, but that it does not believe the Fathers of Confederation intended the provinces should be assigned definite responsibilities without necessary constitutional authority to financially discharge these responsibilities. The answer can only be given by the Privy Council, Mr. Manning said.

In a judgment handed down Dec. 18 the appellate division found ultra vires part 1 of the Alberta bill of rights, latest attempt by the province's Social Credit Government to institute its philosophy.

Part 1 provides that citizens should have a minimum income of at least \$600 a year and declared that everyone had a right for gainful employment. Social security pensions were also proposed for those who did not reach this minimum.

Dealing with part II, the judgment found beyond provincial jurisdiction the provision that the province could take control and management of "all credit institutions" if these institutions did not pay a license.

The appeal court said the province was overstepping its powers in trying to license operations of banks to provide Albertans with bank rights.

Canadian Military Establishment In London "Unwinds"

(By James McCook)

LONDON, Dec. 23 — (CP Cable) — There wasn't a Canadian uniform on the street from Ludgate Circus to Piccadilly today and in one of the echoing rooms at the once-busy Canadian military headquarters at Trafalgar Square, Lt. Gen. John Murchie spoke to The Canadian Press of the approaching shut-down of the vast Canadian undertaking of the Second Great War.

Gen. Murchie, chief-of-staff of the Canadian Army overseas, himself will sail Jan. 3 from Liverpool on the freighter Beaverford for Saint John, N. B. He plans to spend a short time at his Edmondston, N.B., home before going on to Ottawa.

The last big draft of Canadians—about 1,200 strong—sails Jan. 14 and after that there will be only those who arranged the shipment of others. They too will go in February.

The top strength of the Canadian army overseas at one time was 287,000 and practically every one was a Canadian military headquarters.

Gen. Murchie, who was in London during the most savage days of the early blitz and later was chief-of-staff in Ottawa before returning to London last year to supervise the "run down" of the Canadian establishment, said the success enjoyed in moving Canadian personnel back to Canada was due to the loyalty and hard work of the staff under him.

It also was due to a great operation on the part of the war office, the war transport ministry and the steamship companies.

After seeing many of his troops and British war wives of Canada away on top-class ships, Gen. Murchie said a soldier—and he preferred to return home on a freighter and fulfill a long ambition to travel thus.

"There will be an acting chief-of-staff overseas until all troops are gone."

U. S. Fishermen Oppose Move To Lower Tariffs

BOSTON, Dec. 23 — (CP) — The Massachusetts Fisheries Association protested today that the United States State Department was preparing to lower tariff rates on imported filleted fish and seek action to meet what it called a "serious threat" to New England's \$50,000,000 fishing industry.

The action was the appointment of a committee of nine prominent members of the association to attend a meeting of the State Department's reciprocity committee.

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Campbellton Teachers Get Salary Increase

CAMPBELLTON, N. B., Dec. 23 — (CP) — The Campbellton school board has decided to grant all Campbellton teachers a requested salary increase, effective Jan. 1, of \$100 a year on basic salaries with an additional \$50 each year up to the 12th year. From then to the 16th year a further \$100 will be given each three years. A previous increase was granted in 1944.

The civic employees' union is considering a counter-proposal of the town council to a request for wage increases averaging 10 per cent for all town employees.

LIZZIE IS BUSY

LONDON, Dec. 23 — (Reuters) — During the first 11 weeks of her post-war service, the liner Queen Elizabeth carried more than 20,000 passengers across the Atlantic. During that time she steamed 28,000 miles, and brought nearly 9,000 passengers to Britain from New York.



NEW TRAINING CO-ORDINATOR

Appointed co-ordinator of all Canadian army trainings, Col. W. R. Moncel, 29, will plan the policy for individual training commands as methods are framed to meet the needs of the atomic age. At the age of 27, he was the youngest brigadier in Canada's history and commanded a fighting armored brigade.

Liberal Wins In Quebec By-Election

(By The Canadian Press)

SOREL, Que., Dec. 23 — Gerard Cournoyer won Michel-Vercheres for the Liberal party in a federal by-election today, defeating his nearest opponent by a margin of almost two to one, based on returns still not complete.

With 108 of the constituency's 114 polls reported, Mr. Cournoyer's total stood at 11,740 against 5,948 for Roland Corbell, candidate for Union Des Electeurs, and 1,673 for Etienne Duhamel, Progressive Conservative.

Mr. Cournoyer, a lawyer, takes over the House of Commons seat made vacant by the death last fall of Hon. P. J. A. Cardin, veteran Liberal cabinet minister who split with the government over the wartime conscription issue and was returned in the last general election as an independent.

Mr. Cournoyer was a law partner of Mr. Cardin.

The result of the vote in the six polls still missing tonight would determine whether Mr. Corbell, whose party supports the Social Credit movement, would lose his deposit. Mr. Duhamel, however, would lose his.

Bright, brisk weather brought out the electors as the spirited campaign ended with election day. Some roads in rural districts were snowed out but voting in municipal centres was said to be heavy and 40 per cent of the electors.

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Soviets Reorganize Planning System

MOSCOW, Dec. 23 — (AP) — The Soviet Government decreed today a sweeping post-war reorganization of the Soviet Union's economic planning system, involving more planning powers for individual ministries.

The reorganization also calls for a special new planning organ for science and increased emphasis on verifying the degree to which plans are carried out in practice. These measures were outlined in the journal of planned economy.

U. S. Seeks Details On Soviet Ultimatum

WASHINGTON, Dec. 23 — (AP) — The State Department tonight sought full details on a "verbal ultimatum" issued by Soviet military authorities ordering a United States navy craft to leave the port of Dairen, Manchuria, within 20 minutes or risk unnamed consequences.

A State Department spokesman said the department was awaiting a report on the incident from H. Merrill Benninghoff, American Consul-General at Dairen, and that if a report were not forthcoming shortly, the department would press for one.

A dispatch from Dairen said the American ship, an unarmed wartime troop landing craft, pulled out after receiving the Russian ultimatum.

Under Soviet pressure, the ship departed so hurriedly that its commanding officer, Lieut. Ray C. White, and the American diplomatic courier, Harris H. Ball, arrived on board only at the last

Disappeared After Reporting Engine Trouble

MONT JOLI, Que., Dec. 23 — (CP) — A twin-engine passenger plane, released carrying woodsmen home from the bush for the Christmas holidays, disappeared today on a 60-mile flight across the St. Lawrence River leaving no trace of her pilot and his six passengers.

Twelve search planes scoured the chill, grey waters of the widening river from shore to shore through the daylight hours without finding a trace of the Quebec Airways plane, a Rapide whose pilot reported about 11 a.m. that his engines were in trouble.

A Quebec Airways spokesman tonight released the passenger list of six. The names, in addition to pilot John Robert Hartley of Mont Joli, are:

Florian Simard of Montcalm, Rodin County; Clement Bergeron of County Estrie; Leo Levesque of St. Antoine, Kamouraska County; J.D. Ryan, Albert Morin and Aurel Gagnon. Addresses of the last three were not known.

The plane left Godbout, a small lumber town 60 miles across the St. Lawrence from here, at 10:30 a.m. and 24 minutes later Hartley sent a message by radio telephone reporting engine trouble. No further news was received.

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Freight Rates Case Postponed To Feb. 11

OTTAWA, Dec. 23 — (CP) — A majority decision of the Board of Transport Commissioners today postponed from Jan. 8 to Feb. 11 the hearing of an application by the Canadian railways for a 30 per cent increase in their freight rates that would add an estimated \$85,000,000 to their annual revenues.

Chairman Col. J.A. Cross announced a decision which struck a compromise between the contention of the railways that any delay could have "disastrous results" and that of seven of the provinces that any postponement of less than three months would not give time to make an adequate preparation of their case.

Col. Halston's Argument

The five-man board heard more than four hours of argument by Col. J.A. Halston for the Transport Commission of the Maritime Board of Trade and spokesmen for the four western provinces and, on the opposite side, representatives of the Railway Association of Canada and the Canadian National and Canadian Pacific Railways.

When they emerged, Col. Cross said a majority had decided that the request for a three-month adjournment "would have the effect of delaying the proceedings to too great an extent." Alternately, a lesser adjournment would be granted.

The chairman urged the provincial representatives to state specifically just what statistical material they wanted from the railways. If the railways were not agreeable, then an application to the board for a ruling should be made as quickly as possible.

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LAST SHOPPING DAY

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