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HER MAJESTY THE KING

Three Years For Stealing Car

NEW GLASGOW, N. S., Dec. 26.—(By The Canadian Press)—Thieves who drove off with a car on Saturday had several contacts with the law. The car belonged to Magistrate J. D. Grant, a hour after its disappearance policeman G. S. Wright, and P. Boone surprised Ira Betts and Harry Rudland occupying the machine in Stellarton. The officers made the capture after the car had been driven over Wright's foot and had ended its immediate career in a badly smashed condition, against a lamp post. Later Betts and Rudland faced Magistrate D. C. Sinclair and were sentenced to three years each in Dorchester Penitentiary.

Robber Was The 'Cat's Meow'

(Canadian Press)
LOS ANGELES, Dec. 23.—A cat's paw so moved C. Le Perrotte that he opened the door to his back porch—but it wasn't a cat. It was a robber who took from Perrotte \$300, a valuable ring and several other articles and escaped.

ANNOUNCEMENTS, COMING EVENTS, MEETINGS, ETC

- "Dance in St. James Hall, Summerville, tonight. 7336-11
- "Come to the dance in Emerald Hall, Wednesday night, December 28th. Come one, come all, good music. 7318-12-24-31.
- "Victoria Rink Tuesday, December 27th at 8 P. M. The Summerville Hockey Club versus Victoria. 7319-12-24-21.
- "Hockey game between Jimmy's Heartbreakers and Wheatley River at Wheatley River rink Monday night. 1-2 hour's skate. 7283-12-22-41
- "Seven Mile Bay Hall, Tuesday evening, December 27th, chicken supper, Auction forty-fives, bingo and dance. Admission 10c. Supper 5c. Dressed fowls constitute bingo prizes. Good music. 7330-12-24-21
- "Annual Meeting Kensington Skating Club will be held in King George Hall, Thursday afternoon, December 29th at 1.00 sharp. All members urged to attend. Will not have stock until Wednesday evening, January 4th. J. R. Sharpe. 7327-12-24-21.

(Canadian Press)
LONDON, Dec. 26.—Throughout the wide flung borders of the Empire the firm, clear voice of His Majesty King George was thrown yesterday in one of the largest and most successful wireless broadcasts ever attempted.

King's Message
"Through one of the marvels of modern science, I am enabled this Christmas Day to speak to all my peoples throughout the Empire," His Majesty declared.

"I take it as a good omen that wireless should have reached its present perfection at a time when the Empire is linked in closest union, for it offers us immense possibilities to make that union closer still.

"It may be that our future will lay upon us more than one stern test. Our past will have taught us how to meet it unshaken.

"For the present, the work to which we all are equally bound is

Destructive Fire At Hunter River

Fire yesterday afternoon completely destroyed the dwelling house of Mr. Ambrose Silphant, Hunter River. The household furniture and outbuildings were saved, but the loss, especially at this season of the year, is a heavy one.

The fire broke out about 3 p. m. and despite efforts of neighbors raged unchecked for some hours. It is believed to have been caused either by an overheated stove or a defective flue.

2 Christmases Are Celebrated

BELGRADE, Yugoslavia, December 23.—Envy the boys and girls of Yugoslavia—they get two Christmases.

The first one comes, as it does in Canada, on December 25. Two weeks later along rolls the Greek orthodox Christmas. It is held on January 8 because it is reckoned on the "old style" calendar of Julius Caesar.

Very similar to the Canadian celebration is the observance in Croatia, a predominantly Catholic section. The Christmas tree is supreme there and everybody says "Merry Christmas." The Yule log rules the day in Serbia, which is nearly 100 per cent orthodox, and the people say "Christ is Born."

The customs of the orthodox population, very picturesque, stretch back into the misty past. The morning before Christmas the boys of the family go out to seek the Yule tree. One boy kneels before some fine little oak and says an old prayer. Then he throws a little wheat into the branches, and kisses a branch, which is cut off first.

This branch is later put into a can of milk to make sure that until next Christmas the cream will be heavy.

Solemnly, then, the tree is cut down and carried home. Father carries the log into the house, while other members of the family throw wheat over him and the log. When the log starts burning, the mistress of the house gets a bundle of straw and walks through all the rooms imitating a hen's cackling. The children follow, peeping like chickens. They tear the straw away from her, throwing it on the floor. There are other picturesque customs, too, and Christmas Day is spent in visiting, eating, drinking and singing.

NATIONALIST GOV'T. IN S.A. IS UNSAFE

Hertzog Cabinet Majority Cut To Unsafe Margin.

CAPETOWN, South Africa, Dec. 26.—(C.P. Cable)—The fate of the National Government of the Union of South Africa under Premier J. B. M. Hertzog remained in doubt tonight after a critical Cabinet meeting had discussed the situation for more than four hours.

The Cabinet will meet again tomorrow at Pretoria and the labor members of the Coalition Government, who were not present today, will attend the resumed session.

The crisis has been brought about by the announcement of Tielman Roos' return to politics with the intention of forming a new Coalition party, including representatives of both the present governing party and of the South African opposition party under former Premier Jan Smuts. Mr. Roos has resigned his position as a judge of the appellate division of the Supreme Court. The Government's majority has been cut to an unsafe margin and the attitude of the members to Mr. Roos' programme will decide whether the Government can remain in power.

Drowned

LOOKPORT, N. S., Dec. 26.—(By The Canadian Press)—Many Lookport fishermen spent cheerless Christmas holidays yesterday as they searched coastal waters for the body of William Roche, drowned the night before as he hauled lobster traps near Gull Rock Light.

Roche's boat was found, water-filled, and several traps proved to be bunched together on the bottom, indicating they had toppled overboard together, the boat probably capsizing and later righting herself in the choppy sea. The body was not recovered.

Poor "Business" At Reno In 1932

(Associated Press)
RENO, Nev., Dec. 26.—The business of making the unhappily wed single and happy again fell off so markedly during 1932 that Reno wondered today if, after all, there might not be some truth in the old saying about two being able to live cheaper than one.

At least that was the only conclusion Reno attorneys could reach as they sought an explanation of why some 1,500 fewer couples aired their domestic woes in district court here this year than during the previous 12 months.

No Word Of Missing Vessel

(Canadian Press)
ST. JOHN'S, Nfld., Dec. 26.—The coastal steamer Hansi has returned to port with no word of the missing vessel Stanley Parsons, long overdue at Little Bay from St. John's. The Hansi was sent out on Friday to patrol the course the Parsons would have taken between St. John's and her home port.

The Stanley Parsons sailed on December 5 with supplies, and has not since been sighted, though it is believed possible she may have been blown far to sea and may yet turn up. She was commanded by Captain John Parsons and had a crew of six and one passenger.

Interchange Of Christmas Greetings

(Canadian Press)
OTTAWA, Dec. 26.—A felicitous interchange of Christmas greetings between His Majesty the King and the Earl of Bessborough took place over the week-end. From Rideau Hall, the Governor General despatched the following message to King George at Sandringham:

"My humble duty to Your Majesty and our loyal and respectful good wishes to Your Majesties for Christmas and the New Year, in which all Your Majesty's subjects in Canada join."

Replying to His Excellency, the King returned the following:

"The Queen and I sincerely thank you and Lady Bessborough and the people of Canada for your message of good wishes which we warmly reciprocate."

Proposal Out Of The Question

EDMONTON, Dec. 26.—(By The Canadian Press)—Abolition of the Canadian Senate as a better course was favoured by Premier J. E. Brownlee, Saturday when asked to comment on the proposal advanced by Mayor Blakeny, of Moncton, N. B., that appointments to the Senate should be made by the provincial governments.

The suggestion of having the provinces make the appointments was purely hypothetical and never would come to practical reality. For that reason, there was no use in discussing it, said the Premier. Neither the Senate nor the House of Commons ever would agree to the proposal, said the Premier.

New Volumes On Canada's War History

(Canadian Press)
OTTAWA, Dec. 26.—Canada's war story is taking shape as each year witnesses more and more unit histories written and published. Within the past few weeks two volumes have been issued which definitely completes the story for at least one of the twelve infantry brigades of the Canadian Corps. This history of the 15th battalion (Toronto Highlanders) preceded that of the 16th battalion (Canadian Scottish) by only a week or two, and with the publication of the latter, the history of the 3rd infantry brigade was concluded.

Already the two Fetherstonehaugh books on the 13th battalion (Royal Highlanders of Canada) and the 14th (Royal Montreal) battalion had been given to the public from three to four years ago.

In the matter of unit histories, the 3rd brigade is the only one to reach that "objective." The others are trailing. As far as the Royal Highlanders of Canada are concerned, not only has the story of the 13th, battalion been written, but its second active service unit, the 42nd, battalion, has also been transcribed its adventures into print.

In the 1st brigade, the history of 2nd battalion is under way. Only a small volume, little more than a reproduction of the war diary of the 7th (British Columbia) battalion, has so far issued from the 2nd infantry brigade.

The story of the 20th battalion is in progress in the 4th brigade, while the 5th infantry brigade, has already seen the publication of the 24th, battalion history, with that of the 22nd, in hand.

Nothing has yet emerged from the 6th brigade. As indicated, the 42nd, battalion of the 7th brigade has already been "written." This is in addition to the history of the Princess Patricia's. The other two units of that formation, however, the 40th, (Edmonton) and the other

Sends Greetings



HER MAJESTY THE KING

Will Compete With Foreign Importations

LONDON, Dec. 26.—(A.P.)—A chain of British-owned and operated fish canneries is planned to encircle the British coasts and to compete with foreign importations. All processes, from the minding of tins for cans, the manufacture of cans, the packing, and the fishing are to be British.

"It is a remarkable fact that, although Britain is the leading fish nation of the world and our fisheries are of vital importance, the bulk of our canned fish at present comes from abroad," S. W. Smedley, chairman of a canning company here, declared. "It is hoped in future to keep a bigger proportion of this trade at home for our own people."

"Apart from the home market, there is a great market overseas for British canned fish which has never been fully exploited."

Influenza Spreading

WASHINGTON, Dec. 26.—A growing spread of influenza, now totaling 33,823 reported cases, was announced today by the United States Public Health Service.

The weekly tally has steadily mounted to today's high total. There were 3,085 cases on November 19; 6,036 cases November 26; 14,291 cases, December 3; 25,144 cases December 10.

The disease has been for the most part in a mild form, the deaths few, but the Health Service today cautioned the public to be on the alert to recognize the ailment and to give it prompt treatment.

Wire Briefs

LONDON, Dec. 26.—(A.P.)—Queen Victoria at the age of 12 painted a water-color of an old woman and signed it, "Victoria, June 9, 1831." It brought \$15 at a sale here the other day.

SOMERSET, Mass., Dec. 26.—(A.P.)—Two persons were killed and eight injured yesterday in a collision of a truck and an automobile on the Providence-Fall River road. Three men were arrested as a result of the crash.

ST. LOUIS, Dec. 26.—(Associated Press)—Dr. Squire Pomeroey Bevier, sought since last Friday for the slaying of his patient, Mrs. Josephine M. Elder, 71, slipped into the garage back of his home here today and killed himself.

CLEVELAND, Dec. 26.—(A.P.)—Jacques A. H. Montpeller, one time millionaire ambulance driver, Royal Canadian Mounted policeman, and lover of the bright lights, is dead.

Montpeller died in San Diego, Calif., a few days ago, his fortune gone at the age of 47. The body was en route to Cleveland today for burial.

Holiday Time Casualty List Great In States

310 Is Total Number Of Deaths With Traffic Casualties Predominant

(Canadian Press)
NEW YORK, Dec. 6.—The somberness of tragedy was threaded through the cheeriness of the extra-day long celebration of Christmas in the U. S.

With the holiday falling on Sunday, the nation generally observed Monday also and the added day of leisure sent thousands to the highways for visits with the accompaniment of numerous motor and crossing fatalities. Survey tonight put the total death list for the three day period at upward of 310 dead with traffic casualties predominant as the leading cause.

Day of Mourning

The holiday was turned into one of mourning at Moweaqua, Ill., where a mine explosion imprisoned 54 coal diggers Saturday. Rescue squads had recovered 39 blackened bodies from the pit tonight.

Other Casualties

Poison liquor, brawls involving shootings and stabbings, train mishaps, drownings, fires and other causes swelled the mounting figure. Despondency led to several suicides on the day of general happiness.

Family Wiped Out

In Newport, Ark., authorities said the Walter Ballew family of five, including three children, died from eating Christmas cake in which the mother by mistake used some poison which had been kept about the place to combat cotton insects.

Traffic Crashes

Of the total auto deaths of 169 for the country, California reported 20 and Michigan 12. There were 300 persons injured in traffic crashes in the Pacific Coast State and 175 more in Michigan.

Added Tragedies

Six poison liquor deaths occurred in New York and one in Wyoming. In the western state three persons also were seriously ill from the same cause. Miscellaneous accidents and tragedies accounted for 83 deaths. Four died in week-end shootings in Kentucky, one man in a quarrel over a quart of whiskey. Texas had nine deaths from shootings and stabbings. Florida had the lone aviation fatality, a parachute failing to open.

Three Die In Saint John

(Canadian Press)
SAINT JOHN, N. B., Dec. 26.—Christmas had no cheer for three homes in this vicinity.

While arranging presents around a tree, Mrs. J. X. Day collapsed from a heart attack and died immediately. Members of the family removed the tree and all other Christmas decorations.

Twelve hours after her daughter died in hospital Christmas eve from pneumonia, Mrs. John Ryan, succumbed to illness at her home outside Saint John. The mother's condition had been so critical she was not informed of her daughter's death.

John H. Wright, farmer of Fairvale, was dead when his wife went to awaken him Christmas morning.

New Orleans Horse Racing

NEW ORLEANS, Dec. 26.—(A.P.)—A crowd of 12,000 persons, the largest in two years, took advantage of Jefferson Park's free-gate policy and saw Mrs. E. Denemark's seven-year-old gelding Pigeon Hole, win the Christmas handicap for all ages at one mile by a good two lengths. W. F. Lutz's Nell Skuhl took second place by a like margin.

The winner galloped the distance over a racing strip deep in mud and in a driving rain in 1:47 1-5. He paid \$10.60 for \$2.

The Weather, Etc

METEOROLOGICAL OFFICE, Toronto, Dec. 26.—Minimum and maximum temperatures:

Dawson	22B	14B
Aklavik	43	45
Victoria	43	45
Vancouver	38	44
Edmonton	14	22
Banff	17	23
Calgary	29	36
Saskatoon	29	36
Regina	5	23
Brandon	5	23
Winnipeg	8	24
London	28	43
Toronto	34	43
Kingston	33	42
Montreal	35	36
Ottawa	26	40
Quebec	22	38
Saint John	35	36
Halifax	40	54
Charlottetown	35	44

FORECASTS

Gulf and North Shore—Moderate to fresh westerly winds; fair.

Maritime Provinces—Fresh westerly winds; fair with stationary or a little lower temperature.

CAK FERRY SCHEDULE

Week days—Leaves Borden daily 8:15 a. m. and 1 p. m.

Week days—Leaves Cape Tormentine 10:30 a. m. and 2:55 p. m.