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THE KING IS MAKING SLOW PROGRESS
Official Bulletin States Progress of Royal Patient Is Slow.

(Canadian Press) LONDON, Dec. 23.—A bulletin issued at 8.45 p. m., the first in twenty four hours, said: "The King's progress is following a favorable though slow course. The amount and quality of sleep are satisfactory and there is less disinclination to take nourishment."

LONDON, Dec. 23.—The King had a quiet day and there is no change in his progress to report was the 8.30 p. m. announcement of his regular doctors tonight. They added that no further bulletin would be issued until Sunday evening.

LONDON, Dec. 23.—A new and favorable note was sounded in the only medical bulletin on the condition of the King issued from the Palace today. "The King's progress is following a favorable though slow course. The amount and quality of sleep are satisfactory and there is less disinclination to take nourishment."

Use of the ultra-violet ray treatment continued today, from which it was inferred that it is having a beneficial effect. Many hundreds of persons watched the changing of the guard at the palace this morning and after church many walked to the bulletin board which still held the terse announcement of

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ANNOUNCEMENTS, COMING EVENTS, MEETINGS, ETC.
*Xmas poultry, large assortment, Reaney Gay & Co. 9924-12-22-21
*Turkeys, geese, ducks, chickens, Order early, Reaney Gay & Co. 9924-12-22-21
*Millview club loading hogs, Wednesday, Dec. 26, listing at once Jenkins Bros. 9930-12-22-21
*Clearance Sale—All goods at cost till present stock is exhausted. All outstanding debts to be collected at once. Alex. Anderson, St. Peter's Bay. 9826-12-18-6
*St. James Sunday School Concert, and Christmas Tree, Thursday at 7.15 p. m. Hear the Bible ones sing and recite. 9948-12-24-21
*Dr. Cliff, M. D.—Start now home prevention cure, Purdy Station Westchester Co., N. Y., U. S. A. 12-12-3mos.
*ROBIN HOOD FLOUR is guaranteed to please you better. 9203-11-21
*Loading hogs at Vernon River on Wednesday 26th tomorrow. Harry Jenkins. 9921-12-22-21
*Loading hogs at Hazelbrook on Wednesday 26th in the afternoon. Harry Jenkins. 9921-12-22-21
*Loading hogs at York, Thursday 27th. Harry Jenkins. 9921-12-22-21
*Hunter River club loading hogs Thursday, Dec. 27 till noon. Adam Brown, secy. 9931-12-22-21
*The Masque of the Sheep, old English Christmas opera in costume, by St. James Sunday School choir, Church Hall, Thursday at 7.15 p. m. Adults, 25c. Sunday school children free. 9948-12-24-21

Archbishop of Canterbury Ill

(Canadian Press) CANTERBURY, Eng., Dec. 23.—The newly enthroned Archbishop of Canterbury today became suddenly ill from an attack of internal inflammation. A hurried call was sent to London for Sir Hugh Higgby, the surgeon who recently operated on the King, and who is still in daily attendance at Buckingham Palace.

PARAGUAYAN CITY IN DANGER OF ATTACK

Efforts to Settle South American Crisis May Be Nullified.

(Special to the Guardian) ASUNCION, Paraguay, Dec. 22.—Thirty five hundred Bolivian troops consisting of 3,000 infantrymen and 500 cavalrymen are marching on the city of Bahia Negra, the newspaper La Patria said today. The newspaper added that should the Bolivia contingent attack the city, the encounter would be one of major importance and would nullify the efforts of the Pan-American arbitration and conciliation conference to settle the Bolivian-Paraguayan crisis.

LA PAZ, Bolivia, Dec. 22.—The "Vanguardia" regiment, consisting mostly of university students has been equipped with uniforms and will leave immediately for Tarija. The regiment will take up quarters in the heart of the disputed Gran Chaco region and is immediately adjacent to the Paraguayan-Bolivian frontier.

BUENOS AIRES, Dec. 22.—Troops are leaving Asuncion daily for the Paraguayan-Bolivian frontier, the Asuncion correspondent of La Prensa wired his paper today. The contingents are being sent to the Paraguayan boat and despite official order prohibiting women from accompanying the army several small vessels filled with women camp followers have left here for the frontier district, the correspondent said.

ASUNCION, Paraguay, Dec. 22.—The Govt. today ordered the army not to accept any more volunteers who began to flock to the colors when war with Bolivia seemed imminent. The Govt. believes further additions to the army would withdraw vital manpower from both the farms and industries.

N. H. L. RESULTS
Canadians 1, Ottawa 0.
Pittsburgh 3, Toronto 2.

Bermuda Wants More Tourists

HAMILTON, Bermuda, Dec. 23.—Bermuda is paying particular attention to tourist travel and anticipates a large growth in that direction. This means the importation of more food products, and that the stores must be made more attractive. Bermuda is less than three days from Saint John and Halifax, and there is the advantage of water transportation by five steamers running on regular schedule.

As an indication of what Canada can sell in these markets the R. M. S. Lady Nelson discharged at Bermuda a number of parcels, of lumber, doors, sashes and moulding, flour, bran, potatoes, cabbage, onions, butter, cheese, apples, fish, meats, nails, varnish, salt, soap, confectionery, grapes, pines, biscuits, cakes, nuts, hardware, steelware, glassware, crockery, maple syrup, books and canned tomatoes, lobsters and strawberries.

Blumenfeld thinks not even 50,000 new federal agents could dry up the country. He thinks modification to allow light wines and beers would restore the people's self respect and bring them willingly and gladly within the law.

Commissioner



Lieut.-Col. H. D. Fearman, above, has been appointed commissioner of public works and industries for the city of Hamilton.

VOLSTEAD ACT TRAGIC JOKE OF ALL TIME

So-Called Dry Law Decried by Editor of London Express, Who Describes Experiences in United States.

LONDON, Dec. 22.—Prohibition is a millstone around the neck of the American people, in the opinion of Ralph D. Blumenfeld, editor of the London Daily Express, who recently returned from the United States.

Blumenfeld, who headed the delegation of British newspaper editors, says in his paper that prohibition is "the greatest, most tragic joke any nation has played upon itself in the history of civilization." Much of the gin sold by bootleggers is rank poison, Blumenfeld tells his English readers.

"It carries in its train death or disaster, moral and physical. This deadly 'gin' has ruined more homes, wrecked more young lives and showered more misery on the great and generally broadminded country than years of straight-forward drunkenness on pure spirits ever witnessed during the generations before prohibition bit itself into the nation's vitals."

"Prohibition is a good thing—for some," says the otherwise law-abiding citizen as he lifts his glass. "But it is no good to me, have another cocktail!"

"I went to many private dinners in all parts of the country and with only one exception, I never saw prohibition at the table. I went to cocktail parties attended by state officials, United States legislators, judges, college presidents—it seems ridiculous to enumerate—and with the fewest possible exceptions they all drank as much or more than they did before prohibition; and all say prohibition is a sad, degrading farce. The only hope they have of unfastening the millstone around their necks is that the Volstead Act will gradually fall into oblivion and the nation will, by common agreement, observe it in breach as we do some of our old Stuart-blue laws."

"But that is a humiliating prospect too for all my friends in United States, who are self-respecting, useful and otherwise law-abiding people, who resent the burden fastened on them before they actually knew what it was upon them. This is why, perhaps, they persist in drinking more cocktails than they actually want."

CANADIAN WORKERS ARE AFFECTED

Trade With New Zealand May Be Paralyzed as Result of Rates Prohibitive to Canadian Exporters

(Special to the Guardian) TORONTO, Dec. 22.—Canada's trade with New Zealand may be paralyzed and several thousand employees of Canadian factories, many of them in Toronto and other Ontario cities, may find themselves deprived of employment because of a steamship rate war which has, according to the shippers, culminated in rates prohibitive to Canadian exporters and which puts them at the mercy of U. S. competition.

In August of the present year it seemed evident that a rate war was being carried on between the New Zealand Shipping Company and the Canadian National Steamship Company in the trade between Canadian Atlantic ports and New Zealand and Australian ports. The New Zealand Shipping Co. lowered its rate from \$12 per ton on general cargo to \$5 a ton and the Canadian National Steamships followed suit.

In September the \$5 rate was maintained but in October the New Zealand Shipping Co. had no sailing and the Canadian National Steamships again quoted the \$12 rate. In November the \$12 rate was continued and a circular was this month sent to exporters asking them to apply for new rates before making shipments.

On Dec. 13th, 1928, a conference of exporters shipping from Atlantic ports to New Zealand was held in New York and at the same time the Canadian National Steamships announced amongst other new rates a rate of \$27.50 per ton on general cargo, \$12 a ton on automobiles and \$27.50 on electric stoves to New Zealand.

"Toronto exporters are particularly hard hit by these new rates and it is reported that one Toronto firm operating on a 10 per cent margin of profit to hold the New Zealand trade will now show a loss of five per cent on its business with that country."

"It looks as though the Canadian National had agreed to the wishes of those interested in the New York conference," said an official of the concern to the Star, "and so far as we are concerned it may spell a total cessation for several hundred of our workers. The new rates limit Canadian and help the U. S. exporter."

New England Potato Crop

BOSTON, Dec. 22.—Potato production in the New England States for 1928 amounted to 46,552,000 bushels, the New England Crop Reporting Service announced today. This total compared with 45,662,000 bushels harvested last year, an increase of 890,000 bushels. Maine's total production was given as 37,400 bushels, compared with 37,353,000 bushels last year, an increase of 47,000 bushels.

Reports received by the service from officials of the northern United States and Canadian provinces showed that 47,916 acres of seed potatoes passed final field inspection this season.

The final field inspected acreage in Maine increased 56 per cent, over that in 1927 in New Hampshire and New York 36 per cent. Prince Edward Island 30 per cent, and Nova Scotia eight per cent. Vermont was the only state reporting a decrease, which amounted to 26 per cent.

Pays Tribute to Canadian Journalist

(Special to the Guardian) TORONTO, Dec. 22.—The New York Herald, Paris edition, for December 6, reporting the election of William Ingram, Canadian Press representative to be president of the Anglo-American Press Association, pays a warm tribute to the Canadian journalist. It says: "The new president has been a newspaperman in Paris for many years. Last spring he covered the Olympic games for his service and later went to Geneva to report the League of Nations meeting."

Two Bankers Had Narrow Escape

(Special to the Guardian) PITTSBURGH, Dec. 22.—Two bankers narrowly escaped injury today when a hand fire at them after they had refused to surrender \$14,000 which were entering the Hays National Bank at Haysborough near here. As M. A. Coon, cashier and J. H. Stilleweller of the bank walked up the steps of the bank the lone bandit leaped from a parked auto and pointing a pistol at Coon, demanded: "Give me that money."

"Go on, or I'll hit you with it," Coon replied. The bandit pulled the trigger of his revolver but the cartridge failed to explode.

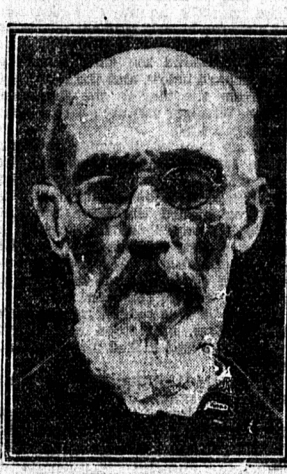
St. LOUIS, Dec. 22.—Three bandits today kidnaped the cashier and assistant cashier of the Crystal City State Bank here and escaped with \$5,000 from the bank. The missing officials are W. W. Bradley and E. E. Blake. If the bandits had waited half an hour they would have encountered a special \$40,000 Christmas payroll of the Pittsburgh Plate Glass Co.

ALL THE POOR CHILDREN ON SANTA'S LIST HAVE BEEN PROVIDED FOR

The Guardian is in the happy position of being able to announce today that all the children listed in our columns are being provided for. On Saturday afternoon the Y's Men's Club made a second visit to the Guardian office and took up another large number of names and returned with the goods parcels will be delivered at the addresses of the recipients.

- The Santa Pals are:
Mrs. Henry Atkins, Alley & Co., Mrs. W. Chester G. McLure, Mrs. H. L. Warren, Miss Virginia Harrington, Mrs. W. H. Prowse, Mr. Benjamin Bremner, Mrs. G. H. R. R., Mrs. Ernest T. Mill, Kensington, Holbrook, Masters Bobbie and Gordon DeBlais, Miss Helen DeBlais, Mrs. Col. D. A. MacKinnon, Miss Corinne Walker, Miss Constance Hyndman, Mrs. Hal Warren, Mrs. De. Cassill, Mrs. Even Cameron, J. P. Crockett, Mrs. (Capt.) T. Mabel Keefer, Miss Hazel Balligan, Miss Mary McEachern, Mr. John Morris, Miss Catherine McStewart, Miss Lorne Yeo, Tyne Valley; Master George Burnett, Mrs. Isaac Carter, Miss Catherine Jean Shaw, Miss E. Burnett, Mrs. H. L. Hardy, Masters Donald and Frederick Seaman, Mr. J. R. Burnett, Mrs. J. O. G. Campbell, Miss Margaret Mellett, Union Road; Miss Bertha Carter, Miss Helen McMillan, Miss Dorothy Yeo, Tyne Valley; Mrs. E. R. Beck, French Milten's Tea Rooms, Miss Hilda E. Ruestico, Mrs. N. B. Prowse, Masters Dewar and Rowland Jones, Southport; Junior Catholic Women's League, Mr. A. Newbury, "Friends," Master Herbert L. Murray, Mrs. Master Darrel Murray, Mr. W. Weeks, Miss Doris Howatt, Miss Goina Murray, Cornwall; Mr. W. Wood, Highland Farm; Mrs. Ernest Champion, Mr. D. K. Currie, Miss Margaret MacMillan, Master Bradford C. McLure, Mrs. Freeman Hewett, Cardigan; Miss J. Fuller, On Saturday afternoon, Percy Pope, Mrs. (Dr.) Beer, Miss Lena Korne, Miss Rena Cameron, Mrs. (Dr.) Yeo, Mrs. (Dr.) McIntosh, Miss Mary Katherine Wright, Master George E. Brown, Mrs. J. M. Hunter River; Mrs. R. H. Coulson, McFadyen, Mrs. John Andrew, "True Blue" Women's Institute, R. R. 7, Royalty; Master Jack Bell, West Royalty; Mr. Lee Campbell, Freetown; Miss Jean Campbell, Freetown; Mr. R. E. Vessey, Mrs. Ernest T. Mill, Kensington; Master Stewart and Donald McDonnell, Summerside; Mrs. J. B. Heagan, Miss Margaret Heagan, Miss Janet P. Heagan, Miss Emma Whalen, Miss Lila Fairclough, Mrs. De. Cassill, Mrs. (Capt.) T. Mabel Keefer, Miss Hazel Balligan, Miss Mary McEachern, Mr. John Morris, Miss Catherine McStewart, Miss Lorne Yeo, Tyne Valley; Master George Burnett, Mrs. Isaac Carter, Miss Catherine Jean Shaw, Miss E. Burnett, Mrs. H. L. Hardy, Masters Donald and Frederick Seaman, Mr. J. R. Burnett, Mrs. J. O. G. Campbell, Miss Margaret Mellett, Union Road; Miss Bertha Carter, Miss Helen McMillan, Miss Dorothy Yeo, Tyne Valley; Mrs. E. R. Beck, French Milten's Tea Rooms, Miss Hilda E. Ruestico, Mrs. N. B. Prowse, Masters Dewar and Rowland Jones, Southport; Junior Catholic Women's League, Mr. A. Newbury, "Friends," Master Herbert L. Murray, Mrs. Master Darrel Murray, Mr. W. Weeks, Miss Doris Howatt, Miss Goina Murray, Cornwall; Mr. W. Wood, Highland Farm; Mrs.

Leader Dead



Rev. Father D. Cushing, noted Roman Catholic leader of Toronto, above, died last week, aged 78 years. He was a well known educationist, having been former superior of St. Michael's and Assumption Colleges and leader in Basilian Scholasticate.

PROTECTION FOR INDUSTRY IS ESSENTIAL

Resolution Passed at Glace Bay Meeting Says Miners Are Not Getting Living Wage.

GLACE BAY, Dec. 22.—The miners of Dominion No. 11 local of the U. M. W. of A., one of the largest locals in District 26, strongly dispute the alleged claims of Dr. J. H. King, Federal Minister of Pensions and National Health. Dr. King is quoted as stating in an address he delivered in Winnipeg last Saturday night, that Canada is to date enjoying great prosperity as a result of the Liberal Government free trade policy. The present con-

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Sir James Barrie Suffers Chill

(Canadian Press) LONDON, Dec. 23.—Sir James M. Barrie, creator of Peter Pan, the Admirable Crichton and many other notable stage and fiction characters, is ill in his London home. He suffered a severe chill and physicians ordered him to bed.

BRITISH ARE TAKEN TO KANDAHAR

Reported Flight of King and Queen of Afghanistan Has Not Been Confirmed

(Canadian Press) PESHAWAR, British India, Dec. 23.—The Royal Air Force alrshs and four aeroplanes which left here this morning for Kabul, Afghanistan, returned safely with British and Indian women and children from the British legation there. The party numbered 12 women and 5 children and included Lady Humphreys, wife of the minister and Mrs. J. B. Gould.

LONDON, Dec. 23.—It was confirmed in official circles today that with the consent of the Afghan Government, the British and Indian women and children at the British legation at Kabul had been evacuated to Kandahar by aeroplanes which covered the distance of 160 miles in 90 minutes. It was said that the chief commissioner of the northwest frontier province had made plans for their entertainment. Although there was no confirmation here today of the reports of the flight of the King and Queen of Afghanistan from Kabul to Kandahar the government's consent to evacuation of women and children from the British legation may suggest that the situation is likely to be uncertain for some time. No definite view of the course of events in the country could be essayed here.

(Special to the Guardian) TORONTO, Dec. 22.—While many stock-brokers' firms paid large bonuses to their employees a local Bay street firm exceeded all their clerks' fondest hopes by giving them 100 weeks' (almost two years) salary. A senior clerk, whose salary every week is nearly \$60, drew a bonus of almost \$5,000.

Passenger airplane service by German interests is in operation linking the Brazilian towns of Rio Grande do Sul, Pelotas and Porto Alegre and other lines are contemplated.

LAST SHOPPING DAY

I'VE ALWAYS WONDERED IF THEN YULE REMEMBER ME WAS A XMAS CAROL

TORONTO, Dec. 23.—Maritime, northeast winds increasing to strong, partly cloudy, probably followed by some snow or rain.
Toronto, clear 22-14
Charlottetown, clear 18-10
Halifax, fair 44-18
St. John, clear 44-11
Boston, clear 36-18
High tide this morning at 8.42 and tonight at 8.15.
Sun rises this morning at 7.30 and sets this afternoon at 4.20.
Full moon Wednesday, Dec. 26th, 3.31 p. m.
Summerside tide eighteen minutes later than Charlottetown.

PRECAUTIONS AGAINST INFLUENZA

Dr. Creelman, Provincial Health Officer Suggests Some Steps Which Should be Helpful in Guarding Against the Epidemic.

So far it is thought that Prince Edward Island has escaped from the epidemic of influenza to a greater degree than other parts of Canada and United States. It is sincerely hoped this is true and that the waters which divide us from the mainland and the fresh sea breezes that fan our shores shall continue to keep these dreaded "flu" germs from our people.

Remembering an ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure, if those who contract the flu would report their condition immediately to the doctor upon recognizing any of the early symptoms they would prevent possibly many days of illness and by these cases being taken immediately in hand further spread to a great extent could be avoided. Cough, pains in head, back and limbs are almost always present. Prostration is as a rule out of all proportion to the fever. Fever generally lasting three days. If it is prolonged bronchitis and pneumonia should be suspected and watched for. Contracting influenza, owing to its highly communicable nature is one of the most difficult diseases to control with which doctors and public health authorities have to deal.

There is no great cause for alarm because it is not so serious if it is only recognized in time and precautions taken promptly. Thus co-operation of all is necessary to aid in the prevention of the spread of flu. People at such a time should give special attention to their personal hygiene, making extra effort to avoid crowds and to keep healthy by wearing sufficient clothing, taking good nourishing food, getting plenty of sleep and lots of fresh air. Avoiding travelling and the congregating of people as far as possible is of great help.

It would be of great help if these cases were reported to the provincial health officer and their estimate of how many cases existing and how fast it might be spreading and necessary precautions could then be taken in advance.

Sudden Death of Mrs. E. H. Strong

The whole-hearted sympathy of the community is extended to Major Ernest H. Strong, K. C., of Summerside in the death of his wife who passed away quite unexpectedly last Friday, at Schenectady, New York, at the early age of forty years. The deceased before her marriage ten years ago to Major Strong, upon his return from gallant and distinguished service in the great war, was Miss Loretta McNeill, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Daniel McNeill of Summerside and was one of Summerside's most popular ladies.

At the beginning of October she went with her husband to Montreal where she entered the Royal Victoria hospital and underwent a serious operation. Having made what was thought a good recovery, she went to visit her sister, Mrs. J. E. Blazer, of Schenectady, N. Y., and was conversing nicely there when a relapse occurred from which she seemed to rally but death came quite unexpectedly on Friday afternoon.

There are left to mourn besides the bereaved husband, her father and mother, three sisters and two brothers, to whom the Guardian's sympathy is extended. The body is expected home tonight and the funeral arrangements will then be made.

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