A MERRY CHRISTMAS TO ALL

MAXIMS OF A MERE MAN

Why, you ask, should I keep Christmas? Because unless the majority do so there is an end of Christian civilization.

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Striking Signs Of Business Recovery

Fears Held For 60 Persons

(Canadian Press)

VANCOUVER, Dec. 22.—Fears for the plight of 60 persons on Jonely Wales Island, 600 miles north of here up the Pacific coast, were expressed tonight. The 10 white persons and 50 Japanese are on the Island and have not been heard from during three weeks of storms and bitter weather.

They may be in need of food and medical attention, British Columbia police radio reports indicated.

ANNOUNCEMENTS, COMING EVENTS, MEETINGS, ETC

**Announcements are inserted in this column at 2 cents per word strictly payable in advance.

**Come to the School Concert in Emerald Hall, Saturday night. 3876.

**Borden Rink, special skate tonight. 3891

**Skating at Cornwall tonight. Admission 10c and 15c. 3870.

**Wheatley River Rink open tonight. Skating. 3880

**Dance at Florida Hall, Pownal, Tuesday, December 26th. 3858.

**Notice — Hartsville Christmas concert postponed until Saturday, Dec. 23rd. 3840

**Come to Entertainment in Tracadie Hall, Wednesday, December 27th. 3805.

**Jimmy Power's Heart Breakers vs. Granites, Highfield Rink, Christmas night. Skate after match. 3879

**Cape Traverse Juniors vs. Borden Juniors, Borden Rink Tuesday, December 26th. One hour's skating. 3892

**Hockey, East Royalty Royals vs. St. Avards Beavers, at East Royalty Christmas afternoon at 2.30. Skate after, Return trip from St. Avards 10 cents. 3890

**Chicken Supper and Dance at Earl Ings, China Point, Wednesday, December 27th. If stormy, Thursday. 3862.

**Hockey at Milton Rink Christmas afternoon at 2.30 p.m., Second Hornets vs. Glasgow Road. Skate at night. 3885

**Carnival and Moccasin Dance in the Kensington Rink, Friday, December 29th, 1933, at 8 P. M. Admission 15c and 25c. 3851.

**Special Christmas dance Monday, Dec. 25th, at Orapaud Hall. Admission, gentlemen 20c, ladies 10c. 3877

**Mt. Stewart Club loading live stock Tuesday afternoon, December 26th. Please list stock. D. J. McDonald, Secretary. 3872.

**What better Christmas present for your family than an Insurance Policy. The Sun Life of Canada. Arrange for it today. J. A. Moore, Manager, Charlottetown.

**By Request—Jackie Chipman's orchestra, the Saturday night's Christmas Eve dance in the B. I. S. Hall tonight. Special request music. 3883

**The members of the C. W. L. intend holding a Whist Party in Lot 65 Hall, on Tuesday, December 26th. Good prizes. The Whist will be followed by a Dance. Excellent music. Free lunch. Come and enjoy a night of real amusement. 3804.

**Christmas Greetings. Mr. Joe O'Brien takes this opportunity of wishing his many Charlottetown and Summerside friends a very Merry Xmas and a Happy New Year. Joe also wishes to thank his many friends for their Xmas Gifts and assures them that they will always be among the list of his best friends. Joe also wishes to thank his four friends in the Infirmary. 3860.

PAY IN ADVANCE

As so many people disclaim responsibility for small advts. when bills are sent out, in future no such advts. will appear unless the order is accompanied with payment.

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Produce a Non-Starch Potato

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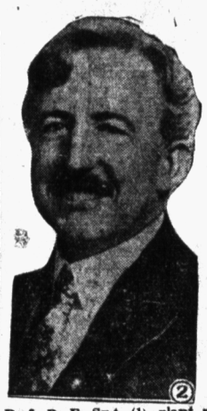

(2)

Prof. R. F. Sut (1) plant pathologsit of MacDonald College, Ste. Anne de Bellevue, Que., and Prof. Harold Hibbert ((2), pulp and paper Research Institute attached to McGill University, who, by feeding bacteria down potato plants, have produced a potato with a non-starch content. The discovery is expected to revolutionize plant culture.

FRANCE WILL NOT ACCEDE TO GERMAN TERMS

Boncour-Simon Talks Fail to End Deadlock — Question For Geneva, Claim.

PARIS, Dec. 22.—(A.P.)—During talks today of Joseph Paul-Boncour, French Foreign Minister and Sir John Simon, British Secretary for Foreign Affairs, France stood by her guns against German rearmament and Premier Mussolini's demands for changes in the League of Nations.

British support for at least a part of the French programme was announced in French quarters.

It was said that the statesmen agreed the fundamentals of the Lea-

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Santa Pals-

James Pendergast, Ch'Town, R. R. 1, E. J. McMillan, A Friend, pupils of Caledonia School, Rose Longworth, Hazelbrook Junior Red Cross, Harold Messervey, Mrs. C. P. Stewart, Kenpoch, Edna Ross, Mrs. Howard, Mrs. S. T. Gallant, Kathleen Hutcheson, Fred and Lorne Keizer, Little York, Mabel and Amy Keizer, Little York, Mrs. James White, Audrey Campbell, Benney Leslie, Etta Ross, Florence R. MacPhee, Hazelbrook Women's Institute, Hazel Moran, Mrs. Howard, Miss Erma Mellett, Master David Walker, Miss Doreen Alley, Miss Lillian McKenzie, Bedeque Young People Society, Frank McKinnon, Mrs. J. A. Gillis, Phyllis Rossiter, Louisa Rossiter, Frances Rossiter, Philip Jr. Rossiter, Lily A. Fairclough, Mrs. Warren Duchemin, Mrs. Benj. Rogers Sr., Miss Helena Rogers, Inez Marie McDonald, Grace Joan McDonald, Douglas McDonald, Mary Bearisto, Malpeque, David Adams, Sea View; Ruth Carruthers, Albany; Lewis Turner, Mrs. L. D. Murray, Ann Diamond, Gloria Large, Constance Large, Miss Jean McMillan, Earl Thompson, Albany; Craswell Studio, Mrs. Frances Hall Trainor, Kenneth Farquharson, John M. Mulligan, Emerald, R. R. 2.

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Paris Police Continue Investigation

(Canadian Press and Associated Press Cables)

PARIS, Dec. 22—Police tonight continued their investigation into the affairs of Benjamin Bercowitz and his wife, Clara, believed to be naturalized subjects of Canada, who were caught in Monday's roundup of supposed members of an international spy ring.

Secret service men said the case of the Bercowitz's, of two Americans, Robert Switz and his wife and five others accused, involved suspicions that they had divulged army secrets.

Centre Probe on Russian

However, tonight, police centred their probe on Mme. Lidia Tchekaloff Stahl, a 48-year-old Russian, who was one of the 10 arrested.

As investigators delved in a mass of papers seized when the arrests were made, Secret Service men indicated that 'over-eager police might have arrested merely the "tools" of master minds and in their zeal allowed the leaders to escape.

Consequently it was said that the Secret Service might have months of investigation before them in getting to the bottom of what they hinted might be two separate plots —that the band might have been a commercially organized spy ring that bought secrets where they could and sold them to the highest bidder, or that the suspected spies worked for a foreign power.

Super-spy

The men who arrested her called Mme. Stahl a super-spy and claimed she had access to French confidential information through her close connection with Louis Martin, 43, a translator in the Marine Ministry.

They said the case of the woman and that of the Canadians and Americans were separate, and that because of her the middleclass Martin sought adventure beyond the monotony of his life as a professor of languages.

Long Awaited Crown Prince Of Japan, Born

TOKYO, Dec. 23.—(Saturday)—(A.P.)—An infant who will, if he survives his father, one day become the 125th Mikado and carry on the succession of the oldest dynasty in the world, was born today in the Imperial Palace here.

He is the first son of their Majesties, Emperor Hirohito and Empress Nagako, and therefore the long-awaited Crown Prince of the Empire.

Heartfelt, nationwide rejoicing greeted the tidings of the arrival of the Imperial Princeling at 6.39 a. m. today.

The news was announced to the 5,000,000 inhabitants of the capital and carried to the ends of the Empire.

Celebration by the Japanese people of the birth of their future sovereign was all the more sincere because it was long deferred.

Four times previously since the marriage of Hirohito and his consort nearly 10 years ago the nation has anxiously awaited the announcement of a similar Gokeiji—"an honorably suspicious event"—but each time the fervor of the celebration was dampened because the new arrival was a girl.

And the Emperor's daughters, according to the modern law of the Imperial succession, borrowed from Europe half a century ago, cannot succeed to the Takamikura, the "august high seat."

BANK LETTER CITES FACTORS IN UPSWING

All-round Gain of at Least 17 Percent Since 1932 Reported By Bank of Montreal.

(Canadian Press)

MONTREAL, Dec. 22 — Christmas shopping has developed satisfactorily and prospects are it will be well in excess of volume of the last two years in both quantity and dollar value, says the Bank of Montreal monthly business summary. An exception is noted in the Prairie Provinces, however, where indications do not point to a larger volume.

In the year now closing Canada has participated fully in the improved characteristic of economic conditions in the most favorably situated countries, the report states. In the second quarter of the year a marked reversal of trend occurred after three years of persistent declines. Although the rise was less spectacular than in the United States, it has been steadier and followed by less recoil.

Gain of One-third

A gain of about one-third in representative economic barometers was shown at the height of recovery in late summer and there has been an all-round gain of at least 17 percent as the year draws to its close. From the standpoint of industrial production alone in the past 12 months Canada's gain is 25 percent as compared with United States 15 percent, United Kingdom eight percent, France 17 percent and Germany 19 percent.

November and December have seen Canadian business on an even keel, the main tendency being towards strength and consolidation.

Wholesale commodity prices, says the report, moved up in November from 67.9 to 68.7 in the index number. Animals and animal products showed a rise of two points. Other advances occurred in grains, lum-

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Alleged Member Of Bootlegging Ring, Freed

(Canadian Press)

QUEBEC, Dec. 22. — Antonio Graveline, alleged member of the million dollar Quebec bootlegging ring who has been in jail for contempt of court after refusing to give information to the Quebec Liquor Commission, has been given his liberty by Mr. Justice Wilfred Lalibérte.

Following Graveline's arrest on a charge of conspiracy in connection with the bootlegging ring, over a fortnight ago, he was summoned by the Quebec Liquor Commission to give information relative to the seizure of a speedboat and a cargo of 1,000 gallons of contraband liquor here last June.

Graveline refused to answer on the advice of his lawyers.

He was sentenced to eight days in jail for contempt of court and an appeal against this sentence followed. Judge Hughes Fortier denied the appeal but Judge Laliberte allowed its entry, following which Graveline was released on $1,000 bail.

Henry Will Probe Charge

(Canadian Press)

TORONTO, Dec. 22—Premier George S. Henry of Ontario today announced he would personally investigate charges reported to have been made by Magistrate Daniel McCaughrin of Orillia that he had been offered $2,000 to resign his post.

Premier Henry would not comment on the possibility of a Royal Commission being appointed to investigate the charges until his preliminary investigation was finished.

Recommended For Lieut. Governorship

MR. GEORGE D. DEBLOIS

Who, it is authoritatively understood, has been recommended to the Governor General in Council for appointment as Lieutenant Governor of Prince Edward Island in succession to the late Lieutenant Governor Dalton.

Mr. DeBlois, who is 46 years of age, is one of the most prominent business men in the Maritime Provinces. He is President of the Queen's County Conservative Association and has taken a leading part in political, religious and philanthropic activities for many years. He is a member of the Provincial Sanatorium Commission, and it was through his generous donation of $10,000 that the Sanatorium subscription campaign was successfully launched a few years ago.

Churches Issue Appeal To All Christians

(Associated Press)

LONDON, Dec. 22—A joint Christmas appeal to all christian people has been issued by church leaders here to help the refugees from Germany.

The appeal is signed by the Archbishops of Canterbury, York and Wales and the heads of the Baptist Union, Congregational Union, Methodist Conference, Presbyteria Church of England and the Presbyterian Church of Wales.

The number of refugees—Jewish, political and christians of Jewish descent—is estimated in the appeal at 60,000.

"The majority are in France," the appeal states, "but there are many in other European countries, including Great Britain, and many in Palestine."

"The League of Nations Council has appointed Mr. James MacDonald as High Commissioner, whose task it is to do his utmost to find a permanent home and work for the refugees in all countries which are able to offer it.

"This task is great and must take time to accomplish. Meanwhile the immediate needs of the refugees are most serious and their conditions are getting worse.

"It is with a view of giving them the utmost possible relief that, with the strong endorsement of the High Commissioner, we ask for a very special effort by the christian public and in all places for worship at Christmas time."

Monday, Christmas Day being a Public Holiday there will be no issue of the Guardian till Tuesday

OBJECTIVE OF SANTA PALS ATTAINED

All Children On List Will Have Happy Holiday — A Merry Christmas to Santa's Helpers.

It is with great pleasure that the Rover Scouts inform the Santa Pals and the public generally that every boy and girl on the published list of needy children will spend a Merry Christmas. Several times the outlook was black, and it appeared that there would not be sufficient Santa Pals to cover a list of children, which exceeded in length by a wide margin that of all past years. But the faith of those conducting the campaign that an appeal based on a worthy cause would not go unanswered was amply justified, and it was with great satisfaction that the Rovers found early yesterday evening that their objective had been attained.

Today the gifts will be delivered to those for whom they are intended. Santa Pals may look forward to Christmas with that satisfaction which arises from a feeling of duty done.

The necessity was greater than ever this year, and Santa Pals arose to the occasion with the greatest generosity. During the last few days of the campaign especially the response from point of numbers was most gratifying.

To the Santa Pals, best wishes for a Merry Christmas are expressed, and on behalf of the children, the Rover Scouts extend to the Santa Pals heartfelt thanks.

Cuban Regime Launches Drive

HAVANA, Dec. 22.—(A.P.)—Students assembled before the Presidential Palace today in a demonstration against President Ramon Grau San Martin and his chief of staff of the army, Col. Fulgencio Batista.

The demonstration began with about 200 students assembling, but their number steadily increased as the day wore on.

Street cars were prevented from operating through the crowd by demonstrators who lay on their backs on the tracks and shouted accusations of "assassins, bandits" at the Batista followers.

Earlier in the day the government launched a drive against bombers.

Icebreaker Sails For Maritimes

QUEBEC, Dec. 22. — Enroute to Sydney, N.S., out of which port she will operate on patrol duty during the winter, the government icebreaker Montcalm sailed from here today. The icebreaker also carried a shipment of mail for inhabitants on Magdalen Islands and other points in the vicinity.

Accompanying the Montcalm was the icebreaker B. McLean, which is going down to pick up the lighthouse keeper at Stone Pillar, in the St. Roch Traverse. It is also expected the latter vessel will go into Tadousac on her return and escort back to Quebec two coastal steamers, the Gaspesia and Sable I. which have been held up by storm and ice.

Heavy Casualties Shown In Chinese Dispatches

(Associated Press)

HONG KONG, Dec. 22—Heavy casualties and extensive damage were reported as a result today of bombing raids by Nationalist Government aviators over Changchow, in rebellious Fukien Province.

As troops of the revolutionary "people's government" in Fukien were said in Chinese dispatches to have been routed after sharp engagements with Nationalist forces along the nearby frontier of Chekiang Province, 13 aeroplanes dropped 32 bombs on Chang-Chow.

The Nationalist offensives were believed the first major movements in an effort to subdue the dissident Fukien regime, set up a month ago as a protest against alleged "foreign influence" in the Nanking administration.

Nanking envoys returned from another southeastern province, Kwangsi, and reported assurances that that district would remain loyal to the Nationalists if Nanking paid them 500,000 Mexican dollars (about $165,000) monthly.

Meanwhile, an officially-inspired report circulated in Shanghai that the Nationalist Government was launching a combined sea and land offensive against the Fukien rebels and that troops were ready along the northern and western borders of Fukien for a drive on Foochow, the heavily-fortified capital of the province and the seat of the rebel junta.

Bureau Figures Most Reassuring Since Depression

Economic Barometer Steadily Rising In Canada Since Last February, With Pronounced Gains In Past Few Months.

(Canadian Press)

OTTAWA, Dec. 22—A survey of economic conditions confirms the belief that considerable betterment was effected during the year just drawing to a close, the Dominion Bureau of Statistics reported today.

Most of the statistical factors useful in measuring the trend of general welfare are now at higher levels than at the end of 1932. There is strong evidence that readjustments are now being effected, leading to a reversal of the downward trend which had obtained for several years. The betterment was general in the eight major factors regarded as valuable in the determination of the economic trend. As the lowest point for some years in the volume of production and in wholesale prices was reached in February last, the first quarter of the present year is regarded, at least temporarily, as the minimum of the present depression.

Business Volume Increased

The volume of business operations is doubtless one of the most significant factors measuring the general welfare. After the first quarter of 1933, expansion was predominant among the industries engaged in productive enterprise. After three years of persistent decline, a marked reversal in the trend developed from the first quarter. The standing of the index of the physical volume of business was recently about 17 percent higher than in the corresponding month of 1932.

While the betterment in employment, after adjustment for seasonal tendencies, was delayed until early summer, the gain in the latter half of the year was of a pronounced character. The adjusted indexes of manufacturing and for all industries moved up about 12.5 percent between June and November. The trend of industrial employment reflected consistent advance after April 1, resulting in the reinstatement of many employees, the expansion being much greater than normal for the season. The advance during this period of 1933 was only once exceeded in the years since 1920, the exception being the same period of 1928.

Wholesale prices, after dipping slightly below the pre-war level in the early months of 1933, staged a sharp recovery from March to July. The official index on the 1926 base moved up from 63.6 in February to 70.5 in July, a gain of 11 percent in the five months.

The fundamental position of the banks tends to be strengthened toward the end of a depression by the reduction in outstanding credit and the relative stability or gain in deposits and liquid reserves. The sum of notice and demand deposits recorded considerable accumulation from January to November, while loans for commercial and industrial purposes recorded resistance against further decline.

The close interconnection of various economic functions was shown by the recovery in common stock prices during 1933. The low point of the year was reached in March, when the index of 130 common stocks on the 1926 base was 47.3. The index was 73.7 in November, a decline of 11.5 percent from July but a gain of about 56 percent over the low point of the year.

Would Rebuild Relationships With Far East

ROME, Dec. 22.—The saying that the east and west can never meet is nonsense, Premier Benito Mussolini declared today, speaking in English at the inauguration of the new Rome Institute on Agricultural Relations with the Orient.

Western capitalism and civilization has destroyed the union and harmony which once existed, he declared. And it is Fascist Rome's mission to rebuild that understanding upon the basis of its new ideal.

He said he believed that in Europe and Asia the main antagonism arises "from the type of mentality existing in some parts of Europe which are incapable of or unwilling to understand Asia."

The Weather, Etc.

Fresh to strong northwest winds; local snowflurries, but mostly fair and colder.

METEOROLOGICAL OFFICE, Toronto, Dec 22—Minimum and maximum temperatures:—

Dawson	56B	40B
Aklavik	30B	6B
Victoria	46	44
Vancouver	43	46
Edmonton	20B	10B
Banff	7B	1B
Calgary	16B	6B
Regina	4	14
Winnipeg	30B	27B
Toronto	26	36
Kingston	18	34
Ottawa	8	24
Montreal	10	32
Quebec	20	18
Saint John	8	30
Halifax	29	34
Charlottetown	12	34

FORECAST

Maritime Provinces:—Fresh to strong northwest winds; local snow flurries, but mostly fair and colder.

High tide this afternoon at 4 and tomorrow morning at 5.30.

Sun sets this afternoon at 4.23 and rises tomorrow morning at 7.27.

First quarter moon Saturday, Dec 23, 8.19 p. m.

Summerside tide eighteen minutes later than Charlottetown.

CAR FERRY SCHEDULE

Week days—Leaving Bordes 9.15 Week days—Leaves Cape Tormentine 10.30 a. m. (Extra); 2.30 p. m. 8. m.; 1 p. m. (Extra)