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Whether on the first of January or the thirty-first of December faith is a good word to end on.

JAPS SEIZE FOREIGN SHIPS AT SHANGHAI ANGLO-FRENCH ENTENTE STRENGTHENED

Sharp Protests Sent Tokyo In New Incidents Nipponese Drive On Toward Nanking As Additional International Complications Loom.

(CP-Havas, By Guardian's Special Wire) SHANGHAI, Dec. 1—(Wednesday)—With three new international incidents clouding Tokyo's relations with other powers, the Japanese Army today drove steadily nearer Nanking. Nipponese military strategists prepared a final blow at the Chinese Capital while the United States, Great Britain and Italy were involved in new incidents of Japanese violence here and at Hong Kong. Japanese civil authorities weighed a sharp protest from United States Consul-General C. E. Gauss against the seizure of an American ship and removal of the United States flag. The Italian Consul-General also protested strongly against seizure of two Italian tugs, the Romolo and Lido, which were towed from their place by the French Bund to the river mouth after the Japanese had taken down the Italian flags and run up Rising Sun banners, though they did not put their own flag on the seized American ship. The Italian Cruiser Raimondo, which was present, did not intervene.

Expressed Regrets General Suemasa Okamoto, Japanese consul-general, was said to have expressed his regrets and promised an investigation. The two tugs had belonged to a Chinese firm which sold them to an Italian company when the Japanese naval blockade was proclaimed. Several tugs flying the Portuguese flag also were reported seized by the Japanese. Dispatches from Hong Kong said a British seaplane attached to the aircraft carrier Eagle was fired on in flight near there by an unidentified warship, but was not hit. Claiming the capture of Kwangteh, strategic fortified city only 80 miles from Nanking, the invading army apparently had revised its strategy in the hope of shattering the prestige of General Chiang Kai-Shek by occupation of his capital, which the Kuomintang (Government) Party has tried for 10 years to make the centre of a new Nationalist China. Japanese Strategy Signs multiplied to show that the Japanese High Command had modified its original plan, in which fighting in the Yangtze River delta was merely a diversion to engage the pick of General Chiang's troops while the conquest of North China went forward. The Japanese now appear to have slowed up their campaign in North China to make sure of controlling the capital. Transports are arriving daily at Shanghai with new Japanese troops, among whom are several crack divisions withdrawn from North China, and the flower of the entire Japanese army, a section of the Imperial Guard. Apparently the Japanese now expect major results from their capture of the Chinese capital. Japanese political circles have given many indications that after the occupation of Nanking they will encourage formation of a new Chinese Government favorable to Japan, and that Tokyo will recognize it as the sole legitimate Government of China.

To Shatter Unity Chinese observers hold Japan's aim is to shatter the unity which has developed so strongly in China since the hostilities broke out. But China's will to resist seems still unshaken. The banking government today decided to form workers and peasants armies and to encourage in every possible way continuance of such guerrilla warfare as that being carried out in North China, especially in Shansi Province.

Says Japanese On Road To Singapore (By The Associated Press) LONDON, Nov. 30—General Sir Ian Hamilton, 84-year-old veteran of many wars, declared tonight that the Japanese Army is "on the road to Singapore." Great Britain's Far Eastern naval base. "Nothing less than Europe can definitely hold up that army," he told the Royal Scottish Corporation dinner. He suggested a conference of military officials of all European countries to discuss the Far Eastern situation.

Arab Terrorists Hold Policemen JERUSALEM, Nov. 30—Troops and police tonight drew a net around Kafir Menda where it was believed three missing policemen were being held as hostages by Arab terrorists who fired on a bus yesterday and wounded three Jews. The policemen mysteriously disappeared while patrolling the scene of the bus ambush. A group of suspected terrorists were arrested near Nazareth, but no trace of the policemen was found. The authorities expressed the belief the gang may have split up and taken refuge in several villages.

New Governor Takes Oath Of Office TORONTO, Nov. 30—Albert Matthews, Toronto financier, was sworn in quietly today as Lieutenant Governor of Ontario by Hon. F. R. Latchford, the Province's Chief Justice in Appeal.

Plan Observance Of Bi-Centenary (By The Canadian Press) TORONTO, Nov. 30—A committee of the General Assembly of the United Church of Canada has been named to confer with the church's board of evangelism and social service and arrange an observance next May of the bi-centenary of the evangelical conversion of John and Charles Wesley, founders of the Methodist Church. The committee includes Rt. Rev. Peter Bryce, moderator of the general assembly; Rev. Gordon S. Sisco, general secretary; and Rev. Frank Langford, secretary of Christian education of the United Church. The celebration will be in co-operation with Methodist churches of the United States.

U. S. Moving For Showdown With Japan

WASHINGTON, Nov. 30—(AP)—There was growing apprehension in United States circles here tonight that Japan, following up her victories in China, may have begun closing the historic "open door" against the goods of other foreign nations. Apparently heading toward a showdown with Nippon on what may prove to be the most critical international issue of the present Far Eastern strife, State Secretary Hull sought to determine officially whether Japanese-controlled North China already had accorded tariff advantages to Japanese imports. Reports that such concessions had been made were published in the United States only a few hours after the secretary of state revealed that the government had made vigorous representations to Japan against any attempt to alter the existing Chinese maritime customs system.

UPWARD MOVE OF DEXTRINE TARIFF URGED

Manufacturers And Maritime Potato Growers Join In Request To Board. OTTAWA, Nov. 30—(CP)—Ontario starch manufacturers urged themselves alongside Maritime potato growers today in a request for an upward revision of the customs duty on dextrine processed from potato starch. G. F. Benson, president of the Canada Starch Co., and W. F. Jones, Fredericton lawyer representing New Brunswick and Prince Edward Island farmers, joined in submitting that many advantages would accrue to those engaged in both the primary and manufacturing industries if the impost on that commodity was heightened.

Oppose Application Opposing the application, Dr. H. W. Mejer, spokesman for potato dextrine manufacturers of the Netherlands, voiced doubt that any advantage would result to Canada. He also emphasized that Holland, which supplied the Canadian trade with most of its dextrine, sold to Canada considerably less than Canada sold to Holland. Other opposition developed from the textile industry from the manufacturers of envelopes and a variety of interests in whose products dextrine plays a part. Supporting Mr. Benson, Mr. Jones said the Maritime Provinces had so little in the way of production since Confederation that the people there believed themselves "in an exceptionally good position to ask for something now."

Dextrine is a product of potato starch. Recently, Mr. Jones said, a large trade had been developed in the Maritimes for certified seed potatoes with Argentina. This left a lot of culls and seconds which, unsuitable for table stock, could be processed into dextrine. "Now that something has arisen that gives us a little hope," he said, "it seems too bad that

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PREMIER KING AND CABINET SNUB HEPBURN

Ontario To Close Deal With Beauharnois In Defiance Of Ottawa. (CP By Guardian's Special Wire) TORONTO, Dec. 1—(Wednesday)—The Toronto Globe and Mail says in a newspaper story today it is reliably reported the Ontario Hydro-Electric Power Commission's "long-considered purchase" of power from the Beauharnois Light, Heat and Power Company will be announced "shortly."

The newspaper adds the announcement will be made "probably before the present special session of the Ontario Legislature concludes." The Legislature opens today to ratify Government amendments to the Succession Duty Act. "It will be executed by the Hepburn Government, as definitely planned last week, in spite of the point-blank refusal Monday of Prime Minister King and his Ottawa Cabinet to expedite the situation by allowing the province to export to the United States—presumably to New York-Hudson—certain blocks of 'excess' power which must of necessity, be taken under the pending contract. Details of the Beauharnois purchase will come, it is understood, from Dr. T. H. Hogg, Hydro chairman. Costly litigation in which the Company and Hydro are now involved over the original purchase in the Ferguson-Henry days will be abandoned, it is understood, in view of the purchase which Hydro is prepared to make.

"Mr. King's refusal of cooperation to Mr. Hepburn on the export issue does not, it is reported, affect Beauharnois' position in any way. The province will have to carry a little more surplus than it had originally bargained for, but that will not deter Mr. Hepburn or his government from approving completion of the contract which the Hydro Commission and Beauharnois officials have negotiated over the last few weeks. The Ontario Cabinet, in special council yesterday, unanimously endorsed the course of action. They are also backing Mr. Hepburn in the renewal of friction on purchases that allegedly has developed between him and Prime Minister King. Mr. Hepburn's visit to Ottawa—had it been successful—would probably have ended for all time the marked differences between the two government leaders on various questions of interlocking policies. "But the 'snub' which was administered Mr. Hepburn, not only by Mr. King, but by his ministers as well, was so emphatic, it is understood, that the repercussions within official circles at Queen's Park have become so pronounced that, following Cabinet council yesterday, the corridors were fairly a-buzz with speculation as to the outcome of the delicate situation. "It was rumored in local Liberal circles that some efforts at reconciliation would be made within the next few days, but with Mr. Hepburn engaged with his special legislative session, it is probable Ottawa will hold its hand until the session is over."

Legislation passed at the 1935 session of the Ontario Legislature after prolonged debate cancelled power contracts with Beauharnois of the Ottawa Valley Power Company, MacLaren-Quebec Power Company and Gaitneau Power Company. Some contracts since have been made but not with Beauharnois.

Island Born Minister Dies

(By The Canadian Press) YARMOUTH, N. S., Nov. 30—Rev. Edward Ellis Locke died in hospital here today. He was born in Prince Edward Island 84 years ago and is survived by three daughters, Mrs. John Beatty of Moosvi, N.S., Mrs. Bernard Allen of Montreal; and four sons, Fred of Newcastle, N. B., Charles of Augusta, Me., Cecil of Oshawa, Ont., and Burditt, with whom he lived. His wife predeceased him nine years ago.

SEVEN SONGS IN SEVEN DAYS HOLLYWOOD, Nov. 30—(AP)—Irving Berlin went to Phoenix, Ariz., to write seven songs for the next Ginger Rogers-Fred Astaire screen musical. He intended to stay seven weeks. But he was back home today—having dashed off the songs in seven days.

Scotsmen Gather In Honour Of St. Andrew's Day

Eloquent Speeches Delivered At Enjoyable Anniversary Banquet Last Evening. The anniversary of Scotland's patron saint was enthusiastically celebrated by members and friends of the Caledonian Club at the Canadian National Hotel last night. Following an enjoyable banquet, at which the traditional honour was paid to the Haggis, there was an inspiring programme of songs and speech-making, the latter ranging far and wide over Scotland's achievements, past and present. The chief speaker of the evening was Professor Melville Cunningham, D. Sc., of Truro Agricultural College, whose response to the toast "The Day and a Wha Honour It" was received with warm applause. Other toasts were eloquently responded to by Rev. J. A. Nicholson, Premier Caccia and Councillor McIntyre, Acting Mayor. Grace was asked by Rev. G. Carlyle Webster. Sprigs of heather, the gift of Miss Donaldson, of Paisley, Scotland, were placed at every table. President Walter R. Shaw, who capably presided as toast master, read the following message from His Honour Lieutenant Governor DeBlois: "It is a matter of regret that I find I shall be unable to be present at the banquet on Saint Andrew's Night. However, I will be with you in spirit and I feel sure that the good fellowship which animates the gathering of the Clan each year will prevail throughout the evening and that the celebration will be in keeping with the importance of the great event that is eagerly looked forward to by Scotsmen the world over. With kindly greetings and best wishes to you all."

Colonel Irving's Career In presenting the mementoes of the late Colonel Irving, Major May read the following paper: "The subject of this brief historical sketch was born at Charlottetown, P. E. I., on February 14th, 1841, being the son of D. Blake Irving, a leading educationalist of his time. "A civil life the late Colonel Irving studied law and is known to the elder brethren and generation of this province as having been Clerk of the Crown, which post he filled efficiently and well. At the same time, the Colonel was interested in agriculture, having lived for several years at Westwood, on the North River, as at Ray's Fenwood, which latter land he had leased from the writer's grandfather for a term of years. Raywood is now the site of the Dominion Experimental Farm at Charlottetown. "To those who knew him best and loved him most, Colonel Irving will always be best known as a soldier. For at an early age he joined the local Artillery unit, passing through the different ranks until he became Officer Commanding. The esprit du corps which he inculcated into the 4th Regiment of the Canadian Artillery still lives in the achievements of the more modern unit. During the time that this province still formed a separate Military District, Colonel Irving became District Officer Commanding, a post in which he was followed by the late Colonel F. S. Moore. On the amalgamation of this Province with Nova Scotia into the present Military District No. six, Colonel Irving became Chief Staff Officer, and a few years before his retirement from the Canadian Forces, became District Officer Commanding. During the South African War, he did much in assisting to raise contingents for that conflict, and, a short time before the close of hostilities, he obtained the command of the 3rd Canadian Mounted Rifles and went with them to South Africa. "On his retirement, he, with his two sisters Misses Mary and Rolla Irving, went to live in the ancestral home surroundings among the Glen Irving in Dumfriesshire on the Scottish Border, finally settling at Maryfield, Annan. Here he entered wholeheartedly into all things pertaining to Scottish lore and tradition, being for many years President of the Annan Literary Society

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Montreal Trio Detained On Kidnap - Extortion Charge MONTREAL, Nov. 30—Three men were detained by provincial police tonight charged with kidnaping and conspiracy to extort money from J. E. Barron. Ralph Bloomfield, president of D. Bloomfield Sons, Limited, importers for whom Barron formerly worked, Bernard Bloomfield, vice-president, and J. Barrington, an employee of the company, were arrested after Barron obtained a warrant charging them with having held him captive for three days. Barron claims he was forced to return from Northern Ontario

Manitoba Rate Out Of All Proportion To Income Says Economist. (By Carl Reinko, Canadian Press Staff Writer) WINNIPEG, Nov. 30—Manitoba's income declined so sharply in the last decade that a tax rate equal to the average for the Provinces was actually 40 per cent higher in proportion to Manitoba's income than the average outside the province. Dr. A. R. Upgren, University of Minnesota economist, asserted before the Royal

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MONCTON TO BE TERMINUS OF AIR-LINES

OTTAWA, Nov. 30—(CP)—Transport minister Howe said tonight Moncton would be the terminus of the Trans-Canada air-lines in the Maritime Provinces and the hub of feeder services connecting with other points in the three eastern provinces. The Minister said that planes flying the eastern leg of the line would halt at Moncton and that feeder lines would be established to Saint John, Charlottetown, Halifax and Sydney. Mr. Howe reported that the western leg of the line between Vancouver and Montreal would be in operation probably by next July 1. He did not say when operations were likely to start on the eastern section, but others close to the situation do not expect that service to start before the spring of 1939.

21 MORE SHOPPING DAYS FOLKS WHO FALL IN LOVE AT FIRST SIGHT FALL OUT JUST AS EASY!

(Canadian Press) TORONTO, Nov. 30—Minimum and maximum temperatures: Dawson 28 16, Victoria 38 44, Edmonton 10 32, Regina 12 14, Winnipeg 10B 10, Toronto 21 30, Ottawa 24 32, Montreal 28 34, Quebec 28 34, Saint John 32 38, Halifax 40 44, Charlottetown 32 38. FORECAST Maritime Provinces: Moderate to fresh southwest and west winds; partly cloudy and a little colder; probably snowflurries in northern New Brunswick. High tide this morning at 9:55 and tonight at 9:15. Sun sets this afternoon at 4:20 and rises tomorrow morning at 7:19. New moon Thursday, Dec. 2, 6:11 p. m. Summerside tide eighteen minutes later than Charlottetown.