

A thankful heart is not only the greatest virtue, but the parent of all the other virtues.

Education makes a people easy to lead, but difficult to drive; easy to govern, but impossible to enslave.

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## TORPEDO CONVOYS FOR GERMAN SHIPPING

### 12 DIE IN CRASH OF GIANT U. S. AIRLINER

#### WRECKAGE OF PLANE FOUND IN RAVINE

Believed To Have Struck Mountain Peak Then Hurtled Into Valley.

(A. P. by Guardian's Special Wire) BURBANK, Calif., Dec. 28—Crushed in the wreckage of their plane, the bodies of 12 occupants of a giant airliner were found late today in a brush-tangled ravine about 20 miles northwest of here. The plane, with nine passengers and a crew of three, disappeared last night on a trip from San Francisco to Burbank. Ground searchers, after several hours of tortuous climbing through ravines and over mountains found the wings of the big twin-motored Boeing atop a ridge on the slope of Oak Mountain, about five miles from Sausalito. Down in a narrow canyon rested what remained of the plane's fuselage, the bodies of nine passengers and three crew members crushed within the mass of metal.

#### STRUCK MOUNTAIN TOP

United Airliner officials said that Pilot Edwin W. Blom apparently struck the top of Oak Mountain while trying to reach an open landing place in the San Fernando Valley just two ridges away. The ship then hurtled down the slope, shearing through scrub oak trees which lay broken and twisted along its trail. For a distance of almost 1,000 yards pieces of fuselage were strewn. The body of the ship apparently struck the bottom of the ravine with terrific force, bounced a short distance up the slope of the gulch and slid back to the bottom where searchers found the broken hulk.

#### REMAIN AT SCENE

A rescue crew, including airline officials, remained at the scene. The problem of extricating the bodies from the debris and carrying them out of the valley was acute. So inaccessible is the ravine that horses can not enter it. The nearest road is four miles away. A touch of irony was the sight of a Christmas wreath hanging over the door in the passengers' compartment. The huge United Airliner disappeared last night, after wirelessing the Union air terminal here for a radio beam to aid it in landing after a flight from San Francisco. This morning a widespread search was climaxed by the report of R. E. Dickinson, in a searching plane.

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### COMING EVENTS

- \*Dance in Iona Hall, Wednesday, December 30th. L-17-12-29-31.
- \*Come! Big Dance Corran Ban Wednesday, December 30th. McInnis Orchestra. L-17-12-29-31.
- \*Bingo, drawing of lottery and dance, St. Theresa's Hall, Wednesday December 30th. L-17-12-29-31.
- \*Hockey at Graham's Road to-night, French River vs. Graham's Road. L-18-21.
- \*Kelly's Cross Hall tonight, bingo and dance. If not fine Wednesday. L-18-19.
- \*Cracking Grain every Thursday, Ralph Geavert, Rocky Point. L-17-12-29-31.
- \*Geo. Lightizer Co., (next Queen Hotel) now buying all kinds of dressed poultry. Try us. L-9-54-12-2-tf.
- \*Borden Line Club loading hogs, lambs, calves every Wednesday at Albany. Hours 12-3. L-6972-10-M T W f.
- \*High class entertainment, Pie Social, Summerfield Hall, Tuesday, December 29th, 7:30 P. M. Local and outside talent. Lecture Vimy Pilgrimage. Admission 25c. Ladies wills pies free. L-1649-12-23-26-28.

### Seattle Police Scour State For Bold Kidnapper

Widespread Hunt For 10 Year-Old Charles Mattson Whisked From Home By Armed Abductor.

TACOMA, Wash., Dec. 28—Police scoured highways for a man described as partially demented and United States Justice Department agents concentrated here tonight in a hunt for the armed kidnapper who carried Charles Mattson, 10, from his home last night, leaving a demand for \$28,000 ransom.

Seattle police received a state patrol order to stop a 1935 sedan and hold for questioning its 50-year-old driver, identified as a mentally unbalanced former patient of the boy's wealthy physician father.

A Tacoma police official, who declined to be quoted, said the kidnapper directed in his ransom note that contact be established with him this afternoon through a classified advertisement in a Seattle newspaper. Whether a meeting was attempted was not immediately learned.

#### Home Guarded

Police guarded closely the home of Dr. and Mrs. W. W. Mattson, parents of the missing boy, and allowed only family members and officers to enter the grounds. Search also was launched for an automobile listed to U. S. Marshal A. J. Chitty and stolen here within 30 minutes after the kidnapping. Officers said it was possible this car had been taken by the abductor in his escape.

The Mattson boy was abducted by a masked, armed man who invaded the family living room at 7:45 o'clock. A he escaped with his prisoner, the kidnapper, described as swarthy, middle-aged and black bearded, dropped a note demanding \$28,000 ransom. The Tacoma police official said this note outlined the want ad contact procedure and directed \$10,000 of the ransom be paid in \$2 and \$5 bills, the remainder in bills of \$50 or over. All were ordered to be old and wrinkled bills.

In Tacoma federal, state and city officers continued their search of land and water for the missing boy. Private boats carried searchers into lonely coves of Puget Sound while police in automobiles and on foot scoured North Tacoma.

### Was Well Known In Province

MOOSE JAW, Sask., Dec. 28—(CP)—Resident of Moose Jaw district for 15 years, Rev. William Meikle, 81, died Saturday in hospital here. He was a native of New Glasgow, N. S., and took his degree in theology at Princeton University. As a Presbyterian minister, he held charges in many parts of Nova Scotia, Toronto and British Columbia. Rev. Meikle was leader of the first training school of the Y. M. C. A. held in Charlottetown. His widow, two daughters and two sons survive.

### 5,000 Priests Believed Slain In Spanish Civil War

(By Jean D'Hospital Copyright 1936 by the Havas News Agency) AVILA, Spain, Dec. 28—About 5,000 priests, including 10 bishops—approximately one-seventh of all priests in Spain—have been "murdered" by Government sympathizers thus far in the civil war, Isidro Cardinal Goma, Archbishop of Toledo and Primate of Spain, declared tonight. Among those who died not one remained the Roman Catholic Church, according to Cardinal Goma. Many perished heroically as martyrs, he added in an interview at this insurgent base. The bi-hops whose deaths have been verified were those of Lerida, Barastro, Sigüenza, Ciudad Real,

### PLAN CHANGE IN NANKING GOVERNMENT

Strengthening Of Authority Seen. Death of Chiang's Brother Delays Fate Of Rebels.

NANKING, Dec. 29—(Tuesday)—The death of his only brother diverted Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek's attention temporarily today from the crisis through which China has just passed.

The government's military leader prepared to leave Nanking almost immediately for his birthplace, Fenghua, in Chekiang Province, on receipt of news his elder brother, Chiang Hsihou, had died there suddenly.

Temporarily shelved was the question of pardon or punishment for Marshal Chang Hsueh-liang, leader of the two-weeks revolt in Shensi Province which threatened to throw all China into chaos.

Marshal Chang, after holding the Generalissimo and several of his aides captive for 13 days, suddenly lowered the flag of revolt and fled to Nanking to "face the music."

#### Recommends Leniency

The Generalissimo already has said he would recommend leniency for the rebel and indicated he would be permitted to return to command of troops in the northwestern provinces. Marshal Chang remained in detention here at the residence of T. V. Soong, former minister of finance.

The fact that General Chiang felt himself able to leave at this juncture was regarded here as evidence that the crisis of the past two weeks was contained ended.

The Generalissimo on his return to Nanking was expected to resume work on numerous difficult questions arising out of Marshal Chang's uprising, including fate of the rebel leader, disposition of their troops in the northwest and reestablishment of normal government in those districts.

Pending solution of these questions the Nanking forces which were converging on Sian-Fu when Marshal Chang fled to Nanking were expected to retain their commanding positions in Shensi.

#### TO STRENGTHEN AUTHORITY

SHANGHAI, Dec. 29—(Tuesday)—Measure to strengthen the Nanking Government's authority over Chinese regional army chiefs are created by Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek's kidnapping, observers predicted as the Kuomintang Central Committee prepared to meet today at Nanking.

Despite official silence, observers were confident that the upshot of the crisis would be an attempt to secure further centralization of army power in the hands of the Nanking Government, to increase China's unity in the face of foreign dangers.

An eventual reorganization of the government may be expected, it was said, in order to widen the basis of its support. The exclusion of Communist elements will continue, however, and Chiang's foreign policy will receive no new orientation.

#### OPIMUM EXPORTS DWINDLE

SIMLA, India—No exports of opium have left India this year except for medical and scientific purposes. The action was aimed at the suppression of drug-taking in the Far East and meant a loss to India of an annual income of \$30,000,000.

#### Ancient Clam Bed Discovered

TACOMA, Wash., Dec. 28—(CP) A new clam bed has been discovered 10 miles from Puget Sound. However, lovers of clam chowder are not rushing to the scene. Reason, the clams are embedded in solid rock on a 500-foot hill. Geologists estimate the perished bivalves are several million years old.

#### Plans Statement Re Relief Grants

OTTAWA, Dec. 28—(CP)—Hon. Norman Rogers, Minister of Labor, stated today that he would make an announcement regarding the Dominion's grants in aid of relief to the provinces for the first quarter of 1937 before the end of December.

### Taxi Driver Found Dead In Automobile

Frederick Walsh, Charlottetown taxi driver, was found dead beside his parked car on Fitzroy Street shortly before one o'clock this morning. The body was lying with the feet in the car and the head on the street. Apparently death had taken place but a short time previous for the body was still warm.

The discovery was made by Alex Coughlan who at once notified the City Police. Coroner Dr. I. J. Yeo was summoned and had the body removed to A. A. Hennessey's Undertaking Parlors. An inquest was ordered and a jury sworn in and the hearing then adjourned until 11 o'clock this morning.

The jury is composed of A. A. Hennessey, foreman, Steve Saunders, Jack McAleer, Gordon Morris, Harold Hennessey, Frank Whelan, and Leigh Saunders.

City Police today said that there were no marks on the body which was on the driver's side of the car. The vehicle was parked by the curb and had the ignition turned off but the lights still burned.

Walsh was about 32 years of age and unmarried.

### TO BOYCOTT CORONATION INDIA PARTY

Gandhi Active As National Congress Votes To Refrain From Celebrations In Royal Visit.

BOMBAY, Dec. 28—(AP)—The "Mahatma" Mohandas K. Gandhi, put himself on an 18-hour working schedule to inspire Indians anew today amid the National Congress Party's boycott vote on British Coronation pageantry.

Declaring his recent malaria attack had made a new man of him, the 67-year-old champion of passive resistance delighted younger members of the Congress by telling them "it would be easy for 350 Indians each to fling a stone at a few thousand Britons, but God wouldn't like it."

Gandhi, still inked by the failure of leaders of past Congresses to carry out his own British boycott program, saw this Congress vote to refrain from participation in any war in which the British Empire might become embroiled, and to boycott all Indian celebrations connected with next year's Coronation of King George VI.

Such programs, said Gandhi, are "militarily dynamic." The anti-war resolutions proscribed both army enlistment and subscription to war loans.

Before the Coronation boycott vote, speakers urged the 60,000 delegates to repeat the 1921 campaign of resistance to manifestations of royal rule and charges such celebration as the Coronation Durbar were "intended to strengthen imperialism."

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#### ABDICATION SHOCKS JUDGE

BIRMINGHAM, England—Shortly after news of King Edward's abdication had been received, Justice Humphreys, sitting in the assizes here, became ill and the court was adjourned.

### "BETTER I DIE" SAYS PONTIFF GRAVELY ILL

Hushed Atmosphere Grips Vatican As Concern Is Expressed Over Condition Of Pope.

(C. P. by Guardian's Special Wire) PARIS, Dec. 28—"It is only a matter of days" before Pope Pius will succumb to the paralysis which has attacked his lower limbs, the Rome correspondent of Le Journal tonight quoted one of the Pontiff's physicians as saying.

Vatican prelates in private conversation have revealed that Professor Amintore Milani, medical specialist, found new causes for anxiety during two examinations which he made of the Pope today, according to Le Matin.

VATICAN CITY, Dec. 28—(A.P.)—Pope Pius was described tonight as being "in a very serious condition" by personages who visited the Vatican today.

They said they had gained the impression in the Vatican that the Pope might pass away at any time though they emphasized the nature of the Pontiff's illness did not obviate the possibility of his living for some days and possibly for months.

These personages were not received by the Pontiff himself, but talked lengthily with high prelates.

VATICAN CITY, Dec. 28—(A.P.)—Pope Pius, aware he is gravely ill, was reported reliably to have told a prelate today "In this condition I cannot be Pope; it is better that I die."

The prelate visited the Holy Father shortly after the Pope had suffered a slight hemorrhage in his paralyzed left leg. Physicians, however, said the hemorrhage was not so important to his condition as the spread of the paralysis and the Pontiff's uncertain heart action.

His words were the first indication the 79-year-old Pope realized how acute his condition had become. Up until now he has insisted his illness was a passing ailment; that the pain which wrenched his whole left side was but temporary.

He called in Pietro Cardinal Fumasoni-Biondi, who had waited for

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### DEATH TOLL IN TRAGEDY MOUNTS

KINGSTON, Jamaica, Dec. 28—Horrid Jamaica watched the death toll of Kingston's Christmas tragedy mount from 24 to 28 today as dragnets continued to recover bodies from the harbor where a holiday excursion launch capsized.

Nineteen survivors were still in hospital and it was feared at least two of them might die. Most of them were unconscious when they were rescued from the harbor by nearby vessels after the overloaded launch Zepher capsized with an unknown number of passengers aboard.

Possibility there might still be more bodies to recover gripped officials in charge of dragging operations 3-4 miles off shore where the Zepher capsized Christmas day with at least 48 happy holiday excursionists aboard.

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### Will Not Prevent Volunteers Going To Spain, Report

Refuses To State Clear-Cut Policy In Spanish Civil War As Britain And France Press For Reply.

BERLIN, Dec. 28—(AP)—Germany ordered torpedo boat convoys for her Bay of Biscay shipping today and hinted she is not to be stampeded into a clearcut decision on her helping hand in Fascist Spain.

Those persons in authority who went to government offices before the end of the holidays, while disclaiming to speak for Chancellor Hitler, nevertheless gave this general outline of Germany's most likely course.

1. She will avoid war with Socialist Spain, yet skirt its edges closely.

2. She considers the Franco-British Christmas note, urging a stoppage of volunteer departures to aid the Spanish Insurgent armies, "too late," and probably will continue quietly to permit the volunteers to sail. But she will send no regular army divisions to the scene of civil war.

3. She will attempt no thunderous rescue of the freighter Palos, detained as a contraband carrier by Basque Government authorities at Bilbao, but will use torpedo boats to escort German ships into the Biscayne port of San Sebastian, which now is held by the Insurgents.

The Foreign Office through its mouthpieces, the Deutsche Diplomatische Korrespondenz, denounced "alarm stories that Germany intends to make Spain the object of extortion or point of operation against France."

These stories, the paper said, "are the more senseless and reprehensible in view of the fact that German policy in Spain from the beginning has been marked by the absence of imperialistic or any other egoistic plan."

Germany's interest in Spain, it said, "is and was merely directed toward seeing that Spain's independence and possessions remain preserved in any case and shape—hence, that Spanish territory does not become another saltpost for the Third International."

Diplomatic writers who take their cues from the foreign office said the Spanish problem was not a question of prestige, of alleged extortion or a political, colonial or economic question "but a question of Bolshevism."

IN NO HURRY Official quarters lost no chance to characterize the Franco-British Christmas demarche as "something that can very well wait until after the holidays," and the press called foreign concern remain conferences at Hitler's Berchtesgaden villa "the biggest laugh in history."

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It was learned on good authority

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### Anglo-Italian Mediterranean Pact Completed

(C. P. by Guardian's Special Wire) PARIS, Dec. 28—Havas News Agency tonight stated it was reported there the Anglo-Italian Mediterranean agreement had been concluded and would be announced simultaneously next Sunday or Monday in London and Rome.

Political circles, the despatch said, hailed it as a major diplomatic achievement, drawing Italy once more toward the Franco-British orbit and making possible a reconstruction of the "Stresa Front."

Italy agreed formally to resume cooperation with the League of Nations, the Havas despatch said.

The despatch added Britain made no promise not to enlarge its fortification at Malta and Cyprus, nor did it engage itself to extend a loan to Italy.

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#### (Canadian Press)

TORONTO, Dec. 28—Minimum and maximum temperatures:—	
Dawson	10 40
Victoria	30 40
Edmonton	20 40
Regina	20 30
Winnipeg	38 40
Toronto	26 36
Ottawa	16 24
Montreal	16 32
Quebec	38 40
Saint John	28 48
Halifax	36 48
Charlottetown	38 46

#### FORECAST

Maritime Provinces: Decreasing northerly winds; clearing and colder. High tide this morning at 11:58 and tonight at 11:16. Sun sets this afternoon at 4:26 and rises tomorrow morning at 7:38.

Last quarter moon Monday, January 4, 9:22 a. m. Summerside tide eighteen minutes later than Charlottetown.

THE CAR FERRY Leaves Borden 9:15 a. m. 1 p. m. Leaves Tormenton 11 a. m. 2:55 p. m. Daily except Sunday.