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## A HAPPY CHRISTMAS TO OUR READERS



### PENNY POSTAGE IN EMPIRE RESTORED

New Rate Will Come Into Effect Christmas Day—Premier Sends Greetings to Monarch.

(Canadian Press)  
OTTAWA, Dec. 24.—On Christmas Day Canada will institute the penny postage rate to all parts of the British Empire. This was announced today in a message to King George from Premier Mackenzie King bearing the Christmas greetings of the people of Canada to His Majesty. Never have the minds and hearts of the British peoples everywhere been drawn more closely together than during the King's illness, the message says, and it is an expression of this oneness of feeling that the penny postage rate on the part of Canada is announced.

**THE MESSAGE.**  
The statement, dated at Ottawa, follows:  
"At this Christmas season, the members of Your Majesty's Government of Canada desire, on their own behalf and on behalf of the people of Canada, to extend to Your Majesty, to Her Majesty the Queen, and to all the members of the Royal family, the warmest and most affectionate greetings that under the providence of God, the anxiety occasioned by Your Majesty's illness, has been removed."

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### New Record for Air Mail Delivery

(Canadian Press)  
QUEBEC, Dec. 24.—A new record for airmail mail delivery in the Province of Quebec was made on Saturday when Pilot Romeo Vachon of the Canadian Transcontinental Airways, made a trip from Quebec to Montreal with Christmas mail. Mail was dropped at eight intermediate points and the round trip, a distance of 600 miles, was completed in six hours and forty minutes. This was an average of more than 100 miles an hour, including stops.

Mail was dropped and picked up at Bersimis, Gaudou, Shelley Bay, Bale des Cedres, Seven Islands, Clark City and two smaller places. Vachon was accompanied by Pilot Bradford.

Vachon was flying the same plane he had piloted to Greenly Island last spring on a rescue trip to the scene of the landing of the German trans-Atlantic plane Bremen and its crew, Baron Von Huenfeldt, Major J. C. Fitzmaurice and Capt. Koehl.

### ANNOUNCEMENTS, COMING EVENTS, MEETINGS, ETC.

- \*Borden Line Club loading Thursday, Dec. 27th, 12 to 3 p. m. List stock. 9958-12-25-11
- \*Loading hogs at North Wilshire on Friday 25th till 11 o'clock. Harry Jenkins. 9965-12-25-21
- \*Hamilton Lodge, Clyde River, annual meeting Thursday night, Dec. 27th. 9963-12-25-11
- \*St. James Sunday School Concert and Christmas Tree, Thursday at 7:15 p. m. Hear the little ones sing and recite. 9945-12-24-21
- \*Dr. Cliff, M. D.—Start now home prevention cure, Purdy Station Westchester Co., N. Y., U. S. A. 10-12-3moe
- \*ROBIN HOOD FLOUR is guaranteed to please you better. 9203-11-21
- \*Loading hogs at Vernon River on Wednesday, 26th forenoon. Harry Jenkins. 9921-12-23-31
- \*Loading hogs at Hazelbrook on Wednesday 26th in the afternoon. Harry Jenkins. 9921-12-23-31
- \*Loading hogs at York, Thursday 27th. Harry Jenkins. 9921-12-23-31
- \*The Masque of the Broom—old English Christmas opera in costumes by St. James Sunday School choir, Church Hall, Thursday at 7:15 p. m. Adults, 25c. Sunday School children free. 9945-12-24-21
- \*Dances in Emerald Hall on Friday night, Dec. 26th. Admission 25 cents. Ladies with cake free. 9757-12-23-24-28

### Four Men Die In Plane Crash

(Canadian Press)  
CHATTANOOGA, Tenn., Dec. 24.—Four men were burned to death and a fifth was injured today when a passenger and mail plane of the inter-state air lines crashed and caught fire after a take-off for Atlanta.

### KING GEORGE CONTINUES TO IMPROVE

Latest Reports From Palace Indicate that His Majesty's Favorable Condition is Maintained.

(Special to The Guardian)  
LONDON, Dec. 24.—King George's physicians issued the following bulletin shortly before noon today: "The King had a quiet night. The local condition continues to show progress and the general condition remains unchanged." The half billion subjects of King George were ready to celebrate Christmas today with the usual festive spirit. Late reports from Buckingham Palace indicated that the King was maintaining the improvement in his condition which set in more than a week ago.

A joyful spirit pervaded the palace today when all the King's children were able to gather about the bedside of their father. The Duke of Gloucester, third son of the King, and more commonly known as Prince Henry, arrived at the palace from a hurried return from a tour of Africa at about 10 a. m. He landed at Southampton and came to town on a fast mail liner at 6:45 a. m. and drove to London by automobile. Three of the King's children, the Prince of Wales, Prince Henry and the youngest child, Prince George, were absent from the country when their father became seriously ill and all were recalled. The Duke was the last to arrive.

LONDON, Dec. 24.—The Prince of Wales went hunting today with the Quorn Hounds, the first time that he has been in the field since his return from Africa. The recent improvement in King George's condition was stated to have warranted his going farther afield than Buckingham Palace.

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### Mystery Drama At Prince Edward

Brilliant Showing Made By the Glossop-Harris Company at Opening Performance Last Night, "The Ghost Train" Proving a Real Thriller.

The Glossop-Harris English Repertory Company opened its two weeks engagement at the Prince Edward Theatre last night with the spectacular mystery play, "The Ghost Train" which in the course of three intensely interesting acts provided scope for some of the finest dramatic acting seen in Charlottetown for a long time. The play was cleverly written, ably directed and interpreted by a cast which is quite evidently an all star one. An atmosphere of something strange and supernatural was developed early in the plot, when a casual group of travellers, forced accidentally to stay overnight in the waiting room of a lonely way-station at Fal Vale on the South Cornwall Joint Railway line, hear from the station master as ghostly a story as one would care to listen to on a dark night. Then things develop; unpleasant things, that become more and more difficult to explain by the prosaic philosophy of the Twentieth Century, until the convincing climax of the second act which is carried through with superb acting and exceptional stagecraft. The third act, far from proving a dull anti-climax, was even more surprising and interesting than the scenes which preceded it. The play, in fact, was all of a piece—thrills and intense episodes interspersed and blended, all growing inevitably out of the plot, and gathering interest and intensity as the play proceeded.

The talented company under the management of Mr. T. Gordon Blyth showed excellent teamwork and a fine sense of dramatic values. They took their parts easily and naturally, and the result was an audience thoroughly satisfied and expectant. The characters, in order of appearance, were: Richard Windthrop, Mr. Roger Livesey; Elsie Winthrop (his wife), Miss Margaret Riddick; Saul Hodgkin (Stationmaster at Fal Vale Station), Mr. Keith Pyott; Charles Murdoch, Mr. T. Gordon Blyth; Peggy Murdoch (his newly-wedded wife), Miss Nora Brennan; Miss Bourne, Miss Madge Bur-

### Primate's Illness Causes Surprise

(Special to The Guardian)  
LONDON, Dec. 24.—Surprise, amounting to amazement, greeted the announcement made in London of the serious illness of the Archbishop of Canterbury who is afflicted with "internal inflammation" and confined to his palace at Canterbury, England. Churchmen were unaware of the Primate's indisposition until reports yesterday told of the visit by Sir Hugh Rigby, physician who operated on the King, to the Cathedral town. On Friday the Archbishop had attended a meeting of the states counsel, appointed by the King to carry on affairs during his illness and to which he had appointed the church head. His condition, according to the bulletin was fair with a continuance of inflammation.

Tourist buses are to be run in the Somme battlefields.

### "EVERYBODY HAPPY"



"Santa Claus, his Pals and the children are just beaming happiness this morning—and why not? Just see the pleased expression on Santa's face and the happy countenances of the little boys. These are only six of the hundreds of little boys and girls who were made glad this Christmas morning through the generosity and thoughtfulness of the Santa Pals of Prince Edward Island.

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### Forty Injured In Collision

(Special to The Guardian)  
MELBOURNE, Australia, Dec. 24.—Forty persons were injured today when a six-car train carrying holiday-makers from Melbourne collided head-on with a freight train near Koovemp station. Five carriages were wrecked and there were many remarkable escapes from death. Eighteen of the injured had to be taken to hospital.

### CONDITIONS ARE BAD IN SOUTH WALES

Prince of Wales to Appeal for Funds to Help Distressed Miners.

(Special to The Guardian)  
CHICAGO, Dec. 24.—A copyright cable from London to the Chicago Daily News says: "Two hundred and sixty thousand men are out of work and so population of roughly a million people are suffering so badly that starvation is in sight in the coal fields in South Wales. The distress is said to be unparalleled within the memory of any living person."

"The Prince of Wales is scheduled according to the British Government to broadcast a Christmas appeal to the entire country to support the Lord Mayor's fund for relief. The British government has announced that it will give pound for pound to this fund. It is probably the only example in all England's history where an important King to carry on affairs during his illness and to which he had appointed the church head. His condition, according to the bulletin was fair with a continuance of inflammation.

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### IMPORTANT PROBLEMS FOR PARLIAMENT

Generous Treatment For Manitoba is Expected on the Question of Natural Resources.

(Special to The Guardian)  
OTTAWA, Dec. 24.—Parliament will meet the last week of January or the first week of February, according to present plans. Several problems are looming up for legislative treatment, and among these will be the return of the natural resources to Manitoba and the railway lands to British Columbia. It is reported generous treatment of Manitoba is contemplated.

The other two western provinces, however, are not enthusiastic about the prospects for settlement of their outstanding difficulties with the Dominion. In some provinces the natural resources problem is aggravated by the school land question and the financial arrangements with respect to separate schools.

It seems likely that the government will reach a decision regarding power development on the St. Lawrence below Cornwall, and it would not be surprising if the Beauharnois Company is given permission to proceed with its scheme particularly as the government of Quebec is backing it. Important legislation is anticipated respecting the Canadian National Railways, which is closing another splendid year. There will be some expansion and the arrangement to co-operate with the C. P. R. in Northern Alberta and the Peace River

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twenty thousand. Eighty percent of them are entirely out of work and the rest are only working in snatches.

"It is not because of a strike or any union trouble, it is because the whole industry has collapsed, it is said. It is said that even if the British coal industry could miraculously revive to its status of 1919, there still would be 250,000 men who could never be reabsorbed in the industry."

LONDON, Dec. 24.—Favorable progress was being made today by Mrs. Alanson E. Houghton, wife of the United States ambassador, who suffered an accident last night while enroute to a private dinner. The Ambassador and Mrs. Houghton had arrived at Eaton Square, and when alighting from the motor car, Mrs. Houghton put her foot into a coal chute on the sidewalk and sprained her leg.

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### Midnight Mass At St. Dunstons

Saint Dunstan's Cathedral was thronged with worshippers last night on the solemn occasion of the celebration of Pontifical High Mass at midnight.

At twelve o'clock the procession consisting of His Lordship Bishop O'Leary, the Clergy, Altar Boys and boy choristers, entered the Cathedral and singing Christmas hymns passed up the centre aisle to the Sanctuary where with all the stately ceremonial of the Catholic Church the Holy Sacrifice was celebrated by His Lordship.

Under the capable leadership of Mr. W. J. Brown, Saint Dunstan's male choir rendered with the true fervour of devotion the stately musical settings of the Mass.

A great press of worshippers—practically the whole congregation partook of Holy Communion which was held immediately after the Pontifical Mass was said. During the Communion and the preceding celebration of Low Mass lovely Christmas music was rendered by the Corpus Christi Choir.

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### C. N. R. GREETINGS

MONCTON, N. B., Dec. 24.—The following telegram will be distributed on all Canadian National Railway sleeping cars on Christmas morning in Canada and the United States.

MONTREAL, Que., Dec. 25, 1928: To our passengers on trains. The officers and employees of the Canadian National Railways wish you a very Merry Christmas and a bright happy and prosperous New Year." (Sgd.) W. H. Thornton, President."

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### BANK PRESIDENT DEAD

(Canadian Press)  
MONTREAL, Dec. 24.—J. A. Vallancourt, president of the Banque Canadienne Nationale, died here this morning. He succumbed to heart trouble following an illness of two months. He was seventy eight years of age.

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BRUSSELS, Belgium, Dec. 24.—King Albert announced his intention of participating in the Hoover demonstration planned for Jan. 19, by Belgium "friends of America" in honor of the President elect and his work as chairman of the Belgian Relief Committee.

TORONTO, Dec. 24.—Maritime strong westerly winds, fair and mild.

Toronto, clear ..... 26-32  
Montreal, clear ..... 24-32  
Quebec, cloudy ..... 18-22  
Halifax, clear ..... 30-34  
St. John, clear ..... 28-35  
Boston, clear ..... 30-35  
Charlottetown, clear ..... 30-35

High tide this morning at 9:49 and tonight at 9:05.  
Sun rises this morning at 7:30 and sets this afternoon at 4:21.  
Full moon Wednesday Dec. 26th, 3:31 p. m.  
Summerside tide eighteen minutes later than Charlottetown.