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Mexican President Visits Hoover at The White House

The Incident is Hailed as One of Great Significance by the Mexican Newspaper, Excelsior—Work of Friendship Begun by Ambassador Morrow Will Be Continued.

(Special to THE DAILY MAIL by the British United Press.)

MEXICO CITY, December 26—Today's visit to the White House of Pascual Ortiz Rubio, President elect of Mexico was hailed as of "tremendous significance" by the newspaper Excelsior today. It means that Ortiz Rubio and President Hoover will have an opportunity to continue the work of friendship begun by Ambassador Dwight W. Morrow and former President Plutarco Elias Calles, the newspaper said.

The United States wants to live harmoniously with its neighbor, the editorial added. "We wish the same".

CHRISTMAS EVE BLAZE AT THE WHITE HOUSE

The Executive Offices of President Hoover was Damaged to the Extent of \$100,000.

Washington, Dec. 25—Swept by a sudden furious Christmas Eve fire, President Hoover's executive offices at the White House today were ice-coated and desolate.

Summoned from the dinner table, Mr. Hoover was one of the first to reach the west wing of the White House after the alarm was sounded, and remained on the scene until the fire was brought under control shortly after 10 o'clock. The damage was estimated at \$100,000.

The cause of the fire was first thought to be due to defective wiring, but today Fire Marshal Ahsetter said the blaze had started from an overheated fire-place in the offices of Walter Newton, one of the president's secretaries.

Huge Turn-Out

This room is just to the right of the entrance and is some 50 feet from the big green-carpeted circular room where every Chief Executive since Roosevelt has had his executive offices. All available fire apparatus in the city went to the fire before it was over in response to a series of alarms.

Hoover's Christmas

Washington, Dec. 25—President Hoover today set about observing the holiday in the old fashioned American way with his family and a few close friends clustered about him.

The family circle was not complete, however, for Herbert Hoover, Jr., and his wife and two small children were unable to come to Washington for the holiday and observed it instead at their home in California.

Members of the Cabinet and their families were guests at the White House tonight. Two monster wild turkey dinners furnished the main course.

INSANE MAN SLEW WIFE AND 6 CHILDREN

Walnut Cove, N. C. Dec.—Becoming suddenly insane, a stoker county farmer today slew his wife and six children and after laying them out for burial went into a patch of woods near his home and killed himself with a shot gun.

The body of C. D. Lawson, the 43-year old father and husband was found about half a mile from the home with a gaping wound in his chest.

In a tobacco barn, a quarter of a mile away, neighbors found the bodies of Carrie Lawson, 14 and Maribelle, 10. They had been shot in the back. Big splashes of blood on snow outside the building led to the discovery of the bodies in the out-building.

The father after he had killed his wife and children, carefully prepared them for burial. He closed their eyes and folded their hands over their breasts. The heads of the five victims found in the home were placed on pillows. Old sacks were placed under the heads of the two girls whose bodies were found in the tobacco barn.

Woodstock Press: Mr. W. A. Hay of Fredericton, was in town over the week end to see his brother, Mr. Herbert Hay, who is confined to his home.

JAP HOUSE OPENED TODAY BY EMPEROR

The Fifty-fifth Session of the Imperial Parliament.

ASSEMBLED LAST MONDAY

But the Formal Opening by Hirohito Took Place Today.

(Special Cable to THE DAILY MAIL by the British United Press.)

Tokio, Dec. 26—The fifty-fifth session of the Imperial Japanese Parliament (Teikoku-Gikai) was opened formally today by Emperor Hirohito.

The Emperor read the Imperial message. The veteran Prince Iyesato Tokugawa, President of the House of Peers (Kizokuin) received the message as the ranking official present.

Although Parliament assembled last Monday for its first meeting of the session it was not formally convened until today.

CRITICISM IS WELCOME, SAYS MUSSOLINI

Rome, Dec. 26—Premier Benito Mussolini told the Italian Chamber when it reconvened Thursday after a recess that the government welcomed criticism.

The prime minister asked the deputies to refrain from flowery speeches or eulogies of the government, saying the preferred candid discussion and efficient consideration of national problems.

"Both I and the government despise flattering, violin-like speeches," he said. "We like rude, frank talk, such as becomes Fascism."

Speaker Giurati's first act was to announce the betrothal of Crown Prince Humbert, whose marriage to Princess Marie Jose of Belgium takes place here Jan. 8.

He said the wedding would strengthen Italian and Belgian amity, already strong because of war ties.

PASSENGER TRAFFIC BIG ON C. N. R.

Passenger traffic over the holiday on the Canadian National lines in the Maritimes was exceptionally heavy according to information given out this morning at Regional headquarters. The Ocean Limited was run in two sections between Halifax and Moncton to take care of travel between these points and Saint John. Travel was also heavy on the Sydney line. Main line travel between Montreal and Maritime province points was considerably augmented by Maritime students attending Universities in the upper provinces, as well as those returning home for the holidays. A feature of the Christmas travel was the large number of special trains with passengers bound for overseas to spend holidays in the old land.

Lawlor Wins

At the Xmas roll-off at the Palace Bowling Alleys with a plump turkey at stake, Billy Rutter did exactly what he did last Xmas—led the twenty contestants in the first string with an imposing 115 but was narrowly eclipsed in the final reckoning by Lawlor who redeemed his initial 92 with 113 and an 110 in the 2nd and third strings. A large crowd watched the play. The junior roll-off was won by Lyons of Marysville.

It is probable that a good many people who obtain divorces could get along better without them.

Holiday Whoopee Sent Many People To N. Y. Hospitals

Victims of Alcoholic Poisoning Numbered Thirty-five—Twelve Cases Diagnosed as Acute—Patients Ranged in Age From 19 to 76—Some Found Unconscious in the Streets.

(Special to THE DAILY MAIL by the British United Press.)

NEW YORK, N. Y., December 26—Holiday whoopee sent thirty-five varying stages of agony to Bellevue Hospital yesterday suffering from alcoholic poisoning.

Twelve of the cases were diagnosed at the hospital as "acute".

The ages of the victims range from 19 to 76. Many of the victims were taken to the hospital after they had been found unconscious in the streets.

Tuesday and Wednesday were banner days for New York beggars. They appeared in great numbers on the streets and in subway cars and a general observation indicated that they were profiting richly by the excessive spirit of good will.

SLIPPERY EEL IMPORTANT COG IN FISHERIES

Montreal, Dec. 26—The eel fisheries of Canada, at one time an important activity of the Indians, still maintain their place as an eminent industry on the eastern coast.

Canada's domestic consumption of the eel is distinctly limited. The eel, however, is highly thought of in Europe and in parts of the north.

It is found widely in the rivers emptying into the gulf of St. Lawrence and the Atlantic Ocean. The commercial center of the fisheries is along the Richelieu river and down the St. Lawrence as far as the Isle d'Orleans, all in the Province of Quebec. The total annual catch of Quebec is placed at about 2,000,000 pounds, while that in Nova Scotia is only 70,000 pounds. New Brunswick and Prince Edward Island obtain 18,000 pounds and 13,000 pounds respectively of eels each year.

The eels spawn in the ocean south of Bermuda. From here the young make their migration to European and American waters, being about three inches long on their arrival. They remain in the northern rivers for two or three years returning then to the southern waters for spawning.

Only the young move upstream. Those full grown move down and do not return, both sexes dying at sea after their first and only spawning period.

The eels, journeying seaward, are caught commercially in traps set across the rivers at strategic points. They are shipped alive. Indians are said to be particularly adept at spearing them.

MANUSCRIPTS UP IN VALUE

London, Dec. 26—Two hundred years ago Oliver Goldsmith was held in jail until Dr. Johnson could sell the manuscript of "The Vicar of Wakefield" for \$100 and pay the poet's board bill. Within recent weeks five Goldsmith manuscripts have fetched \$100,000 from American collectors.

William Babbitt of Minto spends Christmas at his former home here.

CHRISTMAS CASUALTIES IN LONDON

Seven Killed and Many Injured—Unemployed Man Smashes Window in Labor Ministry.

(Special Cable to THE DAILY MAIL by the British United Press.)

London, Dec. 26—London suffered many Christmas casualties, seven persons were killed and a score injured in traffic accidents on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day.

Burglars were active, raiding many shop windows and stores. John Walsh, sixty, a laborer and former soldier, smashed two windows at the Ministry of Labor. He said he came from Leeds at attract official attention to his lack of employment.

BRITISH HOUSE ADJOURNS FOR THE HOLIDAYS

London, Dec. 25—Breaking a precedent that has ruled Parliament for nearly 40 years, the House of Commons rose on Christmas Eve to meet again on January 21. The novelty of a sitting the day before Christmas apparently had its effect in thwarting an anticipated bitter conflict. The members lapsed willingly into the Christmas spirit and good natured bantering held sway when questions on the other paper were reached. Interrogations ran the gamut from habits of the grey seal to the brand of eggs and oysters served in the Parliamentary restaurant.

The unusually late sitting came about when the opposition complained it had not been given opportunity to choose subjects for general discussion and the government promptly side-tracked the adjournment that had been scheduled for last Friday.

From Montreal

On the lengthy list Xmas holidaymakers who have not yet left the city are Hazen Fulton, former debating figure of the University, Jake Lynch, prominent in hockey circles and Christopher Shorten former organist of St. Anne's Parish Church. All these young men are located in Montreal.

THERMOMETER WAS DOWN TO 11 HERE LAST NIGHT

The Coldest Weather of the Season Recorded—Weather Was Calm and Clear—18 Degrees Below at Cross Creek.

All records for cold weather so far this season were broken last night, when the thermometer at the Experimental Station registered eleven degrees below zero. Several city glasses during the night showed twelve degrees below and at nine o'clock this morning the mercury stood at twelve below. The cold wave seems to have been quite general throughout the Central and Northern portions of the province. It was undoubtedly the coldest Christmas weather experienced in a number of years. Fortunately there was not a breath of wind, which of course made the cold less intense than wind, otherwise been the case.

Christmas day was marked by remarkable fine weather and today was equally bright and clear, there being not a cloud in the sky. It was what be called ideal winter weather.

Reports received over the Canadian National Telegraph wires state that coldest weather last night was reported at Cross Creek, where it was 18 below. At Boiestown it was 15 below, at Woodstock, 15 and at St. John, 16 above.

SHRINE IN SWEDEN IS DESTROYED

Stockholm, Sweden, Dec. 26—Sweden's most famous literary shrine the Rottneros Manor House in Vermland, which served Selma Lagerloef as a background for her novel "The Story of Goesta Berling," has been destroyed by fire.

The old house, which Miss Lagerloef calls Elkeby in her book, had a rich collection of furniture and pictures, which could not be saved.

The so-called "Cavalier Wing," a century dwelling where Goesta Berling and his boon companions were supposed to have lived and caroused was not damaged.

Science is something that finds ways to obliterate whole populations in the eyes of another war, and never really discovered how to exterminate a civilization in a few

PRESIDENT OF ARGENTINA HAD CLOSE CALL

Buenos Aires, Argentina, Dec. 26—While messages arrived from Government heads, throughout the world congratulating President Hipolito Irigoyen on his escape from assassination Tuesday, there was a scene of mourning in a humble home here.

The widow of the would-be assassin Gualtario Marinelli, was prostrated. Moreover, she was left with three children to support, the oldest of which is 10.

In her distress she offered no explanation for her husband's fatal attempt to shoot down the President Tuesday. Police, however, said Marinelli, an Italian who has been here since 1896 was an anarchist and had a police record.

They investigated a rumor that he might have been involved in the bombing of the Italian consulate here a year ago.

Among the messages of congratulations reaching Irigoyen were telegrams from President Hoover and the monarchs of Spain and Belgium.

CAMPBELLTON WOMAN WAS HIT BY TRAIN

Campbellton, Dec. 25—Mrs. Thomas Long, aged 75 years, a resident of Tide Head, Restigouche County, lies in the Soldiers' Memorial Hospital here in a critical condition as a result of being struck by the eastbound local train from Matapedia, P. Q., yesterday at noon. Dr. L. E. German, of Campbellton, who is attending the aged patient, said today that he entertained little hopes for her recovery. The injuries known include broken bones in arms and legs and serious internal disruption.

The accident occurred during a heavy snowfall and violent easterly gales when Mrs. Long used the ploughed lanes at the edge of the railway tracks for walking rather than the main highway, which was covered with deep snow and drifts. It is presumed that she walked in the face of the wind with head lowered and did not see or hear the passenger train approaching. She was struck and thrown clear by the engine.

Mrs. Walter R. Clarke of Fredericton Junction spent Christmas with her parents Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Scott.