

A MERRY CHRISTMAS TO ALL

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Condition of Emperor of Japan is Very Critical

The Prince Regent Unable to Leave the Royal Bedside to Open What Promises to be a Very Important Session of the Diet—The Emperor Shows Symptoms Associated With the Last Stages of Fatal Pneumonia.

(Special to the Daily Mail by the British United Press)

TOKIO, Dec. 24—Emperor Yoshisito was so ill today that his son, the Prince Regent dared not leave the royal village at Hayama to open the Imperial Diet which has been convoked to meet tomorrow.

It was announced that the regent would not appear. The Diet session seems likely to be among the most important in the history of the modern empire.

Leaders of the opposition party will attempt to oust the Kenseika party cabinet from office. Ordinarily the Emperor would appear before a joint session of the diet and house of peers to read the speech from the throne, but since 1921 Crown Prince Sirohito has discharged all such duties in his capacity as regent. Only the most grave considerations would cause Sirohito to forgo this duty. Bulletins issued from the sick room at Hayama today indicated that the emperor had not appreciably rallied from the depression which beset him yesterday when heart action weakened considerably and symptoms usually associated with the latter stages of fatal pneumonia appeared.

LOCKS BABY IN CAGE FOR AIR SAFETY

London, Dec. 24—A Mayfair variation on the Creche idea has been developed by the Countess de la Warr, whose young husband is one of the few Labor representatives in the House of Lords. The countess, who lives in a small flat in the Mews in Westminster, has had constructed a galvanized iron wire cage into which a perambulator containing her baby is wheeled, and the cage is securely padlocked. "The baby can obtain plenty of fresh air without the nurse having to watch her constantly," the countess told reporters, "and I think the idea is one which working mothers might well adopt."

ENGLISH LORD LEARNS THE BLIND METHOD

London, Dec. 24—Lord Grey of Faldo can read in the dark as well as light.

When he was threatened with blindness he learned to read by the Braille touch system, and now, with his eyesight much improved, he still finds Braille books useful.

"One can turn out the light," he says, "draw up the sheets and literally read one's self to sleep."

MUSSOLINI VISITS PALMIST

Rome, Dec. 24—Rome's most fashionable clairvoyant, the "Countess" Aurelia, is sure she has seen "the cross of Napoleon" in the hand of Mussolini. She infers, therefore, according to the fascist newspaper, Impero, that he is the greatest man of the century. From which some readers understand that duce has been to her to have his fortune told.

BANKER LEAVES ST. STEPHEN FOR NEW POST

St. Stephen, N.B. 23—D. C. Davidson, local manager of the Royal Bank of Canada, here, left this evening for Fredericton en route to Shawinigan Falls, Que., where he will make his future home, having been transferred to that city.

Mr. Davidson, during his stay here, made many friends and took part in many public affairs. Up to the time of his leaving here he was president of the Schoodic Fish and Game Association and held office in the Athletic and Tennis Club. Both he and Mrs. Davidson will be missed on the border.

RAIL TRIP FROM BERLIN TO TOKIO NOW POSSIBLE

Berlin, Dec. 24—It will soon be possible to get into a Pullman car in Berlin and fourteen days later be in Tokio. At an international railway traffic conference held here a plan has been adopted by which, beginning May 15, 1927, a thorough service from Germany to Japan by way of Moscow and Vladivostok will be started.

FLYING FLAT SOON WILL BE GIVEN TEST

London, Dec. 24—A "Flying Flat" is shortly to be tested off the coast of England by Capt. F. T. Courtney, one of the most famous test-pilots in England. The machine, a huge super-sea-plane, will include a kitchen, sleeping accommodation and living rooms. It will take a crew of five to operate, including one man who will function in the triple capacity of cook, houseman and mechanic.

SAYS DUNCAN REPORT MUST BE ADOPTED

Associate Editor of the Financial Post Gives Expression to Some Simple Truths.

Montreal, Dec. 23—Canada risks facing a sectional problem comparable with the Irish troubles in seriousness, failing the adoption of the Duncan report on Maritime Province rights, in the opinion of Riel Thomson, associate editor of the Financial Post. Addressing the Lions Club at luncheon today, the speaker offered the recommendations of the report recently laid on the table at Ottawa, as the means of ridding the Dominion of a perilous thorn in the flesh.

He found the Maritime Provinces at present in such a state of discontent that he declared it impossible to fairly conceive the results of rejection of the report. Their grievances he found in most cases substantially were justifiable, he said.

The speaker recited the cause of unrest in eastern Canada, tracing its origin from the days of Confederation to conditions since the war.

Did Not Want Union.
"It must not be forgotten," he pointed out, "that the Maritime Provinces did not want to enter the Confederation. All the overtures came from Central Canada. July 1, 1867, was not a day of rejoicing in the east—so much so that newspapers carried black-bordered announcements of the news and flags on buildings waved at half mast."

Reminding his hearers that at the time of Confederation the Maritime Provinces were very prosperous compared with Central Canada, which was "in dire straits," Mr. Thomson said that the east gave up much and got many promises in return.

Grievances concerning canals and immigration also found an exponent in the speaker, who said the Maritimers felt they paid an annual tribute for both and got little in return. "It amounts, they feel," said the speaker, "to taxation without proportionate participation."

At some length he recited that the tariff policy of the Dominion was not benefiting the Maritimes.

GIVES WIFE COSTLY HOME

Los Angeles, Dec. 23—Corliss Palmer Brewster is receiving a \$200,000 home from her husband for a Christmas gift and he is arranging a settlement of the \$200,000 alienation judgment held by his first wife against his second. The amount is undisclosed.

TODAY'S MARKET.

Turkey at Sixty-Five Cents—Other Poultry Prices Firm.

The market today was much smaller than the usual pre-Christmas market. Turkey was very scarce. Chicken and geese were plentiful. Prevailing prices were as follows: Beef, per lb., 6 to 10 cents. Pork per lb., 16 to 18 cents. Veal per lb., 14 and 15 cents. Chicken per lb., 35 to 45 cents. Fowl, per lb., 25 cents. Goose, per lb., 40 to 45 cents. Turkey, per lb., 65 cents. Carrots, per bbl., \$2.50. Turnips, per bbl., \$1. Potatoes, per bbl., \$2.50. Eggs, per doz., 70 cents. Butter, per lb., 40 to 45 cents.

Mr. Cook of the Bank of Montreal staff has been transferred to Sydney N. S.

COURT MARTIAL INCIDENT IS TO BE ADJUSTED

Threatened at One Time to Mar Franco-German Relations.

STATEMENT BY PRESIDENT

Says Sentence of Two Germans Will be Commuted.

(Special cable to The Daily Mail by the British United Press)

Paris, Dec. 24—Adjustment of the Landau court martial incident which threatened to mar Franco-German relations was promised by Minister of War Painleve today.

As he left a cabinet meeting Painleve said two Germans sentenced to prison for an alleged attack on a French Lieutenant Rousier, during which Rousier would be pardoned or their sentences commuted.

HIS WORSHIP SANTA CLAUS TO CIVIC STAFF

Turkeys and Money—Gifts Presented—Arrangements Made for Christmas Cheer at Institutions.

His Worship Mayor Clark occupied the role of Santa Claus to employees of the city corporation at City Hall this morning. Each married employee received a turkey and each unmarried man five dollars in gold. Miss Mary Pond stenographer in the office of the City Treasurer was given ten dollars in gold.

At the Municipal Home of the city, York street, the Christmas dinner which will be furnished the inmates on Saturday will be at the expense of His Worship.

The various institutions in this vicinity will have their usual Christmas dinners and other Christmas cheer and entertainment.

The Municipal Home of the County of York at Nashwaakisis will have the usual chicken dinner abundant fare having been provided for the inmates.

At Victoria Hospital the patients in all wards will be remembered and entertainment also has been provided for the nurses and members of the staff.

The Children's Home in Woodstock Road will have a Christmas Tree and dinner the youngsters there being remembered.

At the Hotels.

The guests at the hotels of the city will be entertained in a style suitable to the occasion and to the house. Turkey will be the outstanding feature of all Christmas dinners.

The Queen Hotel has prepared an elaborate Christmas dinner with an extensive game section to the menu as well as the usual Christmas fare. The menu card bears on its front a picture suitable to the occasion and the fare offered would do credit to an establishment in a big city.

The Barker House will serve turkey dinner and the Windsor will do the same. The other hotels of the city also will have special dinners.

Arrested in Moncton.

Chief Jones of the Fredericton police today went to Moncton to bring back a man arrested there on instructions from this city. He is expected to-night with his prisoner. The offence concerns a little boy aged five years and occurred here on Monday last.

H. B. Goodspeed of Sussex, N. B., is a guest at the Windsor.

F. Boyd of Stanley is registered at the Windsor.

H. M. Stevens of Moncton is in the city today.

Satire in a German Revue May Bring a Protest from the U. S.

Plot of Stage Production Denies That Uncle Sam's Domain is the Home of Freedom, Progress and Liberalism—The American Depicted as a Hen Pecked Individual—Female of the Species Rule.

(Special to the Daily Mail by the British United Press)

BERLIN, Dec. 24—The United States has been satirized in such a great manner in Berlin's latest revue, "Oh, U. S. A." that it has been brought to the attention of American Ambassador Schurmann and may bring a protest to the foreign office. The plot of "Oh, U. S. A." denies that the United States is the home of freedom, progress and liberalism. One scene depicts a counting Berliner newly arrived in New York. He sees an attractive girl in Central Park and doffs his hat. The blue coats threaten him with arrest until he promises to marry her. Another depicts the passing of a law through Congress stipulating that citizens who refuse to believe the stork myth must be jailed or deported. And in another an intoxicated prohibition officer serenades his hip pocket flask. The American man is depicted throughout as a hen-pecked individual and instead of being referred to as "God's Country", the nation is called "Women's Own Country".

THE N. S. HOUSE WILL OPEN ON FEBRUARY 2

Halifax, Dec. 23—L. W. Fraser, private secretary to Premier Rhodes, announced late today that the second session of the present Nova Scotia House of Assembly will be called for Feb. 2. This is one week earlier than last year.

The premier's secretary said that he had no authority to make any announcement as to pending legislation but he intimated that the government bills will include a thorough revision of the Mines Act. Asked as to the position of the government as to possible legislation over the sale of liquor, Mr. Fraser said that he had nothing whatever to say.

LONDON MAN WILL SELECT THE TERMINAL

Ottawa, Dec. 23—Investigation of the whole terminal question of the Hudson Bay Railway will be undertaken by Frederic Palmer, of London, England, who arrived in Ottawa today. Mr. Palmer, who was appointed on the recommendation of Hon. Charles Dunning, Minister of Railways and Canals, will be called upon to consider among other things the relative merits of Port Nelson and Port Churchill as terminals for the railway. He is an eminent engineer who has been engaged on important engineering projects in various parts of the world.

SAYS WOMEN ARE PESSIMISTS

New York, Dec. 23—Woman is playing a leading part in pessimism running through present-day life and literature, in the opinion of Charles A. Richmond, president of Union college, and a prophecy that some day woman will be distinguished by the indecency of her conversation is near fulfillment.

GOOD DEMAND FOR SPUDS IN CUBAN MARKET

"During September, Cuba took all her potatoes from New York of Long Island Cobblers, says the Cuba Foodstuff Record, paying an average of \$4.50 to \$5 ctf Havana per barrel of 180 lbs. gross, during the first half of the month the producing market advanced from \$5.00 to \$6.00 ctf Havana at which price quotations have continued in spite of the general impression prevailing that the Long Island market would show weakness due to a reported abundance of crop. The latest Government estimate shows Long Island's production for this year with an increase of 6,000,000 bushels over same period last year. Local market in sympathy with the producing centers kept a firm tone to which also contributed New York's eventual impossibility to fill orders from Cuba.

"Offers from Canada are commencing to reach Havana buyers at figures substantially lower than New York prices and it is expected that Cuba will buy her entire requirements from Eastern Canada inasmuch as crop reports from New Brunswick and other sections show a very high creage, while figures from Maine producing centers show poor results this season.

"The Canadian exports of potatoes to Cuba have already begun and news reaching Havana from Canadian sources anticipate a record season considering the splendid crop obtained at various sections but principally that of New Brunswick. According to our figures from September, 1925 to June 1926, the imports of Canadian potatoes through Havana show the following figures: Sacks 601,247 Barrels 216,197 Sundry packages 81,634

Heavy Traffic in New England.
On account of heavy traffic in New England it was necessary to split the train due in this Province at noon today into two sections. Passengers were forwarded and express matter and mail was left until later. They are due tonight.