

His Majesty is Making Slow Progress Towards Recovery

Only One Bulletin a Day is Now Considered Necessary—The King Passed a Quiet Night and His Condition Today is Unchanged—Another Bulletin This Evening.

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

LONDON, Dec. 27—King George continued to make slow progress to ultimate recovery today. News from the Palace that only one bulletin would be issued today was interpreted as meaning that the King's progress is at present so slow that the little change between the morning and evening bulletins makes two daily statements unnecessary.

The King passed a quiet night and palace officials told the United Press that his condition was unchanged. The bulletin issued at 8.15 a. m. yesterday said.

"His Majesty had a quiet day. The slow progress in the general and local condition is maintained. No bulletin will be issued until tomorrow evening.

"(Sgd.) STANLEY HEWETT,
"HUGH RIGBY,
"DAWSON OF PENN."

PAYS TRIBUTE TO THE LATE T. W. PURVIS

Former Resident of This City and Millville Passed Away at the Advanced Age of Ninety Two Years.

A Gagetown correspondent writes to The Mail under date of December 26th:

The death took place at the home at Gagetown on Dec. 18th of Mr. Thomas W. Purvis, at the advanced age of 92 years. His wife, to whom he had been married 67 years, predeceased him by a little over two years. The remains were taken to Fredericton and interred in the Rural Cemetery beside those of his wife and adopted daughter and niece, Miss Kate Purvis. Mr. Purvis was a native of Gagetown but had spent the greater part of his life in Carleton and York Counties. He had also lived some years in Fredericton. In his early life, he worked as a carpenter and had builded and helped to build many churches in Carleton County and elsewhere in the province. Later he went into business at Millville, York County and for many years conducted a general store and hotel at that place.

The late Mr. Purvis had a wide circle of friends and acquaintances and his home was known as a centre of hospitality. Retiring from business he moved to Fredericton some seventeen or eighteen years ago, where he lived a number of years, eventually removing to Benton, Carleton County where he engaged in business. Following the death of his wife in 1925, Mr. Purvis came to Gagetown to spend his remaining years with relatives. A staunch Liberal in politics, a United Baptist in faith and a man of sterling character, who lived an honest and upright life, he was well and favorably known and highly respected and his death has severed one of the links that bind the past to the present.

Gilda Gray, home from Europe, says: "This business of divorce is silly and unimportant." Gilda Gray, as many know, is the woman who could shiver from excessive cold and nobody would believe her.

THE MILITARY OF CHINA MAY BE CURTAILED

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

Nanking, China, Dec. 27—The meeting of the conference of Chinese leaders to consider military disbandment which was scheduled for yesterday has been postponed until next week pending the arrival of some of the most prominent military heads.

The conferences action in postponing the session which regarded as an important step in securing possible reduction of Chinese troops which would strengthen the government's position by eliminating the possibility of factions opening hostilities against the Nationalists.

EMISSARIES FROM RUSSIA TO VISIT U.S.

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

Berlin, Dec. 27—After delays and difficulties, two of the most important Soviet officials will sail January 2, from Cherbourg for New York aboard the S. S. Muretania to conduct significant negotiations in the United States, the United Press learned today.

Aaron Scheimann, President of the Soviet state bank and Valery Myshlauk, Vice-President of the Soviet Supreme Economic Council, have completed arrangements for their trip to America after being delayed here by illness and refusals of visas.

EARTHQUAKE CAUSED PANIC IN ROUMANIA

Sofia, Dec. 27—Inhabitants of the cities of Boris-Sograd and Tschirpan in eastern Roumania, fled in panic to the countryside when an earthquake caused walls to crack and chimneys to collapse today. The inhabitants camped in the deep snow of the fields, fearing to return to their homes.

SOME RADIO PROGRAMS FOR FRIDAY NIGHT

The outstanding features in the radio broadcasting service for Friday evening are as follows:

FRIDAY'S BEST FEATURES.
Great Moments in History—WJZ Network.

Wrigley Review—WJZ Network.
True Story Hour—WOR Network.
Cities Service Hour—WEAF Network.

United Opera Co.—Bizet's "Pearl Fishers" (WOR Network.)

The programs from stations most easily picked up by local fans are given as follows in Eastern Standard Time:

WLW, CINCINNATI.
6:20—Markets; "Diners".
7:30—Programs from WJZ.

11:00—Slumber music.
12:00—Popular varieties.
CFCF, MONTREAL.

7:00—Battle's Orchestra.
8:00—Chocolatetown Carnival.
9:00—Fournier Hour; Serenade.

11:00—Denny's Orchestra.
WOR, NEWARK.
6:00—Dinner music; Sports.

8:00—United Opera Company in Bizet's "Pearl Fishers."
9:00—True Story Hour.

10:00—"Then and Now."
10:30—The Crystal Gazer.

11:00—News; Dance program.
WEAF, NEW YORK.

6:00—Waldorf Dinner music.
7:00—Happy Wonder Bakers.
7:30—Happiness Boys.

8:00—Cities Service Orchestra.
9:00—"An Evening in Paris."
9:30—"Rapid Transit."

10:00—NBC Special Hour.
11:00—St. Regis Orchestra.
WJZ, NEW YORK.

6:00—Orchestra; Landt Trio.
7:00—Great Moments in History.
7:30—Dixie Circus.

8:00—Interwoven Entertainers.
8:30—Armstrong Quakers.
9:00—Wrigley Review.

9:30—Nightingale and the Rose.
10:00—Stromberg-Carlson Sextet.
10:30—Fifth Avenue Knights.

11:00—Slumber music.
KDKA, PITTSBURGH.

6:00—Concert program; News.
7:30—Complete from WJZ.
10:30—Wm. Penn Orchestra.

WGY, SCHENECTADY.
6:00—Reports; Dinner music.
7:30—General Electric Hour.

8:30—WGY Musicale.
9:00—Programs from WEAF.
9:30—WGY Players.

10:30—Program from WEAF.
WBZ, SPRINGFIELD.

6:00—Reports; Pals; Ramblers.
7:30—Programs from WJZ.
10:30—News; Dance music.

CKGW, TORONTO.
7:00—Hamilton Dinner Orchestra.
8:00—Chocolatetown Carnival.

9:00—O'Keefe's Sparklers.
10:00—Kroehler Strollers.
11:00—Romanelli's Orchestra.

BELGIAN HEIR TO STUDY RULE IN DUTCH INDIES

Brussels, Dec. 27—Prince Leopold heir to the Belgian throne, will shortly visit the Netherlands Indies, to study the economic and social problems of this rich Dutch possession. He is interested in colonial affairs and dealt with the welfare of colored populations in his first speech in the Belgian Senate. The date of his trip to the Indies has not yet been fixed, nor has it been decided whether Princess Astrid will accompany him.

SIX MEMBERS OF ONE FAMILY WERE KILLED

Auto Containing Christmas Party Hit by Soo Train

TRAGEDY NEAR CHICAGO

Rain Obscured the Visions of Car Driver and Engineer.

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

Chicago, Dec. 27—Six members of one family were killed and another probably fatally injured early today when the automobile in which they were returning from a Christmas party was hit by a Soo line passenger train in Oak Park, a suburb.

The accident occurred in a rain that obscured the visions of both the driver of the car and the engineer of the train.

NEW GOVERNOR WRITES NOTE OF APPRECIATION

His Worship Mayor Clark is in receipt of the following from Major General H. H. McLean, who is to be sworn in tomorrow as Lieutenant Governor: "The Grove", Rotheray, N. B. December 22nd, 1928.

W. G. Clark, Esq., Mayor of The City of Fredericton.

Your Worship: On my return home from Ottawa I received your telegram with the resolution passed by City Council of the City of Fredericton.

The kind and flattering expressions contained in the resolution are most gratifying to me. Please accept for yourself and convey to the Council my sincere thanks for the good wishes and congratulations on my appointment as Lieutenant Governor. I shall try to the best of my ability to carry out the duties of the office to the satisfaction of the people of New Brunswick.

It will be a great pleasure to me to return to my native City where I spent so many days.

I shall convey to His Excellency The Governor General that part of the resolution referring to the loyalty of the citizens of Fredericton and their regrets at the serious illness of His Gracious Majesty with the hope that he may soon be restored to health.

I have the honour to be Sir Your obedient Servant
HUGH H. McLEAN

AIRPLANE DROP IS RECIPE FOR THE HICCUGHS

San Francisco, Dec. 27—An airplane ride in which a drop of 4000 feet will be featured is being planned at San Joaquin, Cal., as a possible cure for a case of hiccoughs.

Wayne Ross, son of Sam M. Ross local rancher, is the patient. He had influenza and started to hiccough. Medical attempts to give him relief failed. Dr. J. C. Drake said he believed an airplane ride, with a drop of at least 4000 feet, might effect a cure.

The Official Secretary.

It is understood that Mr. R. S. Barker has been appointed official secretary to the new Lieutenant Governor. Mr. Barker is well qualified for the duties of the office having served as secretary of seven chief executives in the past thirty years.

Communists in China Are Likely to Make Trouble Before Long

Uprisings are Expected to Occur Shortly and the Authorities Have Adopted Unusual Precautions to Avoid Serious Outbreaks—Passengers on Danish Ships Detained by Soldiers.

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

SHANGHAI, Dec. 27—Communist uprisings in Shanghai and other cities are expected to occur shortly and the authorities have adopted unusual precautions to avoid serious outbreaks.

Fifty two passengers of the Danish chartered ship Hsin-Pinang were detained by soldiers who boarded the vessel today. Those detained were mostly Chinese laborers returning from Russia. One was a Russian suspected of being a Communist agitator.

Two coffins containing propaganda pamphlets and revolvers were confiscated.

WELL KNOWN JUNCTION MAN PASSES AWAY

The death took place at Fredericton Junction at an early hour this morning of Archibald M. Clarke for many years bridge and building foreman on the C. P. R. and a man well and favorably known in that section of the country. The late Mr. Clarke who retired from the C. P. R. service about three years ago owing to ill health, is survived by his widow formerly Mrs. Ellen F. Patterson; three sons, Arlington Clarke of Springhill, York County, Robert with the C. P. R. at West St. John and James, employed with the Bangor and Aroostook Railway at Houlton, Me., and four daughters Misses Florence and Mary Clarke of Boston and Grace and Ida at home.

The deceased was a member of Sunbury Lodge, No. 42, F. & A. M. and was also a Forester.

The funeral will be held on Sunday afternoon at two o'clock from his late home at Fredericton Junction and will be under the auspices of the Masonic Lodge. Services will be conducted at the Baptist Church by Rev. W. B. Crowell and interment at Fredericton Junction cemetery.

BENEVOLENCE OF KING GEORGE PRAISED BY POPE

Rome, Dec. 26—All the Cardinals in Rome called upon Pope Pius to present their Christmas greetings, in accordance with century-old tradition.

The Pontiff, who, this year, completes fifty years of his ministry, touches on the illness of King George and the apparent averting of hostilities between Paraguay and Bolivia as the main points in his address to the Cardinals.

Of King George, the Pope said: "We have been afraid and prayed for a life of a sovereign who came so courteously to visit us, here—a sovereign in whose empire, the largest in the world, so many millions of Catholics live and prosper in all forms of a Catholic's life as the Eucharistic Congress at Australia so recently has shown. We have feared and prayed for the life of this sovereign who has shown himself so well disposed and benevolent towards all these Catholics and now Divine Providence seems to confirm us in our hope of his early return to perfect health."

PROHIBITION IN THE U. S. IS NOT A SUCCESS

Number of Arrests For Drunkenness Have Greatly Increased in Eight Years.

New York, Dec. 26—A survey by the Moderation League, made public today, says that police records in 388 cities, show that arrests for intoxication rose from 235,612 in 1920 to 557,369 in 1927.

The fourth annual report of the league which has for its announced aim "the restoration of temperance," declares that figures have brought the organization to the conclusion that the Volstead Act has "failed utterly to what it was intended to do, namely, promote "temperance and sobriety."

Total Arrests.

Tables of total arrests by years in the 388 cities as are compiled in the report, indicate a decline in arrests for drunkenness, beginning in 1914, when the figure stood at 530,367, to 235,612 in 1920, the year national prohibition went into effect. An exception in the decline is noted in 1916, with 559,364 arrests for drunkenness, which is explained in the League report as the result of the pre-war prosperity boom.

Beginning with 1921, the table shows rapid annual increases in the number of arrests from 319,528 to 557,369. The report declares that a marked increase in drinking by minors has been noted throughout the period.

The increase in arrests for intoxication in New York, the report says, has been at a slower rate than in other centres from which figures were drawn. Birmingham, Ala., and Atlanta, Ga., both show increases of 500 per cent for the period.

Dry States.

The figures, the report goes on, indicate a greater jump in states which were dry before national prohibition than in the so-called wet states. Police reports from 268 cities where liquor was sold legally, prior to 1920, gave 424,295 arrests in 1914, as against 423,042 in 1927.

In 1920 cities in states that had dry laws, before the passage the 18th amendment the league says, the figures show an increase from 106,072 in 1914 to 134,327 in 1927.

Miss Jessie Cumming who spent Christmas with her parents in this city returned to Montreal yesterday. Miss Jennie Allen of Saint John is visiting relatives in the city.