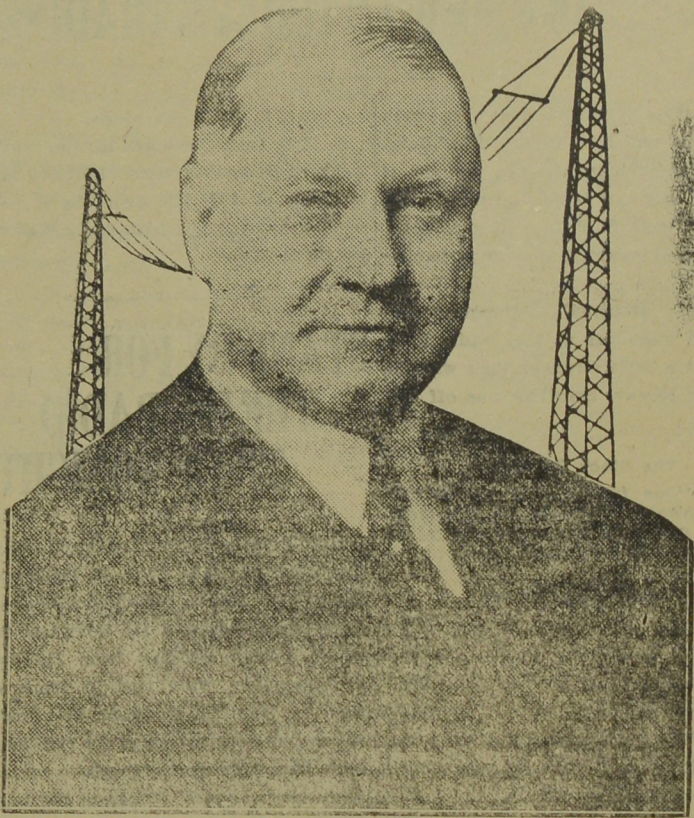


TRANS-CONTINENTAL HOOK-UP DECEMBER 27



Sir Henry Thornton, K. B. E., Chairman and President, Canadian National Railways and Canadian National Steamships, Ltd., will broadcast an address in the transcontinental hook-up of all the radio stations of the National system on Thursday night, December 27. This will include stations at Moncton, Quebec, Montreal, Ottawa, Toronto, Winnipeg, Regina, Calgary, Saskatoon, Edmonton and Vancouver. In the Maritime Provinces stations CIMS, Halifax, CGBO, Saint John and CNEP, Fredericton, will be tied in with CNRA, Montreal. A special programme has been arranged, in which outstanding artists will participate. Sir Henry's address will be broadcast at 12 o'clock midnight and will continue until 1 p.m. Atlantic time.

GIRL TELLS SANTA, BROTHER TOOK ORDER

Rochester, N. Y., Dec. 26—Santa Claus has lost some of his prestige, so far as one sophisticated three-year-old miss in this city is concerned. The little girl was visiting the toy department of a local store and while her mother made a purchase, gazed with a look of mingled puzzlement and suspicion at the red-garbed, be-whiskered patron saint of the department. "Well, little girl," Santa Claus asked with traditional air of comaraderie, "Just what can I bring you for Christmas?" "I won't tell you," the little one replied, just a trifle annoyed. "I told your brother a little while ago just what I want and he's going to get them for me."

He—Miss Wilburnham, for your sake I would walk to the end of the earth if you desired.

She—If I didn't know the earth was round, Mr. Harrington, I would certainly ask you to start right away.

MILLIONS ARE INVOLVED IN CIRCUS MERGER

Ponca City, Okla., Dec. 24—The American Circus Corporation, a combination of five of the country's leading circus organizations have been formed here. "The shows included in the ideal," Zack Miller of the 101 Ranch Circus said, "are the Hagenback-Wallace, the Sells-Floto, the Sparks, the John Robinson and the 101 Ranch shows. They were brought together under a holding company, but it is improbable that the individual make-up of any of the shows will be affected."

Officers of the organization have not been chosen, Mr. Miller said, and this action probably will not be taken for several weeks. A board of directors, and officers of the new corporation will be selected.

The transaction is believed to involve property valued at millions of dollars. Mr. Miller said he was not at liberty to estimate the figure.

"Is your kitchen small?" "Is it? Why, it's so small we have to use condensed milk."

SAW DEVIL JUMP INTO SEA PUT AN END TO A MUTINY

Honolulu, T. H., Dec. 16—(Superstitions of Chinese sailors on the motor ship Carriso, which threatened for a time to bring on mutiny, have been satisfied by the report that one of the Orientals saw the "devil" that had brought them trouble jump overboard. The Carriso sailed for San Francisco last night, leaving behind the "devils" which beset Wong Ahichung, fireman and caused him to jump overboard. "At first we didn't know what was wrong with the crew after Wong disappeared when we were one day out of the Gilbert Islands," Capt. E. R. Connell of the Carriso said. The Chinese were unmanageable and we finally obtained an explanation that there were devils aboard. We might have driven the devils off the ship with some firecrackers, but of course we did not have any. "When we asked to see the devils the Chinese told us white men could not see them, only Chinese were able to do that. It was certainly a relief when the crew informed us one of their number had seen a devil jump overboard."

Fireman Jumps Into Sea

Shortly after the Carriso left here for its journey to the Gilbert Islands and return Wong jumped into the ocean. He left a note saying he would return in five years. Officers

of the ship ordered a search for his body, but did not find it. The suicide and note affected the imagination of the Chinese sailors and they were certain the boat had been haunted with devils. They emphatically refused to enter dark holds or other secluded places. The Chinese remained comparatively calm, however, until the Carriso reached the vicinity of a "submerged volcano" about 500 miles south of Samoa. The seas, agitated by the volcano, were boisterous. For more than five hours the ship passed through the "boiling pumice" and the officers had extreme difficulty in preventing an uprising. Police Called Thursday night the situation became so serious that the officers sent a message to local police to meet the boat when it arrived here. They were afraid the Chinese would desert and they would be liable for violation of immigration laws. But when one of the seamen's leaders swore he had seen the "devil" leap from the vessel's deck police aid was no longer necessary. The Carriso is a motor ship owned by the Rolph Line of San Francisco. It carries a crew of 36 men. In 1924 the Carriso ran into a small Sargasso Sea. Its propellers were stopped by the thick kelp and it had to be towed 150 miles by the liner Sierra.

OPENING OF LONDON COURTS COLORFUL SCENE

The picturesque opening of the Michaelmas term of the London Law Courts, with the great gothic hall a pageant of color as the judges march through in procession, clad in their scarlet and ermine, and the Lords of Appeal in black and gold, is described in "The London Daily Mail."

The judges were headed by Lord Hailsham, the Lord Chancellor, who made his first appearance as the head of the English Judiciary. The general impression is that this signalizes the return to work after the law had taken a leisurely two months' holiday. Few people recognize that the 1,100 rooms of that vast and complex building have been occupied most of the time by almost as many people. They take the ordinary two or three weeks' holiday, and the rest of the time they are to be found at their work in offices and various departments which include a permanent staff maintained by the office of works, a printing press in the basement, and a blacksmith's shop which is always kept busy on the running repairs needed in the huge building. The 120 attendants are at work or patrolling the building, the ushers are mostly to be found in the neighborhood of their courts, and even the police are there, though the public whom they serve may not be. The position of the police is so peculiar that the question has been asked: Can any one be arrested in the Law Courts? There is little doubt that, although the Law Courts are classed as royal palaces, people would be arrested in them should the necessity arise. At least, they would be escorted to an exit and there arrested. The police first came to the courts when conditions were much more troublous. When the courts were opened in December, 1882, the Fenians had already committed many serious crimes in London and at first, for the protection of the new building against possible dynamite plots, a company of the guards was stationed in that portion which now serves as the attendants' messroom. Soldiers were superseded by the police, who, although supposed to have no real standing within the building, fulfill a multitude of offices. No judge steps into the building or out of it without being watched, although this work is done so unobtrusively that he may not be aware of it. He never has to wait for traffic. The Law Courts police make it wait for him. Contentious litigants who have to often waste the time of the courts are known and are

gently but firmly "sidetracked" when they arrive again. In important criminal appearances, where the public gallery may contain an appellant's friend with a pocket full of stones, there are plainclothes men among the crowd and any attempt to throw a missile would have small chance to succeed. A prominent produce dealer warns the public that it would be unwise to put off buying their Christmas turkey any longer as the prospects are for a rush to buy with supplies by no means excessive. The weather has not been conducive to turkey buying and trade has been a little slow but now that the weather is likely to become more reasonable the outlook is for a rush which may inconvenience the late buyers. The prospects under the circumstances are for stiffer prices and the late comer may have to pay more

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