

# DOES CONFEDERATION STILL EXIST?

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Weather: Fair and cold; Thursday,  
cloudy, with rising temperature

## RELIGIOUS WARS WILL BE BANNED FROM CANADIAN BROADCASTING CORPORATION

### Each Canadian Province is a Sovereign State

No Confederation in Canada Since Passing of  
Westminster Statute

Says B. N. A. Act is Suspended

Such is Startling Claim Made by Western Member  
of Parliament

Has the Canadian parliament, including the Senate and the House of Commons any legal existence? Or did such legal existence cease on December 11, 1931? There is now a claim made that the Senate died a legal death when the Statute of Westminster became law, and that the Senate has certainly no veto power since that date. It is also claimed that since the Statute of Westminster was passed each Canadian province has been a sovereign state, complete with autonomous powers of unlimited dimension. It is also claimed that there has been no confederation in Canada since the passage of the statute, and that parliament has no right to pass laws. It is further claimed that the sovereign statutes came to Canada by virtue of the Statute of Westminster but neither prior to it nor since have the provinces agreed to federate. This transfers sovereign powers to the provinces, not the Dominion parliament, which has no powers to operate.

This at least is the opinion of Walter Kuhl, Social Credit member of parliament for Jasper, as expressed a few days ago at a Social Credit conference. According to Mr. Kuhl, there is nothing to stop Alberta, or any other province from coining money, or taking any other legal step which ordinarily would be illegal for a province under the British North America Act. He claims that the B. N. A. Act was suspended by the Statute of Westminster because the provinces had never federated. He claims that it is useless for parliament to meet on January 14 because the parliament doesn't exist and has no power to pass laws.

At Ottawa, government ministers refrained from making comment in regard to this claim until they had an opportunity of more complete examination of the Statute of Westminster.

### CANADIAN PROGRAMS, NEW CONTROL AREAS FOR C.B.C.—ATTACKS ON OTHER RELIGIONS WILL NOT BE PERMITTED

OTTAWA, Dec. 23—Establishment of five regional control centres for Canadian broadcasting services, initiation of a three or five-year engineering programme to complete and improve coverage, and a ban on religious "wars" on the air, were some of the policies announced today by the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation.

Following a meeting of the nine members of the board of governors, W. Gladstone Murray, general manager for the corporation, issued a statement indicating future courses of action decided upon by the board. Decentralization of control is expected to bring about more flexibility, the general manager stated, and regional areas will be set up in the Maritime Provinces, Quebec, Ontario, the Prairie Provinces and British Columbia.

It was decided also the corporation would embark upon a distinctively Canadian programme scheme, estab-

### EXILED BOLSHEVIST LEADER SECRETED AWAY TO MEXICO

OSLO, Norway, Dec. 23—Leon Trotsky, exiled Bolshevik leader, was on route tonight to Vera Cruz, Mexico, accompanied by his wife and an armed guard.

An official announcement disclosed the exile and his wife, under cover of darkness last Saturday, were placed on board a ship which sailed immediately for Vera Cruz.

### The Insurgents Will Start School For Flying

(Special to The Daily Mail)  
MADRID, Dec. 23—No operations are reported today on the Madrid front in the Spanish civil war. Both sides have lately been holding conferences. Reports state that the insurgents are to start a flying school with volunteer Italians for instructors and pilots.

### Germans May Not Leave Germany Without Consent

BERLIN, Dec. 23—Germany in explaining her colonial demands today stated that she wanted an overseas Germany providing that it could be built up without tramping on anybody's toes.

On sale between 7 and 10 o'clock tonight, semi-service hose at 69 cents. Mrs. J. E. Johnston.

### The Christmas Spirit

PLANS are completed for the Community Christmas tree programme which will take place tomorrow evening, Thursday, commencing promptly at seven o'clock. Community singing of carols will be led by a special children's choir of about 150 voices under the direction of the chairman of the "Y's" Men's music committee. At 7.30 o'clock Santa Claus, drawn by three horses, will arrive at the tree in front of the Normal School. He will have a special Christmas Eve's treat for the children of the Fredericton district. He has announced that he will bring 1,000 bags of candy to be distributed amongst the children. The children should be accompanied by their parents. Santa Claus will speak over the microphone to the boys and girls. The children will sing their carols and the words will be flashed on a screen so that both parents and children may join in the singing.

The idea of the "Y" in arranging for this tree is a good one and evidence of a fine community spirit. This tree is mostly for the enjoyment of the children and it is hoped that they will be provided for. It is hoped that the little Christmas treat which is to be provided for the children will be carried out in an organized manner so that none of the children will be disappointed.

There is a magical pause, a mysterious something in the air, an awakening of man's best and sweetest instincts as the Yuletide carols ring out the hallowed words: "Peace on earth, good will toward men." A pause when even the most sullen, forbidding, hard-hearted person feels an urge of the soul within him, to join in the merry festival of Christmas.

Then, too, there is magic in red holly berries, gray green branches and the perfume of woody evergreens, melting wax and the burning log. How mysteriously they recall sweet thoughts of long ago to the elders! How they fill the hearts of playful children with joyous delight!

Christmas is the significance of childhood, for almost two thousand years ago the Christ Child brought the redeeming message of love to the world. Love that keeps the little flame of hope burning; love that gives patience and courage to endure the problems of life; love that prompts the giving and receiving of gifts.

When Wise Men of the East, men of profound learning saw a brilliant star and followed it, they found this little messenger of love in his crude and humble resting place, and they laid their most precious gifts before him.

These gifts were highly symbolical. Gold to a King, the King of Love and Humanity. Frankincense to a Divinity, the God of human needs. Myrrh for a man, and for the sorrow that redeems. This they recognized in a little Child, the King, the Divine and the Man.

As we commemorate Christ's birth each Yuletide, there is a radiant warmth and spirit of love in the giving and receiving of gifts; we pay homage and reverence to our King, our God and our Redeemer.

Christmas, which seems to have been first officially instituted a church feast day by a decree of Pope Telesphorus, between 142 A.D. and 154 A.D., was a movable feast. Indeed, it was the most movable of all the Christian festivals. It was usually celebrated by the eastern branches of the Christian church in April or May, while in the western part of Europe days in January or other months were observed as Christmas.

In A.D. 337 St. Cyril, bishop of Jerusalem, obtained from Pope Julius I authority to appoint a commission to determine, if possible, the precise day of Christ's nativity. From the chronological archives of the Roman emperors, establishing the times of occurrence of certain events of the same period of the Roman government of Palestine, the theologians of the eastern and western divisions of the Christian church agreed upon December 25 as the date of the birth of Jesus, and thereupon this became the officially decreed and generally accepted Christmas Day.

### Trotsky in Mexico if He Refrains From Communist Work

(Special to The Daily Mail)

OSLO, Dec. 23—Leon Trotsky exiled Russian Bolshevik leader today left Norway for Mexico. The Norwegian minister said that Trotsky had not been expelled. The former Russian leader has been extended hospitality in Mexico with the stipulation that he may reside in Mexico so long as he doesn't start Communist operations.

### British Legation At Cairo is Now an Embassy

(Special to The Daily Mail)

LONDON, Dec. 23—The British Legation at Cairo, Egypt, has been changed to an Embassy. Instead of military guides there will be three Egyptian police in charge. The Egyptian Legation in London has also been changed to an Embassy.

Women have always been the superior of men—Sir Charles Higham.

### BOOM AROUND THE CORNER SAYS ONT. OBSERVER

Crops and Prices Good  
-- Will Start Wheels  
Going Again

OTTAWA, Dec. 23—Bountiful crops and good prices next year will do more than anything else to complete Canadian Recovery. "Western wheat makes Eastern concrete," according to a competent Ontario observer who knows what makes the wheels go round. If the prairie grain growers and the Eastern Canadian farmers are well off, the whole country prospers, but if the farmer's purse is lean everybody feels the pinch.

Take the construction industry. In 1929 just before the depression struck, Canada spent \$576 million in all kinds of construction work, railway branch lines, power plants, theatres, banks, skyscrapers, Government buildings. Last year the total spent on construction was but \$160,000,000.

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### Non-Intervention Committee Expect Something Definite

(Special to The Daily Mail)

LONDON, Dec. 23—The non-intervention committee discussed the situation in regard to the supervision of the Spanish situation. The talks were highly favorable. Each member is to report back to his government and if the proposals are accepted it is hoped that the suggestions will go into effect as soon as possible.

Both sides of the Spanish civil war are to be notified of the move. They will be asked for their co-operation, and if the desired results are obtained something definite will have been accomplished in ten days time.

### Exchange of Wares Between Britain and Germany Agreed Upon, Similar Barter Trade Hoped With Other Powers

### SANTA CLAUS SIGNS TELEGRAMS FROM NORTH POLE

MONCTON, Dec. 23—Santa Claus, though an ancient old chap, finds it necessary to keep pace with the times in order to fulfill his obligations to the vast multitude of his little folks and in so doing uses all means of modern inventions in transportation and communication to reach the many boys and girls which each year are being added to his calling list.

An idea which has been of great assistance to Santa Claus is the use of the telegraph in sending messages to his little friends. The two telegraph companies have this year made provisions so that parents can arrange for Santa Claus to send messages a day or so before Christmas and in some cases he send the kiddies messages at any parties which they may be holding about Christmas time.

All that Daddy or Mother has to do is to get in touch with the nearest telegraph office and the matter will be attended to.

Last year from reports received by telegraph companies, the kiddies were overjoyed at hearing from their universal friend and when the telegraph messenger arrived at the door with the message from Santa Claus stating that he would be calling around on Christmas Eve, great joy was brought to the hearts of the children. The messages are dated at the "North Pole" and Santa Claus signs them himself.

### Dictatorship is Facing Cuba; Expect To Oust Gomez

Impeachment Proceedings Are Started Against  
President

Batista Still "Strong Man"

Pistols Drawn in House When Veto Fight  
Becomes Heated

### GOVERNMENT AND REBEL FORCES SEEK TO AGREE

(Special to The Daily Mail)

MADRID, Dec. 23—The Spanish government and the insurgent forces are endeavoring to get together and co-operate in regard to the selling and preserving of Spanish art treasures. These are to be sold only by mutual consent. Many already have been destroyed.

### Hopes Held Out For Release Chinese Prime Minister

(Special to The Daily Mail)

NANKING, Dec. 23—Government operations have now been suspended for three days. Definite hopes are now held out for overcoming the rebellion by parley. It is thought that the Prime Minister will soon be released.

HAVANA, Dec. 23—The Cuban Senate convened shortly after 1 p.m. today and constituted itself a court of impeachment to try President Miguel Mariano Gomez on charges of maladministration.

The impeachment charges were read and the president of the Senate, Arturo Illas, declared the body convened as a trial tribunal.

A committee of Senators escorted the aged Juan Federico Edelmann, president of the Supreme Court, to the Senate chamber.

The president has 24 hours to prepare his answer and his supporters gave assurance that he would appear without fail to defend himself in person.

Government circles regarded his removal from office as certain, estimating that 26 of the 36 Senators will sustain the Lower Chambers vote of impeachment.

The President, thus, apparently, has lost out in his fight to curb the powers of Col. Fulgencio Batista, strong man of the army and power behind the scenes. The issue came to a

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### Queries From Germany as to Britain's Attitude Regarding the German Colonial Policy.

LONDON, Dec. 23—Government approval was gained from both Britain and Germany for two "barter" companies which have been established to facilitate the exchange of German goods for British goods.

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### Imperial Airways From London to S. Africa to Save From 10 to 15 Days

(Special to The Daily Mail)

LONDON, Dec. 23—A possible saving in British mail from London to South Africa of from ten to fifteen days can be effected by the Imperial Airways. The mail would be shipped by Imperial Airways from London to Egypt and then by Italian Air Lines to South Africa thus saving from ten to fifteen days.

### British Mail to United States Late For Xmas

(Special to The Daily Mail)

LONDON, Dec. 23—The United States from Europe will not reach its destination in time for Christmas. The Queen Mary has been held up by terrific gales fourteen hours and other vessels have lost from eighteen to twenty-four hours.

### WORST COAL MINE DISASTER IN 30 YEARS IN MEXICO

Reports from the Mexican coal disaster today state that forty-one miners have been killed. The coal mine is situated at about one hundred miles below the United States border.

TORREON, Coahuila, Mexico, Dec. 23—Forty-seven bodies had been recovered tonight from the number one shaft of mine number six of the Rosita Coal Mine at Rosita, Coahuila, where an explosion occurred this morning.

Communication with the little mining village, 225 miles northeast of this city, was effected over the lines of the national railways.

It was stated bodies of other miners were believed to be in the mine. Escaping gas fumes hampered rescue work.

Twenty-eight miners were brought out of the smoking shaft suffering injuries or gas poisoning and it was feared some of them would die.

The disaster was the worst in the last 30 years in northern Mexico's rich coal mining region. The explosion occurred during the morning when the greatest number of miners was at work.

Telephone advices from Rosita said there were tragic scenes about the shaft head as weeping wives and relatives waited while the men, dead and injured, were brought out of the mine.