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Chinese armies contended today.
The Nanking government announced the rebel leader, Marshal Chang Hsueh-liang, would be given a "final chance" to release unharmed the generalissimo, his prisoner since last Friday.

But the government, nevertheless, ordered the start of a punitive expedition against the rebel marshal, throwing some of China's finest fighting units into the disturbed north-western areas.

Eight or 10 government divisions, estimated to total 75,000 men, already were operating on the Shensi front, and an indecisive clash between loyal and rebel troops west of Stan-fu was reported.

Nanking officialdom persisted in its contention that General Chiang still was alive and well at Sian-fu.

"The government understands the generalissimo is safe and in good spirits," said T. T. LV., spokesman for the Foreign Office at Nanking.

Leading vernacular newspapers in 19 cities eulogized Chiang as the "leader of a nation of 400,000,000, in whom all repose their implicit confidence; in whose hands lies the fate of a country with 5,000 years of history."

Wherever one went early this morning, there was but one question: "Is the generalissimo safe?"

In Outer Mongolia

BERLIN, Dec. 16.—Russia is preparing for war in Outer Mongolia, the Moscow correspondent of the Berlin newspaper, Angriff reported today.

Under banner headlines, the correspondent reported the Trans-Siberian Railway was crowded with trains jammed with Soviet troops and war material en route to Outer Mongolia.

Regular trains are sidetracked for the war traffic, Der Angriff stated. The movements indicate the Soviets are convinced a conflict is likely in Outer Mongolia, and not the Amur River valley to the east, the correspondent commented.

Rebukes

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dinner parties and often frequented night clubs.

The words of the Archbishop which particularly irked Edward's friends were:

"It is even more strange and sad that he (Edward) should have sought his happiness within a social circle whose standards and ways of life are alien to all the best instincts and traditions of his people."

"Let those who belong to this circle know that today they stand rebuked by the judgment of a nation which had loved King Edward."

One of the former King's friends, a member of the 'circle,' told the United Press:

"In my opinion, Canterbury, who loathes Edward, is really striking at him through his friends. Actually the 'King's set' emphatically does not deserve such reckless words of condemnation."

"If the Archbishop is really gunning for fashionable immorality, it is a pity he never noticed the post-war, wholly English 'bright young people' whose wild parties, gate-crashings and midnight bathing broke into the newspapers for several years, whereas the smart entertainments of the 'older married set' which attracted the then Prince of Wales, were conventional, even if jolly. I do not know what justification he has for such a wholesale condemnation."

BATH OF 49 YEARS NOT HARMFUL TO RIFLE

CONSTANCE, Sask., Dec. 17.—In almost as good condition as when he dropped it from a boat into Fife Lake in 1917, Westly Grant's rifle hung in his home here tonight. He found it when walking along the shore recently.

RETIRING SOON

HALIFAX, Dec. 17.—W. R. F. Maurice, superintendent of the Halifax Division of the C.N.R., who celebrated his 50th year of railroadng last May, will retire December 31st.

SOCIAL HAPPENINGS

In honor of the twelfth birthday of her son Edwin, Mrs. Roy S. Graham, University avenue, entertained yesterday afternoon at a Christmas dinner party. The house was artistically decorated in keeping with the Christmas season, the table being centred with a miniature Christmas tree. The young guests present included Gordon Simpson, Jimmy and Billy Gibson, Philip Mavor, Philip Bailey, Harold Good, Douglas Chapman, Ronald Cameron and Henry Durost. After dinner games were played.

Miss Elizabeth Theed, of Summerland, B.C., who has been visiting relatives in England is arriving at Saint John by the Montclare and will visit Mrs. Hugh Mackay in Rothesay.

Miss Barbara Douglas entertained at her home last evening, prior to the departure for their home for the Christmas holidays, some of the freshettes at U.N.B.

Miss Frances Kitchen arrived home today from Rothesay where she is a student at Netherwoods School for Girls. Miss Kitchen will spend the Christmas holidays with her grandmother, Mrs. A. B. Kitchen, and her father, Walter Kitchen.

Robert (Bobby) Porter, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Porter, who is a medical student at McGill University, is expected home tomorrow to spend the Christmas season with his parents in the city.

E. J. Simpson, of Newcastle, is a guest at the Queen Hotel.

Lady Tweedsmuir had the honor of being received by Queen Mary on December 1, at Marlborough House.

The Earl and Countess of Bessborough leave London this week for Stansted Park, Rowlands Castle, Hants.

A Labrador ball, under the patronage of Their Majesties the King and Queen, then the Duke and Duchess of York, was held at the Dorchester Hotel in London on December 9. The Countess of Shrewsbury was chairman, and the ball was held in aid of Sir Wilfred Grenfell's medical work among the English-speaking fishermen in Labrador and Northern Newfoundland. An exhibition of woven goods, ivory carvings, and toys made in Labrador was a special feature and a miniature Labrador Exhibition was arranged by the Hudson Bay Company. Lady Allardice and Mrs. Warren Pearl were deputy chairmen, Mrs. Peter Heber Percy was vice-chairman, and Lady Joan CechwyndTalbot was chairman of the junior committee.

Among the students expected home today from Rothesay to spend the Christmas holidays with their parents are Miss Lella MacKenzie, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John M. MacKenzie, and Miss Doretha Claridge, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. F. B. Claridge, who will spend the holidays with her grandparents. Most Rev. Archbishop and Mrs. Richardson at Bishop's Court.

Mrs. J. Bacon Dickson recently entertained at a small bridge party at her home on Waterloo Row.

Editor of the Montreal Gazette Seriously Ill

(Special to The Daily Mail)
MONTREAL, Dec. 17.—Senator Richard White, publisher of the Montreal Gazette, is seriously ill with pneumonia. It is reported that not much hope is entertained for his recovery.

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before was blamed by Dr. Amanti Milani, his physician, for the relapse the Pontiff suffered in his current illness.

Today, while newlywed couples were urged by Monsignor Aborio Mella, the papal majordomo, to offer new and "more fervent prayers for the precious health of His Holiness," the Pope received only Eugenio Cardinal Pacelli, papal secretary of state.

The Pontiff spent an uncomfortable night, for his setback made his breathing difficult. Both the Holy Father's legs were slightly paralyzed when he first was stricken, 11 days ago, and there has been some congestion of his circulatory system.

Prelates said the ceremony in which cardinals are to present their Christmas greetings still was on the programme, for Dec. 24, but that it would, in any event, be conducted on a minor scale.

The Pope was stated by reliable sources tonight to have benefited by his day of absolute rest and to have a good chance of passing a relatively comfortable night.

No one, however, attempted to minimize the Pope's condition.

The Pontiff ate more heartily tonight than at any time in the last 12 days of his illness. Well-informed sources said this was evidence of lessened discomfort due to the fact he submitted today to doctors' orders for a complete rest.

These sources explained the circulatory stagnation which had affected his legs might be dangerously aggravated by any attempt at over-exertion.

It is only by keeping the Pontiff completely still for some time to come, it was said, that the doctors hope to avoid complete collapse of the arterial system.

Pope Pius' apparent realization of this, it was stated, gave his doctors the feeling they had an even chance of restoring him to active work within a few weeks.

"Don't you get tired motoring on your own?"
"No, I always manage to run across someone!"

Mrs. Sweet—You know the sweet tooth our Gladys use to have? Well, now she's in the confectionery business she won't look at a sweet.

Mrs. Beer—You don't say. I wish I could get my husband a job in a brewery.

George H. McLeod of South Nelson is in the city today.

Mr. and Mrs. Pelletier, Montreal, Expect to Spend Xmas in Italy

Will Spend Christmas in Italy
Mr. and Mrs. Rosaire Pelletier of Montreal who since October have been in Paris expect to spend Christmas in Italy. Mrs. Pelletier was before her marriage Miss Marjorie Cremin of this city and was married in Montreal in the early fall. Mr. Pelletier has since October been studying at Versailles and following the return of Mr. and Mrs. Pelletier from Italy they will travel to Wales, England, where Mr. Pelletier will continue his studies. They expect to return to Montreal in April where they will reside.

Immigration

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come the day when economic conditions are such that immigration from the United Kingdom may be resumed at a normal scale.

In the autumn of 1930 drastic restrictions were made effective against emigration from most countries, but no changes were made in the regulations affecting British people from the Mother Country, the self-governing Dominions or against Americans. The regulations were stiffened against all other countries.

It is officially stated the reasons British immigrants have not come to Canada more freely in the past few years are as follows:

(1) The Dominion Government ceased all immigration propaganda six years ago;

(2) In order to protect those seeking employment in a field where employment was scarce, steamship companies were warned against booking passengers without capital who might have difficulty in finding work in Canada. That policy was for the protection of the would-be migrants as much as for the protection of Canada. Moreover, people who would have come to Canada in prosperous times knew employment conditions were bad during the last few years.

ARE NEGOTIATING TRADE PACT

ROME, Dec. 17.—Negotiations for a new commercial accord between the United States and Italy, have been begun, to replace the expiring treaty of 1871, it is announced.

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OUR BOY SCOUT TOYSHOP

Curiosity prompted us to look up the word "Toy," in the Cambridge Encyclopaedia. We found that toys were known to the Ancient Greeks, who had, among other toys, a sort of basketball; coming on to Roman times, the poet Virgil mentions the Top, and it is probable that this was introduced into England by the Romans. In the Musée du Louvre, at Paris, may be seen a very fine collection of Roman dolls; but, for all that, we do not know whether or not, the Greeks and Romans ever tried a Toyshop, such as our Boy Scouts are now busily running here.

A willing worker of late, has been Scoutmaster Bradbury, of the Covered Bridge Troop, who has been spending a few days in town.

The Girl Guides are now changing the faces and raiment, of several dolls that have found their way by devious routes, into the Toyshop. Side by side with the dolls, were toy dogs, cats, rabbits, elephants, and teddy bears, all soiled, and in some cases, in the sorest need of First-Aid. This, our worthy Sister Guides are giving freely; and those who will in due course receive the rejuvenated articles, would wonder at the change, had they collected and seen them one, two or three weeks ago.

A splendid assortment of books, for children of different ages, is also on our shelves, awaiting shipment to those whose names figure on the various lists that are now being turned in to us.

From Sackville, Scoutmaster Allan Hopper, who was our Assistant Camp Chief at the Wolf Cub Leaders' Gilwell in Prince Edward Island, last summer, reports that Scouting in Sackville is on a satisfactory footing. Amongst other things, Mr. Hopper reports a very successful Apple Day, when Sackville netted \$128.70, an increase of \$25 over 1935. Sackville has also got a Toyshop under way.

Again, by the way: We read in today's News, of a Spanish steamer, the Jaime II, which seems to have got into some sort of trouble off the island of Mallorca, the trouble being that she was caught carrying supplies, and possibly troops, to the army of General Franco. It is twenty-four years this Christmas, since we made a trip on the Jaime II, or Rey Jaime II as she then was, from Palma to Barcelona. The ship was then brand new, and was the crack packet of the Isla Maritima Company, now the Compania Transmediterranea. A vessel of 2,200 tons, and twenty-one knots speed, this ship was built in Italy, at Sestri Ponente; and was a thing of beauty when we travelled on her; white hull, cream stack with a light blue band; and polished mahogany fittings to the cabins, which were luxurious. We remember an almost perfect trip on her; so fine was the weather, that we stayed most of the night on deck, but, alas! some codfish were hanging in the foremast rigging, which somewhat took away from the enjoyment of our short voyage.

ROBT. PUGH,
Provincial Field Worker
and Acting District Commissioner

The unemployed man called on a business acquaintance and said he was looking for a position.
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FRED I. HAVILAND,
City Clerk.
City Hall,
December 16, 1936.

City of Fredericton TENDERS

Tenders will be received at the office of the undersigned until SATURDAY, DECEMBER 19th, for supplying meat and fish as required, for the Municipal Home Department, City of Fredericton, from January 2, 1937 to June 30, 1937.

Further particulars may be obtained from E. C. Armstrong, Relief Officer, City Hall.

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