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Weather: Cloudy and cold with snow today and part of Sunday.

# NANKING ASSERTS THAT THERE CAN BE NO IMMEDIATE COMPROMISE WITH REDS

## Great Jobbing House Established for Barter Trade with Germany

Compensation Boards Ltd. in London Has Approval of British Government

Will Facilitate Exchange Trade With Colonies

It is Hoped to Extend Agreement to Other Countries

LONDON, Dec. 26—A company has been formed in London known as Compensation Boards Limited to put into effect a big trade plan on a barter basis between the British dominions and colonies and Germany.

It is hoped later to develop the barter plan also with Turkey, Rumania, Bulgaria and Yugoslavia. The principal exports to Germany and other European countries, it is indicated, will be foodstuffs, fats, oils, skins, hides, seisal, jute and rubber.

The scheme, it was announced, has been submitted to the British government, which raised no objections. The dominion governments also are said to approve.

Lord Glenconner is chairman of the new company.

Chiefly With Colonies

OTTAWA, Dec. 26—Official opinion here was that the Compensation Boards Limited, organized in London to develop trade on a barter basis between British dominions and colonies and Germany would deal more with colonies than with the dominions.

The Canadian government so far has received no request for co-operation in the proposal. Trade between Canada and Germany is not at present on a barter basis. The agreement entered into between the two countries contained an undertaking Germany would buy as much Canadian goods as she sold to Canada. The trade goes through the regular channels, Canadian exporters selling goods to Germany and Canadian importers buying goods from Germany.

Compensation Boards Limited, it is expected, will be in the nature of a great jobbing house that will buy the goods Germany desires to sell and sell in return produce Germany requires from British colonies and dominions. In this process Canada eventually might be brought into some extent but it will apply more particularly to parts of the Empire where the facilities for a two-way trade are more difficult.

## CORRECTIONS IN PRAYER BOOKS LIKELY TO BE MOSTLY HOME-MADE

TORONTO, Dec. 26—Church of England people in Canada are not likely to burden themselves with expense of making changes in the prayer book necessary because of the abdication of King Edward VIII.

Archbishop D. T. Owen, Primate of All Canada, when questioned recently expressed the opinion that in all probability instead of ordering new prayer books substituting the names of King George VI and Queen Elizabeth, Canadians would make their own revisions. Archbishop Owen thought there would be approximately 100,000 prayer books now in use in the Church of England in Canada which would be affected by the change.

But agents of British publishers are hoping that at least 50,000 of the new prayer books being published in England, would be distributed in Canada before Coronation. The first shipment

## HOLY FATHER NOW BEING REVIVED BY RESTORATIVES

Pope Pius XI Exhausted After Christmas Broadcast

VATICAN CITY Dec. 26—Pope Pius prayed before the whole world on Christmas Eve that God accept his suffering for peace among men, and from his sickbed, called for a union of all Christianity against the "evil forces" of communism.

The stricken Pontiff spoke in a throbbing voice through a microphone held by Father Soccorsi, director of the Vatican radio station.

In Spain, the Holy Father said, "propaganda and evil forces have wished to make the supreme experiment of all the destructive forces scattered throughout the world." (Continued on Page Five)

## German Liner Stuck in the Mud Off Southampton

(Special to The Daily Mail)  
SOUTHAMPTON, Dec. 26—A German liner was stranded yesterday off the coast of Southampton. The ship was salvaged this morning at 9.30 and except for the passengers having to enjoy their Christmas dinner on board the ship there was no other discomfort. The water was pumped out of the ship and the greater part of the cargo was taken off before she could be refloated again.

VISITING HERE

Albert Robichaud and Edmund Gooj are spending Christmas and New Years with Mr. Robichaud's sister, Mrs. Glenwood Kitchen.

## Japan and Australia May Also Form a Barter Agreement

(Special to The Daily Mail)  
MELBOURNE, Dec. 26—The tariff war between Japan and Australia promises to come to an end before long. Authorities state that efforts are being made to form barter agreement which it is expected will go into effect on January 1st thus facilitating exchange of goods between these two countries.

## Up to the Citizens

THE action on Wednesday last of the Closed Door School Board in regard to the appointment of a Supervisor of City Schools caused much talk yesterday in places where people gathered. It seemed to be a mystery to the citizens why local men who have been paying taxes in Fredericton for years were passed over in favor of the gentleman from Brockville, Ontario, who secured the position.

The information is beginning to filter through the closed door. It appears that there was a disagreement between the different trustees as to which local man would be appointed to the position. Several meetings of the Board did not improve the situation any. Finally a meeting was called for last Wednesday afternoon and several of the trustees were not present as they were apparently disgusted at the deadlock. One trustee did not know that there was a meeting. At this meeting it was decided that as they could not agree on a local man that they had better secure a man from outside. It is understood that some kind of a magic performance went on and the name of the successful applicant was drawn from a hat in much the same way as the magician used to draw rabbits from a hat on the City Hall stage some years ago. It is said that amongst the applicants was a former Fredericton man whose people for years have been paying taxes in this city. This young man is now teaching school in the Upper Provinces and was apparently patriotic enough to want to come home and serve his country as Secretary of the Fredericton School Board. He was passed over or at any rate his name was not pulled out of the hat. After the Eeni, Meeni, Mini, Mo business had been transacted the acting-secretary of the Board telephoned all absent members informing them that an appointment had been made and requesting them not to talk about the matter to any person and not to give the information to the press until the following day which was Thursday. Why all this mystery was necessary is not apparent except that it is along the lines which the Closed Door School Board does business. The question generally asked yesterday was "Where did this new man get his pull?" Nobody seemed to know except that it filtered through the closed door that he was a sort of a compromise appointment where the Board could not agree on a Fredericton man.

Those who know Mr. Scovill state that he is a very estimable man who made several friends here during his college days. No person, however, has yet come forward to say that he has superior qualifications to any of the gentlemen who were local applicants for the position. Some people think that Mr. Scovill may bring with him a number of new ideas in regard to the conducting of our city school system. But if Mr. Scovill is able to inject any new ideas into the present School Board he will be a wonder and his work will be watched with interest by the citizens, even those who are not in sympathy with the idea of appointing an outside man to the position.

It will be interesting to watch just what action the City Council will take in regard to the appointment. The City School Board as it at present exists is an arbitrary aggregation which does as it likes and ignores all efforts of the City Council to make it do otherwise than it likes. Under the present regulations the City Council has absolutely nothing to say in regard to the actions of the Fredericton School Board. In a few days the City Council will be called upon to give over one hundred thousand dollars of the people's money to this same School Board. Last year the Council gave the Board one hundred and three thousand dollars. The coming year it is understood that they are going to ask for one hundred and sixty-three thousand dollars, a large portion of which is to be used for an addition to the Fredericton High School. The City Council will have to vote this if the School Board wants it. The City Council appoints the majority of the members of the School Board and the men whom they appoint go to the Board and do as they like. Nobody knows what goes on at the Board. The press is not admitted. The newspapers are handed out cut and dried reports, not of what goes on at the meeting, but as much of what goes on as the trustees want the public to know. The Daily Mail was refused admission to the meeting and our reporter ordered to leave. This paper does not handle or does not intend to handle any ready-made reports from the Fredericton School Board. We manage without the Board's assistance to give as good a report as the ready-made one, and we intend to continue doing so.

It would appear that if the City Council who appoint the majority of the School Board, got busy that some action could be taken to stop the present conditions of affairs which is a laughing stock all over the Province. Speaking to The Daily Mail during the past week the chairman of the School Board of one of the largest towns in the province states that his School Board like others is open to the public, and the citizens take an active interest in what is going on. Continuing, he said, "I do not think that any other place in New Brunswick or any other province would put up

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## MOST OF THE CABINET STAYED AT OTTAWA

Spent Christmas at Own Firesides

OTTAWA, Dec. 26—A number of Canada's Cabinet minister found their Christmas cheer far from the scene of their responsibilities, but Prime Minister Mackenzie King, the Dominion's most prominent bachelor, and the majority of his colleagues, remained at their own firesides.

Lured away by another notable bachelor in the Cabinet, Justice Minister Lapointe spent the holiday season pitting his skill with masher and niblick against Postmaster General Elliott in a southern resort as yet unannounced.

Revenue Minister Ilsley spent the Christmas and New Year season renewing associations in his home town of Kentville, N. S. He left Ottawa with his family and remained in the shire town of Kings until after Jan. 1.

Trade Minister Euler, whose postponed journey to the Antipodes is now set for early in January after long delay owing to the seamen's (Continued on Page Five)

## BIRTH OF SECOND CHILD TO WIFE OF DUKE OF KENT

(Special to The Daily Mail)  
LONDON, Dec. 25—The Duchess of Kent gave birth to a daughter today—sixth in line to the throne of Great Britain. The baby is the second child of the youngest of the King's brothers and his wife, the former Princess Marina of Greece. They were married Nov. 29, 1934, and their first child, Prince Edward George Nicholas Paul Patrick, was born Oct. 9, 1935.

## Canada is Now Reaping Benefit of Formerly Resented Sobriquet "Our Lady of the Snows"

## LARGE VOLUME XMAS PACKAGES DELIVERED

(Special to The Daily Mail)  
TORONTO, Dec. 25—Interviewed today regarding movement of Christmas traffic by express T. E. MacDonnell, President and General Manager of Canadian Pacific Express Company stated that the volume of small packages was very large this year and that it had been promptly delivered notwithstanding adverse weather and street conditions in many parts of the country. Mr. MacDonnell said he had received telegraphic reports from all principal agencies between Halifax and Victoria and was glad to be able to report that the record of prompt service established by the company in previous years had been maintained and that at noon today there were no undelivered Christmas packages where there was anyone at home to receive them.

## British Officers Will Retire From Egyptian Army

(Special to The Daily Mail)  
CAIRO, Dec. 26—A British military mission will come to Egypt on Jan. 6 or Jan. 7. All British officers in the Egyptian army will be relieved on January 6th.

## Generalissimo Freed Without Money Ransom

Roles Reversed Between Captor and Captive Generalissimo

Marshall Chang to Nanking to Give Self Up

Will State Case to Leaders of the Nanking Government

## HIGHEST PAID NEWSPAPERMAN DIED YESTERDAY

NEW YORK, Dec. 26—Arthur Brisbane, 72, the voice of "Today"—news-paper column known to millions—died Christmas morning.

America's highest-paid newspaper-writer, the veteran newspaperman succumbed to a heart attack seizure 12 hours after he had written his last column for Christmas day editions.

He had suffered a mild heart attack yesterday but recovered sufficiently to perform his daily task of dictating approximately 800 words of timely editorial comment on the news of the world—a syndicated column which was the mainstay of his \$260,000-a-year salary.

The last word in his final column, epitomizing his own success story, was "imagination."

His entire family, including his wife, his son, Seward, 22, and four daughters, Mrs. Regan McCrary, 23, Emily 18, Alice 14, and Elinor, 12, were present when the end came.

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NANKING, Dec. 26—Following the appeal of his European educated wife, Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek last night was free to resume his leadership of the Chinese nation, and his erstwhile captor, Marshal Chang Hsueh-liang, was on his way to Nanking "to face the music."

The government, through its highest executive organ, the executive Yuan council, announced the military head of the Chinese state had arrived at Loyang, Honan Province at 4:30 o'clock this afternoon, accompanied by Marshal Chang.

Madame Chiang Kai-shek, who had flown to the rebel stronghold to seek freedom for her husband, was with him.

They arrived by airplane from Sianfu, capital of Shensi Province, where Generalissimo Chiang had been held captive with several of his generals since Dec. 12, when he was seized in a military uprising by Marshal Chang and his followers.

News of the generalissimo's release was received jubilantly as word spread throughout the nation. It was greeted as marking an end to the ominous crisis which for nearly a fortnight had hung over China, with the threat of civil war and destruc-

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## More Skiers in Montreal and Ottawa Than in Switzerland and Resorts.

MONTREAL, Dec. 26—Canada, which formerly resented the sobriquet "Our Lady of the Snows" is now beginning to cash in on her wonderful winter climate, but whether her winter snows will yield anything like the \$300,000,000 which the summer tourists spend in this country is very doubtful. The cold fact remains, however, that Ottawa and Montreal have more skiers than any town in Switzerland.

It is estimated by the railway companies, which run special ski trains every week-end, that not less than 50,000 skiers disport themselves on the Laurentians north and west of Montreal.

The Ottawa Ski Club, with 2,500 members, is reckoned to be the largest in the world. There are approximately 1,000 miles of ski trails in the Laurentian Hills and skiing is conceded to be the king of outdoor winter sports, having largely displaced tobogganing and snowshoeing.

Summer hotels have been converted into comfortable winter resorts. The Seigney Club, an hour's drive from Ottawa, is the playground de luxe, but there are a score of hotels and ski clubs within an hour's journey of Ottawa and Montreal, whose charges are within the compass of the average wage-earner.

Ontario which formerly lagged behind Quebec in winter sports, is now (Continued on Page Four)

## NEW METHOD OF EASING OF GERMAN QUESTION

(Special to The Daily Mail)  
LONDON, Dec. 26—Tension in Europe which has been high in the past two days is somewhat eased today. France and England, who have been awaiting Hitler's decision in regard to the Spanish question have found a new method for attacking the question. Hitler has troubles of his own at home of an economic nature. France and England may promise financial aid to Germany if she will agree to a disarmament plan and a hands-off Spain policy.

## Several Killed in a Shipping Accident in Rome

(Special to The Daily Mail)  
ROME, Dec. 26—A shipping accident occurred here in Rome recently on a Mediterranean liner. The boiler burst and the ship went to the bottom carrying to their death twenty people killed in the explosion. Over a hundred people were seriously injured. The ship's papers were destroyed so that many of those who were killed cannot be identified. However, it has been ascertained that no British people were on board.