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## Good Wishes to Jack Fleming

Many citizens of Fredericton who have for years known J. H. Fleming will extend to him their very best wishes during the present festive season. Mr. Fleming has been confined to his home for several weeks past and spent his Christmas Day in bed. There is no more charitable citizen in Fredericton than Jack Fleming, as he is familiarly known by those who have been his friends for years. Mr. Fleming is of a quiet disposition and does not make a loud noise, but he is one of our most sturdy citizens. He has spent practically the whole of his long life in this city, has been honourable in all his business deals, and has been a man who has done much for the welfare of the community. During many Christmas seasons Mr. Fleming by his charity has made a happier Christmas Day for many a poor man and woman, and these, as well as others, will join in wishing him all the blessings that it is possible for him to have. Any city is richer for having citizens like J. H. Fleming.

## The Postal Clerks

The gratitude of the public is due to the postal clerks, postal delivery men and the clerks in the stamp office for the thorough and pleasing way in which they performed their task during the past few weeks. The mail both at the post office and through the street delivery could not have been handled in any better shape. The new regulation regarding the keeping open of the Post Office on public holidays was carried out and gave general satisfaction.

## The Radio

Gladstone Murray, the new head of the Broadcasting Corporation, was down here the other day. While he was here he gave out a whole lot of baloney about the wonderful things that were to be done by the radio in bringing together the peoples of the different sections. There is a good deal of hot air comes over the radio but to judge by what has happened recently Mr. Murray's hot air was about the radio. On Christmas Day there was a Canadian radio programme which was supposed to include all the provinces in the Dominion. After all Mr. Murray's talk where was New Brunswick that day? It was entirely ignored. If New Brunswick is not to be included in the Canadian Broadcasting programmes the sooner we know it the better. The people down here are attached to their radio just as are the people of the other provinces and they should all be treated alike.

There are a whole lot of unsatisfactory conditions about the radio. Some of these are Dominion wide and some are local in their character. Maybe someone put it over Mr. Murray when New Brunswick was left out of the Christmas broadcast. The matter of improvement of our radio generally under the new management will be watched with interest.

## Attack the Cause

The other day certain delegations waited upon the Federal Government and expressed the idea that some extreme measures should be adopted to prevent the spread of Communism which seems to be growing considerably in Western and Central Canada. These people were told by both the Prime Minister and the Minister of Justice that the sure method of eliminating these extreme groups was to remove the causes which created these groups. It was added that the Federal Government was doing its best to remove these causes.

There is no denying the fact that Communism with its attended ills is spreading in Canada. It has taken a foothold in many of the higher institutions of learning. There are over thirty-eight Communistic newspapers in Canada. Communism like Fascism is vicious and should be stamped out in a land like ours. But what is the reason that such movements gain a hold upon the public mind? Men and women today feel that they are suffering an injustice and they fly to any organization which promises to give them relief. Communism promises relief. It may fool them in the end, but it flourishes in times of distress like the present.

The remedy as stated by the Cabinet Ministers is not to attack Communism but to attack the evils that create Communism. It is the conditions that have to be remedied. The injustice from which citizens suffer has to be removed. Something will have to be created so that labor and wages may be provided and the unemployed, which is no less in Canada today than it was a year ago, will have to be absorbed. The present condition of things where one man may become wealthy through investment in bonds and other unproductive sources and other men are unable to provide food and clothing for their children, will have to be remedied. Canada's Ministers gave expression to the thoughts of people who study the situation. The idea is to remove the causes rather than attack the effect—Communism. Attacking Communism will only increase sympathy for it among certain classes. There is no doubt about it that the whole economic system is upside down at the present time and it is the work of statesmen to see that these conditions are remedied.

## Arthur Brisbane's Contribution

American journalism will always note the effect left upon the profession by Arthur Brisbane, who died at the age of 71 at his apartment home in New York.

So recently a confrere, it is difficult to estimate the effects of the tone that Brisbane brought to the world of newspapers. He was admittedly a great editor and writer. He dared to write clearly and in so doing aroused adverse criticism by the school of heavy writing.

However much a person might disagree with some of the words Brisbane wrote, he should be given credit for that excellent habit of stating clearly what he had to say. This style, in our opinion, was not writing down to the mob. Certain of the nation's more ponderous scribes would have us think that clarity is not good literary form.

If to journalism Brisbane had brought nothing but clear writing, his contribution was of lasting value. He died while at work on his next day's column, as any good newspaperman would wish to do—on the job to the last.

## SNAPSHOTS

Is the City Council following the line of Fredericton School Board in holding closed door meetings and excluding the press? Get away from the habit. Business in secret breaths suspicion. This morning reporters were refused admission to an important committee meeting regarding the new bridge which The Daily Mail helped to secure.

It's Aid. Dave McCaughey's committee which holds its meetings and keeps out the press.

The Department of Federal and Municipal Relations has pulled the funny Broadcasting Commission into shape. The Commission did not know that New Brunswick was on the map.

The local bridge gatherings and cake eating matches are kept busy discussing the Fredericton School Board. It has Wallie Simpson crowded off the map. The poor old School Board.

Would you rather have a subway or a five-foot climb at the lower end of five-foot climb at the lower end of George Street?

They say that when Dave was admiring the plans of the subway they were upside down. But they are not going to build them that way.

## Car Loadings

Car loadings for the week ended December 5 amounted to 50,047 cars, increasing from 44,921 cars for the 49th week last year and 49,586 for the 48th week this year, and the index number rose from 70.96 for the previous week to 76.16. Heavier loadings were recorded in both divisions. The eastern division increased from 29,026 in 1935 to 33,830 cars, the index number reaching its highest point since early in 1931 at 84.97. Light loading of grain in the western division affected the total loadings which increased from 15,895 cars to 16,217.

## 6-Power

(Continued from Page One) Its attention on snow-covered Berchtesgaden in Bavaria, where Chancellor Hitler pondered problems which may decide the question of peace or war for Europe.

London circles pointed out the decision Hitler must make might go far beyond any question of going to the aid of the Spanish Fascists.

In effect, these sources said Hitler faced the alternative of leading Germany back to western co-operation for peace or committing his country to complete isolation.

Firm refusal of the Spanish Socialist Government to heed a German ultimatum to free the captured steamer Palos in the face of threats of "reprisals," was believed to have placed the immediate decision of backing the insurgents to the limit up to Hitler.

Adding to the gravity of the question were the reported demands of the Fascist leader, General Franco, for 60,000 German troops to aid his drive on Madrid.

But France and England hoped offers to aid Germany's economic and colonial needs in return for non-intervention would weigh heavily.

In the face of the German warning to free the Palos, the Spanish Socialists answered, through the embassy at Paris:

"There is no question of releasing the Palos."

Germany gave Spain another day of grace before determining what action she would take.

Movement of German warships to Spanish waters was reported, but the Nazi Foreign Office remained non-committal.

Resumption of normal routine in the German capital, however, led to hopes there might be some hint as to what orders had been dispatched to the German fleet.

Hitler apparently was in no hurry to communicate any decision he might have reached to Europe's waiting capitals, leading to the belief delay was increasing the chance for a favorable settlement.

One highly placed official who always travels with Hitler indicated the question of intervention might be delayed "until January 10 or 11."

Unofficial reports from Rome that Italy would co-operate in the Franco-British demand that Germany halt movement of volunteers to Spain, was considered a favorable omen.

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## German Reich

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2. She considers the Franco-British Christmas note, urging a stoppage of volunteer departures to aid the Spanish insurgent armies, "too late," and probably will continue quietly to permit the volunteers to sail. But she will send no regular army divisions to the scene of civil war.  
3. She will attempt no thunderous rescue of the freighter Palos, detained as a contraband carrier by Basque government authorities at Bilbao, but will use torpedo boats to escort German ships into the Biscayne port of San Sebastian, which now is held by the insurgents.

Official quarters lost no chance to characterize the Franco-British Christmas demarche as "something that can very well wait until after the holidays," and the press called foreign concern over reported conferences at Hitler's Berchtesgaden villa "the biggest laugh in history."

Spokesmen asserted it was German suggested volunteers be prevented from going to Spain and that this month Joachim von Ribbentrop, German ambassador to London offered support of the same plan provided financial assistance to both belligerents were stopped.

The first offer was ignored by the non-intervention powers and after the second, Russian collections for the aid of Madrid continued, the Germans contended.

However, Hitler often has told his closest confidants that Germany must try to come to some arrangement with Great Britain, no matter what the cost.

Hence he is not likely to risk losing British sympathies for good by declaring war on Madrid. And, informed sources said, either the dispatch of Reichswehr divisions or an armed rescue of the Palos would mean war.

It was learned on good authority that German torpedo boats would meet German freighters heading for San Sebastian in the inner bay, thence escort them into port, to avoid any future Palos incident.

Reinforcements will be sent from Germany for this purpose, since German warships now in Spanish waters are on patrol duty in the Mediterranean. German merchant shipping was warned today to hug the French coast of the Bay of Biscay and avoid what the government called "the Reds around Bilbao."

The time in which Germany is allowing Madrid to release the Palos was extended through today, although the Bilbao Basque have announced there was "no question" of freeing the ship.

(Today a Basque representative at Bayonne charged the master of the Palos had destroyed "all compromising papers" before the ship was seized by government marine patrols and taken into Bilbao last Thursday.)

## Pope Pius

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not worried over his paralytic condition and pain.

The Holy Father today broke his own ban against receiving Church officials by discussing ecclesiastical problems with Pietro Cardinal Fumasoni-Biondi, head of the Vatican department for propagation of the faith. Formerly Eugenio Cardinal Pacelli, Papal Secretary of State, had been the only official admitted to the Pope's sick room.

Dr. Amanti Milani, the Pope's personal physician, made a thorough examination of the Pontiff after a night of what attendants described as excruciating pain.

Dr. Milani kept close watch on the Pope throughout the restless night, visiting the sickroom several times after reliable reports said that the partial paralysis had spread from the legs along the left side and arm.

Two doctors and a hospital attendant were constantly at the Holy Father's side. The left leg was said to be particularly painful yesterday and was swollen to a marked degree.

At morning masses, prayers for the alleviation of the pain suffered by His Holiness mingled with the usual devout pleadings that his life be continued.

Even during the spasms of suffering, report said, the Pontiff showed staunch good cheer, and between the intervals of pain drifted into sound sleep.

## M'GILL STUDENTS TRY HAZING AT TEA TABLE

MONTREAL, Dec. 29.—McGill University students are doing their hazing over tea tables this year. The freshmen's initiation to university life this session included such events as attending a football game, a winter roast, and entertaining out-of-town students at tea.

## Partly Demented

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coma physician. Captain Snider said the order was issued "by mistake."  
A Tacoma police official, declining to be named, said Charles' parents had been ordered to establish contact with the kidnapper, who seized the boy in his home last night, through want ads in a Seattle newspaper.  
Dr. Mattson said tonight:  
"I haven't made any contacts. Things are just as they were when that man left with Charles. There is no announcement we can make now. Things are at an absolute stalemate. I'm primarily interested in getting that boy back. . . . As a physician, I feel it is my duty to follow the advice of those who know more about this game than I do. I just feel helpless."

Search also went forward for an automobile registered to U. S. Marshal A. J. Chitty and stolen here 30 minutes after the kidnapping. Officers said it was possible the kidnapper had used the car in escaping.

The Mattson boy was abducted by a masked, armed man who invaded the family living room at 8:45 p.m., last night.

Far from being terrified, 10-year-old Charles Mattson started upstairs for his air rifle when he first saw his kidnapper's face at the door of his home last night, a family friend disclosed today.

Mrs. Mary Appleman, language teacher in the Sherman School which Charles attended, said:

"When Charles saw the man at the door, he started upstairs for the gun room to get his air rifle a BB gun, but the girls told him to come back."

The girls were Charles' sister, Marie, and Virginia Chatfield, a visitor from Seattle. Charles' brother, Billy, also was there.

## Quebec Beer

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sold in the province. Some may be able to conform with Manitoba regulation, suddenly enforced, it was said. The action of the Manitoba Liquor Commission in enforcing the regulation concerning the strength of beer sold in the province was regarded here as another shot in the campaign of Western brewers to secure the Manitoba market, with its population of 700,000 for themselves.

Representatives of breweries of Ontario stated, while commenting on the developments in Manitoba, that there had been no compromise reached in the controversy over the increase in prices of Ontario and Quebec beers amounting to \$1.20 a case.

"We pay \$5,000 license fee to operate in Ontario, which has a population of 3,500,000. We think that a license fee in proportion to a population of 700,000 would be sufficient," stated a local brewer yesterday.

"In spite of reports from Winnipeg, there has been no settlement of the dispute between Eastern breweries and the Manitoba commission which recently increased the price of beer \$1.20 a case."

Another interesting development was, it was stated, an order from the Manitoba Commission recently prohibiting the sale of Ontario draught beer in the province.

Two car loads of Ontario beer had reached Winnipeg, one of which was unloaded and sold. Before the other could be unloaded, the railroad was advised that it would be prosecuted if the beer was sold in Manitoba, because the Provincial Commission was the only body which could sell beer in the province. The second carload remained on the siding with demurrage mounting until it was shipped away.

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## Xmas Touches

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all the comforts and fun and celebration of home.

In fact, it was their home. For the winter, at least. In the summer the father sails the lakes, and the wife is left ashore. But in the winter they move aboard the boat. Its furniture, cooking equipment, everything is at their disposal. Usually they touch up their quarters with a few personal effects, photographs, a radio.

The majority of the men who look after the boats tied up for the winter, are married. But here and there along the waterfront a watchman lives by himself, practically a hermit.

They could, by arrangement, get a deputy and so take shore-leave for an hour or two. But few do this. Theirs is the responsibility of taking care of the boat at all times. Within half a mile of the bright lights few visit them from fall until spring, just view them from afar.

## Radio Provides Music

Typical of a family Christmas on the boats was that on the Stadacona, pride of the Canada Steamship Lines' freight fleet. This vessel is docked at the foot of Bouchette Street, with a cargo of coal, which is being unloaded throughout the winter.

Lorne Eplett, whose home is in Peterborough, first officer of the boat, is the winter caretaker. At the end of the navigation season the Second Engineer or the Chief Officer is offered this winter post. Usually one accepts. Sometimes they pass it up, and another watchman is appointed.

Eplett moved aboard a week ago with his wife and fifteen-month-old son, Billie. Christmas Day was a festive occasion. In one quarter of the dining quarters was a tree, gay with decorations. The table was heavy with good things to eat. The radio provided the musical background. And if you didn't look out a window at the circling gulls, or overboard at the greasy looking ice, you'd think you were in some cosy country cottage.

This family was snug aboard the boat, happy, fared better, said Eplett with appreciation, than many persons on land. Here they live until April. Then Mrs. Eplett goes back to Peterborough and the first officer is "off to sea again."

## Just Like Home

To the north lies the city. But, says Eplett, they are just as safe aboard the Stadacona as there. No intruders bother them. They've got plenty of warmth, and a city service on eatables, for milk is delivered on their doorstep every day, and the grocery boy comes with supplies as needed.

Mail goes to the company's office, is delivered from there. And Christmas brought handfulls of letters. Eplett has wintered three seasons on the boats. He had their quarters fixed up attractively. Some of the bachelor watchmen aren't so particular. Some don't bother to hang up a picture, or lay down a rug. It might seem "rouging it" to a home-owner, but they like it. They don't mind beans and bread for Christmas. They could have turkey if they wanted it. They're just putting in time until they can be off and away across the lake that now looks so cold and threatening beyond the ice.

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## Fascists

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erals will be staged. Leading members of all parties are planning to attack the government because of the gigantic budget, with its disproportionately large military and naval appropriations and the accompanying tax revision and bond issues entailed. They will attack the government because of its trend toward State socialism, particularly in the semi-nationalization of the electric power industry. They plan still other attacks on the German agreement, on the failure of the China and Russia policies and on the agitation for the reform of the parliamentary system sought by the militarists, which, if put into effect, would end democratic institutions in Japan.

But the anti-Fascists are not waiting until January to begin their campaign. It is already well under way. So is the campaign of the Fascists.

The Minister of War, Count Hsishi-ichi Terauchi, was plainly on the defensive during interpellations in the committee charged with considering plans for parliamentary reform. The army was accused of seeking to establish a military dictatorship and to turn Japan into a Fascist camp. This Count Terauchi denied, but it remains a fact that the policies the army is seeking to implement are Fascist in nature.

CLEVELAND, Dec. 29.—A robber fired point blank at the heart of Conductor Isaac P. Dyer, 58, on a street car here last night but Dyer picked the hot bullet out of his shirt pocket. It stopped in a package of tickets he was carrying in his coat pocket.