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The Old Year Dies

The sands in the glass of 1936 have nearly run out. The old year is dying, and at midnight will be ushered in 1937.

The old year which is dying today has been pregnant with great events, some of them unusual, and history-making, especially as relates to our own Empire.

The opening of the year 1936 saw the invasion of Ethiopia by Italy well under way. The League of Nations was already committed to the application of economic sanctions, Germany's occupation of the Rhineland was the effect, and later the Spanish revolt began and fighting is unfortunately still being continued. The Japanese, the Russians and the Chinese have had their troubles during the year.

In our own Empire the death of King George V during the opening month brought sorrow to millions of his subjects. Later events close to the Throne are too recent to need any review and too painful to dwell upon. It is safe to say, however, that the old Empire has ridden safely through storm as she has always done.

In Roman Catholic circles it is feared that that denomination will lose its supreme head as the year draws to a close. It may be that before this reaches our readers that Pope Pius will have passed to his reward.

To come nearer home the tragedy of the Moose River mine in April last showed what heroes could do when called upon, even if they were not on the battlefield. The sturdy miners of Stellarton and other parts of Nova Scotia certainly showed to good advantage before the world.

In the United States the people passed through another Presidential election year. President Roosevelt was returned to power by an overwhelming majority and that country should have safe and sane government.

In New Brunswick more than nine thousand aged persons are today receiving the benefits of old age pensions, introduced during the past year by the Dysart Government. In this connection many municipalities have been relieved of the burden of keeping these old people.

In Canada whilst crops have been smaller, the farmers have received much better prices for their produce and were much encouraged during the year.

In the city of Fredericton business has improved during the year 1936. The city merchants report that Christmas trade this year has been the best in years. Many new buildings, including business blocks and expensive residences, have been erected in Fredericton during the past year. This shows progress and a return to normal conditions.

Let us put the old year with its joys, its sorrows, its discouragements and its lost opportunities behind us and go forward in a happy and confident spirit to meet 1937. Let us pray that during the year that will come to us at midnight tonight that the world may be blessed with peace and concord amongst all true Christian peoples and nations.

To one and all The Daily Mail wishes and happy and prosperous New Year.

Lloyd's Discouraged!

Lloyds of London insures its customers against baldness, epidemics, rain, mothers-in-law, jury service, insanity and what not. It will insure, in fact, against almost any risk except death which mortal man may run, and for which monetary compensation is admissible.

But no longer—not since yesterday—will Lloyds insure property in the British Isles against war damage. On January 1, moreover, the same restriction on its famed willingness to bet on "anything" is expected to be made world-wide.

The reason given in foreign correspondence is baldly significant. It is "the tremendous damage done by rebel bombers that made ruins of a large part of Madrid."

The latest in martial technic, we are left to judge, has made war damage too poor a risk, even for Lloyds. It is a sad reflection on contemporary civilization, but, we fear, a justified one.

Bribing Hitler to Behave

Fearful that Hitler may hurl divisions of his troops into Spain to aid rebel Gen. Franco, and avenge the seizure of a German merchant ship, France suggests that certain African colonies, Togoland and Cameroons, be given to Hitler if he promises to behave.

The plan, France hopes, may prevent a world war. It will not. It will merely postpone it and make it worse when it comes. Hitler has found again and again that he can get what he wants by breaking the rules of the game. His word has been worth nothing. What good is his word attached to any new agreement?

Better, perhaps, it would be for Great Britain and France to tell Hitler just what they demand; not merely listen to what he demands. They should call his bluff. A thin bluff it is, but each thin layer of Hitler bluff successfully carried through makes for the lamination of a more arrogant Germany.

Hitler is unprepared for war and will be for two years more. It is not to his advantage to risk conflict today. Great Britain and France and Russia would be more than he could handle, even if Italy stepped in on Hitler's side.

The French overture, praiseworthy in intent, is shocking in execution. As the world looks on, it sees proud nations bribing a despot to behave himself.

What moral effect has such a proposal upon individuals the world over? Are we all to be brigands to get what we crave? If this sort of bribery is the tone of the new policy of peace on earth, the seekers after peace are merely welding the chains of their own bondage.

Retail Chains in Canada

Sales made by chain store companies in Canada during 1935 amounted to \$364,129,800, or 17.9 per cent. of the total retail trade of the Dominion, compared with sales of \$347,186,100 in 1934. There were 445 different chain store companies, operating a total of 8,022 individual units. These chains required the services of 30,449 male and 14,920 female store employees, to whom \$36,382,000 were paid in salaries and wages. Stocks on hand at the end of the year totalled \$55,062,100.

SNAPSHOTS

What is the idea behind the debate over the contract for the new subway work at the lower end of town? If the city had accepted the offer of the railway for the city to go ahead and do the work we might have had a chance to get some of our unemployed men to work. They would have had a better show than under a private contracting concern.

Where were the city employees this morning? They were not out sanding the sidewalks. We know where one city truck was, hauling the time keeper around after eight o'clock.

If the man who turns off the street lights does not know the difference between a dark, foggy morning and a bright one, then some one should tell him. This morning when the lights went off it was darker than the inside of a black cow. A little horse sense is sure needed in this city.

Dave says he did not have the plans upside down. It was the assistant city engineer. But one city employee says that was all right for Cye makes all his plans upside down.

So the new school supervisor is to get twenty six hundred dollars per year—a substantial increase over the former occupant. Some pull, eh?

A prominent city resident called on a friend the other morning at two o'clock and the friend's wife came to the door and gave the early morning visitor the run. The prominent citizen evidently did not know whether it was two o'clock in the morning or two o'clock in the afternoon.

New Perennial

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A more likely outcome is the establishment of a new forage crop which may restore to productive use large areas of drought-ravaged land in Western Canada.

Plant breeders have developed a plant with the seed of ordinary wheat and the long-lived roots of grass. They did it by cross-breeding ordinary strains of wheat with Agropyron, a perennial grass closely akin to the common couch grass of Eastern Canada and the crested wheat grass of Western Canada. About half an acre of it, representing many different crosses and varieties, will be sown in experimental plots next spring.

Seeds of the hybrid plants so far are smaller and lighter than wheat, and scientists doubt if a perennial wheat suitable for bread-making can be obtained. In any case, annual wheats probably will be always superior to perennial wheats in Western Canada. If a good perennial wheat were obtained it might be useful in a country with abundant moisture, perhaps in the Maritime Provinces.

Cross-breeding was accomplished by fertilizing the flowers of wheat plants with pollen from grass flowers. Dr. J. M. Armstrong was in charge of the work, which was a co-operative endeavor between the Dominion Experimental Farms, Forage Plants Division, and the National Research Council.

Dr. L. E. Kirk, Dominion Agrostologist, and head of the Forage Plants Division, was actively interested, and Dr. F. H. Peto of the National Research Council, aided with experiments to determine the causes of sterility in hybrid plants. Dr. L. V. P. Johnson assisted Dr. Armstrong, and part of the work was done at the Dominion Forage Laboratory, University of Saskatchewan, under Dr. T. N. Stevenson.

Army Conference

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seized from the steamship Palos as it was interned in Bilbao harbor may be settled at the conference.

A Foreign Office spokesman said that reprisals of some sort definitely would be taken unless they are released. The cruiser Koeln and a torpedo boat were steaming to the Bay of Biscay to exert further pressure if the Bilbao authorities fail to free the passenger and cargo which was held as contraband of war.

The Palos itself was freed yesterday after the cruiser Koenigsberg appeared in Bilbao harbor and its commander demanded the steamer's release.

Nazi warships, Germany warned, may retaliate by searching ships of any nation destined for Bilbao.

The conference of German leaders may mean an early reply to the British and French note of Sunday demanding assurances that Hitler will halt volunteer aid to Gen. Franco.

Ontario

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Federal Government will continue its assistance to the Provinces on the same scale as before during the winter months.

Hon. Norman Rogers is planning to make a statement during the next few days covering the whole situation. Meantime, Mr. Croll will advise the municipalities of Ontario how much they are likely to receive from the Province during 1937, so that they may budget accordingly.

Weekly Payroll

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CUNARD S. S. COMPANY TO BUILD TWO NEW LINERS

(Special to The Daily Mail)
LONDON, Dec. 31—The Cunard Steamship Line are to build two new ocean liners of between thirty-five to forty thousand tons. The ships are to be built at Birmingham and it is expected that this will give employment to over two thousand men. A railway company operating lines between London and Scotland is to spend seven and a half thousand pounds during the coming year on improvements. This will also increase the amount of employment.

Obtain \$67,260 From Tourist Tax

KINGSTON, Jamaica, Dec. 30—Jamaica's tourist tax has yielded \$67,260 from August, 1936, when it first became effective, until Nov. 30, 1936, it was announced today. The tax was expected to yield about \$4,000 this month.

Merchants throughout the island were reporting heavy business this week because of tourist traffic. Yesterday, five liners from the United States landed 2,225 tourists who were estimated to have spent \$15,000.

Entire Town

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work of building a mine plant began. Steel rails, mine cars, huge boilers, thousands of pounds of cement, fire brick, a complete saw mill, tractors, air compressors, ore buckets, food supplies, all were packed in the planes at Berens River and flown across the Manitoba-Ontario boundary. Most of the equipment had been taken to Berens River by boat. Cumbersome pieces were measured from all angles to the inch to determine the best way to get them over that 140 miles of wilderness. At both ends of the haul, radio stations facilitated the planes' movements, carrying weather reports and other necessary information.

The only pause in the work came in the "in-between seasons." As soon as lake ice was thick enough to hold the weight of ski-equipped machines, flying was resumed. More than 100 tons of freight still have to be transported.

Marshal Chang Given Ten Year Sentence -- Pardoned Immediately

(Special to The Daily Mail)
NANKING, Dec. 31—The Chinese government has made its last gesture to smooth out the recent disturbance in northern China. The Chinese premier was given a hearty vote of confidence today by the government. Rebel Marshall Chang after a speedy trial was given a ten years' sentence but was immediately pardoned. Before achieving his pardon the rebel Marshall was asked why he had made the move. In answer he said that he had done this for the freedom and equality of the people of China. He also pledged loyalty to the Premier of China.

Last of British Troops Arrive From Palestine

(Special to The Daily Mail)
LONDON, Dec. 31—The last of nearly 4,000 British troops arrived today at Southampton on the Athenia from Palestine.

Jubilee

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I made a number of airplane trips to Eastern Canada and United States. There were long-distance telephone calls and cables to London. All of these expenses were borne by myself. Earlier in the day Mr. Thompson told the City Council his committee could have ended their operations with a surplus if "our funds had not been exploited by Mayor McGeer." Thompson, in a written statement, said: "Commitments of many thousands of dollars were made by the Mayor without our knowledge until after the commitments were made, and we were helpless to do anything but pay the bill."

Hon. Mr. Marcel III

(Special to The Daily Mail)
MONTREAL, Dec. 31—Hon. Charles Marcel is quite seriously ill at his home in Ottawa. Fears are entertained for his recovery.

J. D. Mitchell of Toronto, commercial traveller, is a guest at the Queen hotel this afternoon.



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TONIGHT! Midnight Show Starting at 12 Feature Hit-- Laurel and Hardy in "BONNIE SCOTLAND"

MON. - TUES. - WED. "SHOW THEM NO MERCY"

Retiring Asst.

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clerk, becoming chief clerk in July, 1896. On November 1, 1911, Mr. Oswald became assistant secretary of the company, a position he has since filled with great efficiency.

In addition to his work for the company, Mr. Oswald has many outside interests. Hobbies that will likely occupy much of his time after the new year are fishing, shooting, golf, and riding. He owns his own stable of riding horses.

Trade Cards

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The present leaders in the race must double their efforts in the next few working days or they will be left by the wayside.

Candidates in the race! Make the next few days pay you more money than you have ever earned before in your life for such a short period of time.

'Tis the coward who quits to misfortune;
'Tis the knave who changes each day.
'Tis the fool who wins half the battle
Then throws all his chances away!
The time to succeed is when others, Discouraged, show traces of tire;
For the battle is fought on the home stretch
And won, 'twixt the flag and the wire!

Who Will

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Any one who can fill the Maple Leaf Gardens every Sunday for a Bible class, and have thousands listening in on the radio, knows what appeals to the crowd.

Moreover, Massey would get the women's vote, and that would go a long way toward making him Prime Minister. Didn't Miss Agnes Macphail and Mrs. George Black, the only two women members of the Commons, plump for him last session? He was joshed unmercifully by the male members, some of whom were green with envy. And he can take it, too.

Then there is Hon. William D. Herdridge, former Premier Harrington of Nova Scotia and former Attorney-General M. A. Macpherson of Saskatchewan.

The Conservative party might do worse than choose Hon. Dr. R. J. Marion, who has a magnetic personality, experience, ability, eloquence and all the other qualifications.

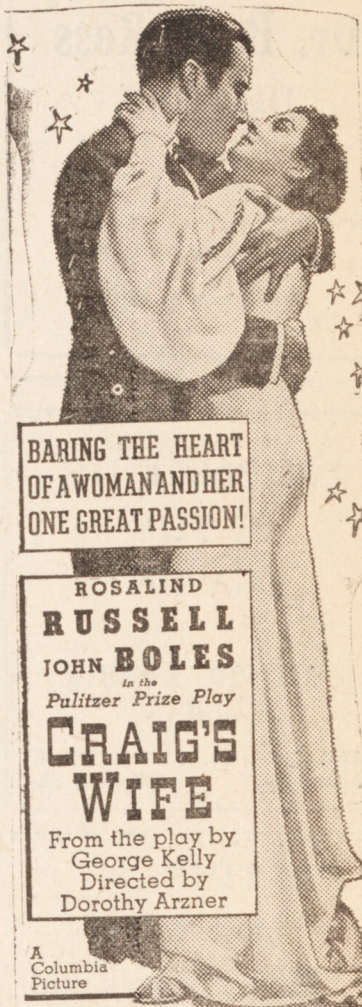
Or it might fall back on Senator Meighen, who stands head and shoulders above all the rest. But would he give up his seat in the Senate?

There are many in the Conservative party who believe the present Tory Leader played in bad luck when he swept into office on the wave of the worst depression that ever had struck Canada; for five years he steered the ship of state through tempestuous waters. They would like to see him at the helm when all is calm and bright.

Mr. Bennett will return to Canada in a few weeks from an Empire tour in which he has seen something of life in Australia, New Zealand, South Africa and Britain. He is certain to be enthusiastic about the Empire's future.

GAIETY

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HERE FRIDAY! "TARZAN ESCAPES" — with — Johnny Weissmuller Maureen O'Sullivan



\$200,085,000

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els was the smallest in six years, the wheat growers will have more money in their purses than they have had. The 1936 crop yields them more in dollars and cents than the 1932 crop which was nearly 200,000,000 bushels larger. The average price per bushel in 1932 was but 34 cents. Now it is more than double that figure.

Taking the principal field crops of Canada, it is estimated by the Dominion Bureau of Statistics that the gross value of the 1936 production is \$594,139,000, which is \$159,000,000 better than the output of the principal crops of 1932, when the farmers' purse was very lean.

Compared with last year, Ontario shows the largest gain of any Province, her field crops this year being worth \$24,227,000 more than last year.

What he decides about his own future will be decided with the future of the historic party he now leads uppermost in his mind. He will carry on until a fit successor can be chosen at a national convention.