

The Whig Wishes Its Readers A Happy Christmas

WAS FORCED INTO SHELTER

Owing to Heavy Sea on Sunday, Capt. Pyke Says.

THE FIRST MESSAGE

Of the Safety of the Salvage Prince Was Received By the Whig.

What might have been a very sad Christmas season was turned into one of great rejoicing on Tuesday afternoon, when a representative of the Whig telephoned to the Pyke home on Princess street and informed the family that the tug Salvage Prince, in command of Capt. Grant Pyke, which had not been heard of since Sunday last, was safe at Fairhaven, N.Y. The first message of the tug's safety came to the Whig at four o'clock.

Shortly afterwards Mrs. Pyke was informed that the boat was safe. Her husband called her on long-distance telephone from Fairhaven and stated that his tug and the members of the crew were all safe. He said that after leaving Sackets Harbor on Sunday afternoon he encountered a heavy sea and he was forced to take shelter in the bay at Stoney Island light-house, where he remained until Tuesday noon, when he proceeded in the direction of Fairhaven.

COLOGNE EVACUATION DEEMED IMPOSSIBLE

On January 10th, as Conditionally Set by the Versailles Treaty.

Paris, Dec. 24.—The meeting of the allied council of ambassadors has been put off until Saturday, chiefly to give time for the experts to complete a draft of the note relative to the evacuation of Cologne, which will be submitted to the council and, after ratification, delivered to the German government.

These evacuation of the Cologne area of the German occupied region on January 10th as conditionally set by the Versailles treaty, is deemed impossible by the French cabinet which met this morning.

William H. Anderson, former state superintendent of the New York State Anti-Saloon League was re-arrested as he left Sing Sing Prison on Wednesday on parole after serving a year's sentence on a conviction of forgery.

CLERGYMAN AND WOMAN GUILTY OF MURDER

Mount Vernon, Ill., Dec. 24.—The jury trying Rev. Lawrence Hight and Mrs. Elsie Sweetin for the poison murder of her husband, Wilford Sweetin, today returned a verdict of "guilty." Hight was given life imprisonment, while Mrs. Sweetin was given thirty-five years in penitentiary.

AT MOWAT HOSPITAL.

A Christmas Tree Enjoyed There on Tuesday Evening. The annual Christmas tree event at the Mowat hospital was held on Tuesday evening in the hospital recreation room, in the presence of a large crowd of patients and friends. After some excellent vocal numbers by Miss Chown, it was proposed by Mascot "Doc" Evans that Dr. Bruce Hopkins should sing for the boys. The doctor kindly agreed, providing the proposer would do likewise. The challenge was accepted and the two gentlemen sang that touching Scottish ballad, "A Wee Doch an Roris," which was greeted with hearty applause. Dr. Hopkins then addressed the gathering on the progress of the hospital during the past year, and in closing wished all present the season's greetings.

TRAIN IS DERAILED; NO PASSENGERS HURT

Engineer and Fireman Slightly Injured—Was Enroute From Ottawa to Vancouver.

Toronto, Dec. 24.—When the Canadian National Railway train No. 1, bound from Montreal to Vancouver, was derailed at Woodlawn, twenty-eight miles west of Ottawa, at 2:55 o'clock this morning, Engineer Gaudreau and Fireman Devey of Ottawa were slightly hurt but no passengers were injured. The engine and tender and seven cars left the rails, all remaining upright with the exception of the engine and express car. The sleeping, dining and observation cars were taken back to Ottawa terminal via Renfrew subdivision, and North Bay for the west.

Wheat Steam-ship Ashore.

Panama, Dec. 24.—The steamship Anglo-Egyptian, from Vancouver for Gibraltar with wheat, struck the east bank of the Panama canal at Lapita Point yesterday, and is now beached. She will be taken to Balboa for repairs. Part of the cargo is ruined by water.

Gordon Alexander Scott, Perth, is announced as successful for the post of assistant plant pathologist at Charlottetown, P.E.I., under the Experimental Farms branch, Department of Agriculture.

The provincial secretary denies the story that Peter Smith, now in Portmouth penitentiary, got the "scabbs" in Toronto jail. Six children escaped but their mother perished in the burning of their home near Drumheller, Alta., early Tuesday morning.

EIGHT KILLED IN AIRPLANE

Express From London to Paris Crashes At Croydon, Eng.

ALL BURNED TO DEATH

The Machine Suddenly Went Into a Nose Dive and Burst Into Flames.

Croydon, Eng., Dec. 24.—Eight persons were killed when an airplane crashed at the airfield here this morning. The plane was a big air express from London to Paris.

The passengers were on their way to Paris for Christmas. Soon after rising the machine suddenly banked over Pury Downs in a gust of wind, went into a nose dive and burst into flames through the explosion of the gasoline tank. All eight in the machine were burned to death and the machine was completely destroyed.

Among the passengers were Dr. Borbois Lima, Brazilian, and Cedric Trudget, representative of the Chilean Review. The passengers included two women.

WILL PLAY SANTA FROM THE CLOUDS

New York, Dec. 24.—The Los Angeles, the United States navy's newest dirigible, has been ordered into the service of Santa Claus, and on Christmas Eve will fly over New York city after dark, strung with lights like an aerial Christmas tree, while from her radio station will be broadcast messages from the good saint, and "Hark, the Herald Angels Sing," played by the band of the naval station here.



DR. OSCAR HARTMANN, prominent German banker, now in United States, believes his European colleagues frequently come to the United States with mistaken notions. He says most of them seem to think America has unlimited funds.

BRIDES USE POWDER PUFF IN THE VESTRY

An English Vicar Comes Out Against Women Painting Their Faces.

Kingston, England, Dec. 24.—Rev. A. Wellesly Orr, vicar of St. Paul's church, Kingston Hill, has come out against the use of paint and powder by women. Writing to his parishioners, the vicar says: "Even while we are signing the marriage registers in the church vestry the bride may get in a few moments' work before a mirror with powder puff, scissors and bottle. The man who came into the church in love with a blushing blonde takes out on his arm a blooming bobbed brunette. Some wives are so constantly changing their appearance that their husbands live in perpetual dread of arrest for bigamy."

Aged Ottawa Druggist Dead. Ottawa, Dec. 24.—Joseph Alfred Murgrove, one of the city's most prominent business men, died yesterday, aged seventy-nine years. He was a druggist.

Birthdays of Two Aged Men

H. Hitchen Ninety-Two And Rev. Dr. G. D. Ferguson Ninety-Five.

Today Mr. H. Hitchen of 43 George street, is 92 years of age and many congratulations are being showered on him. He still goes out every day that is fit and usually pauses at the Whig bulletin to get the latest news. When at home he reads all day and enjoys his pipe as much as any man. The Whig extends its congratulations to one of Kingston's grand old men.

Ninety-Five Years of Age. On Christmas day Rev. Dr. George D. Ferguson will be ninety-five years of age. Professor Ferguson was born in Montreal in 1829. He was the first civil staff professor at the Royal Military College and is now the only surviving member of the original staff of that institution. He later taught history for many years at Queen's university. His memory is clear, he is able to go out every day, attends church regularly and did his Christmas shopping this year as usual. He still reads with-out glasses as did his mother who died aged ninety-six. The Whig wishes him many happy returns of the day.

Firpo Expects to Fight Ether Gibbons or Renault

Paris, Dec. 24.—Luis Firpo, who is yearning for another chance at Dempsey's crown, expects to be matched with either Tom Gibbons or Jack Renault for a fight at Madison Square Gardens in April, he told French writers on his arrival here.

EIGHT LINERS AT NEW YORK

All Were Delayed By Fog And Gales on Atlantic.

HAD 3,000 PASSENGERS

The Olympic Is Due on Wednesday With Much Old Country Mail.

New York, Dec. 24.—Wave-scattered wanderers of the Atlantic—eight in number—worned into port yesterday, the biggest unit of the Christmas fleet to get to New York. Two vessels which had been scheduled to arrive before noon were expected later in the day. The incoming ships brought almost 3,000 passengers.

A jam threatened quarantine when the liners, icy rigging tracing sugary lines against a distant shore, edged through from the open sea. All were late, the delays from fog and December gales being from twenty-four to seventy-two hours.

The White Star liner Cedric headed the fleet with 601 passengers from Liverpool and Queenstown. Nine children, two travelling alone and the others under the care of their sixteen-year-old sister, were on board.

The Cedric was thirty-six hours late. Other arrivals were the United States liner Republic, which had been delayed seventy-two hours; the Anchor liner Cameronia, the Holland-America liner Volendam, from Rotterdam and Havana; the Norwegian American liner Bergenford, from Christiania; the Royal Mail liner Ohio, and the United States liner America.

The Essequibo, of the South American line, twenty-four hours late, brought fifty-one shivering passengers from southern climes.

All of the ships brought Christmas mail, the bulk coming from Central and Northern Europe.

The Atlantic Transport liner Minnetonka, from London, and the Ward liner Siboney, from Havana, arrived late last night. To-day the White Star liner Olympic is scheduled to arrive with much mail.

A CONFERENCE FOR MARCH IS PROPOSED

Dominions Asked to Agree to Special Meeting on Disarmament Protocol.

London, Dec. 24.—The British government yesterday asked the Dominions to agree to a special meeting of the Imperial Conference in March to consider the League of Nations' protocol for disarmament.

The Colonial Office sent a series of cablegrams to the Dominions and India asking them to send representatives to London in March, if agreeable, to discuss the Imperial stand on the protocol which the British Government some time ago made clear it would not sign until its dependencies had expressed their views.

Today's messages, while they avoid definitely issuing the call for a conference, are understood to contain requests suggesting a suitable date for the meeting and naming the respective delegates.

The proposed conference will undertake a full and frank discussion of the nature and extent of the responsibilities for the whole Empire involved by its ratification. It is said that the British Government will not present any policy at the March meeting, but will leave the decision to the delegates from home and abroad.

EVICIONS FOR RENT

Stirring Scenes in Scotland When Rent Not Paid. London, Dec. 23.—There was stirring scenes at Dalmeir and Clydebank, Dumbarton county, Scotland, yesterday when long threatened evictions for non-payment of rent took place. In connection with Dalmeir evictions some ugly rushes occurred but only one arrest was made.

Last Day to Shop

OTTAWA DOES NOT LICK ITS STAMPS

Ottawa, Dec. 24.—The Ottawa Post Office has taken over the licking of Christmas stamps. Under a scheme in force to-day, you hand the parcels to a clerk, who weighs them, calls out the amount of postage for each package to a second clerk, who skillfully manipulates a cash register. A slip bearing the amount of postage is given you. You pay the postage in cash and go your way. Inside, a staff of employees affixes the proper stamps.

THE POPE PROCLAIMS 1925 AS HOLY YEAR

Magnificent Ceremony at the Vatican in Rome—Holy Door is Opened.

Rome, Dec. 24.—Pope Pius XI, surrounded by the splendor of medieval pageantry customary for such occasions, to-day proclaimed from the Vatican the twenty-third Holy Year in the history of the Papacy and performed the picturesque ceremony of knocking down the Holy Door of the basilica of St. Peter's with the symbolic solid gold hammer.

The Pontiff thus initiated a series of ceremonies which are expected to attract to Rome during the ensuing year millions of pilgrims from all over the world.

The regal magnificence of to-day's ceremony, the richness of the pontifical robes, the multicolored uniforms of the various branches of the Vatican forces, and the draperies and canopies that lent gorgeous color to the general background left a panorama of solemn grandeur imprinted on the minds of the favored hundreds who saw the ceremony at close range and the thousands of others who filled the spacious basilica, and overflowed into the expansive square in front.

By far the most impressive part of this age-old yet ever new ceremony was that which the pope, holding in his right hand the little gold hammer which somewhat resembles in shape an ordinary chairman's gavel, struck thrice the massive Holy Door, which, in accordance with plans previously worked out by the "sampler-trini"—the corps of workmen permanently employed to keep the great edifice in repair—yielded to these blows, gradually falling open. It will remain open during Holy Year, after which the door will be replaced and will remain closed another 25 years until open again by the same ceremony.

Immediately after the Holy Door had fallen open and was rolled away on casters that previously had been attached, the news was proclaimed by the peal of the bells of the great mother church, in which the bells of all the other 400 churches of the Eternal City joined.

Hen's Peck Led to Death. Moose Jaw, Sask., Dec. 24.—Richard Bogue, pioneer resident and the first merchant to establish in the city, a veteran of the Northwest Rebellion, and several times mayor of Moose Jaw, died last night. His death was a tragic one.

On December 17th, one of the hens in a flock which he kept at his home, pecked him on the thumb of the right hand. Blood poisoning set in. Though an operation was performed at the hospital, he failed to rally.

Killed in The Woods. Cobourg, Dec. 24.—Word has been received here that Peter Whaley, Murray township, a man past the meridian of life, was accidentally killed a day or so ago while working in the woods. A binding chain broke, it is stated, and a large log struck him as it rolled off the load. A Whaley, Salem, is a son.

St. Paul's Presbyterian church, Moose Jaw, Sask., on Tuesday night voted 55 to 44 against entering the United Church.

PROPHETS OF STARS FORETELL TROUBLES

Paris, Dec. 24.—President Coolidge will abandon his post. Russia will change its government. England will witness a tremendous growth of socialism. The King of Italy will have many troubles. Spain may revolt against the dictatorate. These are the principal prophecies for 1925, issued today by Mme. De Teleme, self-styled "prophetess of the stars."

ARRESTED FOR BANK ROBBERY

Two of the Six Former Members of Seattle Police.

PROFANITY GAVE CLUE

Some of the Accused Were Principals in Various Other Crimes of Violence.

Seattle, Wash., Dec. 24.—With a single cast of the net over western Washington last night, Canadian and American officials and detectives trapped six of the eight men accused of the spectacular hold-up and \$40,000 robbery on December 12th, of the Royal Bank of Canada branch at Nanaimo, B.C. The most notable of the prisoners are Ross C. Watson, until recently a Seattle police detective, dismissed from the department a few weeks ago and charged with complicity in the \$22,000 Bon Marche robbery here on August 8th, and Clarence H. (Dick) Shively, former Seattle patrolman, convicted and sentenced to two years imprisonment for dry law violation and waiting trial in connection with last year's Bank of California bond robbery here.

The others are: E. William Bagley, said to have been the leader of the bandits in the Nanaimo robbery; T. T. Johnson, Harry Stone, alias Laden, and another suspect, whose name is given as Hunter, said to be Shively's boatman in rum-running ventures.

Betrayed by Profanity. Vancouver, Dec. 24.—"An unspeakable line of profanity" was one of the clues which led to the arrest of Ross C. Watson, former Seattle detective, as a suspect in the robbery of the Royal Bank at Nanaimo, B.C., on December 12th, when \$42,000 was taken.

Members of the bank staff and citizens who were held up by the bandits, left Nanaimo yesterday morning for Seattle, where they will endeavor to identify the prisoners who were placed in custody at various Washington points.

The arrests came as the result of investigations made by Inspector Crikshanks, of the British Columbia provincial police, working with United States officers.

During the hold-up, one of the bandits marched a bank employee to a vault at the point of a gun, and, using particularly profane language, demanded that he open it.

The employee told the inspector the words the bandit used and the inspector went to Seattle and repeated them to Charles Tennant, captain of detectives. Tennant exclaimed: "I've heard those cuss words many times before. They sound like Watson."

Watson is well-known in Vancouver, having competed at police sports here. He was dismissed from the Seattle force some weeks ago, and charged with complicity in the \$23,000 robbery of the Bon Marche Department store there. He was out on bail on this charge when the Nanaimo robbery occurred.

SOLEMN RECEPTION BY THE HOLY FATHER

The Pope Receives Christmas Greetings From the Cardinals at the Vatican.

Rome, Dec. 24.—The reception of the Cardinals yesterday by Pope Pius in order that they might offer their usual Christmas greetings to him was unusually solemn, because it coincided with the opening to-day of the holy doors and the commencement of jubilee years.

The feature of the reception was the address of Pope Pius. In it the pontiff emphasized the necessity for true peace, especially at the present time when the Christmas truce joined with Holy Year. "We hope the words 'Glory to God and on Earth, peace, good-will toward men' will come true," said the Pontiff. "May this Holy Year bring peace to them and peace to the heart and peace to the will; to the mind, to give mankind thorough knowledge of their rights and duties, together with a larger vision of truth; to the heart, so that men may forever more love each other as brothers, both individually and between the classes of the people; to the will, because therewith man can put into practice the necessary means to reach peace."

"You Said It, Marceline!" By MARCELINE DALROY ON "KEEPING 'SOMEBODY' HOME!" SOME WIVES say IT DOESN'T PAY To be TOO GOOD And stay QUIETLY AT HOME and DARN EVERYTHING in the house and Let everything OUTSIDE GO HANG. THEY say a wife should be a LITTLE GAY, just say ENOUGH To keep HER HUSBAND INTERESTED in What SHE is doing Instead of SPECULATING About some OTHER little CHICKEN OUTSIDE THE ROOST. This MAY be true, But wives who THINK THAT WAY, have a Harder job than they THINK for what is A LITTLE naughty to-day Does not seem AT ALL Naughtily to-morrow And FINALLY, Instead of BRINGING HUSBY HOME They are never home THEMSELVES. To make a SUCCESS OF MARRIAGE There has JUST GOT TO BE "SOMEBODY" HOME!