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Spanish Rebels Continuing Gains

NEW RATES OF TARIFF

Canadian-American Trade Agreement Comes Into Force Next Week

OTTAWA, Dec. 28: (CP)— The new trade agreement between Canada and the United States, which was negotiated in November, will become effective on Sunday. An upswing in trade is expected to be the immediate result following a recent falling off in business pending the coming into effect of the more favorable rates.

The removal of the three per cent excise tax on American goods coming into Canada cannot be actually effected until it has been ratified by Parliament which will probably be in connection with consideration of the budget, probably early in February.

'XMAS MAIL WAS HEAVY

Canada's Postal Movement This Yuletide Estimated to Have Been Largest on Record

OTTAWA, Dec. 28: (CP)—Early estimates by officials of the Post Office Department indicate that Canadian Christmas mail this year was the heaviest on record but it was handled with promptness and dispatch. There was a large mail from the United Kingdom on Christmas Eve.

British Columbia Pioneer Is Dead

Joseph F. Hanna, 55 Years a Resident of Province, Passes in Vancouver

VANCOUVER, Dec. 27: (CP)—Joseph F. Hanna, one of British Columbia's pioneers, died in Vancouver Christmas Day. He had lived in British Columbia fifty-five years and at one time operated a sawmill in Victoria.

First Ice Of Season Comes To Essington

First ice of the season is reported today in the Skeena River between Haysport and Port Essington, a report being received in the city this morning to the effect that it was quite hazardous for small boats. It is mostly drift ice coming down the river.

RAIN BOMBS ON CAPITAL

Japanese Continue Their Strafing of Southern China Cities

HONG KONG, Dec. 28: (CP)—One hundred houses were demolished when Japanese air raiders rained projectiles on the city of Kwilin, capital of Kwansi Province in Southern China.

Salvation Army Present Standing

The standing of the Salvation Army Christmas Cheer Fund to date folows:

Previously acknowledged	$527.05
Forbes Lee	3.75
Mrs. J. Cook	2.00

Bulletins

SEALING SKIPPER DIES

VICTORIA — Capt. Isaac A. Gould, pioneer sealing skipper of Victoria, died yesterday at the age of ninety-two years.

CHURCH IS BURNED

VICTORIA— Sparks falling on the roof from a chimney caused fire which destroyed a Quatsino church on Christmas night.

CHECK FOR ALBERTA

EDMONTON—Hon. Solon Low, provincial treasurer, announces receipt of a check for $685,000 from the federal government, being payment on subsidies which usually does not arrive until January 1.

ALBERTA LEGISLATURE

EDMONTON—The next session of the Alberta Legislature has been called for February 9, the official proclamation having been issued yesterday.

TUNISIAN INDEPENDENCE

ROME—The Fascist press indicates that Premier Mussolini may ask France to grant independence to Tunisia rather than cede it to Italy. The plan would undoubtedly involve a provision for Italian control as there are 90,000 Italians there.

SILVER THAW IN SOUTH

VANCOUVER—A silver thaw in the Fraser Valley east of here crippled highway traffic temporarily and slowed down telephone and telegraph communication when both lines and poles were ripped down by ice. The damage is now mostly repaired.

MANY MINERS ENTOMBED

KIRKLAND LAKE—More than one hundred miners are digging from both ends of a slope on the Lake Shore mine in an attempt to rescue two men who were trapped more than 2,400 feet underground following an air explosion last night. The rescuers were reported to be about forty feet from the entombed men at noon today. There is no way of knowing whether the unidentified miners are dead or alive.

FOUR YOUNG PEOPLE LOST

VANCOUVER— The police here have been asked to search for four Vancouver young people who have been missing since Monday on a fifty-mile automobile trip to Harrison Hot Springs in the Fraser Valley. The four are Herbert Frew, his sister, Violet, Russel Harris and Doris Fox-Decent. There is a possibility that the small automobile is snowbound.

TODAY'S WEATHER

Prince Rupert—Scattered clouds, southwest wind, two miles per hour; barometer, 29.98 (falling); temperature, 13; sea smooth.

Triple Island—Part cloudy, northeast wind, eight miles per hour; light chop.

Langara Island—Snowing, easterly wind, 24 miles per hour; barometer, 29.92; temperature, 24; sea moderately rough.

Dead Tree Point — Snowing, strong easterly wind; barometer, 29.87; temperature, 27; sea rough.

Bull Harbor—Part cloudy, westerly wind, four miles per hour; barometer, 29.94; temperature, 29; light swell.

Alert Bay—Snowing, light southerly wind; barometer, 30.12; temperature, 31; sea smooth.

Estevan—Cloudy, calm; barometer, 29.94.

Victoria—Fair, northerly wind, 10 miles per hour; barometer, 29.94.

Vancouver—Cloudy, calm; barometer, 29.94.

Prince George—Clear, northerly wind, four miles per hour; barometer, 30.44.

DEFRAUD BY MAIL

Officials of Continental Credit Corporation of Winchester, Indiana, Are Convicted

INDIANAPOLIS, Dec. 28: (CP)—A federal jury today convicted five officers of the Continental Credit Corporation of Winchester, Indiana, and associated firms of using the mails to defraud in schemes which the government contended would cost mid-western United States business houses and individuals approximately $1,200,000.

FIVE JAPS BEING HELD

Japanese Girl Was Burned to Death In Furnace But May Have Been Suicide

VANCOUVER, Dec. 28.—Five Japanese, friends and relatives of Emiko Yamada, are held for investigation as the police tried to determine whether Emico was the victim of a slayer or if she committed suicide. Her body was found in the small furnace of the family home yesterday.

The autopsy report said she was burned to death but it is not determined whether it was a case of suicide or murder. The girl was alive but possibly unconscious when the flames enveloped her.

Those held are not under suspicion, the police officers said, but are merely held pending the completion of the investigation.

DJIBOUTI RESTLESS JUST NOW

Nothing Official About Italian Military Movements Around Somaliland

PARRIS, Dec. 28: (CP)—There is no official confirmation, it was announced last night, of the reported massing of Italian troops on the frontiers of French Somaliland as part of a campaign which it was thought might threaten Djibouti which has an important position on the Red Sea in relation to Ethiopia.

The Ministry of the Colonies announced today that a detachment of Senegalese troops had been sent to strengthen Djibouti garrison at the request of Governor General Hubert Deschamps to "assist in maintaining order" amid reports of Italian troops concentrating near the French Somaliland port. Colonial authorities did not know the exact number of Senegalese that were enroute.

The French press and public are inclined to regard the Italian campaign for Djibouti as a bluff and have confidence in French ability to defend colonies.

Railway Tunnel Collapse; Thirty-Nine Lose Lives

TOKYO, Dec. 28: (CP)—Thirty-nine workmen have been killed in the collapse of a railway tunnel at Keisho in Hokudo Province of southeastern Korea.

Canada's Royal Guests—

TO MAKE CHANGES IN PRINCESSES' ROUTINE WHILE PARENTS AWAY

Royal Daughters Will Stay at Home While King and Queen Tour Canada Next Summer

The visit of the King and Queen to Canada next spring will mean making domestic re-arrangements at Buckingham Palace. Not the least of them will concern the two young princesses, Elizabeth and Margaret, who then will be aged 13 and 8½ respectively. The two little girls, who are great devotees of their public, probably will be somewhat forlorn both at the six weeks' absence of their parents and at missing the experience of an ocean trip and an introduction to their Canadian admirers.

However, the inclusion of the young princesses in a formal tour of the kind presents practical difficulties while it is understood Their Majesties are averse to inrupting the many lessons necessary for Princess Elizabeth as heir-presumptive to the throne.

From her earliest years Princess "Lilibet," as she was once known to her playmates, has delighted in appearing before the public. Whenever the royal family drives out her curly head is prominent in the window of the car with smiles and waves for the crowd.

One of the earliest stories told of her describes how she was once playing with a small friend in the garden of 145 Piccadilly, residence of her mother and father as Duke and Duchess of York. The little princess noted a group of spectators peering through the railings and presently she stopped the game. She led her friend to the railings and presented her to the crowd. "This is Mabel," she said.

Princess Elizabeth early impressed her family with her high spirits and vivacity combined with a strength of will that may be inherited from her great-great-grandmother, Queen Victoria. She has always delighted in the greeting of crowds and, with a little coaching from Queen Mary, soon acquired the habit of graceful acknowledgement.

After Princess Margaret Rose came along the elder sister took over some of the task of training the little one's steps in the paths of correct behavior. This feature of their relationship is a standing

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Vancouver Busy In Shipping As Old Year Passes

VANCOUVER, Dec. 28: (CP) — The end of the year finds a score of deepsea ships berthed in Vancouver with offshore trade both in and outbound active. Canadians have been strong on imports of raisins and currants this year.

LEADER OF LABORITES

Sir James Sexton Passes Away In Liverpool at Age of Eighty-Two

LIVERPOOL, Dec. 28: (CP)—Sir James Sexton, veteran labor leader, is dead here. He was eighty-two years of age and had been in frail health since last year.

In a weather-beaten gray felt hat, a muffler around his neck like an English laborer and his everyday clothes wrinkled and worn, "Jimmie" Sexton, the Liverpool dock workers' member of parliament, went to Buckingham Palace on February 24, 1931, to be dubbed Sir James Sexton by King George.

In this dress, and with his terribly scarred face, the result of being caught in a ship's derrick many years before, he looked anything but the conventional palace visitor in tall hat and morning dress.

The dignity of knighthood weighed lightly on this veteran of the British labor movement who was born in the slums of Newcastle in 1856, tramped to London as a lad, ran away to sea, served ten years on windjammers after having been drugged in San Francisco and "shanghied" to Singapore, and later returned to England as a fiery labor agitator.

The lord chamberlain's department, the censors of dress at palace functions, was much disturbed but King George, revealing one of the reason why he was a revered ruler took Jimmie as he came and sent him away with a knighthood to round out one of the most picturesque and picaresque careers of any member of parliament.

"Cut out the 'Sir;' I am still 'Jimmy Sexton,' who worked on the docks and was glad to draw his fifteen shillings a week," said the new knight.

Proud of Distinction

But he was proud of the distinction as being recognition not only from the labor view, but for general public utility, of the service he had rendered through many years, particularly in the port of Liverpool, "in lifting the bottom dog out of the slough of despond."

Son of emigrants who fled from Ireland's great famine, Sir James was born in poverty and to adventure. Few knights of the British realm came from such humble surroundings or lived so close to realities.

At eight he worked "half-time" in a glass works for two shillings and six pence a week, a trifle more than a dime a day. When 16 he left home in search of work to help his widowed mother who had seven children. He went to sea and found plenty of adventure if little wealth.

Returning to Liverpool he became a dockworker and helped to found the dockers' trade union of which he was general secretary for more than forty years. In that capacity he waged many a doughty fight for better conditions and he was a prominent figure along with Havelock Wilson and Tom Mann in the seamen's and dockers' big strike in 1911, which culminated in "Bloody Sunday."

In 1918 he was elected to parliament from St. Helens, a Liverpool suburb where he passed his childhood and got what schooling he possessed. He lost his seat October 27, 1931, when the labor party was shattered in the record breaking election that endorsed Ramsay MacDonald's "national cabinet," made up of members of the three major parties.

Trades Union Head

He was president of the Trades Union Congress, the British equivalent of the American Federation of Labor, in 1905, and a member of its general council after 1923.

In leisure moments Sexton tried his hand at play writing and as "Tatters, M. P.," he amused parliamentary and other friends with occasional lyrical outbursts in a strain of genial satire Some of his plays achieved regular theatrical production. He was a widower for many years without children.

As a parliamentarian he cut no great figure, because he was always whirled by emotion and boiling indignation. But he was without malice in his vehement wrath against social wrongs and inequalities of fate.

"If any of the dockers think that by accepting a title I became 'respectable,' I would tell them that I accepted the honor because it was a tribute to them," he said.

Insurgents Claim To Have Made Further Advances In Battle

One Thousand Square Kilometres of Territory Taken With Sixteen Towns, Many Villages and 7,000 Prisoners

HENDAYE, Franco-Spanish Frontier, December 28: (CP)—Insurgent armies are reported to be continuing their drive into Catalonia on all fronts along a seventy-five mile line between Tremp and Ribarroja on the Ebro River. Insurgent newspapers claim that the six-day old offensive toward Tarragona and Barcelona on the Mediterranean has resulted in the capture of more than one thousand square kilometres of territory, at least sixteen towns and scores of villages and seven thousand prisoners. Fresh gains are reported, especially southeast of Lerida, insurgent base. The amount of ground gained has also been placed at 230 square miles.

Plans are reported to be still proceeding to remove the government capital from Barcelona to a more secure place in the south.

TRAINING FOR AIR

President Roosevelt Announces Plan Whereby College Students Will Receive Instruction

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 28: (CP)—President Franklin D. Roosevelt yesterday announced a plan whereby twenty thousand American college students each year will receive training in flying as a measure of the United States protecting itself against the general militarization of other nations. The scheme is to fit young men for civilian flying, building up a reservoir of trained men and machines which would be readily adaptable for the service of the country in the event of war.

Disclosure by the President of the completion of his plans to train civilian aviators for wartime pilots provides another indication of the chief executive's determination to keep United States high in the ranks of world air powers.

THIN ICE; TWO DROWN

Pair of Old Men Perish on Alta Lake in Squamish District

ALTA LAKE, B.C., Dec. 28: (CP)—Two aged men, Ernest Archibald and George Trites, crashed through the ice as they dragged a sled over the frozen lake and were both drowned a week ago, it was learned here today.

Premier Bracken Will Pay Visit

Head of Manitoba Government to Address Edmonton Chamber of Commerce

EDMONTON, Dec. 28: (CP)—Premier John Bracken of Manitoba has accepted an invitation to address the Edmonton Chamber of Commerce on January 17.

SOUTH HAS SNOWSTORM

Two Feet in Fraser Valley Blocks Roads—Very Cold on Prairies —Blizzards in East

VANCOUVER, Dec. 28: (CP)—A twenty-four hour snowstorm in the Fraser Valley with rain and hail here and on Vancouver Island disrupted communication and transportation services on the lower mainland. After an all night snowfall, there was two feet of snow on the ground in the Fraser Valley yesterday and snow plows were pressed into service in the effort to keep roads open.

From the prairies extremely cold weather was reported yesterday with the thermometer dropping to 38 below zero at Edmonton.

In Ontario and Quebec heavy blizzards are reported.

NEW MILL STARTS UP

Reward Mining Co. Resumes Grinding of Ore on Porcher Island—55 Employed

The new mill of the Reward Mining Co. Ltd. on Porcher Island has started grinding ore. This mill, a plant of between fifty and seventy-five tons daily capacity, replaces one which was destroyed by fire a year ago and is situated at a more advantageous location on tidewater. There are at present fifty-five men employed at the property and there is enough ore broken for a year's operation.

Ornithologist Loses His Life In Arctic Area

CHURCHILL, Man., Dec. 28: (CP)—Silence cloaking the Arctic was broken yesterday with word that R. J. Bray, 28-year-old ornithologist with a British-Canadian Arctic expedition, was drowned when a small boat was crushed by an ice pack last September.