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\* Reminiscences By W. J. - and REFLECTIONS \*

Hostilities on December 25 are nothing new in Palestine. There, where once the Saviour walked, it has been no novelty for well toward two thousand Fighting is going on today. There is still blood-letting and ill-will among earth Everywhere, under the sun, can be seen the wreckage and misery of yesterday's vast conflicts. Yet never before has there been more reason to believe that the song of the angels is closer to actual fulfill-

Christmas drama was staged in the midst of a 70-mile an hour blizzard on a frozen Alaska lake Wednesday night. An army flier drove his helicopter 10 feet over the wild waters of Cook Inlet to reach a forceddown passenger plane and take from it a homesteaders' wife on her way to an Anchorage hospital. It was a maternity case and there were more things to think about than Christmas trees. Backed by the power and ingenuity of modern transportation, mail is regularly rushed to The Experts Say - -Prince Rupert, reaching a climax at Christmas. But there was a time and not so long ago By KAY REX when mail matter in Skeena Canadian Press Staff Writer was on a primitive scale. Before steel rails linked up, distribution made its start and humble one it was but with swift growth. Barney Mulvaney knew something about the problems on her gift list. over the cold, white pathway winding its way between the peaks, and known as the Skeena River. White-winged and coal-black in less than a week. birds that look to Prince Rupert | Cutting down 'grownup" sock up town, particularly in the 13 needles.



## British Recovery Given Large Fillip Marshall Aid Program

Government Continues High Taxation **During 1948 to Keep Inflation in Check** 

## By JAMES MCCOOK Canadian Press Staff Writer

LONDON-Britain got her second wind in 1948's cent years. race for economic recovery. Despite dire predictions of hardship when Sir Stafford Cripps became Chan- tional economic security cellor of the Exchequer late in 1947, and called the made by agriculture during soon gave consolation to government planners. Their vielded record crops in districts in spite of weather security by the assurance of candy ration from 12 ounces to yield removed the day

assistance from the United 16 monthly. But the bacon rationing being imposed States, and Britons themselves ration wavered between one and CAPITAL produced and sold more. two ounces weekly, and stern INVESTMENT UP

Exports in February were rationing continued on most valued at £122,500,000 (\$49,000,- other major foodstuffs. crease overseas business Target production of the na- times by the sale of 000)., rising to peaks of £140,-

mands. The nationalis ways completed their fin under public ownersh short of adequate accom tion for passengers travel periods but aimi proved services. The Commons gave ron and steel indust public ownership in the criticism from the tive opposition and The government denise ship of shares in the would interfere with proefficency demonstrated Important contributions backs. An abundant Even as she labored



