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TOMORROW'S TIDES
Sunday, December 25, 1955
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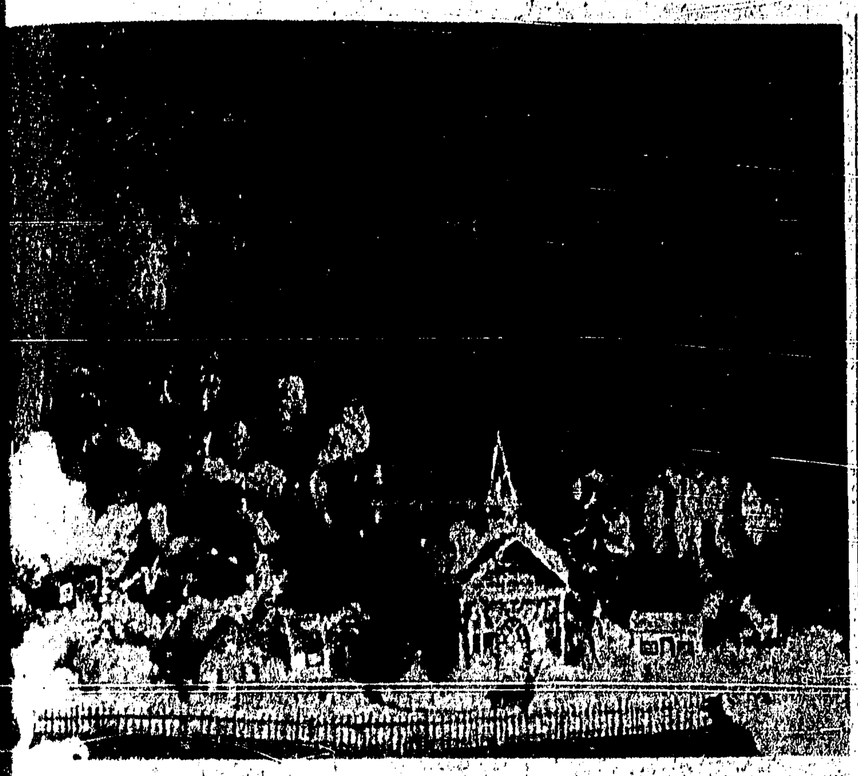

LITTLY-LIT CHURCH is a masterpiece in confectionery sugar made by Mrs. Thomas Hill, Seventh Avenue East for the Christmas scene she has set up in her home. Mrs. Hill has similar scenes as decorations for the past five years. Ceiling over the model village, which up in the Hill kitchen, is also decorated. —Photo by Van Mere Studio

Holy Land Atmosphere Tense On Eve Of Annual Pilgrimage

World Peace Hope Of All Christians

By The Associated Press

Christians, wherever they are in a troubled world, turned their thoughts today to the little town of Bethlehem as Christmas observances again emphasized age-old hopes for peace and goodwill.

In Arab-held Bethlehem, within sight of the closely-guarded Jordan-Israeli demarcation line, everything was ready for the traditional Christmas Eve pilgrims and midnight church services. Despite the lifting of a curfew after five days of political rioting in Jordan, the atmosphere continued more tense than usual.

Fewer visitors were expected this year for the ancient ritual of midnight mass in St. Catherine's Church adjoining the Church of the Nativity.

From the winter-darkened top of the world where Canadian and Americans are building the DEW (Distant Early Warning) radar line beneath the aurora borealis, to the Byrd expedition on Antarctica, it was the same story—Christmas was foremost in thought if not in fact.

QUEEN AT SANDRINGHAM

Queen Elizabeth was with her family at Sandringham, the 7,000-acre estate in Norfolk where the Royal Family has been gathering for Christmas since the days of the Queen's great-grandfather, Edward VII. The Queen will make her customary broadcast to the Commonwealth and Empire Christmas Day.

Pope Pius made his 17th consecutive Christmas eve appeal today for peace and goodwill among men. His message will be carried in 28 languages during the next five days.

The annual Christmas midnight mass also will be broadcast from the Vatican.

Two American church leaders—one Protestant and the other Roman Catholic — took the Christmas message to American military forces far from home. Francis Cardinal Spellman, Archbishop of New York, was in South Korea with U.S. Navy Secretary Charles Thomas. Dr. Eugene Carson Blake of Philadelphia, president of the National Council of Churches, was spending the Christmas weekend at Thule, Greenland, air force base on the edge of the polar icecap.

MESSAGE BROADCAST

Radio Free Europe broadcast Christmas messages to the Iron Curtain countries. One from President Eisenhower told people in the satellite countries he wanted them to know "that the American people recognize the trials under which you are suffering; join you in your concern for the restoration of individual freedoms and political liberty; and share your faith that right in the end will prevail to bring you once again among the free nations of the world."

Pope Asks International Atomic Curbs

VATICAN CITY (AP) — Pope Pius in his annual Christmas message, called today for an international agreement to control atomic activities including experimental explosions. He also warned that colonial peoples must have political freedom.

The 79-year-old spiritual leader of more than 450,000,000 Roman Catholics spoke from his golden throne. He [illegible] gold vestments. His message was translated into 28 languages for broadcast by the Vatican radio.

The pontiff's delivery was in marked contrast to that of a year ago, when he was convalescing from a grave illness and was able to give only a brief greeting to the world. Persons close to him said today he appeared somewhat tired from the pressure of his Christmas duties but otherwise seemed fitter than for some years.

EXPERIMENTS DANGEROUS

Speaking in the presence of 16 scarlet-robed cardinals and other high prelates who brought Christmas greetings, the Pope said:

1. The Roman Catholic Church rejects communism as a social system by virtue of Christ's doctrine.

2. An international agreement is necessary to control atomic experimental explosions, control the use of nuclear energy, and supervise atomic activities.

3. Multiplied experimental atomic explosions pose "very dangerous conditions for many living beings."

He warned that colonial peoples must not be denied political freedom.

Next Paper Wednesday

The Prince Rupert Daily News will not publish Monday and Tuesday of next week, the management and staff join other city businesses and government offices in observance of the Christmas holiday.

Publication will resume Wednesday.

16 Dead As Holiday Underway

B.C. Records Two Fatalities

By The Canadian Press

Bad road conditions across the country accounted for most of the 12 holiday traffic deaths reported in the first hours of the Christmas weekend. Four other violent deaths were reported.

A Canadian Press survey shows Ontario, Quebec, Nova Scotia and British Columbia were the only provinces to report fatalities during this period. Ontario had six deaths, Quebec seven, Nova Scotia one and British Columbia two.

Second traffic fatality of the Christmas weekend in British Columbia was reported early Saturday with the death of an unidentified pedestrian on a waterfront street.

Friday night, the first death was recorded when Mrs. Gertrude Bratten, about 70, was killed and her husband Joseph seriously injured. They were struck down by a car in suburban Burnaby.

In the Vancouver accident, a taxi-driver reported a middle-aged man walked in front of his cab and was "pushed" slightly as the driver came to a screeching halt.

The pedestrian lost his hat and when he went to retrieve it, was struck by another car and knocked 130 feet, landing against a hotel wall. He died immediately.

Among persons injured in the rash of automobile accidents Friday night was Colonel Alan W. Gray of West Vancouver, commanding officer of the Seaforth Highlanders Militia regiment.

He was reported in fair condition in North Vancouver hospital after being involved in a collision on Lions Gate bridge. He suffered a crushed chest and a broken leg.

Two Aldergrove boys were hurt when their bicycles collided with a car on the trans-Canada highway near Aldergrove. Injured were 13-year-old Larry Ross who suffered a broken leg and head injuries, and Joseph Koziusky, 12, who received numerous cuts about the face and arms.

In another accident, a car bearing Alberta licence plates plunged over a 50-foot embankment on the trans-Canada highway near Aldergrove. One man was reported in serious condition after being pinned beneath the car.

THE IDEA IS THAT if you've got all the other ingredients in the Christmas pudding, and add a two-year-old Reta Skingley, "mix well" will be taken care of by her footwork, copied from European wine-makers. However, you've got to make twice as much as you need, because the pudding really flies when this little London miss gets busy. Her feet aren't the only thing she mixes with, either — she wields a mean wooden spoon, besides. See recipe for Merry Christmas on Page 3.

Bank Robbery Suspect Arrested On New Count

VANCOUVER (AP) — Bail was refused in court Friday for Joe Gordon, 33, when he appeared on a charge of being in possession of an offensive weapon.

Gordon was arrested a few hours after a taxi reported he had been threatened by a gunman in Stanley Park. Gordon at the time was at liberty on $15,000 bail pending hearing of a bank robbery charge.

Gordon had been arrested shortly after the December 7 slaying of Constable Gordon Sinclair and was then held for five days before being released.

Meanwhile, detectives working on the Sinclair murder case have termed "a complex hoax" a woman's report that she had been stopped in Richmond municipality Thursday night by a man who said he "shot the cop."

William McLeod Dies Aged 86

William McLeod, resident of Prince Rupert for 47 years, died this morning at the Pioneer's Home at the age of 86.

Born in First Forshire, Scotland, Mr. McLeod came to this country in 1907 and came out to the west coast after spending a year in Winnipeg.

He was a construction worker on the Grand Trunk Pacific Railroad and for many years lived at Anyox.

He is survived by a sister, Mrs. Hannah MacIver at Melvich, Sutherlandshire, Scotland and has a nephew, Colin McKenzie in Vancouver and a niece, Mrs. George Knox in Burnaby.

Funeral arrangements are not completed.

WEATHER

FORECAST

North Coast Region — Cloudy with a few snow flurries over the Charlottes and northern Vancouver Island. Clear areas near the mainland. A little colder. Winds light northeasterly except northeast 30 in mainland inlets. The low tonight and high Christmas Day at Port Hardy, 26 and 32, Sandspit 28 and 35, Prince Rupert and 35.

Mrs. R. Webber Car Winner

Mrs. Reginald Webber, 147 Fifth Avenue West won the 1955 car last night at the Clyde Centre "Swimming Pool" car bingo.

About 600 people turned out to vie for the grand prize and 20 cash prizes of $50 each at the bingo session, staged to start a drive for funds for the addition of a swimming pool to present Civic Centre facilities.

Pleased with her good fortune, Mrs. Webber said that the family planned to trade in their present car and use their new one.

Mrs. Webber, whose husband is employed as a security guard at Watson Island added that while she had won prizes of money in the past, she had never won a car.

Volunteer help was supplied by the Prince Rupert Kinsmen Club.

Premier Avoids Question On Election

KELOWNA (AP) — Premier Bennett merely laughed and wished Arthur Laing, B.C. Liberal party leader, a "Merry Christmas" when questioned today about an early provincial election.

Mr. Bennett was asked by a reporter to comment on Mr. Laing's remark in Vancouver that the Liberals are saving their punch for an election which they expect in March or April. No Liberal candidate was nominated for the Vancouver Centre by-election January 9.

Earlier this week the premier said he had returned to his Kelowna home for a holiday and did not intend to let politics spoil the Yuletide season.

QUESNEL, B.C. (CP) — Kenneth Pilkington, 5, son of Mr. and Mrs. Keith Pilkington, died Thursday night from burns and shock suffered in a fire which destroyed the Pilkington home Dec. 31.

Western States Battle Floods On Three Fronts

SAN FRANCISCO (AP)—Authorities ordered evacuation of another central California city early as flood waters surged over three states in one of mightiest floods in west coast history.

City, a town of nearly about 90 miles northeast of [illegible] ordered evacuation shortly after midnight pounding waters of the river smashed a 40-yard levees south of town. evacuation order came only hour after some 12,500 persons in the sister city of Marysville, just across the river, fled their homes as flood waters threatened to rupture elaborate river defence works.

An estimated 3,000 persons were ordered evacuated in Stockton, about 70 miles east of San Francisco, where a covered slough flooded and sent water over an area of several blocks.

Rain fell over the drenched and beleaguered state for the ninth straight day, adding more water to the already choked rivers and streams that have brought destruction to what army engineers estimate at 10,000 to 15,000 square miles of land in California alone.

President Eisenhower Friday declared northern California a "major disaster area."

Southern Oregon, California's neighbor to the north, and Nevada, across the Sierra Nevada range to the east, also battled flooding rivers.

Miraculously, the loss of life remained low. Latest counts placed California's death toll at 17 and Oregon's at five. Nevada reported no deaths.

Youths Blamed For Bombing

VANCOUVER (AP) — Police blamed juvenile hoodlums today for the dynamite bombing Thursday night of a backyard of a city home.

Police discounted the theory that the bombing at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Peter Hildebrand was a further outbreak of gangland violence.

Sticks of dynamite were tossed over the back fence at 11 p.m. near where Mr. Hildebrand, a trucker, had placed a Christmas tree.

...s. O. Jackson ...s Suddenly

...Oliver Jackson 36, of Terrace died suddenly early this ...in the Prince Rupert ...l hospital.

...her husband, who op... sawmill in Terrace, Mrs. ...is survived by nine ...n, her parents, Mr. and ...rry Houlden of Winnipeg, ...Mrs. A. J. Dominato Jr., ...lor Street, Prince Rupert ...o brothers Alex and ...Houlden of Terrace.

...al arrangements are in ...ds of Ferguson Funeral

...l Receipts ...ch $2,481

...ts from the sale of ...mas seals in Prince Rupert ...ached $2,481, Miss Eliza... ...lement, chairman of the ...ust International Asso... Christmas Seal committee ...ced today.

...ntimists sent out some 3,... ...elopes and blank cheques ...e Rupert mailing addres... ...their annual drive to raise ...to combat tuberculosis.

...OUVER (AP) — Vandals ...into the health depart... ...offices in city hall made ...h all the presents around ...ee Christmas tree early ...The 15 presents were to ...een exchanged among ...members. Vandals also ...down the tree.

...ft-Laden Sleigh Leaves North Pole As Santa Starts Trip Around World

...Santa Claus really come to ...e?" That is the most an... question today. It is an... ...in the following story, writ... ...r parents to read aloud to ...children. Since its first ap... ...e in 1949, it has become a ...ok favorite in many homes.

By HAL BOYLE

...TH POLE (AP) — He's off! ...Claus is on his way at ...

...Jolly old saint and his ...reindeer are zooming ...h the Arctic skies right ...heading south.

...northern lights switched ...clear steady green—the ...ead" signal. And the Roy... ...al Canadian Mounted Police sent Santa this message:

"We are clearing all air lanes in your path, old boy. There is no speed limit for you tonight. The sky is yours. Go as fast as you like. Good luck!"

And Santa needed that wide clear road in the sky. For his big red sled was piled so high with gifts it overflowed. It looked like a flying hayrack as it raced through the crisp cold air.

"Oh, dear, oh dear," worried Santa, just before the takeoff. "I do hope none of these presents fall out and bean some poor innocent rabbit down below. I believe this must be the heaviest load I've had in 20 years."

"What is he fretting about?" whispered Donder to Vixen. "He's only riding in that sled. We have to pull it."

Vixen laughed so hard the bells on his harness tinkled in merry music. And all the other reindeer laughed, too.

As Santa Claus climbed up into the seat of the sled, puffing a little because he has gained some weight this winter, three black and white penguins waddled across the snow in front of the reindeer.

"Here, here, get out of the way, please," said Santa Claus. Then he said, surprised:

"Why what are you penguins doing up at the North Pole anyway? You're supposed to be at the South Pole."

"We're on a vacation," said one of the penguins. "We're looking for Florida. Have you seen it anywhere?"

"Climb aboard, climb aboard," boomed Santa. "I'll drop you off there. But I must say this is the first time I ever picked up three hitchhikers wearing tuxedos."

Just then Mrs. Santa Claus came running out waving a long piece of paper.

"You almost forgot your list of good children," she said.

"Never mind," said Santa, "I don't need it. This year I am going to give a present to every little boy and girl, good or bad. The bad ones will feel sorry then, because they know they don't deserve a nice present. It'll make 'em try harder to be good next year."

"That isn't according to Hoyle," said Mrs. Claus, who likes to play bridge. "But it does make sense," you old softie."

Santa stood up to crack his whip in the air—the signal to be off. But then he heard a small voice crying:

"Wait, please wait."

It was Cluny, Santa's favorite little elf. The other elves look... slipped about Cluny and said she was clumsy at making toys. But Santa knew it was only because she was so young. He liked her because she had a good heart.

"Here," said the tiny elf, holding up a small shiny figure.

"What's this? what's this?" grumbled Santa. "You're too late. My pack is already loaded."

"It is only my present to the world," said Cluny. "I made it at night in my room—all by myself."

Santa took the little figure from her hands. It was a beautiful angel with butterfly wings and a robe of purest white. In her hand the angel held a small magic wand.

"It is the angel of peace," explained Cluny.

"Well Cluny," said Santa, "This is better than all the other gifts put together. I'll see that your angel waves her wand for one day at least over every home in the land."

And he picked up Cluny and gave her a big whisker-tickly kiss on her cheek. Then he picked up his long whip again and cracked it sharply in the frosty air.

"Ho, ho, ho, here we go!" he roared. "Ho, ho, ho! Here we go!"

The eight reindeer leaped forward and the big sled began sliding through the snow. Faster, faster, faster, faster—and then they were off the ground and into the air.

Santa was on his way. And tonight if you go to bed, he will come to your house, wherever you are.

GULL DISTURBS POWER

Power for a section of downtown Prince Rupert was cut for about a half hour this morning when a seagull caused a short circuit between two high tension wire at Third Avenue and Fifth Street. Service was restored at 10 o'clock.