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Sincerely indeed do we wish you a Merry Xmas  
and a Bright and Prosperous New Year.

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## Many Tragedies Mark The Christmas Season

**French Consider Evacuation of Cologne Area Impossible--Besco Mines Output Show Big Shortage--Eight Lives Lost When Giant Passenger Aeroplane Crashes.**

### THE COLOGNE AREA.

PARIS, Dec. 24. Meeting of the Allied Council of Ambassadors, has now been put off until Saturday, principally to give time for experts to complete their draft of a note relative to the evacuation of Cologne which will be submitted to the Council, and, after ratification, delivered to the German Government. It is stated in French Diplomatic circles that the provisional report by the Armaments' Control Commission unanimously concludes that Germany is not fulfilling her obligations under the disarmament clauses of the Versailles Treaty, and that this fact would suffice to justify maintenance of the Rhineland occupation in its entirety.

### EIGHT DEAD IN AIRSHIP TRAGEDY

CROYDON, Eng., Dec. 25. A Christmas tragedy occurred this morning at the aerodrome here when seven passengers and the pilot of the Imperial Airways air express banked and crashed to the ground soon after it had taken off. The passengers who were on their way to Paris for Christmas were hardly aware they were in the air when the machine suddenly banked over Puresly Down 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. There were 2 women among the passengers, 5 men passengers and the pilot.

### FRANCE AND THE OCCUPIED AREA.

PARIS, Dec. 25. The evacuation of the Cologne area of the German occupied region on January 10 as conditionally set by the Versailles Peace Treaty, is deemed impossible by the French Cabinet, in view of the reports from the Inter-Allied Military Control Commission. At this morning's Cabinet meeting the ministers approved a memorandum in which the French Government expressed this conclusion.

### CHRISTMAS EVE ENTERTAINMENT TRAGEDY.

HOBBART, Okla., Dec. 25. More than thirty persons were burned to death in a fire which destroyed a country school, 7 miles south of here, during a Christmas Eve entertainment, according to reports here.

### 23 DIE WHEN DAM BREAKS.

ATLANTA, Ga., Dec. 25. Twenty-three persons are known to be dead and fourteen more are in hospitals at Saltville, Virginia, as the result of the breaking of Muck Dam across Holston River last night. Sheriff John Linton, of Abingdon, Virginia, told the press to-day over the long-distance telephone. Five bodies were

recovered last night, Sheriff Linton said, and searchers are engaged in trying to recover 18 known to be missing. The condition of the fourteen in Saltville Hospital was not known at Abingdon, he said.

### TWO CHILDREN DEAD IN FIRE.

STAMFORD, Tex., Dec. 25. Two children are believed to have been killed when a fire which started in a Christmas tree placed in a room by guests, destroyed the Stamford Inn, one of the oldest hotels in West Texas and five residences late on Christmas Eve.

### A MISSING SCHOONER.

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 24. Appeal for information regarding the whereabouts of the British schooner, Field Wood, bound from Nova Scotia for Philadelphia with a cargo of fathoms and two weeks overdue, was sent to ships at sea last night by the local radio station at the request of the British Consul. The schooner carried no wireless.

### UNEMPLOYMENT IN TORONTO.

TORONTO, Dec. 24. With six thousand names on the lists at the head office of the Unemployment Bureau here, and with several more thousand reported by various trade unions as out of work, the unemployment situation in Toronto has become acute. Every effort is being made to provide relief for the workless.

### COMMUNISTS IN THE TOILS.

BUCHAREST, Dec. 24. The State police yesterday discovered a clandestine organization of Communists and arrested four hundred.

### A SAD CHRISTMAS.

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 24. Kid McCoy sat in his cell in the County Jail to-day while the jury, which will determine his fate on the charge of killing Mrs. Theresa Moss, was liberated until after Christmas. Arguments in the former pugilist's trial were completed in the Superior Court, late yesterday, with the prosecution demanding a verdict of first degree murder.

### FOUND GUILTY.

MOUNT VERNON, Ill., Dec. 25. The jury trying Lawrence Hight and Mrs. Elsie Sweetin for the murder of her husband, Wilford Sweetin, early to-day returned a verdict of guilty. Hight was given life imprisonment and Mrs. Sweetin 35 years in the penitentiary.

### AGAINST UNION.

MOOSEJAW, Sask., Dec. 25. St. Paul's Presbyterian Church last night voted fifty-five to forty-four against entering the United Church of Canada.

### THREE MONTHS TO COMPLETE PRELIMINARIES.

VICTORIA, Dec. 25. It is expected that three months will be required to complete the preliminary

studies necessary before beer can be sold by the glass legally in this province. The work of drafting new beer licenses is being left by Attorney General Manoon to Hugh Davidson, Liquor Commissioner.

### POLICEMAN SHOT BY BANDIT.

NEW ORLEANS, Dec. 25. Jacob Usle, traffic policeman, was shot and killed this morning by a bandit who robbed the Frenchman St. branch of the Marine Bank of \$13,000.

### TO BROADCAST GRAND OPERA.

NEW YORK, N.Y., Dec. 25. Canadians will no longer have to travel to New York to hear grand opera stars and musicians. Beginning New Year's night their songs and music will be broadcasted from leading stations of the United States and will be carried to earphones and loud speakers of Canadian owners of receiving sets.

### COAL OUTPUT SHORT.

GLACE BAY, N.S., Dec. 25. Coal mining generally throughout the province showed a decline in 1924. The slack times of 1923 were reflected throughout the year 1924 and the total output from Besco Mines fell off about a million tons in comparison with 1923. It is estimated the output of Besco for 1924 is 4,784,500 short tons.

### COMMUNISTS AND RELIGION.

MOSCOW, Dec. 25. Coincident with the advent of Christmas, Gregory Vinovloff, chairman of the executive committee of the Third International, to-day made a significant statement concerning the communistic campaign against religion. He admitted that the Communist had gone too far in their propaganda against existing religious rituals and their efforts to establish atheism. Our campaign, he declared, against God and religion must be carried out only in a pedagogic way, not by religion or force.

### CHRISTMAS A HOLIDAY IN MOSCOW.

MOSCOW, Dec. 25. Although the Soviet Government does not recognize Christmas as a holiday, all official and commercial life of Russia ceased to-day. Christmas dawned bright on a setting of deep snow, bringing keen frost and tinkling sleigh bells. Vodka flowed freely for the first time since the revolution, the Government having found prohibition unworkable and unprofitable.

### YOUTHFUL ROBBERS.

HOLD UP HOTEL. CHICAGO, Dec. 25.

Two youthful robbers held up the employees and guests of the Parkway Hotel early to-day and rifled the safety boxes in the safe of more than \$100,000. It was disclosed after the guests made a hurried check up of their valuables. The robbers escaped.

### A New Idea for Aerials

"Why do you talk of indifferent aerials," a friend asked me, "when most people seem to get results from any odd piece of wire slung up anyhow? Take my own case, for instance."

Singularly enough, this viewpoint is a quite common one, though it is difficult to understand why money and trouble should be spent in installing sets, and then the very source from which the tiny stream of vital energy is drawn, passed over with as little consideration as possible.

More than once I have heard Capt. Ekersley, of the B.B.C., say: "Don't entirely blame us. Why not look to your aerial?"

As a practical demonstration is so much more convincing than any amount of theory, it was arranged for my friend and several other local enthusiasts to try their sets on my aerial.

The result was extremely satisfactory, because to a man they went away dissatisfied with the condition of their aerials, and determined to improve them.

There are three conditions to be fulfilled for a good aerial. Sufficient height to clear surrounding buildings and trees, reasonable length, and where several aerials are in close proximity, to keep them at right angles to each other.

It is unfortunate, however, that the more crowded the neighbourhood, the greater is the necessity strictly to adhere to these conditions, and a moment's thought will show that up to the present these are just the very places where such conditions have been quite impossible.

Nevertheless, here is a scheme so planned as to become more effective as the wireless area gets more and more congested with the increasing number of people using sets.

In most streets there is a row of houses, in the majority of which receiving sets are installed. I suggest that the owners of these sets group themselves together and erect two good, high masts, one in a garden near each end of their row of houses.

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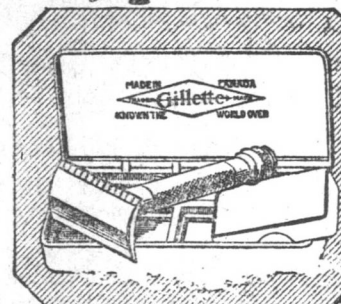
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