

SANTA CLAUS PAYS VISIT TO EXPLORERS ON VESSEL BOWDOIN

Leader Taken in Sleigh to Great Valley Where Father Christmas Lives.

GREETINGS ALL CHILDREN

Ice Palace Filled With Toys, With Eskimo Children at Work.

The following wireless was received yesterday from Capt. Donald B. MacMillan, now in winter quarters near Etah, North Greenland, 700 miles from the North Pole, by Amateur Radio Operator Len Weeks. Mr. Weeks was experimenting with his radio receiving set when he suddenly caught the call from WNP, the MacMillan Arctic schooner Bowdoin.

By CAPT. DONALD B. MACMILLAN. (Special Radio Correspondent of The Advertiser and the North American Newspaper Alliance, on the Arctic schooner Bowdoin.)

I want the children of Canada to know that for the first time in the world's history Santa Claus has been interviewed. I have had the honor of doing this myself. Yes, the real Santa, for he lives up here at the top of the world in the land of snow and ice. And that's where we are, you know, frozen in the ice on board the little ship Bowdoin, only 700 miles from the North Pole.

This is how it happened to meet him whom I have always wanted to see. We were driving with our Eskimo dogs and sledges miles from the ship over the hard surface of the sea ice looking for polar bears, when we heard a tinkling of sleigh bells. As Eskimos never have bells on their dogs we knew that it must be Santa himself.

And sure enough in a few minutes his six fine reindeer came bounding down the valley so rapidly that I was afraid old Santa would go by and not see our dog team at all. But he had sharp eyes and sees everything. He pulled hard on the beautiful seal-skin reins and yelled "Whoa, Snowflake and Whoo, Starlight!" and stopped right where we were.

And my what a sleigh! It must have been his best one, for it was made of branching horns of reindeer beautifully woven together and shod with glistening white walrus tusks. Over the back hung a magnificent white polar bear skin.

All Wrapped Up. At first I could see very little of Santa for he was all wrapped up in black foxskin robes. When he saw that we were really white men and not Eskimos, as he had supposed, he bounded out of the sleigh, telling us how glad he was to see us in his land.

And it was the same Santa our mother told us about, with white whiskers, red cheeks and all aglow with good health and good nature. He was wearing a white rabbit skin cap and was snugly buttoned in a big fur coat with beautiful spotted seal-skin boots.

As I looked him over from head to toe and saw how big around he was I wondered how in the world he managed to get down chimneys at home with his bag full of toys. Santa wouldn't tell me the secret, although I begged him to do so.

Santa Claus wanted to know where we were living and how in the world we got to this great white land of snow and ice. And then I told him of our little ship and just where she was and he knew the place, as he goes every day. He declared he must see our little ship and the men on board. So away we went with whips snapping and snow flying.

See Little Ship. And how he did laugh when he saw our little ship all covered with snow. How he did enjoy the warmth of our snug cabin with its glowing coal fire and sparkling electric lights. There were many surprises for Santa on such a little ship, but he was not surprised at our radio sets. He knows all about who makes them.

He put the phone to his ears and his fingers on the little dials. "Now I have Toronto, now Chicago, now Dallas, Texas, now Prince Rupert," he said. "I often call up mothers and find out how their children behave." That is how Santa finds out so many things about us and why he is so content to live way up here, for he can listen to all the world and can hear people talking and beautiful music from Europe, Canada, United States, and even far-away Hawaii.

Santa used to be lonesome, but he isn't any more. When Santa was thoroughly warmed with hot chocolate and filled with pumpkin pie and with other good things we have aboard, he declared it was getting late and he must start back at once and insisted on my going home with him.

I wondered if Santa would go straight out over the ice of the polar sea to the North Pole, but no, when we were far beyond Anorito, which means "place of winds," he told me

to shut my eyes and keep them closed until he told me to open them. I suppose he did not really want me to see just where his home was, for if we all knew, he would have so many visitors that he would not have time to make presents for all of his little friends.

I kept my eyes closed so long that I began to think that Santa had forgotten all about me. Then he said, "Now you may open them." We were in a magnificent snow-covered valley bordered by towering black cliffs over a thousand feet high above our heads. They glittered like diamonds and apparently were so near that we could almost pluck them out of the sky.

At the head of the valley a great white ice cap shone in the moonlight like a bed of molten silver. At its foot were many twinkling lights. I was filled with wonder, but Santa said nothing. He simply smiled at my look of wonder and surprise. The reindeer were now doing their best, for they knew that they were nearly home and would soon have a good supper.

I could see now that each light was really a window of clear ice in a great Greenland ice cap and that dear old Father Christmas lived in a real ice palace. When it seemed that we must bump right into it a big "poppy" curtain made of snow flakes rolled back, showing a beautiful hall, and in dashed Starlight and Starlight. Snowflake and Snow Crystal, and North Star and Aurora. We unharnessed them all and put them in their ice stalls, all padded with warm grass, gathered in summer time when the sun is high and bright. Sounding through the palace were all kinds of music and all kinds of strange noises, for Santa's house is the biggest and the busiest in the world.

Meets Mrs. Santa. First he took me into the library where there were hundreds and hundreds of big books containing thousands and thousands of names of children. And here for the first time I met Mrs. Santa Claus, a dear old lady with snowy white hair who lives all the year round in the house. She was a little radio set and she was listening and asking mothers what their boys and girls would like most for Christmas.

Beyond the library there were rooms and rooms. In fact, Santa doesn't know how many there are. "Which room would you like to see first," he inquired. "The doll room is right this way," he said, and led me to the end of a long hall to a door marked Dolls. Inside I could hear children laughing and, do you believe it, talking. Eskimos! Yes, the room was filled with Eskimo kiddies, all busily dressing dolls and putting wheels on doll carriages.

In other rooms there were apples, oranges and popcorn and heaps and heaps of candy. There were pianos and diamond rings for mother, cigars and neckties for father. My, what a busy man Santa will be the night before Christmas, trying to deliver all those wonderful presents. And after we had seen made of snow, tin whistles, little puppies, bunny rabbits, and all the rest, Santa harnessed a fresh team of reindeer and we went galloping up through the valley and down the coast to the Bowdoin.

Santa has gone back to his ice palace to get ready for his long trip south next full moon. He has requested me to tell you all three things: First, don't forget to hang up your stockings; second, be sure to go to bed early, and third, don't, above all things, peek when he comes down the chimney. Merry Christmas to you all!

Editor's Note—This message really came from Capt. MacMillan. As to its authenticity you will have to consult Santa!

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WHERE WILL YOU SPEND CHRISTMAS?

In all the cycle of the year there is no time that brings families together as does the Yuletide. Though you were at the ends of the earth you would long to be home for Christmas and if it were at all possible you would be there. In the long ago when traveling facilities were very limited, people journeyed many weary miles and endured great hardships that they might be with friends and loved ones on Christmas Day. Today it is so different. The modern railway enables you to cross the continent in a few days in comfort. This year there promises to be the usual heavy Christmas and New Year travel, north, south, east and west, and in order that you may reach your destination as comfortably and speedily as possible, Canadian National Railways are making preparations far in advance. Anyone wishing to pay for the traveling expenses of relatives or friends from any point, need only place the money in the hands of nearest ticket agent of the line; our representative will deliver the transportation free of charge to your friends at the other end in a few hours. When traveling this Christmas go "National Way."

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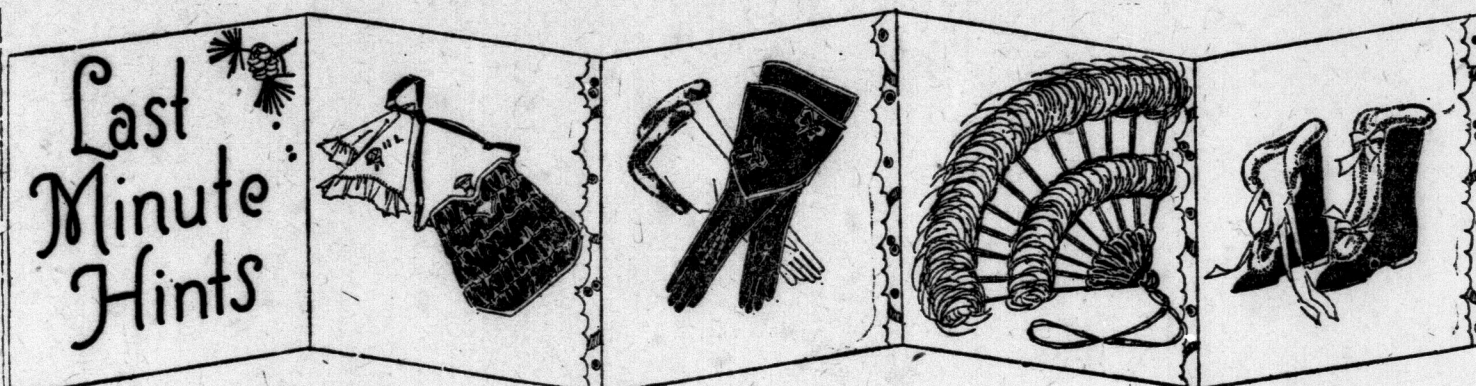
Knitted Silk Scarfs in stripes and mixtures. Rich color tones. These are about half their regular value. Sale price, \$1.58

Gifts of Distinction



NEVER PUT OFF TILL TOMORROW—the old proverb holds good at this season, but should you find the crowd too great today come early Monday. Monday forenoon will be a good time to shop; all gift counters will be in order and rearranged to facilitate the task of last-minute shoppers. No matter how careful you have been, you are sure to find some one has been overlooked in your final check-up. Our reserve stocks are depleted, but counters are full of fresh gift merchandise for all.

Monday Christmas Dinner, 65c, Roast Turkey and Plum Pudding.



Last
Minute
Hints

DANCE DRESSES FOR MISSES

SMART DRESSES FOR THE COLLEGE GIRL. SIZES 14, 16, 18, 20.

Dress of Yellow Georgette, sleeveless, round neck, ruchings of silk trimming neck, sleeves, edge of skirt and hip, satin girdle, made over silk slip. Price \$30.00
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Dress of Flame Velvet, round neck, slipover style, waist finished with petal points of velvet and corsage. Price \$30.00
Dress of Taffeta Silk, in shot red; skirt shows ruchings of silk at edge of skirt, forming large rosettes, dainty ruchings; also trimming neck and sleeves. Price \$26.50
Nile Georgette Dress, over silk, slip, crush girdle of silver metallic ribbon, skirt and waist finished with ruchings of georgette. Price \$30.00
—Second Floor—



TOILET ARTICLES AS GIFTS

The gift of perfume is as old as civilization. It was most popular with the ancients. In the days of Greek ascendancy, of Egyptian supremacy perfumes and toilet articles were greatly prized. Many choice gifts are to be found in this section now.



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Jaeger Wool Gloves \$2.00 and \$3.00
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Christmas Pudding
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Crepe Gowns, made in the tailored effect, trimmed with hemstitching, white, flesh. Price \$2.50

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Gowns made of Seersucker Crepe, made in very pretty designs, in colors of honeydew, mauve, flesh. Price \$3.25, \$3.50, \$3.95, \$4.75

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—Second Floor—

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Fifth Floor.

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GIFTS FOR MEN

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