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## 18 DEAD, 29 HURT IN GEORGIA TRAIN CRASH

### FLORIDA SPECIALS HIT HEAD-ON IN COLLISION

Victims Include Two Children of Mrs. G. Hardy, Traveling From Toronto; Trains Badly Smashed

#### FAULTY SWITCH BELIEVED CAUSE

ROCK MART, Ga., Dec. 24.—Eighteen persons perished as a result of the head-on collision here last night between the Ponce De Leon, northbound from Miami to Chicago, and the Royal Palm, southbound, of the Southern Railway. The seriously injured numbered twenty-nine. Railroad officials said they did not believe more bodies would be found in the wreckage, which had been thoroughly searched.

Sixteen bodies had been taken from wreckage early today, and as many more were believed to be in the debris. Four persons, three of them negroes, were missing.

The dead include two small children of Mrs. Georgia Hardy of Miami, Fla. who were travelling with their mother from Toronto. Mrs. Hardy was injured.

#### RELIEF TRAINS ARRIVE

Railroad officials and town people, armed with blow torches and crow-bars labored all night to extricate the bodies of those whose journey northward for the Christmas holidays, was ended in the crash. Relief trains from miles distant, were on the scene and dawn found frantic efforts continuing to liberate the injured imprisoned in the debris, as well as to free the bodies of those whose lives were crushed out.

Most of those dead and injured were at dinner on the northbound train, which was making considerable speed as it rolled down an incline to the station.

In the crash, the dining car telescoped the day coach ahead, and rolled under the tender of the locomotive, while debris from a smashed day coach immediately behind, piled down upon it, and through its side.

#### 3 SERIOUSLY HURT

Eight of these are in a serious condition. Eleven injured are in the Harbor hospital at Rome, Ga., and two of the injured are in a hospital at Clearwater.

A new switch, gleaming in a pouring rain, is believed to have figured in the pile-up of the cars. The Ponce De Leon, northbound from Jacksonville.

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### SALARY INCREASED

King Ferdinand Gets Pay Boost of \$60,000

BUCHAREST, Dec. 24.—King Ferdinand, who has a lot of doctor's bills coming due soon on top of all the expenses incidental to Queen Marie's American tour, had his salary raised yesterday. Parliament increased his "civil list" which is the proper term for the king's pay, from the equivalent of \$140,000 a year to \$200,000.

Crown Prince Michael, the young son of Prince Carol, who renounced his rights to the throne, had his allowance increased to \$90,000.

### NEW INDIA BUILDING

Lord Irwin to Officiate at Parliament Opening

DELHI, British India, Dec. 24.—Lord Irwin, British Viceroy, will open the new Indian parliament building with state ceremonies on January 18. The main door will be unlocked with a golden key presented by the architect, Sir Herbert Baker. Afterward, the Viceroy, accompanied by the members of the council and the Indian princes attending the ceremony, will inspect the building.

### REPLACE TUN SOLDIERS

PARIS, Dec. 24.—The tin soldier has been replaced on the toy counters here by tiny sets of soccer players in striped jerseys.

## Maritime Hog Exhibits Win Orders From The United States

### Londoners In Brisk Rush To Adopt Babies

LONDON, Dec. 24.—A record rush of childless couples to adopt babies before Christmas is reported by officials of the National Adoption Society. Most of the applicants prefer blondes, they say, while there is a distinct preference for girl babies, foster parents believing that girls are more likely to cling to the home in later years.

### LONDON EMPLOYERS EXTEND HOLIDAYS

Textile Warehouses Now Have Four Days; Newspapers Suspend Two Days

LONDON, Dec. 24.—The wholesale textile trade has decided to close the textile warehouses in the city for four consecutive days this Christmas. It is interesting to recall that 70 years ago the warehouses were closed on Christmas Day only, and that many of the workers had to work on Christmas morning.

### HINDU LEADER SHOT

Swami Sahradman Slain, and Attendant Injured

DELHI, British India, Dec. 24.—Swami Sahradman, noted Hindu leader, was shot dead yesterday by a man named Abdul Rashid, presumably a Mohammedan. Swami's attendant, Dharam Singh, was severely injured, but was able to get hold of the assailant and turn him over to the police.

### HUGE CREDIT OFFER

British Shipbuilders in Deal With Russia, Report

MOSCOW, Russia, Dec. 24.—British shipbuilding interests, Soviet newspapers report, have approached the government with an offer of \$100,000,000 credit for a period of ten years for the construction of steamers in British shipyards for a Soviet mercantile fleet. No confirmation of such an offer, however, could be obtained in British circles.

### Mexico Bans Import Of War Materials

MEXICO CITY, Dec. 24.—President Calles' decree prohibiting for one year the importation of all war materials, was published officially yesterday, thus becoming effective immediately. The ban includes firearms, ammunition of every kind, poison gas and armored cars.

### France To Control Exchange Situation

PARIS, Dec. 24.—The Poincare government today decided to control the exchange situation and to maintain the French franc at a price between 121 and 123 to the pound sterling.

### Nicaragua Massacre

MANAGUA, Nicaragua, Dec. 24.—Fifty government troops, it is announced, were massacred at El Puente, near Chinandega, when they fell into an ambush by the Liberal forces numbering more than 300 well armed soldiers.

### FIRE DESTROYS OTTAWA STORE; DAMAGE \$25,000

Blaze Started in Liggett's Basement, Sparks St.

OTTAWA, Dec. 24.—A stubborn fire, starting in the basement of the Liggett drug store on Sparks street, here early this morning, caused damage estimated at \$25,000, fully covered by insurance. The fire spread to the adjoining basement of the Ottawa Electric Light and Gas Company, where damage, at present unestimated owing to about two feet of water in the cellar, was caused. The adjoining jewellery store of C. A. Olmsted & Son was also flooded with water, and stock in the cellar was damaged. The cause of the blaze has not been determined.

### Santa Claus Visits Fredericton City Hall

FREDERICTON, N. B., Dec. 24.—(Special)—His Worship Mayor Clark occupied the role of Santa Claus to employes of the city corporation this morning. Each married employe received a turkey and each unmarried man five dollars in gold. The steno-grapher in the office of the city treasurer was given ten dollars in gold.

At the Municipal Home of the city, York street, the Christmas dinner, which will be furnished the inmates on Saturday, will be at the expense of His Worship.

### Freighters Jam In St. Lawrence Ice

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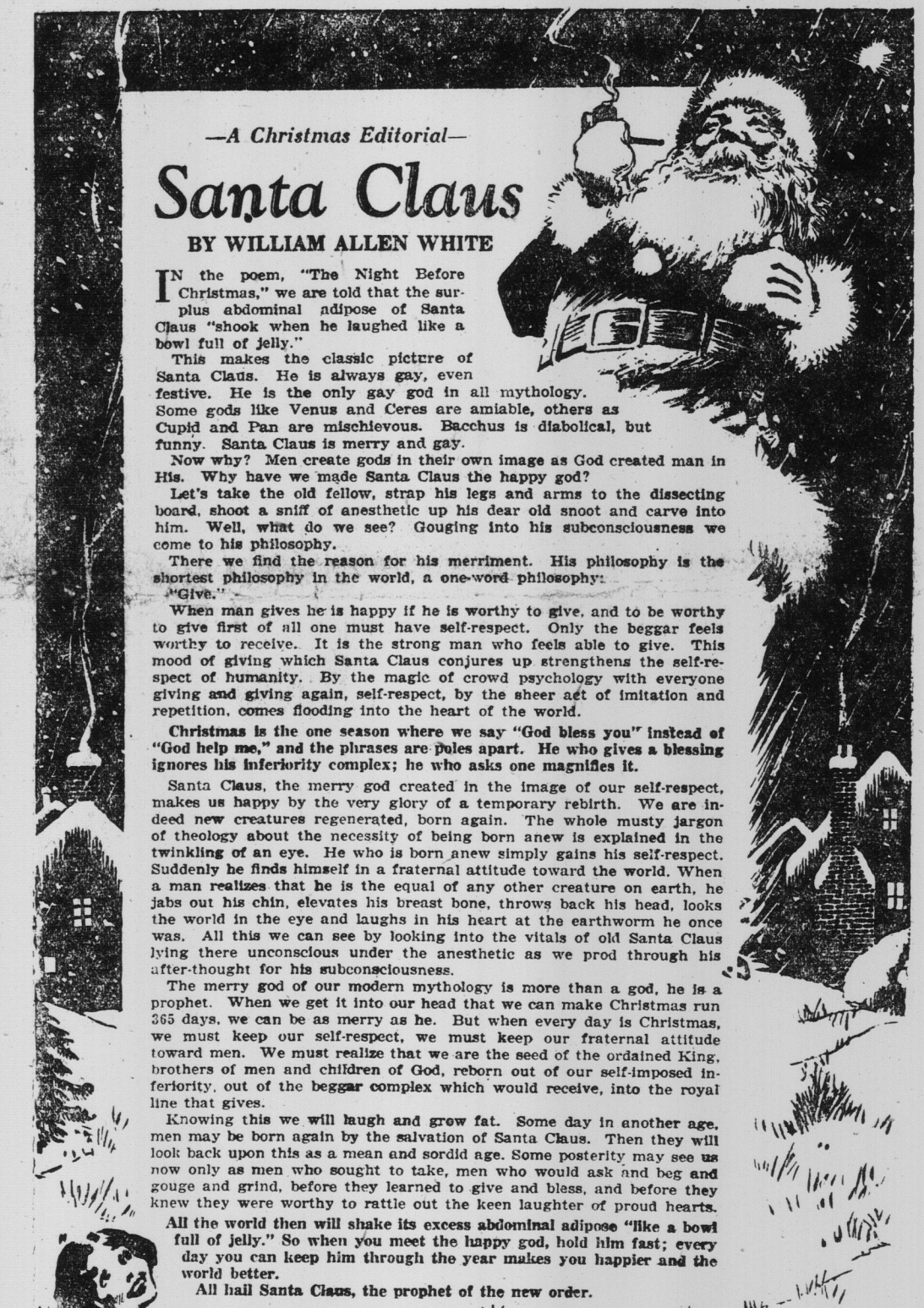
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### Business Remains Brisk At Fredericton

FREDERICTON, Dec. 24.—(Special)—The fine winter weather which favored this part of the province during the entire Christmas season continued today and there was another big rush of Christmas business. The day was the biggest of the season, in retail trade with a large influx from outside points.

Power Co.	15.00
Phyllis and Audrey Day, Halifax	1.00
Mrs. G. Jones	2.00
From Manager and staff Dominion Rubber Co. (Maritime) Ltd.	23.00
Hot Dogs	1.00
C. P. R. Round House	2.00
Bay Shore	15.00
Staff F. W. Daniel & Co. The Kiwanis Club, Saint John	15.00
M. E. H. Mather, New Denmark	25.00
Mrs. G. H. T. Bath, Carleton Co.	1.00
Gerard Fitzgerald, Glassville	1.00
A. Friend	2.00
D. R. K. River Herbert, N. S.	3.00
Pavlowa Dance (Mrs. Rossley)	10.50
E. A. W. Rolling Dam.	2.00
John Frodsam	2.00
Oklee staff Brunswick	26.50
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$3,780.06</b>



### NO PAPERS SATURDAY

TOMORROW, being Christmas Day, there will be no issue of the Evening Times-Star or The Telegraph-Journal.

### "CAISSON" VICTIM

Toronto Man Succumbs to Peculiar Disease

TORONTO, Ont., Dec. 24.—K. Krinko, aged 24, employed in the construction of the North Toronto trunk sewer, died last night in the General Hospital, of what is known as "caisson disease," a disorder which frequently seizes men working underground, and sometimes proves fatal. Coroner J. H. McInnell performed an autopsy and decided to hold an inquest.

### Bites Sweetheart and Slashes Own Throat

MONTREAL, Dec. 24.—After biting his sweetheart in the face, Herve Lacoste, aged 25, slashed his throat with a razor in the woman's room yesterday.

Lacoste told the police that he had bitten the woman, whose name is being withheld, in an attempt to kill her, and afterwards intended to kill his own life. The couple had recently separated.

### JAPANESE EMPEROR SUFFERS RELAPSE

Condition of Yoshihito Reaches Gravest Stage; Breathing in Gasps

TOKYO, Dec. 24.—The condition of Emperor Yoshihito has reached the gravest stage, an official bulletin issued shortly before six o'clock tonight, declared. The opening of the Diet tomorrow has been cancelled. Announcement of the monarch's death is expected momentarily. The official bulletin said the stricken monarch was breathing only in gasps.

Members of the Imperial family are at the bedside and all the cabinet members and other high officials are at the Royal Villa of Hayama, where the emperor is confined.

### Was Commander of the Canadian Pontifical Zouaves

QUEBEC, Dec. 24.—Colonel C. E. Rolson, general commander of the Canadian pontifical Zouaves, died this morning at the age of 87. He was the senior surviving officer of the Canadian contingent which went to fight for the papal states under the reign of the Pope Pius IX, fifty-six years ago.

### DIRECT RESULT OF SHOWING AT CHICAGO FAIR

American Breeders Are Impressed With Excellent Types

### INTEREST WIDENS

J. H. King, Federal Livestock Promoter, Expects Further Inquiries and Orders

FREDERICTON, Dec. 24.—Orders are being received by J. H. King, Federal livestock promoter, from swine breeders residing in the states of Illinois and Minnesota, for the purchase of hogs from the Maritime Provinces for breeding purposes, as a result of the exhibit shown by the Maritime Swine Breeders' Association at the recent Chicago International Livestock Exposition. It was learned today.

Mr. King, who took the animals shown at Chicago from the Maritime Winter Fair at Amherst, the carload exhibit being made up of entries shown by members of the association at Amherst. The exhibit attracted a great deal of interest, and no little publicity in connection with the exposition, due largely to the great distance from which it had been brought as well as the marked type differences.

MORE ORDERS EXPECTED. The orders which are being received will be distributed among the breeders of the three provinces, and it is expected that other orders will follow. One of the orders calls for immediate delivery.

### Two Montreal Men Face Murder Charge

MONTREAL, Dec. 24.—George Merle, and Elia Barnes were arraigned yesterday before Judge J. L. DeCarie, on the charge of having murdered Andre Marrel, last Tuesday night in a city hall avenue apartment. Preliminary enquiry will take place on Tuesday next.

Earlier in the day the men were held responsible by a coroner's jury for Marrel's death.

### The Weather

SYNOPSIS—Pressure is high on the Atlantic coast and over the Western States, with a fairly deep depression centered near Lake Superior, and another coming in over British Columbia and Alberta from the Pacific. The weather has been quite cold in the west, moderately cold in the east, and mild in Western Ontario.

FORECASTS: Snow or Rain.

MARITIME—Moderate winds; fair and cold. Saturday—Fresh southwest winds, partly cloudy and somewhat milder; probably some light snow or rain in west.

NEW ENGLAND—Probably rain tonight and Saturday; warmer tonight; colder in Western Massachusetts on Saturday; fresh to strong southwest shifting to west and northwest winds.

Temperatures. TORONTO, Dec. 24, 1926.

	Highest	Lowest
Yesterday	10	10
Winnipeg	16	10
Montreal	10	10
Quebec	12	16
Saint John	6	24
Halifax	20	18

\*Below zero