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Cover:

- No Santa Claus and no Christmas trees. I purchased this photo awhile back mainly because of the cars. Let me read the caption first: "New York, New Haven & Hartford's #1101, an H-1 class 4-4-2, speeding along near Sharon, Massachusetts with the 'Comet', built in 1907." Photo is by H.W. Pontin of the Rail Photo Service of Boston. My main interest is that my Uncle Butch bought me an American Flyer "O" gauge train with a PRR K-4 class 4-6-2 and a train of two Pullman cars and two of the cars pictured. Due to the popularity of these cars among the fans they were dubbed "Flyers". So this is the Holiday message for some and my Merry Christmas Greetings to all the rest. Looking at the bleakness of the photo, maybe Uncle Butch was buying the train that same day I was born on July 21, 1940. (DJN)

Contents:

- The usual news tidbits, ramblings and commentary from DJN.
- An article from the Kansas City Star about the successful ballot for light rail in Kansas City.
- "Seeing St. Louis in a New Light" by SLRE Andy Sisk. A great treatise about the Metro's Cross County line.
- "Lionel #2020, From Junk Pile to Mailline" by Mike Haper.
- Article from trains.com about privatization rumors of the South Shore line.
- Lots of great photos.