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—DONATES BELLS—Mr. Heaton, North Bedouque, has donated a valuable old bell to the Bedouque rink. The history of this bell is very obscure but the older people claim that it was made before the time of the Ingersoll watch or the introduction of the dinner horn. It was placed on the beam of the late Mr. Jesse A. Wright and by clever manipulation of wires could be rung from the house to summon the men folk to dinner. So clear and resonant were its tones that it could be heard many miles away. Now the bell will bring many a hectic hockey match to an end and announce the ending of a pleasant evening to many skaters. When receiving thanks for his gift Mr. Clark was assured that when Adolf Hitler is knocked down and out this bell will convey the glad news to all within reach of its chiming.

—COUNTY COURT—The December term of the County Court of Prince County opened at Summerside on Tuesday Judge D. Edgar Shaw presiding. There had 173 Garnishee summonses and regular summonses issued by the Court for this term which was only one case less than the October term. On the docket Tuesday the Garnishee cases not previously disposed of by the Judge in Chambers numbered 19 and there were 17 contested cases and 5 cases left over from the October term. A number of debt and garnishee cases were disposed of by the Judge Tuesday and the remaining cases were set down for trial on dates to suit the parties. The Court adjourned till the 20th when an automobile damage case is to be heard. The lawyers in attendance Tuesday were Heath Strong, K.C., Morley B. Bell, K.C., E. H. Strong, K.C., Walter E. Darrby, Watson McNaught, Henry W. Noonan, T. L. Compton, Adrian P. Arsenault, Richard S. Hinton, Edward Arnett. In the County Court this fall more than the usual number of garnishee summonses have been issued and a great many of these garnishee summonses are made returnable before the Judge in his Chambers and never come before the regular sittings of the Court.—S.

—OLIVER MANAGES BLUE ROCKS—WILMINGTON, Dec. 17.—(CP)—Tom Daly, a former outfielder with Toronto Maple Leafs of the International Baseball League, today signed as 1941 manager of the Wilmington Blue Rocks of the Interstate League.

—ONE TIME MANAGER DEAD—NORWALK, Conn., Dec. 17.—(AP)—William C. Smith, 46, one time vice-president and general manager of the Indianapolis club of the American Baseball Association, died last night.

Personals

—Mr. R. B. Richardson of Halifax and formerly of Summerside is spending a few days here.—S.

—The many friends of Miss Doris Walker are pleased to see her out again after her recent operation for tonsils.—S.

—Miss Annie Gallant has returned to her home in Summerside after undergoing a serious operation in the Prince County Hospital.—S.

—Miss Audrey Adams is spending the winter months with her grandmother, Mrs. Hartwell Gordon, Wilmet.—S.

—Mr. Fred Mutart of Summerside East has returned from Montreal where he had been on a short business trip.—S.

—Miss Mary MacCardie, teacher at the Summerside High School left on Tuesday to spend the Christmas holidays at her home in Kinross.—S.

Tenement blast Kills 12 Persons

CINCINNATI, Dec. 17.—(AP)—A blast that left no two bricks joined by mortar, nor timbers by spikes, killed 12 men, women, and children of five families in an old downtown tenement before dawn today. Included among the dead was a baby born to Mrs. Lillian Schmeizer, 32, while she lay buried in wreckage. Mrs. Schmeizer, her husband, Frank, and four other children in the family also perished.

A dozen other persons, saved only because they lived on upper floors of the three-story building, and came down on top of the rubble instead of under it, were injured, none seriously. A 12-year-old child was missing.

What caused the explosion, which splintered windows for blocks and drove bricks through nearby walls, only one man apparently knew, and he was fatally injured. Joseph Feldman, deputy state fire marshal, investigated a report that three crocks filled with highly explosive fluid had been stored in the basement by a tenant. Others theorized, although a preliminary investigation indicated such was not the case.

The man who might have been able to say what happened was P. Koebbe, 37, operator of a general appliance shop on the ground floor. Koebbe's business partner, Elmer Campbell, was killed.

Constitution of Armored Corps

OTTAWA, Dec. 17.—(CP)—Official constitution of "the Canadian armored corps" of which the first brigade under Col. F. F. Worthington, is already in training, is announced today by the Canadian (active) army orders today by the Defence Department.

Colonel Worthington's tank unit, which forms the initial brigade of the new corps, is made up of the Fort Garry Horse, the first Canadian Cavalry Regiment, the Ontario Regiment (tank), and the Three Rivers (tank).

The order provides that where a unit merged with the N.E.A. corps is a counterpart in the reserve army, the two share all the honors now held, traditions maintained and future honors to be given either unit.

It is also provided that the Minister may, from time to time, affiliate with the Canadian armored corps such units of the reserve army which are counterparts of active units.

In this connection it has already been provided that the following be affiliated with the corps: The 2nd Reserve Regiment of the Fort Garry Horse, the Argyll Light Infantry (tank), the 2nd Reserve Regiment Ontario Regiment (tank), the 2nd Reserve Regiment (tank), the Calgary Regiment (tank), the New Brunswick Regiment (tank), and the Essex Regiment (tank).

The order provides for appointment of an officer administering the Canadian armored corps, and additional personnel authorized, the duties to be laid down by the Adjutant General.

Woman dies in explosion; Four injured

MONTREAL, Dec. 17.—(CP)—A woman was killed today and four other persons were injured, one seriously, in a gas explosion which blew a suburban home off its foundations.

The victim is Mrs. Ferdinand Memme, 57, killed almost instantly when the blast ripped the one-storey house asunder in nearby Teraulville early this morning. The occupants were dropped from their bedrooms into the debris-filled cellar. Her husband, 61, suffered severe burns and shock.

Mass production Of Airmen is Goal Power says

OTTAWA, Dec. 17.—(CP)—Efficient mass production of fighting airmen is the goal of the British Commonwealth Air Training Plan and "we dare not, we must not, we shall not, suspend or delay our efforts" in attaining this end, Air Minister Power said tonight.

Maj. Power spoke on the "Wings of Empire" broadcast, commemorating the 10th anniversary of the launching of the training plan. He was heard over a national network of the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation.

On the program were Air Marshal W. A. Bishop, director of recruiting for the Royal Canadian Air Force; Air Vice-Marshal L. S. Bredner, Canada's chief of air staff; Air Vice-Marshal E. J. Goble of the Royal Australian Air Force; Air Vice-Marshal L. D. Dalzell-McKean of the Royal Air Force; and Group Capt. L. M. Isitt of the Royal New Zealand Air Force.

Maj. Power said the air training plan had one purpose—to produce pilots, observers and gunners. "Experience has made it abundantly clear that this purpose can be accomplished—in fact it already has been achieved," he declared.

But the minister warned that the efficiency of the production line has been proven only for a comparatively small number of units. It remained to be seen how the program would stand up under conditions of mass production.

"This (mass production) is what we have been asked to undertake, and this is what our partners in the Commonwealth are demanding of us," he said. "It is for this that Britain is looking to us in hopeful and expectant anxiety."

Air Marshal Bishop, ace of the First Great War, said the number of airmen trained under the plan would increase and increase and help achieve in the skies and in the clouds a decisive verdict that will mean freedom for us all.

Air Vice-Marshal Bredner said "This (mass production) is what the R.A.F. and it was the responsibility of men in training to see that this standard did not suffer in the other air forces of the commonwealth."

Air Vice-Marshal L. D. Dalzell-McKean of the United Kingdom air liaison mission declared that the day the training plan was launched we regarded always as an event of major historical importance in Canada.

Gratitude for the "kindness and hospitality" extended to Australian student airmen by the Canadian people was expressed by Air Vice-Marshal S. J. Goble.

Group Capt. L. M. Isitt said the New Zealanders were putting "so much effort and attention into this vital period of training" they haven't much time to be lonely.

Australians Participate In offensive

By J. E. HOLDSWORTH
Canadian Press Correspondent
SYDNEY, Dec. 17.—(CP Cable)—Prime Minister R. G. Menzies announced officially today that Australian troops are participating in the offensive against the Italians in North Africa, and told his countrymen that he was sure they would give a good account of themselves.

The announcement came after some days of speculation as to whether the Australian troops, known to form an important unit of the middle east command actually were in action.

Mr. Menzies expressed the hope that the Australian troops, possessing the best equipment that could be supplied them, would help complete the defeat of the Italians in Libya. Defeat of Italy thereafter would become a mere matter of time, he said.

Mr. Menzies said the defeat of Italy would allow the British blockade to be directed against Germany. It would be comforting, he said, to the Allies, to know that the last 15 months to adequate preparation for this momentous event. It was the Australians' first major action, he said, but it was not to be forgotten that Australian airmen attached to the Middle East command have been on active service with their Sunderland flying boats since war began. The same applied, he added, to the naval units.

British mastery of the air was so overwhelming that there was scarcely a moment of the day or night when a British plane could not be seen or heard, while I saw only three Italian craft in the same 24-hour period.

The staggering task of moving the Italian "army" of 40,000 or more prisoners out of the desert continues. In some cases prisoners are loaded on to captured trucks and drive them to the railroad themselves. As a party of newspaper correspondents was breaking camp where we had spent the night outside Buqub, three Libyans, one with an eye shot out, appeared and asked us for three things: bread, water and to be taken prisoner.

Three correspondents attached to the Australian forces armed with one unloaded rifle soon rounded off prisoners.

Two Canadians Are decorated For bravery

By ROSS MUNRO
Canadian Press War Correspondent
LONDON, Dec. 17.—(CP Cable)—The official Gazette tonight revealed that two Canadian officers decorated by the king received the honors for removing a huge unexploded bomb which endangered a British munitions plant, and the lives of hundreds of workers.

The officers were Lieut. John M. S. Patton, of Hamilton, Ont., who received the George Cross, and Capt. Douglas W. Cunningham, of Calgary, who received the George Medal. The awards were announced yesterday, but the citations were not published until tonight.

Rising their lives every second they wrestled with the bomb, the young officers of the Royal Canadian Engineers at first tried to tow it away with a truck. But the ropes they attached to it kept sliding from the slippery sides of the high explosive missile.

The men improvised a sled from a piece of corrugated iron, and Lieut. Patton rolled the missile onto it as coolly as if he had been rolling it into a stream, as a witness put it.

The Canadians then drove a considerable distance in the truck, towing the "package of certain death" behind them. It exploded harmlessly soon after they had dumped it into an old crater.

The bomb which Lieut. Patton and Captain Cunningham heroically tackled was laid by a German bomber while they had a company of Royal Canadian Engineers were helping to repair damage wrought in the vicinity by a previous Nazi raid.

The young officers—Lieut. Patton, British-born, and Cunningham, 24—are graduates of Queen's University, Kingston, Ont.

British give Nazis taste of Violent raids

By Edwin Stout
Associated Press Staff Writer
LONDON, Dec. 17.—(AP)—Stealing the Nazis' own thunder, British bombers delivered a seven-hour assault upon the German industrial city of Mannheim in the heaviest of a series of overnight raids from west of this city to the submarine base at Bordeaux, France, the Air Ministry announced today.

An airplane factory, a dye plant and other military objectives in the Mannheim area were left ablaze from the attack, carried out by the light of a bright moon.

Heavy explosions from the direction of the French coast were heard tonight along the coast, indicating that British bombers were making a heavy attack upon German bases across the Channel.

Pouncing upon Mannheim for the second time in five days, the Royal Air Force singled out this city as a strategic center of the upper Rhine for a fiery dose of the same medicine the Germans have given some of Britain's own industrial cities.

The German high command said 10 persons were killed, 50 injured and damage inflicted in western and southwestern Germany, with Mannheim and another unnamed town bearing the brunt of the attacks. It said two factories were hit, but claimed the effect on production was "immaterial."

At Ludwigshafen, suburb of Mannheim, the Air Ministry said, Coastal command fliers carried out a heavy raid on Bordeaux, base of German U-boats prying upon Atlantic shipping.

"When one raider came over the docks and let go a salvo of large-calibre bombs a wide column of flames rose to a height of 300 feet," the Ministry said. "Other bombs fell on a corner of the U-boats' dock basin, followed by an immense flash which produced a bright glow in the sky over Bordeaux."

SNOWSHOERS CONGRESS SET FOR QUEBEC CITY
QUEBEC, Dec. 13.—The annual international snowshoers congress is to be held in Quebec City during January 25 and 26, according to an announcement by the Canadian National Railways, which organization is now planning the operation of special trains to transport enthusiasts from Montreal and the Eastern Townships. A considerable number will also travel from the N.W. England States to the Ancient Capital for the occasion.

A person who hangs pictures on the slant probably sees things bigger with one eye than the other, says the Better Vision Institute.

Minard's kills pain.

Laval comes Back into French Picture

By Robert Okin
Associated Press Staff Writer
VICHY, France, Dec. 17.—(AP)—Maurice Philippe Petain, chief of state of France, summoned his deposed Vice Premier, Pierre Laval, back from the mysteries of his expulsion today for long conferences with himself and Otto Abetz, Hitler's envoy for Paris.

An official communique, following a hectic and secretive day, said Petain and Laval discussed the "general situation." At least it was clear that Laval's own situation since his ouster from the government last Saturday was part of the discussion.

Abetz saw Laval this morning at a conference at Petain's home, and still later in a visit to Laval's chateau at Chateaudon, 20 miles from Vichy.

(By Charles S. Foltz, Associated Press Staff Writer
BERNE, Switzerland, Dec. 17.—(AP)—Authoritative sources reported tonight that Pierre Laval was with German Ambassador Otto Abetz when the latter flew to Paris tonight after a day of mysterious conferences with both Laval and Marshal Petain.

These persons said the deposed Vice-Premier was in one of the automobiles belonging to the Abetz suite when the German envoy, his aides and guards, hurried out of Vichy. Laval's friends said he would accompany Abetz to Paris.

Then Abetz conferred with Petain before leaving for Paris. During the evening, Laval was at the Hotel Majestic, where Abetz has been staying since last night. There was no confirmation of a rumor that Laval had also gone to Paris.

There were some rumors that Germany might demand Laval's reinstatement. (This was supported by informants in Berlin, who said Germany is interested not in Laval's success but "whether any change in French policy has taken place." Petain already has told Hitler that he will continue to collaborate with the Reich; that Laval's ouster made no difference in this. It was indicated, however, that Petain had not told Hitler why he ousted Laval.)

In Berne it was reported a Petain-Hitler meeting might be expected if Abetz and Petain agreed on a future basis of French-German collaboration.

(If they didn't, anything might happen, including total German occupation of France.)

During the day it was disclosed that the Bank of France had increased to 43,000,000 francs its non-interest loan to the government to defray the expenses of the German occupation. The previous total was 65,000,000 francs.

(The franc no longer is a factor in international exchange, but its nominal value is around two cents. The German occupation is costing the French about \$8,000,000 a day.)

New Strong-arm French force Is spreading

BERNE, Switzerland, Dec. 17.—(AP)—France's mysterious new strong-arm force—the "G.P."—is spreading its organization throughout the unoccupied zone.

Husky members of the "Groupes de Protection," wearing black uniforms and helmets similar to those worn by motorcyclists, made their first public appearance Dec. 3 in Marseille, where they assisted police in controlling the crowds during a visit there by Chief of State Petain.

They appeared again last weekend at the time vice-premier Laval was deposed.

The organization was said to be composed of former mobile guardsmen, or the street fighters of ex-Communist leader Jacques Doriot's French popular party.

Reports indicated a membership of 1,000 in Marseille, 500 in Lyon and additional units springing up in other cities in the occupied zone following activity by mysterious agents.

Some reports said it was a vigilante group. Others called it a French version of the Nazi party's SS elite guard. Still others believed it might prove the means for a new dictator to ride to power in France over the heads of the Vichy government. Doriot, a "disillusioned Communist, who later said he was incorporating the best in Communism and Fascism into his French popular party, has been considered a possible 'strong man' in the new France. Thus far Doriot has been directing his party from Paris.

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Unable to hold Back Australians

By Edward Kennedy
Associated Press Staff Writer
WITH THE BRITISH FORCES IN LIBYA, Dec. 17.—(AP)—Fresh Australian troops, charging to get into battle with the Italians, pressed on toward the Libyan base of Bardia today at such a pace that one of their commanders smilingly complained: "We can't hold them back."

The Australians form a unit within the British command which followed up the occupation of Salum, Egypt, by hurrying up reinforcements for the advance on Bardia, 15 miles inside the border of Italian Libya.

Completely mechanized, the men from "down under" were consolidated from camp to battlefield.

The mechanized units already were operating through the Libyan desert west of Bardia while others in heavy trucks pushed toward Bardia from the east, in an apparent encircling move against the Italian stronghold.

The Australian vanguard overnight tackled one Italian column, capturing transports and guns. Three frontier forts, Mussadi, Sidi Omar and Shefferzen, were taken to add to the ever-tightening squeeze around Bardia, where large Italian forces, including thousands of men withdrawn from Egypt, apparently were preparing for a determined stand.

Occupation of Salum, last spot which the Italians had held on Egyptian soil, was consolidated when a British armored brigade charged in.

Most of the Italians already had left in the direction of Bardia so swiftly that they could not be intercepted. The mop-up squads of men withdrawn from Egypt, apparently were preparing for a determined stand.

The Italians abandoned lower Salum Sunday morning, dynamiting the hairpin-curved road which leads to the upper town.

Sunday night the Royal Air Force struck at both upper Salum and Bardia with a series of terrific raids which it watched from a promontory along the coast.

One squadron of British planes after another swooped to the attack, and I saw resultant explosions and fires as their bombs hit the targets.

During the last day or two I have seen thousands of Italian prisoners marching to Sidi Barrani along a Roman road they themselves built and named Via Vittoria-Victory Way.

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