

# HINT OF ALLIED LAND OFFENSIVE IS GIVEN

MAXIMS  
OF A  
MERE MAN  
Sudden the worst turns the best to the brave; the black minute's at end.

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He who is conscious of a debt he can never pay will be forever paying it.

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# NAVAL VICTORY IS SCORED

## STRAINING OF SOVIET-FASCIST RELATIONS SEEN

### AMBASSADOR QUILTS ROME HURRIEDLY

#### Sixteen-day Stay In Italy Made Uncomfortable By Jeers Of Fascists.

ROME, Dec. 13 (AP)—The abrupt recall and hasty departure of the Soviet ambassador to Italy, who had been in Rome for a 16-day stay, was made uncomfortable by the jeers of young Fascists outside his embassy windows, was disclosed tonight by diplomatic sources.

The ambassador, Ivan Gocelchin, left Rome yesterday for Moscow, before he had even been presented his credentials to King Victor Emmanuel.

Soviet embassy officials said they did not know why he had been recalled. He left in such a hurry he did not wait for the return of his Charge d'Affaires, Leon Helfand, who is on a vacation in Geneva.

Popular feeling in Italy, exemplified by a series of pro-Finnish, anti-Soviet demonstrations by student Fascists, has been sympathetic with Finland since the red armies invaded Russia's little neighbor.

Five days after Gocelchin's arrival to take up his post, young unarmored Fascists stood outside his embassy and howled their disapproval of the invasion. Three days later, on Dec. 5, Carabinieri and other protective forces were called out to turn student marchers away from the building, where poor demonstrations were held in front of the Finnish legation shouting "Finland, Finish off the Russians!"

These demonstrations were accompanied by attempts by several thousand Italians to enlist in the Finnish fighting forces, by reports that the Finns were using Italian-made planes, and by warnings to Russia in certain sections of the Fascist press to "stay out of the business."

There has been no positive indication of any actual strain in official relations between Rome and Moscow, that the Soviet ambassador had been officially snubbed, or that the Italian government is directly aiding the Finns.

### Make Spirit Of Christmas Real To Needy Tots

Christmas is drawing near. Already the Spirit of Yule is abroad in the land. Holly and evergreen impart the good old Christmas atmosphere. Smiling Santa Clauses in our shops and public places remind us that the biggest day of the whole year is almost here, with its joy and cheer and happiness.

Christmas is the particular Feast of Children. It is the one great day of the year for grown ups too, but it is particularly a day dedicated to the little ones. Already, perhaps, in your home, childish voices are discussing the anticipated visit of old Santa Claus, and are besieging you with questions concerning certain details of the voyage of the jolly Saint the night before Christmas. It will be a big day for them. Tinsel, holly, pretty green wreaths, a sparkling tree, glittering colored lights, gifts hanging from the gay branches; that is Christmas. And the little ones with their gift, their favorite toys!

Would it not be tragic if, in this city little children, who today are so hopeful that their friend Kris Kringle will not pass them by, were to awake on Christmas morning to find no gift, nothing but an empty stocking on that day of days? And that is exactly what is going to happen, if you do not come forth and help. There are many, many little children in this city, who cannot hope to see the brightness of a Christmas, who are certain of bitter, dark disappointment, unless, some Santa Pal adopts them. But if you become a Santa Pal and supply the necessary trifling gift—then, it will be different.

Here is how a Santa Pal may bring Christmas happiness to some poor little child.

First, select the name of any needy child from the list of names published each morning in the Guardian. You will find the toy desired by the child opposite the name selected and the gift required. Then, when downtown shopping or selecting gifts for your little ones, remember the little friend whom you adopted from the Guardian Santa Pal list, add the doll, or hockey stick, or building blocks, or whatever toy asked for, to your list of purchases. Include in the parcel, with the toy, an apple, orange, and some candy. Call the Guardian (Phone 133), or write, or call at the office with your gift advising to have forwarded to Santa Pals Department. If more convenient you may remit money, instead of gift, with instructions and the little one's gift will be purchased and delivered by the Guardian Santa Pals department as you direct. It is requested no second hand toys be sent. As each child is adopted by a Santa Pal his or her name is struck off the list. After Christmas the usual audited statement will be published.

It is not so hard to be a Santa Pal, is it? Just select a name, buy a gift, include with it an apple, an orange and some candy, send with instructions to Santa Pals Department, Guardian Office, and you will bring Christmas into the heart of some unfortunate, lonely child on the great Feast Day of Christmas.

The list of names published is provided by the clergymen of this city and are genuinely deserving. The Guardian has created the Santa Pal Department, as a means of bringing some Christmas joy into the hearts of needy children. No stocking must be empty. All gifts delivered at the homes of the little ones the Saturday before Christmas. Do YOUR little part NOW. Select a name from the list below, let us know by phone or letter, and be a real Santa Pal.

#### YESTERDAY'S SANTA PALS

- Master John Doull, Chelton.
- Mrs. W. H. C. Cluffie.
- Miss Lorna Weeks.
- Mrs. Arthur Weeks.
- Miss Paula Jenkins Rayfield.
- A. Friend.
- Miss (Dr.) Leo Frank.
- Mrs. A. W. Hyndman.
- Miss Catherine Hyndman.
- Mrs. Percy Pope.
- Mrs. Cecil Wood.
- Mrs. Ernest Wood.
- Mrs. Lorne Burchell.
- Master George Scantlebury.
- Master Tommy Scantlebury.
- Miss Florence Brewster.
- Miss Mabel Parkman.
- Mrs. J. B. Hegon.
- Miss Janet Hegon.
- Mrs. Fred Colwill.
- Miss Constance Colwill.
- Miss Helen Colwill.

#### SANTA PALS TO DATE

- "An old friend of the Little Children".
- Miss E. Burnett.
- Miss Elizabeth Anderson.
- Miss Margaret Irving.
- Mrs. Bartlett.

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### Canadians Set Up Headquarters In London



A scene in the newly established Canadian Military Headquarters in London, which are under the command of Brigadier H. D. G. Crerar.

### Britain Makes New Move In Mine Warfare

#### Retain Command Of The Sea And Attain Control Of The Air, Immediate Allied Aim.

LONDON, Dec. 13 (CP)—Great Britain gave a hint today of a land offensive against the Germans once the Allies have added command of the air to their sea superiority.

Lord Chatfield, Minister for Defence Co-ordination, indicated that British and French strategy would be to bid their time patiently until they are sure of themselves in all branches of armaments.

The immediate Allied aim, he told a luncheon audience, is to "retain command of the sea and gradually attain command of the air."

"Then when we have done that we may have to win a big battle on land," he said. "It may well be that on the army finally the brunt of fighting will rest."

His words recalled Prime Minister Chamberlain's Sept. 20 declaration of strategy as "the art of concentrating a decisive force at a decisive point at a decisive moment."

The Air Ministry today announced Royal Air Force planes are trying out a new method of heading off German mine-sowing planes.

#### Using fast and formidable bomber-fighters, the R. A. F. established a security control belt of 120 miles over islands off the German coast. Planes flying in relays patrolled this sky belt ceaselessly last night in an attempt to intercept any German aircraft attempting to take off to sow mines in estuaries and trade routes along the British coast.

Despite anti-aircraft fire, the patrol was maintained over the islands of Sylt, Borkum and Norderey, a distance of 120 miles. The heavily fortified naval fortress of Heligoland stands midway on the aerial beat.

The planes used are light bombers equipped with extremely heavy firepower concentrated in multiple gun turrets.

Additional aerial activity was reported over the Scottish East coast where R. A. F. planes reported they chased off high-flying German raiders.

In sea warfare, one British ship, the 4,034-ton steamship Deptford, was torpedoed and sunk off the Westernmost point of Norway. Three of her crew were known to have

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### LEAGUE TO COORDINATE AID FOR FINLAND

#### Assembly To Vote On Resolution To Banish Russia As League Of Nations Member.

By Charles S. Foltz  
Associated Press Staff Writer  
GENEVA, Dec. 13 (AP)—A League of Nations committee tonight sent to the League assembly a resolution branding Soviet Russia as an aggressor against Finland, giving impetus to the drive to banish the Soviet Union from the councils at Geneva.

The resolution carried with it recommendations that would turn the League Secretariat into a coordinating general staff for material and humanitarian aid to the struggling Finns.

A committee of delegates from 13 nations, including Great Britain and France, approved and submitted the resolution to the assembly for final action.

The assembly will meet tomorrow morning to vote on the resolution and since unanimity is not required there, it was expected to be adopted without difficulty.

The drive for expulsion, which can be decided only by the council, was given a strong push by the

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### Says Col. Drew Did Not Refer To Tin Pot Navy

EDMONTON, Dec. 13 (CP)—Rev. George A. Macdonald president of the Edmonton Canadian Club, said today that Lieut.-Col. George Drew, Ontario Conservative leader, did not refer to Canada's navy as "tin pot" in an address before the club Dec. 7.

The Canadian Press report of the address quoted Col. Drew as saying Canada should "do away with our present tin pot navy" and leave naval duties to the "naval forces of Britain, organized and stationed throughout the empire."

Mr. Macdonald said Col. Drew made no statement reflecting on the Canadian navy and did not discuss political or controversial subjects in his address. He said the Canadian club does not permit discussion of such subjects.

"There was no political atmosphere or partisanship in the address," the club president said.

Robert Steele, club secretary, confirmed that Col. Drew had not referred to the navy as "tin pot."

### MILITIA DISMISSALS

CANBERRA (CP)—Australian employers who dismiss employees called up under the Commonwealth's compulsory training plan will be prosecuted by the defence department.

### Admiral Graf Spee Defeated By British Ships

#### Fourteen Hour Battle Ends With Nazi Naval Pride Pursued To Neutral Port.

MONTEVIDEO, Uruguay, Dec. 13 (AP)—A 14-hour running sea fight between three British cruisers and the German pocket battleship Admiral Scheer ended tonight with the badly-hit German warship taking refuge in neutral Montevideo harbor with 30 of her crew killed and 60 injured.

The British victory was not without its casualties, however, for the Admiralty in London admitted one of its three cruisers, the fast 8,390-ton Exeter, had been put out of action after four hours of the fight.

But the other two British warships, the 7,030-ton cruisers Achilles and Ajax, trailed the Admiral Scheer to

MONTEVIDEO, Uruguay, Dec. 14 (Thursday)—The pocket battleship which took shelter here after a 14-hour running fight with British ships was identified this morning as the Admiral Graf Spee. Thirty dead were aboard the ship when she took shelter here and 60 injured. Included in the dead was a lieutenant while the commander was listed with the injured. Injuries of the latter were not considered fatal, however.

The identity of the Admiral Graf Spee was the first indication the pocket battleship was operating in the Atlantic.

The Admiral Graf Spee, the Admiral Scheer and the Deutschland are all pocket battleships with similar armament.

(Note—Read Admiral Graf Spee throughout in story of battle.)

her refuge and took up positions just outside the harbor. Their grim guns, hardly cooled from the furious battle, were still trained on the pocket battleship which earlier in the day had attacked one of them off the coast.

The battle was fought within the Americas' neutrality belt, and much of it was within sight of the Uruguayan shore where the reverberating roar of the great guns was heard and the flashes of gunfire observed.

(Officials at Washington said, however, that probably no issue would be raised on this question.)

(They said the Admiral Scheer was within her rights under international law in taking refuge for repairs, but that she would have to leave within 24 hours after repairs are completed.)

Uruguayan port authorities, nervous because their shore had been exposed all day to the booming six and eight-inch guns of the British warships, and the 11-inch mouthpieces of the German, kept curious crowds at a distance as the battleship dropped anchor, apparently seriously damaged.

The battered warship, which had haunted South Atlantic shipping lanes since September when she sank the British merchantman Clement, had chanced upon the British cruiser Ajax just after dawn.

The Ajax was conveying the French merchantman Formosa from Brazil to Uruguay.

The Admiral Scheer rushed to the attack, but was momentarily repulsed by the six-inch guns of the speedy Ajax, and then found herself engaged in combat with three British warships.

The Exeter and the Achilles came up foaming. The Achilles' six-inch artillery and the Exeter's eight-inch guns spoke in volley after volley.

The Admiral Scheer apparently found the Exeter's guns particularly damaging, for she turned her attention away from the rest of the pack and devoted her batteries exclusively to the Exeter.

As a result the Exeter was caused some stress, and compelled to quit the battle. Meanwhile the Formosa steamed away to safety.

But although the largest of the three British ships was thus forced out by damage to her sides, the other two continued to concentrate their fire on the Admiral Scheer, and she took to her heels.

Although built to outrun battleships and to outrun cruisers, the 26-knot Admiral Scheer found herself overtaken by the 22.5-knot Ajax and Achilles. The two lighter cruisers with

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### Coming Events

- Candlelight Carol Service at St. Andrew's Church tonight at 8. L-426.
- We buy goose and duck feathers, not mutton. Henry Macrae, Inc. L-204-12-11-1.
- Trinity Mission Band Concert Thursday, December 14, 7:30. L-19-12-14-11.
- St. Vincent's Orphanage presents your holiday card. Friday and Saturday. L-364-12-14-11.
- Wanted! Dressed geese, ducks, chickens and fowl. F. B. Smith. L-271-12-9-6.
- Unloading Albion Nut Coal at Albion Thursday and Friday. B. C. Co. L-420-12-14-11.
- Stanley Bridge School Concert Saturday evening, December 21st. L-413-12-14-11.
- Christmas Concert in Wilmet Hall, December 19th. L-412-12-14-11.
- Christmas Concert in Glenfinn School Tuesday, December 19th. L-408-12-14-11.
- Geo. Leightner Co., Water Street buying dressed poultry all day. Top prices. Try us. L-20-12-2-171.
- Christmas Community Night at Balfour Hall, Friday, Dec. 15th with the Representative choir. L-410-12-14-11.
- Mr. Farmer, we are buying dressed poultry all day. Highest market prices. See before selling. Swift Canadian Ltd. L-321.
- Poultry—Buying live and dressed poultry all kinds. Paving top prices. Island Cold Storage Ltd. L-341-12-13-11.
- Buying live hogs at Albany, Friday 15th at noon. S. G. C. C. L-345-12-13-14-M W Thu 11.
- Leading live hogs at Kensington Thursday Dec. 14 till 3 p. m. Wynn Bulman and Roy Bagnall. Friday till noon. McEwen and Campbell. L-359-12-13-21.

### 9 MORE SHOPPING DAYS

#### A DULL SCHOLAR OFTEN SHINES IN SOCIETY!



TORONTO, Dec. 13 (CP)—Minimum and maximum temperatures:  
Dawson 2B 3  
Vancouver 41 50  
Edmonton 21 41  
Regina 15 37  
Winnipeg 6B 18  
Toronto 35 49  
Ottawa 14 23  
Montreal 13 26  
Quebec 16 24  
Saint John 20 35  
Halifax 28 30  
Charlottetown 30 32

Maritime East: Strong southwest and northwest winds with rain or snow; colder at night.  
High tide this morning at 1:30 and tomorrow morning at 12:45. Sun sets this afternoon at 4:18 and rises tomorrow morning at 7:31.  
First quarter moon, Dec. 18, 5:04 p. m.  
Summer's tide eighteen minutes later than Charlottetown.

THE C&F FERRY SCHEDULES  
Leaves Borden 9:45 A.M. 1:00 P.M.  
Leaves Tormentine 11:00 A.M. 5:05 P.M.

SATURDAYS ONLY  
Leaves Borden 4:45 P.M.  
Leaves Tormentine 7:00 P.M.