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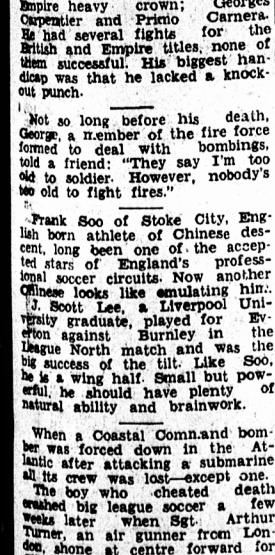


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# SPORTING NEWS

## Sport Shorts From Britain

By Allan Nickleson
Canadian Press Staff Writer

LONDON, Dec. 15 — (C P) — Death of George Cook, former Australian heavyweight champion who had more than 500 fights in Britain and the United States, left the ring mourning one of the strongest characters in its history. He died at the age of 45 following a short illness at Surbiton, Surrey.

During a lengthy career — he fought the best heavyweights in the country at 40 — Cook met such top notchers as Larry Gains, Toronto negro who once held the Empire heavy crown; Georges Carpentier and Primo Carnera. He had several fights for the British and Empire titles, none of them successful. His biggest handicap was that he lacked a knockout punch.

Not so long before his death, George, a member of the fire force formed to deal with bombings, told a friend: "They say I'm too old to soldier. However, nobody's too old to fight fires."

Frank Soo of Stoke City, English born athlete of Chinese descent, long been one of the accepted stars of England's professional soccer circuits. Now another Chinese looks like emulating him. J. Scott Lee, a Liverpool University graduate, played for Everton against Burnley in the League North match and was the big success of the tilt. Like Soo, he is a wing half. Small but powerful, he should have plenty of natural ability and brainwork.

When a Coastal Command bomber was forced down in the Atlantic after attacking a submarine all its crew was lost—except one.

The boy who cheated death crashed big league soccer a few weeks later when Sgt. Arthur Turner, an air gunner from London, shone at centre forward for Charlton Athletic of the League South. That means his ambition has been realized.

The chance came when Turner was posted to ground duties after 16 months' flying.

Bravery while engaged at tunnel blasting at Gibraltar earned the George Medal for L. Cpl. Terry Hicks, former Welsh junior Thirteen times England's diving 10S pound boxing champion champion, Wing Cmdr. C. D. Bonalin has been awarded the D. F. C., for his leadership of a Mosquito squadron.... Capt. Robert Mayne, Irish rugby international forward capped six times, has been awarded a bar to his D. S. O. for distinguished services in Sicily.

Paraguay and Bolivia, South American republics have no outlet to the sea.

## Good Scraps Witnessed At Boxing Tournament At Sporting Club

R. A. F. fighters chalked up three victories against two for the scrappers from Beach Grove training centre in the inter-service boxing tournament staged at the Sporting Club last night before a fair-sized crowd of spectators that saw bristling action in every bout on the card. In addition to the five fights between inter-service men two exhibition bouts were also staged by members of the R.A.F. boxing team.

Actually Army and Air Force broke even in bouts between the two services chalking up two wins apiece with the third R. A. F. victory being accounted for as AC. West took a decision over Drane of the Navy in the first fight on the card.

Entire proceeds of the tournament went to the P. E. I. Tuberculosis League for the purchasing of X-ray equipment.

Immediately after the final bout on the card Premier J. Walter Jones presented prizes to the competing mittslingers congratulating the participants on their fine performances during each and every bout on the card.

AC. West had a little too much in both hands for Drane of the Navy in the first bout of the evening. The winner enjoyed a safe margin in every heat to take the decision easily with the loser showing stamina all the way as he continually bore in seeking a kayo wallop.

**Great Scrap**

AC. Doig of the RAF and Pte. Lutz of the Army put up the best scrap of the evening in the second fight on the card. From the opening bell to the final one they went at it hammer and tongs and Doig who in the early stages of the fight in the first three minutes appeared to have a slight advantage, giving a great display of courage before losing out on a decision with the bell saving him in the second and third rounds from a knockout defeat.

Doig, starting like a whirlwind, had the better of the fast milling in the first two minutes of the opening heat. Lutz, slow getting started absorbed all the punches thrown at him and then as he caught his opponent with a hard right in the final minute it marked the turning point of the scrap.

Doig came out for the second to again force the fighting but after the first half minute yielded the offensive. He took a count of seven on one knee and then as he got up he ran into a two-fisted attack that backed him against the ropes. In the final eight seconds Lutz smahed over a hard right to the jaw that falttened the RAF boy only to have the bell rob the Army man of his kayo.

The story was much the same in the third. Doig started off fast again but Lutz got to him quickly and it was only the loser's gameness that kept him on his feet until the bell. There was no doubt of the decision.

**Poulton Wins Bout**

Pte. Harry Poulton chalked up Army's second straight victory of the night when he decisioned Flt. Sgt. Mitchell of the RAF. in another bout that, after the first round, produced fast action. In the first both boys felt each other out with Mitchell slipping to the canvas only to get up without a count.

Poulton took control of the scrap in the next two sessions, having his opponent groggy as the fight drew to a close, but failed to connect with a knockout punch.

Pte. George of the Army and LAC Ashurst of the R. A. F. after a slow start came through with two rounds of as fast and furious fighting as was witnessed during the evening. Both boys for the most part stood toe to toe to slug it out in wild mittslinging sessions. Both were hurt and hurt plenty but were still in upright positions at the bell. The decision went to Ashurst but did not go over well with the crowd.

McCrorie of the RAF, giving away a lot of inches in the matter of reach, came through with a great third round comeback to take a decision from Pte. Murray of Vancouver, now stationed at Beach Grove. Murray, a tall, rangy lad lost the first round by a slight margin as his shorter opponent from Glasgow, Scotland, kept boring in to chalk up valuable points during the heat. In the second Murray made a far better showing as he took the offensive away from McCrorie to land several jolting smashes to the head and body to win the round by a good margin.

Murray came out for the final round with his right eye partly closed, the result of a hard right hand wallop in the first session. For the first minute or so it was very even; but then McCrorie came through with his rally that gave him the round and decision.

Milburn and Sharam, both of the RAF gave a five-round exhibition that went over big with the crowd, while the other exhibition bout on the program was between Gasson and Lewis, two smart R. A.F. mitt wielders who are well-known to local fight fans.

Sgt. Sharam of the R.A.F. refereed all the bouts in a capable manner with the other officials all being picked from the different branches of the armed forces.

Between the different bouts pleasing music was furnished by the band of Beach Grove Training Centre, under the leadership of Sgt. Doiron.

## Sees Handful Dominating Major League

SARASOTA, Fla., Dec. 15 — (A P) — Paul Waner believes a handful of players will dominate major league baseball next year, the third season under wartime conditions.

"There should be several outstanding pitchers and a few highly successfull hitters," forecast the 40 year old outfielder who himself is one of the game's greatest batters.

The general level is down, he explained, making it possible for players with above the average ability to show to more advantage than even before.

"The pitching last season wasn't even close to normal," Waner continued. "And it would have shown up even worse had not there been a dead ball.

"The batting was inferior too. Remember that a lot of the good hitters are gone.

"It evens up, and keeps the game interesting.

"But there should be several outstanding pitchers and a few highly successful hitters.

"The fellows still left who have something on the ball should have an exceptional season."

The year just ending was a banner one for Waner, who plays the outfield for the Brooklyn Dodgers.

He got his 3,000th national league base hit and his 1,000th base on balls, and won a place in the small groups of hitters which includes only immortals like Ty Cobb and Honus Wagner.

## Sport Briefs

NEW YORK, Dec. 15 — (CP) — New York Rangers announced tonight that Billy Warwick of the Rangers is being sent to New York Rovers of the eastern United States hockey league Rangers farm club. Warwick will play for the Rovers tomorrow night when they meet Brooklyn Crescents.

LOUISVILLE, Ky., Dec. 15 —(A P) — The first nomination for the 1944 running of the Kentucky Derby May 6 was received today from Miss Ruth W. Collins of Honolulu.

Col. Matt J. Winn, director of the Churchill downs classic, announced receipt of Miss Collins' subscription for Kope Kona today.

ATLANTA, Dec. 15 — (AP) — Luke Appling, Chicago White Sox shortstop and American League 1943 batting champion, announced today he had been ordered to report to Camp Sheridan, Ill., Saturday. Appling, 34, and the father of two children, already has been inducted.

### Strike Settlement

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mission would give a favorable reply before the deadline.

**Alarm System Disrupted**

Back to normal after surviving a period with only skeletonized police and fire protection, the city learned from Fire Director Raymond Pare today that shortly after the beginning of the strike "many circuits in the fire alarm system were disrupted and there were obvious signs of tampering." He added that "wires were cut and alarm boxes on street corners damaged."

Paul Marquette, C.C.L. organizer, has maintained there was no violence and that no strikers were involved in the fire alarm system sabotage. He had also asked for co-operation of the strikers with the 75 R.C.M.P. constables who maintained a loose patrol of Montreal during the strike period. The strike organizer had sent emergency crews of striking firemen in response to two fires during the night.

Mr. Marquette said today that while the strike had won union recognition, this affected in no way pay increases which had previously been promised the men.

He added that Mr. Parent had granted the increases in a letter Dec. 13 and the increases were retroactive to Dec. 1. At the time some city officials said the pay increases were offered as an alternative to union recognition "Now we have both," Mr. Marquette declared today.

The police strike was reflected in police court today. When recorded Aime LeBlanc mounted the bench he found that not one arrest had been made during the night and he had only cases, adjourned from last week, to handle. The Recorder usually deals with an average of 75 cases daily. Most of the charges are for petty thievery, drunkenness, and vagrancy.

## Tito's Army Wins Fresh Victories

LONDON, Dec. 15—(AP)—Supported by an Allied air arm striking with enormously increased force from Greece to western Yugoslavia, the Yugoslav Partisan Army under Marshal Josip Broz (Tito) broke and turned back one wing of the German offensive in Bosnia today and regained the island of Uljan in the sheltered inner approaches to the enemy's major port of Fiume.

Ouster of the Nazis from Uljan—innermost of a chain of islands lying just off the Adriatic coast between Split and Fiume—was accompanied by indications that the German command was making strong efforts to seize or neutralize these potential menaces to their Fiume supply head.

The Germans claimed they had beaten off a sea-borne Allied thrust against the Island of Pag just north of Uljan.

Tito's communique warmly saluted the Allied air action as having helped in driving the Nazis from Uljan and in having aided in "heavily" defeating German forces occupying the nearby coastal city of Zara. He used the term "thanks to Allied air forces."


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## Miami Racing Season Opens

MIAMI, Fla., Dec. 15—(AP)— A throng of 9,517, less than 1,000 under the track's first-day high, clicked the turnstiles for the opening of the tropical park's horse race meeting today and established a first-day pari-mutuel wagering record of $442,830.

The previous winter inaugural betting mark was $416,058, set in 1940, and the attendance record of 10,481 was established Dec. 20, 1941. The new figures inspired Herbert Bayard Swope, chairman of the Gables Racing Association, to declare "we have no fears as to the season's success."

Fans cheered Allen T. Simmonds' Harvard Square as he survived a battle for the lead and a stirring finish to capture the first division of the $2,500 inaugural handicap and pay backers $14.10. Woolford Farm's Pig Tails, the favorite, and J.B. Partridge's Minee-Mo gave the appearance of a chariot race as they sped beside the winner to the finish in that order.

All nine races on the opening card were run off smothly and without mishap, inaugurating 100 days of competition here and at Hialeah Park, the longest Florida season by four days. Tropical will operate for 20 days, Hialeah for 50 and the horses move back to Tropical for an additional 30 days.

## Labor Member Assails Strategy In Italy

LONDON, Dec. 15 — (AP) — Aneurin Bevan, Labor, assailing Allied strategy in the Italian campaign, told the House of Commons today, "the greatest crisis the German High Command has faced since the Battle of Stalingrad is now over and the Germans can transfer first-class troops from the Italian front to Russia."

While praising the bravery of American and British troops in their drive toward Rome, Bevan drew laughter when he declared bitterly:

"The Allied Command has approached the problem of attacking Italy like an old man approaching a young bride—fascinated, sluggish and apprehensive."

### REGIONAL

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Universities, in order to provide for men and women in the Armed Forces in Canada and overseas the very considerable amount of general education necessary for modern warfare. This, with the details as to the manner in which additional work was carried on and the extent of its operation now covering many thousands in the Navy, Army and Air Force was explained by the Hon. Wilfred Bovey, national chairman of the services, who acted as Chairman.

Among those present were:—Premier J. Walter Jones; Colonel Wilfrd Bovey; Colonel H. G. Johnston; Hon. Dr. W. J. P. MacMillan; Hon. William Hughes; Mr. W. A. MacPhee (Prince of Wales College); Hon. Geo. H. Barbour, Dr. G. D. Steel, Principal, Prince of Wales College; Major J. F. MacMillan, District Education Officer M. D. 6; Dr. H. H. Shaw, Superintendent of Education; Wing Cmdr. C. J. Whittle; R. A. F.; Rev. Fr. McQuaid, St. Dunstan's University; Rev. Dr. R. V. MacKenzie, Rector, St. Dunstan's University; Hon. Mark R. McGuigan; Lieut. Charles MacKenzie, (Navy) O. C. of H. M. C. S. Queen Charlotte; Flight Lieutenant R. Patchen, R. A. F.; Sub Lieut. A. G. Wilcox, R. C. N. V. R.

The meeting decided on setting up a regional committee, to be composed of those present, the Hon. J. Walter Jones to be acting chairman and Mr. C. F. Hine to be acting secretary.

### NAZIS CONTINUE

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vel as a preliminary to a tremendous winter offensive on the northern front south of Leningrad in an effort to drive a wedge through to the Baltic.

"Activity is increasing hourly" in this area, Berlin said, and it quotes some military circles as seeing an effort to lay the groundwork for other offensive thrusts by British and American troops into northern Europe.

The Germans were said to be mobilizing in Estonia and Latvia to meet the expected drive and it was admitted that a successful Soviet push would influence their position in Finland, for it would give the Soviets a stronger position on the Baltic Sea. Supply lines to Norway might be endangered.


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These three airmen frorm Prince Edward Island graduated recently from No 1 Wireless School, Montreal, as Wireless Operators Ground, Wireless Mechanics, or Radio Telephone Operators. They are, left to right: AC's H.F. Holland, Souris; H.A. Murray, Bedeque; and A.L. MacDougall Canoe Cove.

## Evening Standard On Nfld. Status

LONDON, Dec. 15 — (CP Cable) — Lord Beaverbrook's Evening Standard today took issue editorially with the British Government's policy regarcing the constitutional situation in Newfoundland and expressed hope there will be a full assembly of Parliament for the forthcoming debate on the subject to hear the Government's case and examine it critically.

The editorial challenged the government statement that if the general wish in Newfoundland after the war is for return to full responsible government, for their part the Government will be ready when the island is self-supporting to facilitate such a change.

This means, the Standard said, that "Newfoundland's right to self-government is made absolutely a question of economics. If she is rich she may be free, if she is poor she cannot expect to escape from her inferior status."

"This is not a good principle," the editorial added. "It is not one we would be willing to accept for ourselves and we should be reticent therefore in imposing it on Newfoundland. Would it not be better for us to admit Newfoundland's right to self-government is an absolute right? It is not something depencing on her budgetary situation."

## Pay Tribute To Sir Lyman Duff

OTTAWA, Dec. 15 — (CP) — Chief Justice Sir Lyman Duff predicted today that Bench and Bar will be faced with more difficult problems than those of the past in the post-war world.

He was replying to leading members of the Bar who attended today's Supreme Court of Canada sitting to pay their tribute to Sir Lyman on his last appearance prior to retirement.

"There may well be social and economic shiftings and transformations which may require the aid of new jurisprudence," Sir Lyman said. "I mean a jurisprudence of wider and profounder limits.

"That the Bench and Bar will prove equal to this test I am fully confident, and I am confident that they will never forget that in our great social and political heritage, sanctified as never before by human heroism and human self-sacrifice, our most precious and most noble possessions are liberty and justice."

## Child Burned To Death In Cape Breton Village

GLACE BAY, N. S., Dec. 15—(CP)—Four-year-old Thomas Snow was burned to death and five families were driven from their homes tonight by fire which raced through a double dwelling in the nearby village of Donkin. The boy was the son of Pte. and Mrs. Thomas Snow who escaped with their other son, a six-year-old.

The flames, believed to have started around the kitchen flue in the Snow residence, threatened other nearby wooden buildings before they were brought under control by local volunteer firemen, A.R.P. workers and an auxiliary pumper and crew from Glace Bay.

## Says Day Of Tanks In War Is Passing

SYDNEY, AUSTRALIA, Dec. 15—(CP Cable)—The Australian newspapers said today the belligerent nations are reducing production of tanks because of the discovery of an effective counter to that weapon in massed guns.

Actually for Australia this means abandonment of tank production altogether, the newspaper said, adding that Britain, Russia, Germany, the United States and Canada are all reducing tank output.

A writer in the Sydney Morning Herald said that by the end of the fourth year of war tanks had become the biggest casualty among weapons.

**BRITISH BY-ELECTION**

LONDON, Dec. 15—(CP)—In what was probably the closest wartime by-election, Capt. Stanley Prescott, Conservative today retained the Darwen Division of Lancaster for the government with a majority of 70 over Miss Honor Balfour, Independent Liberal. Prescott received 8,869 votes and Miss Balfour 8,799.

## WESTERN GUARDIAN

—PURCHASES FINE PROPERTY—Mr. Lester Bagiole of Northam has purchased the beautiful farm home of Mr. W. E. Gillespie, situated about a mile east of Summerside on the paved highway. Stock and all kinds of farm equipment were included in the deal.—S

### Personals

—Mr. Erwin Ramsay and Mr. James McArthur were recent visitors to Summerside.—S

—Mr. Howard B. Wood and son Lyman of Victoria were in Summerside on Monday on business.—S

—Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Small of Summerside, have received a telegram announcing the safe arrival overseas of their son Allred.—S

—Lac. Verdun Paynter and Mrs. Paynter of Summerside were guests of Mrs. Panyters parents Mr. and Mrs. C.C. Baker of Margate recently—S

—Mr. Charles Ellis of O'Leary was a visitor to Summerside on Tuesday in connection with his business interests here.—S

—Mrs Victor Van Brabant of Tignish spent the week end in Summerside the guest of friends and relatives—S

—Mr. Lawrence McNally of Tignish spent the week-end visiting friends in Summerside.—S

## Christmas Naval Leave To Be Granted Wherever Possible

OTTAWA, Dec. 15 —(CP)—Naval Service Headquarters said tonight all leave which can be granted navy men at Christmas and New Year's "without affecting the war effort" is being granted.

Misunderstanding had arisen, a Headquarters statement said, following announcement that the army and air force would grant five days' special leave and issue of a naval order stating no special leave would be given.

"The Navy's situation is different from the other forces in that a large percentage of its personnel in Canada is engaged in work having a direct connection with operations and naval operations obviously cannot be suspended for Christmas or any other holiday," said the statement.

"As regards naval training establishments the granting of general extended leave to enable all men to reach their homes, often many days travel away, would mean suspension of training work for about two weeks. Present stage of naval expansion and of hostilities does not permit this.

"Men in the navy are not barred from taking all or part of their annual leave at Christmas, it was stated. Long leaves for 1,500 men have been arranged out of Halifax alone, and about 250 others will travel away from the west coast, while still others will take local leave near their stations. Long week-end leave is being given 4,000 men at the big training establishment H M C S Cornwallis, at Deep Brook, N.S.

"Unless they are in for refit, men on ships cannot get time for Christmas any more than the men fighting in Italy can," the naval authority was quoted as stating. "The same applies to the men ashore servicing ships for sea. For the others, every consideration is being made compatible with our maintaining a maximum naval war effort."

**CHRISTMAS TREE PRICES**

NEW YORK, Dec. 15—(AP)—Christmas tree prices in New York City are 'rather fantastic' but lower prices may be forthcoming, commissioner of markets H.M. Brundage said tonight.

Christmas trees are not subject to price controls, and some retailers have been getting $5 for a tree five feet high.


National Film Board Free Sound Movies

O'Leary, Dec. 14—3 & 8 P.M.
St. Eleanors, Dec. 15 8 P.M.
St. Mary's Academy, Dec. 15 2 P.M.
Kensington, Dec. 16 3 & 8 P.M.
Freetown, Dec. 17 8 P.M.

(Hilda W. Gillis)

Here's one for the book. There have been plenty of Wings Parades at which fathers presented wings to their sons, but for the first time to our knowledge a son has presented wings to his father. At a ceremony yesterday at No 9 Bombing & Gunnery School, Mont Joli, Que., airman Frank Hopkins (left) pinned wings on his father, Sergeant E. C. Hopkins. Sergeant Hopkins enlisted in the R.C.A.F. in June, 1940, as a clerk accountant. Now at the age of 39, he has remustered as an air gunner. A short time ago his son remustered from the trade of aero-engine mechanic to become an air gunner. He hoped some day to compete with his father in the gunner's range. Airman Hopkins is now a student at a Gunnery School in Prince Edward Island. The Hopkins home is at 159 Prospect Street South, Hamilton Ont.

## This War—Four Years Ago

(By The Canadian Press)

DEC 15, 1939 —Germans repulsed with heavy losses in bitter infantry engagement of the Western front. Offer by Finland to negotiate for settlement of Russo-Finnish conflict reported ignored by Soviets.

**PORTRAIT UNAPPRECIATED**

Whistler's "Portrait of the Artist's Mother," was rejected at first for exhibition at the Royal Academy and remained unsold for 20 years.

## REMEMBER WHEN

Lionel Conacher, now chairman of the Ontario Athletic Commission and one time "Big Train" of Canadian sport, was traded 17 years ago today to New York Americans by Pittsburgh Pirates with which team he played his first professional hockey. In an outstanding hockey career he later played for Chicago and Montreal Maroons.

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