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RUSSIANS RECAPTURE NEW CENTERS IN OFFENSIVE

Suspension Of Attorney General Still In Effect

Refused hearing by Mr. Justice Arsenault, pending explanation of past conduct.

The suspension imposed upon Hon. Thane A. Campbell, Attorney General, during the June term of the Supreme Court was still in effect when the January sittings opened in the Court House in Charlottetown, yesterday, it was ruled by Mr. Justice A. E. Arsenault, the presiding judge.

The Attorney General had been barred from appearing before Mr. Justice Arsenault at the last session of the Court, until he explained why he had given instructions to the Crown Prosecutor, Mr. C. St. Clair Trainor, not to appear at a second prohibition appeal case, in which the same person was to be heard. Later it was understood that the ruling was intended to apply only to non-criminal cases.

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Lakes shipping Men to confer

OTTAWA, Jan. 13 (CP)—Shipping board representatives and Great Lakes and St. Lawrence operators will confer in Toronto Jan. 19, on means of utilizing the Canadian inland fleet to maximum efficiency in the carriage of essential materials in 1942. It was announced tonight by L. W. Willness, chairman of the shipping board and deputy minister of trade and commerce, confirmed that the board had invited operators of bulk carrier vessels on the lakes and river to meet with A. L. W. MacCallum, director of shipping. The meeting will be a "round table conference."

The purpose is "to enlist the cooperation of all operators and to obtain their views and recommendations."

Coming Events

- Talkies Souris Thursday, L-546-1-14-21.
Talkies Montague Saturday, L-546-1-14-21.
Wanted to buy Chicken, Fowl Island Cold Storage, L-219-7-9-44.
Loading hogs at Colville until 1 P. M. Friday, January 16th, D. Leslie MacDowell, L-538-1-14-21.
Bingo and Dance, Kinkora Hall, Thursday, January 15th, Mulligan's Orchestra, L-526-1-14-11.
Card Party Holy Redeemer Hall tonight 8.15. Refreshments. Tickets 25 cents, L-527-1-14-11.
Buying pigs on the Market Square, Charlottetown, Friday, Knud Jorgensen, L-517-1-13-41.
Buying live and dressed poultry every Tuesday and Friday, P. J. Noy & Co., Hunter River, L-31-12-3-Wed-Sat-1f.
Loading hogs Thursday, Jan. 15 Summerside 3 p.m., Bu man, Bagnall North Wiltshire and Hunter River Friday till noon, McEwen and Campbell, L-547.

94 lost in Torpedoing off Nova Scotia

Enemy Submarine Creeps To Within 160 Miles Off Mainland.

AN EAST COAST CANADIAN PORT, Jan. 13 (CP)—A death toll of four white seamen and close to 90 Chinese was chalked up in the past 48 hours by an enemy submarine which crept closer to North America's east mainland coast than any U-boat had ventured before in this war and sank a large steamship.

The sinking occurred 160 miles off Nova Scotia and more than 90 survivors—the exact number was unknown by ship's officers who were well enough to receive reports—were landed here this morning, some of them in pitiful condition after 20 hours exposure to near-zero weather in open lifeboats.

The captain of the torpedoed vessel, an Englishman, was among the rescued but he was suffering so severely from shock that his physician prevented reporters from interviewing him. The doctor said the Captain had told him there were 181 passengers and seamen aboard but that he did not know how many were rescued.

It was learned from other sources, however, that 72 survivors were being cared for at a navy league hostel, 13 others were being treated in hospital and at least five more were quartered in hotels. It was considered possible but not likely that a few other survivors had found quarters elsewhere.

On the basis that there were no other survivors, a loss of 91 lives was indicated.

The ship which rescued the survivors was a small Royal Canadian Navy craft, but navy officials here declined to say how many survivors.

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War Situation Last Night

(By KIRKE L. SIMPSON, Associated Press Staff Writer) The flaming muzzles of MacArthur's guns, shouting grim defiance at Japanese invaders of Luzon, are sounding a message for United States ears as thrilling as the defence of Wake Island in the otherwise sombre war symphony in the Pacific.

It cannot be reiterated too often that time is the vital factor involved, every day or hour that Gen. Douglas MacArthur's men and guns can delay full Japanese concentration southward against Singapore or the Netherlands East Indies is an invaluable asset to the allies and an irreparable loss to the foe.

A Japanese decision to forego frontal assaults in favor of land-air siege operations, virtually by-passing this tiny island of American-Filipino resistance to concentrate against Singapore or the Dutch Indies, would be understandable. It would involve loss of face, however, a serious consideration in Oriental philosophy.

Britain has already demonstrated, it should be added, the possibilities of short line holding positions that are protected by water on both flanks. That may be proven again soon on the Malay peninsula as British defenders fall back down the narrowing triangle toward Singapore to repeat, on a larger scale and with help closer at hand, MacArthur's stand in Luzon.

Fire Sweeping Business Area Of Westville

WESTVILLE, N. S., January 14 (Wednesday)—(CP)—Fire wiped out much of this town's business section early today and was still raging at 3 a.m. after leveling six wooden buildings and setting a seventh aflame. Early estimates had the damage at \$75,000 but it was still mounting and it was expected the loss would be much heavier.

Firemen from New Glasgow and Stellarton joined Westville firefighters in battling the conflagration—worst in the town's history. Bitterly cold weather added to the firemen's difficulties, freezing water from the many hoses while a stiff wind spread flying embers.

The buildings destroyed included a drug store, bakery, hardware store, ice cream parlor, meat market and tinmith shop. Families lived on the upper floors of some but all escaped unhurt.

A large department store across the street from the destroyed buildings was set afire and there appeared little hope of saving it.

Early reports did not indicate the origin of the blaze.

Japs beaten Back by U. S. In Philippines

WASHINGTON, Jan. 13 (AP)—Outnumbered and fighting with their backs to the sea, the forces of Gen. Douglas MacArthur have nevertheless administered a jarring setback to the Japanese invader of the Philippines. Artillery "definitely superior" to that of the Japanese did the job.

German desert Army makes Sudden stand

Apparent Plans To Invade Malta Attracts Attention Of Middle East Command.

By Edward Kennedy Associated Press Staff Writer CAIRO, Jan. 13 (AP)—The German desert army, in flight for 300 miles, made an unexpected stand tonight at the base of the Gulf of Sirte on a line running due south of El Agheila.

Far back, near the Egyptian frontier, a Scottish regiment from the Transvaal stormed and captured Salum and sent 700 to 8,000 isolated Axis troops in immediate danger of destruction. Salum is the key to the stubborn Axis holdout garrison at Halfaya (Halfeyah) Pass which begins its ascent some seven miles to the southeast.

This was the general picture of the campaign almost two months after the start of the second British desert offensive. But the general Middle East situation was more complex.

Attracting attention at British general headquarters were concentrations of German aircraft and troops in Sicily, possibly for an attempt to invade Malta similar to the attack on Crete. Malta lies only 60 miles from Sicilian shores, but the island, armed to the teeth, has long been prepared to meet such an onslaught, and any invading force, especially paratroopers, would run into hard opposition.

An attempt to invade it would appear to be the enemy's logical step in any general Mediterranean offensive.

The line which Lt. Gen. Erwin Rommel apparently selected for at least a temporary Axis stand in the Libyan desert was roughly along the road which stretches from El Agheila, on the Gulf of Sirte, some 70 miles south of Marada, a small, hidden oasis. Advanced British elements reached the line yesterday, in pursuit of Rommel.

It was believed possible that the German general's defence plans are based on the existence of a major depression west of El Agheila which stretches inland for some 20 miles.

The Scots who took Salum captured 350 prisoners, cut off much of the remaining water supply and sank the big Axis Halfaya garrison, and thus measurably increased the weight of the siege.

Out at sea the Royal Navy scored again. British torpedoes sank the Italian minesweeper Santa Peter, damaged the \$522-ton supply ship Sirio and shelled and fired a medium-sized supply vessel.

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Taking Of Kirov Indicates Break In Winter Lines

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MOSCOW, Jan. 14 (Wednesday)—(CP)—The Russians today announced recapture of Kirov in the Smolensk region and Gorokhovo, near Mozhaisk, thus indicating the deepest westward penetration yet made in the Red army's sustained counter-offensive against the Nazi invaders.

The Russian communique placed Kirov in the Smolensk region, without elaboration, but Soviet sources identified the town as a rail junction 100 miles south-east of Smolensk and 150 miles southwest of Moscow.

It is midway between Blyansk and Vyazma and its location on the east-west and north-south railroads indicated its importance in the Russian surge back to the west. The communique said Gorokhovo was "near Mozhaisk" but did not indicate the distance or direction. That region has been the scene of some of the bitterest fighting of recent days.

The Kirov victory apparently represented yet another break in the Nazis' "winter line." One Russian unit on the western front was credited by the communique with killing 200 Germans "in violent fighting for possession of K."

Whether this was Kirov was not explained. The communique also reported continued fighting in the Leningrad sector, saying one German unit of 200 men attempted an attack and was rolled back, leaving 180 of its number dead or wounded on the field.

The Soviet Air Force, ranging from north to far south, was noted as destroying hundreds of German trucks and carts and many cannon and two ammunition dumps.

On the southern front, Red bombers claimed destruction of several railroad trains and a station. Commenting on the continuing Russian drive, S. A. Lovovsky, vice commissar of Ayrfern Affairs, declared, "we never gave up our optimism, and events of the last few days have proved we had a right to be optimistic."

Ski-shod Red Troops storm German lines

NEW YORK, Jan. 13 (AP)—The BBC reported tonight that the German radio spoke of "heavy Soviet attacks east of Kursk, midway between Orel and Kharkov by wave after wave of Red army shock troops." The CBS recorded the broadcast.

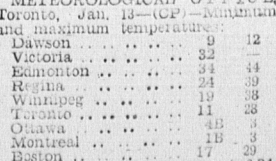
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(By Robert Bunnelle Associated Press Staff Writer) LONDON, Jan. 13 (AP)—Ski-shod Red troops tonight were storming the German defence cordon at Orel, 200 miles southwest of Moscow, and were reported on the verge of over-running the Rzhev-Bryansk Nazi winter line which already has been pierced.

Specialized Russian shock troops called "guaris formations" aided by ski-shod skiers and sledges pulled by motorized units, were said by Soviet sources to have practically surrounded Orel, and to have swept on beyond toward Bryansk, 75 miles away.

REPORT HEAVY ATTACKS

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METEOROLOGICAL OFFICE Toronto, Jan. 13 (CP)—Minimum and maximum temperatures: 12 Dawson, 13 Victoria, 13 Edmonton, 13 Regina, 13 Winnipeg, 13 Ottawa, 13 Montreal, 13 Boston, 13 High tide this morning at 8:34 and tonight at 8.

BOSTON, Jan. 13 (CP)—Forecast for northern New England: Mostly cloudy and warmer with occasional light snow in the vicinity of Lake Champlain. SYNOPSIS: The weather has been quite mild in the Prairie Provinces and light rain or snow has occurred in Quebec and eastern Saskatchewan. Light snow has occurred in many parts of Ontario and it has become colder in the Lake Superior region. Tonight at 4:42 and rises tomorrow morning at 7:35. New moon Jan. 15, 4:52 P.M. Summerside tide eight minutes later than Charlottetown.

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