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# BELIEVE LONDON HAS HEAVIEST ATTACK OF WAR

## Raider Attacks British Ship off African Coast

Another British ship torpedoed off same coast; Former French freighter reports submarines.

## Faked National Registration Cards seized

MONTREAL, Dec. 8.—(CP)—Royal Canadian Mounted Police announced tonight that three men have been taken into custody as the result of what police said was a large-scale scheme to "telegraph" votes in tomorrow's civic elections by means of counterfeit National Registration Cards.

Two other men were still being questioned by police late tonight. They were J. Oscar Lefebvre and Lionel Roux, whom police said had been found in the committee-room of J. Adhemar Raynault, former mayor of Montreal and candidate in tomorrow's race.

Supt. R. H. Gagnon of the R.C.M.P. said the three men—Edouard Leduc, J. O. Lemire and Germain Owey—had been taken into custody under section 24A of the National Registration Act which provides a penalty of three years imprisonment for being in possession of a fake registration card.

Gagnon said the men were arrested following a raid on a printing plant in nearby Verdun last night. At the plant, police found 3,000 completed registration cards and 4,000 cards on which the printing had been completed only on one side. The plant was to be owned by Leduc.

While police were making the raid, Lemire and Owey drove up the stairs and asked for delivery of the cards, police said. A raid on the home of Owey resulted in seizure of an additional 5,000 completed cards.

"Investigation is continuing," Gagnon said. He added that persons connected with the campaign in tomorrow's elections were being questioned, but said that investigation had not yet reached the point where the name of the candidate involved could be announced.

Last week, city police announced that national registration cards would have to be produced at the polls before citizens could cast their votes.

Meanwhile, the record-breaking number of candidates in Montreal's municipal elections made the final speeches in preparation for the voting to decide which of the nine contestants will be mayor of the city for the next two years.

In the field of the \$10,000-a-year mayoralty position are Ald. Socer Belle, Charles Landry, Joseph Mercier, J. J. Pomeroy, A. A. Piquet, Ald. Dave Rochon, Leon Tremblay, Leonard Tremblay, and Raoul Tremblay. The Tremblays are not related.

## British say Nazi ship Was damaged

By HAROLD MILKS  
 Associated Press Staff Writer

MONTEVIDEO, Uruguay, Dec. 8.—(AP)—Confident that their adversary had been damaged and would be caught and smashed, the crew of Britain's battered 3,122-ton auxiliary cruiser H.M.S. Carnarvon Castle left the search of the South Atlantic today to other British warships.

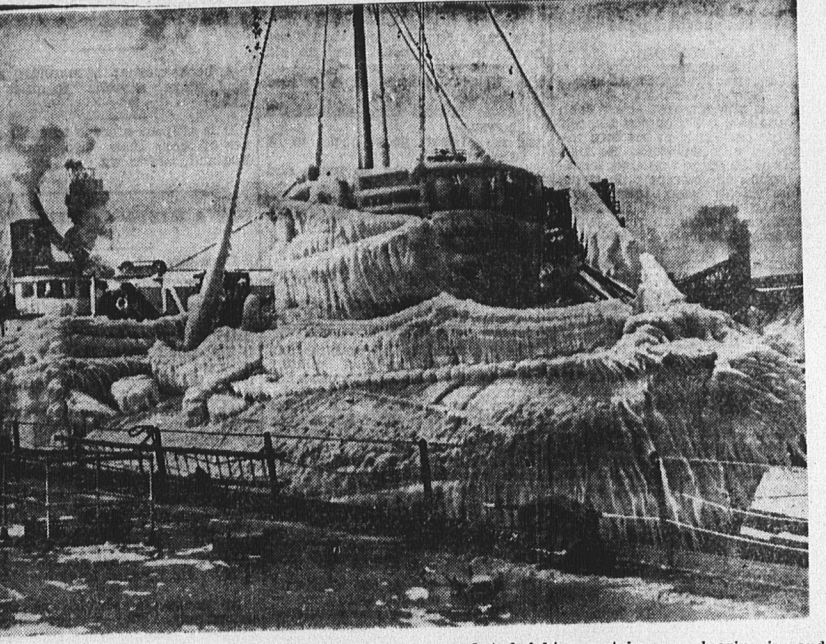
While the Carnarvon Castle remained laid up here getting new plate to close the shell holes in her hull, the 7,580-ton British cruiser Enterprise and another warship in the vicinity of the 90-minute battle Thursday were reported to have taken up the chase.

Some of the Carnarvon Castle's crewmen were sure the German raider already had been caught. Her commander, Captain H. M. H. Hardy, said "the German ship undoubtedly suffered much more damage" than his and some reports said she broke off the fight and fled at sea.

The German raider has not been identified but authoritative sources say there are prowling Nazi raider ships equipped with special engines, ultra-modern cannon and electric, centralized fire control which have been causing British authorities concern.

Unless the raider already has been caught, British circles said, it is likely that an aircraft carrier will join the hunt to clear the South Atlantic of the German threat.

While an Uruguayan commission has not yet reported the times of the seizure of the Carnarvon Castle, reports in British circles said she would leave some time on Tuesday to rejoin the South Atlantic anti-raider patrol.



Great Lakes shipping is officially closed for the season, but freighter captains are braving ice and snow to bring much needed supplies to keep the wheels of Canadian war industry turning at top speed. Shattered in ice, the freighter South Park is shown docking at Detroit after fighting howling gales and near-zero temperatures on Lake Erie. Vessels arriving at Canadian ports are similarly decked out with "winter overcoats." Live steam is used to break up ice encrustations.

## Concentrated Nazi Raid Ends 44-hour Silence

Homes, Business Buildings Battered in Scarred Capital; Pre-raid Quiet Was Becoming Oppressive.

By Douglas Amaron  
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LONDON, Dec. 9.—(Monday)—(CP Cable)—German planes, resuming their air-bombing of London after more than a fortnight of comparative peace, dropped tons of high explosives and incendiary bombs during a nine-hour attack that stretched into the dawn.

The fog closed in over the city's new wounds.

Londoners, who had 44 hours of quiet shattered by mass bombing that started early Sunday night, resumed the tragic course of death and wounded, smashed homes, shops and hospitals.

One news service (Exchange Telegraph) called it the biggest London raid of the war.

Reports indicated that the bombing was widespread in the already bomb-scarred capital.

The Nurses' Home of a children's hospital was hit by a time bomb, but there were no casualties.

The authoritative Press Association's expert was reminded of the ruinous assault on the Midlands through the outer circles of anti-aircraft fire, came over the city singly or in groups of three and four, varying the direction of approach.

The bombs struck various parts of the city, sometimes singly and sometimes in series or "sticks."

In one residential district I saw at least 60 incendiaries fall and burst. I joined the volunteers putting falling even as we worked. A few fires broke out in one district but they were quickly extinguished.

The heaviest drumfire barrage heard during the last two weeks was set up.

London had been quiet, so uncommonly quiet that nerves, rested through most of the peaceful 48-hour period, began to get a little raw as people wondered what was keeping the Nazis away. To some the stillness was ominous, portentous.

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## Italy's Naval Chief Is Made "Goat" For Fascist Sea Failures

The "resignation" of Italy's naval chief of staff, following the shifts in top commands of the land forces, suggests inevitably that he may be a scapegoat for Fascist failures at sea.

Although the record of the Italian navy in this war has been no more glorious than that of the army, its current weakened state stems chiefly from the decision to undertake the ill-starred invasion of Greece, for which Mussolini himself cannot escape primary responsibility.

The backfiring of that attempted blitzkrieg unloosed on Il Duce's

## U. S. President Visits French Trouble spot

BOARD U.S. MAYRANT, AT SEA, Dec. 8.—(AP)—President Roosevelt climaxed his Caribbean defense inspection cruise today by stopping off at the French island of Martinique, a potential trouble spot.

He conferred for one hour aboard the U.S.S. cruiser Tuscaloosa with United States officials, Consul Brooker and Capt. Ernest J. Blanker, U.S.N., American observer on the island.

The Tuscaloosa hoove to in plain view of the French aircraft carrier Bearn off Port de France.

## War Veterans In Rumania Seek action

BUCHAREST, Dec. 8.—(AP)—Thousands of war veterans paraded today before Gen. Ion Antonescu, and their leader, Gen. George Beganescu, told the chief of state that "war survivors are impatient to hear your order to shoulder rifles and reconstruct the old Rumanian frontiers."

"If some hostile event should occur to prevent Rumania from realizing this dream, we would with all our Rumanian soldiers be turned to stone along the Dniester River," Gen. Beganescu said.

(The Dniester was the Rumanian boundary before the province of Bessarabia was given to Russia last summer on Russia's ultimatum.)

Gen. Antonescu replied that: "I am accused of not taking hands extended to me, but I refuse to take hands extended over the corpses of our persecutor brothers. When this ceases I will take the outstretched hand."

(This statement was not explained.)

Two German generals were seen on the reviewing stand.

## U. S. Considers Two-point Plan To Aid Britain

WASHINGTON, Dec. 8.—(AP)—A two-point plan for financial aid to Great Britain is being discussed, it was learned today, by highly placed administration aides. Some of them predicted that it would be adopted.

The plan:

1. The British would use their own investments in the United States to buy war supplies as long as the investments lasted.
2. The United States would make a flat promise to grant loans when those British resources were exhausted. Some officials suggested that such loans might perhaps be backed by certain British collateral.

As seen by persons in influential positions, the situation is that the British have enough money to pay for their multi-billion dollar war purchases here for a year or more, but want to know where the money is going to come from after that. The British were said to have raised the question of immediate loans in order to pin down future commitments for factories.

The British view was said to be that the promise of future loans was necessary for these reasons: (a) bolstering the morale of the British people; (b) better planning of war purchases; (c) reassurance of United States manufacturers who might be hesitant to make large expenditures for factories unless they knew that they were going to be paid.

An indication of the United States view that the British ought to spend their own money before getting loans was seen in the conversations between Treasury Secretary Henry Morgenthau, Jr., and Sir Frederick Phillips, Under-Secretary of the British Treasury. They started their talks Friday and will meet again Monday.

Both told reporters that they were not talking of loans "at this time," but were discussing the "facts" of British resources.

## Red Army ready To fight Japs?

MOSCOW, Dec. 8.—(AP)—From what is designated as "the far eastern front," a Communist party conference of the Red Army has sent to Joseph Stalin a promise that the troops of Soviet Russia will "fight at any minute" and "defeat any enemy."

The pledge was expressed by Gen. Popoff, who commands the first far eastern army, following a meeting of officers, commissars, and troops who are members of the party. Gen. Gregori M. Stern, commander-in-chief of the far eastern forces, spoke to the assemblage.

(Last week, the Soviet government curtly informed Tokyo that its "policy with regard to China," which is one of supplying Chiang Kai-Shek with aid against Japan, remains unchanged, despite Japanese action in "reorganizing" the puppet government of Wang Chiang-Wei at Nanking.)

In the Moscow military district, another conference sent a message to Stalin in which it was asserted: "We are ready to answer with a double blow at any minute any blow by the incendiaries of war."

## War—25 Years Ago Today

DEC. 9, 1915—Chancellor von Bethmann-Hollweg in the German Reichstag said Allies must ask for peace or the war would continue. Bulgarian irregulars cross the Greek frontier. Russians defeated Turco German detachments between Teheran and Hamadan, Persia.

## Greece Promised Immediate Aid

WASHINGTON, Dec. 8.—(AP)—Greece has been promised immediate assistance by the United States in an exchange of messages between President Roosevelt and King George VI, and high quarters indicated tonight that the aid would include aircraft.

Mr. Roosevelt's message, made public Saturday by the state department, did not specify the form which help would be given, simply pledging King George that "steps are being taken" to provide assistance in line with "the settled policy of the United States to extend help to those governments and peoples who defend themselves against aggression."

From the Greek legation and high Washington sources came indications that military planes, urgently needed because of Italy's strength in the air, are first on the list.

Cimon Diamantopoulos, the Greek Minister, requested assistance in obtaining airplanes and other war weapons and materials three weeks ago in discussions with Sumner Welles, undersecretary of state.

The United States presumably is in a position to provide Greece with some airplanes and a limited amount of surplus army weapons without seriously interfering with American defense requirements and the flow of war weapons of all kinds to Great Britain.

American military officials, however, took the view that the primary responsibility of deciding whether planes and guns can be spared rests with Greece's ally, Great Britain.

At the capitol, there were general expressions of approval of Mr. Roosevelt's message.

"Greece has been wantonly and wickedly attacked," said Senator William King (Dem-Utah). "Any aid we can give her will help democracy."

## 8-year-old Tells story Of suffering

RUTLAND, Vt., Dec. 8.—(AP)—An eight-year-old boy—dazed and bewildered and suffering from exposure after wandering all night in the cold—told an incoherent story today of how his parents and young brother drowned when their truck swerved from the highway and plunged into a brook.

The youngster, Fred Brackett, Jr., struggled to find words to tell what happened—how he was hurled from the truck as it dived into the water and how he landed on the bank of the stream.

Throughout the night he stumbled around seeking aid. At 5 a.m. he reached the home of Mrs. Helen Buxton—less than two miles from the scene of the accident.

The bodies of the three victims—Fred, 57, a farmhand; his wife, Beatrice, 24, and their son, Charles, five, all of Pawlet—were recovered in three feet of water.

## Three Airmen Feared lost

FINGAL, Ont., Dec. 8.—(CP)—Three members of the Royal Canadian Air Force are believed to have lost their lives today when a large bomber training plane in which they headed out over Lake Erie failed to return. It has not been heard of for nearly 12 hours, and is believed to have plunged into the lake.

The missing airmen are: Flying Officer L. A. Hood, whose next-of-kin reside in Adrian, Mich.; Aircraftman John Henry McNally, of Mimaki, Ont.; and Aircraftman E. W. Bourne of Oshawa, Ont.

## Farmers of France to be Regimented

VICHY, France, Dec. 8.—(AP)—Farmers of France, independent and traditionally the bulwark of the old republic, are to be regimented.

A decree ordering the reorganization of the entire French agricultural structure on a corporate basis and forbidding strikes and lock-outs, was signed Saturday by Marshal Pétain, chief of state.

Under the decree all peasants are to be organized by families on a regional basis in governmentally established agricultural corporations which will be open to all landowners, rural craftsmen and farm laborers.

The corporations will determine all questions relating to working conditions, living conditions, women's labor, vocational training of youth, and "questions relating to general discipline."

## Bails out of Flaming Plane

VIRIDEN, Man., Dec. 8.—(CP)—Po. B.P. Keenan of the Royal Canadian Air Force escaped with minor hurts when he "bailed out" of a Fairey battle bomber 14 miles north of Viriden this afternoon when the machine burst into flames 700 feet from the ground.

Keenan, believed to be from Sault Ste. Marie, Ont., was ferrying the bomber from Winnipeg to the training field of No. 4 command, R. C. A. F., at Mocsbank, Sask., when the plane's engine began to misfire.

## Coming Events

- \*Orwell School Concert, Wednesday, Dec. 18. L-190.
- \*Bonshaw School Concert, December 20th. L-198-12-9-21.
- \*Reserve Tuesday, Dec. 17th, for Kingston School Concert. L-195-12-9-21.
- \*Harrington School Concert Tuesday December 17th. If stormy Wednesday. L-118-12-9-11.
- \*Christmas Concert at Alexandra School, December 20th. L-180-12-9-11.
- \*Mt. Albion Christmas Concert, Dec. 19th. If not fine Friday. L-196.
- \*Meadowbank School Concert, Friday, December 20. L-197-12-9-21.
- \*Suffolk School Concert Thursday, Dec. 19th. Admission 15 cents. L-199.
- \*Bedford Club will not load Hogs unless listed with Secretary R. E. Connolly. L-180-12-9-11.
- \*Loading Hogs at York Station Tuesday, December 10th. J. S. Allen. L-183-12-9-11.
- \*George Leightner Co. Water Street, buying dressed poultry, all kinds, top prices. Try us. L-751-11-2310 Dec. 31.
- \*Come to concert and dance, Bradalbane Hall, Wednesday, Dec. 11th. Aid of Rural Institute. L-200-12-9-21.

## Evacuate Missionaries

TORONTO, Dec. 8.—(CP)—Officials of the United Church of Canada Saturday confirmed reports that partial evacuation of United Church missionaries from Japan now is under way.

## Gov't Members May go West For Christmas

OTTAWA, Dec. 8.—(CP)—Foreign exchange restrictions may prompt members of the Dominion Government who customarily spend their Christmas and New Year's holidays in southern climates to find their mid-winter relaxation at the Pacific Coast.

British Columbia members of the House of Commons have been urging in party caucus and personally that ministers and others who normally go south should try the climate at Vancouver and Victoria.

Prime Minister Mackenzie King and his cabinet colleagues, free from parliamentary duties until next February 17, will be back in their offices this week to attend to work interrupted by their attendance in the House of Commons.

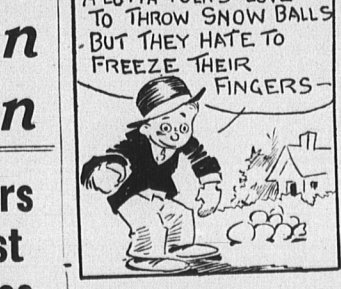
It is expected a number of ministers, and possibly the Prime Minister himself, will take some holidays before tackling the Dominion-Provincial conference which opens in mid-January.

## SAINT JOHN BUSINESS MAN DIES

SAINT JOHN, N.B., Dec. 8.—(CP)—F. W. Daniel, 78, head of the dry goods firm F. W. Daniel and Company Ltd., Saint John, also known as "The London House," died in hospital Saturday.

Mr. Daniel succeeded his father, the late Thomas W. Daniel, as head of the business. His mother, formerly Louisa Jordan of Fredericton, was a niece of Lemuel Wilmet, one of the early Governors of New Brunswick.

## 14 MORE SHOPPING DAYS



## FORECAST

Maritime East: Fresh winds cloudy with light snow or rain; a little colder at night.

Synopsis: The weather has been somewhat colder over Ontario with light snow in many districts. It has been comparatively mild in the West with scattered snowflurries.

High tide this afternoon at 6.10 and this evening at 6.34.

Sun sets this afternoon at 4.11 and rises tomorrow morning at 7.27.

Full moon Saturday Dec. 14, 3.38 p.m.

Summerside tide 18 minutes later than Charlottetown.

## THE CAR FERRY SAILINGS

Leaves Borden 9:45 A.M. 1:00 P.M.  
 Leaves Tormentine 11:00 A.M. 3:15 P.M.

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