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AGED CHARLOTTETOWN RESIDENT KILLED IN STORE

Derna Falls To British After Four-day Battle

Bitterest Italian resistance of campaign fails to stop drive.

(By Eric Bigio, Associated Press Staff Writer) CAIRO, Jan. 30.—(AP)—The third major Italian bastion to fall in Libya—Derna, 175 miles west of Egyptian frontier—was occupied today by Australian and British troops after four days of the bitterest resistance offered by the Fascists in the African campaign.

Prompt aid Will speed British victory (By EDWIN JOHNSON, Canadian Press Military Correspondent) OTTAWA, Jan. 30.—(CP)—Britain needs as quickly as possible every ounce of assistance that can be gained by the North American continent to ensure victory.

While the conquerors consolidated their position in Derna, mechanized units struck toward Bengasi. Authoritative reports received by British sources indicated that the Italians were preparing to make a stand between Derna and Bengasi.

The initial clash of tanks went in British favor, but the Italians retired behind ridges outside the town and heavily shelled the British main forces massing outside.

Mayor Reviews Civic Affairs

Financial showing compares very favorably with preceding years.

Following is the text of the report of His Worship Mayor Holman submitted to the City Council last night.

The past year has been one of many outstanding events, and has been a period when, owing to the Great War in which our Empire is engaged, our City has had to shoulder large additional burdens for the supplying of food, munitions and equipment and the upkeep of a Navy, Army and Air Force.

Following the established custom of those who have filled the chair which I now have the honor to occupy, I hereby submit my report as Mayor of your City.

War — 25 Years Ago Today

JAN. 31, 1916—Zeppelins dropped bombs on six English counties, killing 89 persons and injuring 101. French stopped German attempt to pierce Allied lines northeast of Arras. British took prisoners in raid on German trenches west of Messines.

Coming Events

Refreshed Frozen Strawberries, four order. Daily delivery except Saturday. Island Cold Storage. L-459-1-25-II. Annual Meeting Ladies Auxiliary, Legion Home 7.30 tonight. L-587-1-31-II. Beginning Monday, February 4th, the United States is a story of an alleged demonstration in Milan was barred from use of the telephone for seven days and use of the radio indefinitely.

Report Sub Sighted 60 Miles off Nfld.

NEW YORK, Jan. 30.—(AP)—The British freighter Sheaf Crown radioed tonight that she had sighted a "suspicious submarine" approximately 60 miles east of St. John's, Newfoundland.

The 4,889-ton Sheaf Crown last was reported leaving Baltimore on Dec. 18 for Land's End, England.

There have been numerous reports of Nazi submarine activity during the last year in the Caribbean and off the coast of South America.

Routine reports Heard at Council meeting

Activities in the various city departments were thoroughly reviewed in extensive reports at the annual meeting of the City Council held last night.

Reports were submitted by the following: Mayor Holman, Dr. E. C. Repping, Public Health; Meat and Milk, Dr. I. E. Croken; Finance, Coun. F. C. Chandler; Streets, Coun. F. C. Dougan; Public Property and Market, Coun. J. E. Blanchard; Police, Coun. J. E. Sernis; Fire, Coun. B. Earle MacDonald; Employment and Relief, Coun. H. Laphorn; Tender, Coun. J. T. McKee; Light, Coun. T. A. Butler; School Board, read by Coun. Stevens; Commissioners of Water Supply, read by Coun. Dougan.

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Nazis stab in Heavy day Raids on Britain

LONDON, Jan. 30.—(CP)—German bombers stabbed at London, Dover, the Eastern Midlands and Southeast England today with the heaviest daylight raids in weeks, shooting down some of the big bases in Dover's balloon barrage and causing an undetermined number of casualties.

Three alerts were sounded in the capital up to dusk. The Ministry of Home Security announced that some shops and houses were damaged. Officers' quarters adjoining a London hospital were struck, and several persons were believed to have been buried in the wreckage.

All members of the crew of a German bomber were killed when the plane was shot down over Essex.

In one district a school was reported hit, and in the East Midlands a low-flying raider machine-gunned a village street with no reported casualties.

The Germans failed to follow up their night raids. At a late hour there were no reports of activity in any part of the country, even though there was less fog on the Strait of Dover and visibility was much better than in the day.

Civic Accounts Found guilty of Manslaughter in Supreme Court

Auditors' statement of Revenue and Expenditure for the period January 1st to December 31st, 1940, tabled at last night's meeting of the City Council.

Table with 2 columns: Expenditures, Amount. Includes Advertising General, Bath Houses, Maintenance, etc., Building Inspection, City Government and Tax Collecting, City Hall Maintenance, Civic Elections, C. M. E. Wiggins, Electric Inspection, Fire Department, Grants Sundry, Health, Insurance, Interest Coupons—Handling Charges, Interest on Debentures, Less Accrued Interest received in Sale of Debentures.

Table with 2 columns: Interest on Bank Overdrafts, Current Accounts, Library, Market House, Maintenance, etc., Miscellaneous Expense, Police Department, Police Court, Pond Maintenance, Rentals Property Sundry Maintenance, Street Lighting, School Board, Squares Maintenance, Streets Maintenance, Sinking Fund Provision Ordinary, Water, Sewers, Less Street and Sidewalk assessment payments.

Table with 2 columns: Travelling Expense, Victoria Park Maintenance, Provision for: Depreciation Motor Trucks, Depreciation Office Equipment, Depreciation Police Equipment, Reserve for Estimate Uncollectable 1940 assessment, Deficit Housing Account Current period, Total Expenditures and Reserves.

Table with 2 columns: Revenue—Assessment Year 1940, Real, Personal, Poll, Less Discounts allowed, Less Adjustments.

Table with 2 columns: Licenses and Sundry Taxes: Amusement, Auctioneers, Bakeries, Building Permits, Bicycles, Banks, Electric Light Companies, Fish and Meat, Gasoline Tanks and Wagons, Garages, Horse and Carriage, Investment Brokers and Trust Companies, Labor, Milk Vendors, Milk Producers, Peddlers, Restaurants, Taxis and Transfers, Theatres, Trucks, Sundry.

Table with 2 columns: Police Court and Dog Tax, Benits Market House, Scales, Market Tolls, Market Cream, Commissioners of Sewers and Water Supply, Province of P.E.I. Fire Grant, Library, Total Revenue, Deficit Current Year.

Report Submitted by Finance Committee

The following report of the Finance Committee was submitted to the City Council last evening by Coun. Chandler:

Your Worship:—The statistical reports, prepared by your City Clerk, and City Auditor, which accompany this report of your Finance Committee are very complete, and afford an opportunity for the members of this Council, or any citizen sufficiently interested, to devote some time to their consideration to get a very clear picture of the financial position of our City.

Your committee has given considerable study to these statements, with a view to bringing to the attention of your Worship, and your Council any items which, in its opinion, are of sufficient importance as to warrant being so selected for your consideration.

The first, and probably the most important, entry, is that of Revenue and Expenditure. This shows that your committee has not departed from the precedent, so long established, of printing in a report which shows a deficit. However, your committee submits that it is showing this deficit voluntarily, in the interests of good accounting, and not by reason of the same necessity as dictated by the reports of previous Finance committees.

Body Of Peter J. Trainor Found In Pool Of Blood

Two men taken into custody by Police early today; Evidence of struggle.

Peter J. Trainor, 78-year-old storekeeper in Charlottetown was found dead in his back shop shortly after midnight today. He had lived alone in the house connecting the shop on the corner of Pownall and King streets.

Chief of Police A. Birtwistle said two men, Frederick Phillips and Earl Lund, Charlottetown, were arrested, Phillips in the building, and Lund in the combined store and dwelling, and Lund in the back yard, after jumping from the upstairs window.

Chief Birtwistle said a revolver with one expended cartridge and five live ones was found in the store.

Trainor was in a small room adjoining the store, used as a storeroom. Two members of the city police force in plain clothes were shadowing the store when the combined store and dwelling, and Lund in the back yard, after jumping from the upstairs window.

Committee Urges passage Of Aid Bill

By RICHARD L. TURNER, Associated Press Staff Writer WASHINGTON, Jan. 30.—(AP)—A 10-member committee of the United States House of Representatives Foreign Affairs committee urged the House to pass the lend-lease bill, asserting in a report that the prompt enactment was "of the highest importance to the vital interests of our country—and even of our civilization."

The committee said that after hearings and public discussion it was of opinion that the bill should be passed.

"Our national policy is and should be 'to keep out of war; and (2) for our own national security, to aid Britain and these other nations whose defence is vital to the defence of the United States and to supply them as quickly and as efficiently as possible with defence articles in a manner consistent with our democratic procedures."

The report was issued at the close of a day which saw the committee approve the bill, saw Representative Joseph W. Martin (Massachusetts), the Republican floor leader, announce his opposition, unless the powers proposed to be granted to the President are "substantially modified," and saw the Senate Foreign Relations committee receive confidential information from Henry Stimson, the War Secretary.

The Senate group, in addition heard James W. Gerard, former ambassador to Germany, say he favored an immediate declaration of war against the Hitler government, and advocate passage of the bill as a weapon for "lightning defence" against "lightning war."

Welles sees Axis Powers "grabbing" In South America

NEW YORK, Jan. 30.—(AP)—Questioning whether a negotiated peace now would "be worth the paper on which it was written," Sumner Welles, United States under-secretary of State, said tonight that an axis victory in Europe would lead to economic and political attacks on South America.

Welles described this as a more imminent danger than an "immediate attack directed against continental United States" and asserted that "the menace to our security through the passage of the control of the high seas to unfriendly hands is to my mind overwhelmingly apparent."

Hanson nails Rumors re Selecting Leader

OTTAWA, Jan. 30.—(CP)—Hon. R. B. Hanson, Conservative House Leader, tonight authorized his office here to issue a statement in connection with reports carried by a news agency (not the Canadian Press) suggesting that candidates for the Conservative party leadership were discussed at a meeting in Toronto tonight.

In question of choosing a new leader for the Conservative party has not been discussed or considered. Mr. Hanson has held no meetings with any group or individual which have had in view the choosing of a new leader.

Such meetings as Mr. Hanson has had with various interested groups in different sections of the country have been held only in the normal course of his regular activities as a party leader.

When a new leader is to be chosen his choice will be made in a democratic manner and in accordance with the best traditions of the party.

BOMB DICKENS' HOME

CHATHAM, England.—(CP)—The house in Ordnance Terrace in Chatham where Charles Dickens spent some of the happier days of his childhood was severely damaged in a recent air raid.

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Greeks beat off Counter-attacks, Take offensive

ATHENS, Jan. 30.—(AP)—Greek warriors, on the offensive again after beating off a week of fierce Italian counter attacks, were reported tonight to have wrested new positions from the Fascists in the rugged Albanian mountains north of Kalamata.

Military advisers said the Greeks lashed out with such fury that the Italians were forced to abandon their counter attacks and withdraw hastily to new positions.

For a solid week Italian forces were said to have stabbed the Greek lines in an effort to feel out weak positions and not only failed, but disclosed weak points in their own defenses.

At one point where the Italians attempted to penetrate a Greek line, the Fascists left behind them dead, wounded, many prisoners and much war material. In two days the Greeks have taken 200 prisoners, he declared. The Greeks announced their airmen downed two Italian planes and anti-aircraft batteries destroyed two more. One report reaching Athens said the Italian liner Rex had steamed into Trieste with a full load of wounded from the Albanian front.

SOME KIDS ARE SO DUMB, THEY THINK CRIBBING IN CLASS HAS SOMETHING TO DO WITH SLEEPING

TORONTO, Jan. 30.—(CP)—Minimum and maximum temperatures: Vancouver 39 59, Edmonton 15 31, Regina 6 26, Winnipeg 18 29, Toronto 6 33, Ottawa 20B 1, Montreal 12B 5, Saint John 15 26, Halifax 22 27, Charlottetown 24 25.

FORECAST Maritime Provinces: Fresh winds; mostly cloudy with light snowfalls or flurries; not much change in temperature. Synopsis: The weather has been fair and mild in the Prairie Provinces. Light snow has occurred in many parts of Ontario and it has been milder in the Lower Lake region but continues moderately cold in northern and eastern districts.

High tide this afternoon at 1.45 and tomorrow morning at 1.40. Sun sets this afternoon at 5.06 and rises tomorrow morning at 7.21. First quarter moon Feb. 4, 7.42 a.m. Summer time 18 minutes later than Charlottetown.

CAR FERRY SAILINGS Leaves Borden 9.45 A.M. 1.00 P.M. Leaves Tormentine 11.00 A.M. 3.15 P.M.

For That Quick Pot of Tea "SARAH" TEA BAGS