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MERE MAN

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may more likely be found in a quiet
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Where pity dwells the peace of
God is there, to worship rightly is
to love each other, each smile a
hymn, each kindly deed a prayer.

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TWO GERMAN RAIDS FAIL

FINNS LAUNCH FIERCE COUNTER ATTACK

Ten Raiders Fail To Drop Bombs As R.A.F. Attack

Three Neutral Ships And British Trawler Added To Toll At Sea.

DESIGNED TO HALT RED PUSH TO MAIN LINE

Finns Deny Russian Claims Of Successes

By Lynn Heinzelring
Associated Press Staff Writer

HELSINKI, Dec. 7.—(AP)—Finnish troops launched a fierce counter-attack today in the Karelian isthmus in an effort to halt a Russian army surge toward the eastern terminus of their Mannerheim line. The Finns are said to be massing large forces around Petsamo, strategic port at the head of Finland's narrow corridor to the Arctic Ocean. Some reports received today said 20,000 men were being massed there with the apparent intention of clearing out the Russian invaders at all costs and thus safeguarding the northern outlet.

At stake was control of valuable nickel mines, operated by International Nickel Company of Canada under license from the Finnish Government.

Contrary to Russian assertions, a Finnish army spokesman said, the invaders were not yet threatening

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Christmas Day Means Much; Help Make It So

You can make the Approaching Season Brighter and Better by Becoming a Santa Pal.

"Because a child was born one winter night
In a small town beyond the East's far rim,
All children of the earth should claim our care,
Remember Him."

— Grace Noel Cromwell.

Think what the observance of Christmas Day has meant to the world throughout the centuries. The special church services, the exchange of gifts, the greetings of hospitality, the brotherly feeling that runs through humanity, how have they influenced us? It is true that during Christmas "man's inhumanity to man" is far less than at other seasons of the year. An inner glow of happiness is apparent at this season of the year which is not a selfish emotion but a much deeper feeling—an urge to share our gladness with others. But isn't this Christmas spirit due in a large measure although perhaps unconsciously to memories of childhood?

Christmas provides children with the greatest thrill of the whole year. As soon as the month of December arrives their thoughts turn to the greatest day of the whole year and uppermost in their minds is the great question, what will Santa Claus bring this year? Never for a moment do they feel that they will be forgotten so strong is their faith in this annual visit. The blighting effect on their young lives if Santa failed to come would be hard indeed to measure.

It is for this reason that the Guardian asks the Christian support of those who have been blessed with the goods of this world to come to the aid of the children of those less fortunate. Help make their Christmas merry too. At Christmas there are no undeserving children, whatever may be the fault or failing of the parents.

Remember readers, you are enjoying the privilege of living in a free country. Some other parts of the world have had their Christmas stamped out by tyrant rulers—don't let that happen here. Show the boys and girls here that there is still a Christmas and Santa Claus still makes his round. This Christmas finds the world in a life and death struggle between Communism and Christianity, Democracy and Dictatorship. If we have enough faith to be fighting for Christianity then surely we can practise it by showing the true Christian spirit towards one of these little ones.

Yesterday the first list of names appeared in this paper and you will notice that there are many children depending on the generosity of some good reader to make Christmas real by a visit from St. Nicholas. The appeal is a worthy one and should find a ready response in the hearts of all true Christians.

If you desire to become a Santa Pal choose a number and name from the list below. Send your gifts to Santa Pals care of the Guardian or telephone No. (133) advising us of your choice.

A Santa Pal is the embodiment of the Christmas spirit of goodwill towards little ones Santa Claus may forget. Be a Santa Pal.

YESTERDAY'S SANTA PALS

"An old friend of the Little Children."
Miss E. Burnett.
Miss Elizabeth Anderson.
Miss Margaret Irving.
Mrs. Bartlett.
Mrs. Coles.
In memory of Mr. and Mrs. Douglas McEwen.
Misses Marion and Edith Hume.
Mrs. W. R. Alden.
Miss Lila M. Coles.
Master Earl Dunning, Kensington.

NEEDY CHILDREN

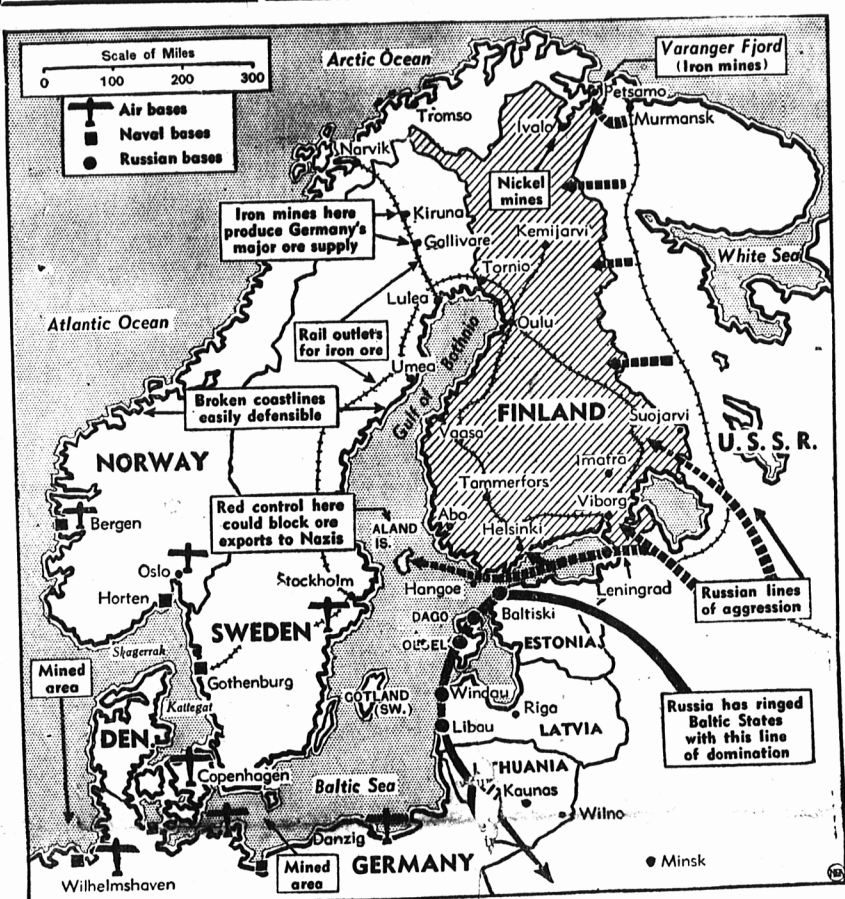
- 1. Roy S. Hockey Stick.
- 2. Jack T. Hockey Stick.
- 4. LeRoy S. Game.
- 5. Vivian B. Girls' Book.
- 8. Earnest T. Boy's Annual.
- 10. Nowell S. Train.

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Mild Weather On Prairies

WINNIPEG, Dec. 7.—(CP)—Western Canadians continued their Christmas shopping in spring-like weather today as a beaming sun soared above 40 degrees in many districts. In some areas the mercury threatened to reach the highs scored earlier in the week when warm weather topped all-time maximums for this time of year at Calgary and Medicine Hat.

Russian Invasion Is Threat To All Scandinavia



Soviet mystery of Finland, the strategic Aland Islands, and perhaps Gotland to the south, would spread Russian domination across the Baltic to encompass all of Scandinavia. Red forces could effectively shut off Germany's much needed iron ore supplies, keep vital coal from reaching Sweden or even take over Norway's ports for ice-free ocean bases.

Nine Lives Lost As Ship Sinks Off N. S.

By J. F. Sanderson
Canadian Press Staff Writer

OTTAWA, Dec. 7.—Nine men died in the sinking of a British ship after a collision in thick fog off the Nova Scotia coast, naval headquarters made known today. A communiqué, issued through the Department of National Defence, said:

"Information has now been received and released by naval headquarters that in the sinking of a British merchant ship, as a result of a collision during thick fog off the Nova Scotia coast, nine lives were apparently lost. It was at first thought no lives had been lost, but when the crew was finally mustered, nine were found to be missing.

"None of the missing men were residents of Canada."

There was no further announcement, no mention of names of ships or missing men. But from members of the S. S. Manchester Regiment, told them how their ship was rammed at sea Monday morning by the 14,118-ton liner Oropesa, with loss of an unannounced number of the Regiment's crew.

These seamen said the Oropesa, when she collided with the pride of the Manchester line merchant fleet, was carrying 42 crew members of the freighter Chancelor. The Chancelor went down Saturday after being rammed by the tanker Athelchief without loss of life.

British Labor Party Condemns Russian March As "Soviet Imperialism"

By J. F. Sanderson
Canadian Press Staff Writer

LONDON, Dec. 7.—(CP Cable)—The Labor party tonight denounced the Russian invasion of Finland as "Soviet imperialism" and called for every practical aid to the Finnish nation in its struggle to preserve its own institutions of civilization and democracy.

At the same time it was reported in diplomatic circles the government would support any move made at the League of Nations meeting this week to condemn Russia's act, probably even to the length of expelling her from Geneva.

But Britain is determined to block any attempt by Germany to use the League to focus world condemnation on the Soviet and the Nazis assume a subservient role as public enemy No. 2.

With the Russian press attacking Rumania and Turkey conjecture arose over Joseph Stalin's intentions in the Balkans. There are diplomats who believe the world's possibility has assumed the imperialist mantle of Peter the Great and is determined to crush and conquer his way westward.

There are two schools of thought here on the real relationship between Germany and Russia. The first believes Germany made a bargain with Russia in order to avoid war on two fronts while conquering Poland and now is bewildered and shocked at Russia's actions.

LONDON, Dec. 7.—(CP)—Great Britain reported a successful defence of the air above her northeast coast today, with British planes forcing two German raiding attacks into retreat.

She also announced the sinking by a mine of the 203-ton navy trawler Washington. Eight men were lost.

British airmen reported they scored hits on two of today's 10 raiders, none of which dropped any bombs. All were driven off, eight of them as they approached the vital Firth of Forth area in Scotland, where lie the City of Edinburgh and the Rosyth Naval Base.

In addition, authoritative sources said two German Dornier flying boats were badly damaged yesterday when beset by defence craft as they approached the British east coast. The Air Ministry announced tonight, however, that one British plane failed to return from patrol duty yesterday.

Today's sea war toll included the 8,159-ton Netherlands motorship Tajandoen, torpedoed and burned in the English Channel after calling at a British contraband control port en route to the East Indies. Six of the crew were missing. It was the eighth ship lost in the war by neutral Netherlands.

Accounts of the mining of the trawler Washington, sunk yesterday, said she was the first victim of "mines dropped from the air by German planes" which flew over the Thames estuary yesterday.

Mrs. May Grimmer, resident of a coastal village, gave the following word picture of the Washington mining: "I saw the trawler come from the south. There was a great explosion which shook my house. One minute the trawler was there, and the next it was gone."

Norway lost a tanker, it was announced. The 6,214-ton Britta sank off the West coast of England after an explosion. Six men were missing, believed killed by the explosion which survivors said might have been caused by either a mine or a torpedo.

Stockholm reported the 1930-ton vessel Vinga sank after an explosion.

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Vessels Seek Shelter As Gale Rages

TORONTO, Dec. 7.—(CP)—Vessels sought shelter along the Canadian side of the Great Lakes tonight as winds which sometimes reached a 50-mile velocity whipped up high waves.

No serious damage was reported but fears were expressed at Toronto for the safety of a survey boat being towed from Kingston by the tug Nashwaak, heading into the teeth of the storm.

The tug John R. Stover of Sarnia entered Meaford Harbor on Georgian Bay and the owners considered leaving her there for the winter if the winds did not subside soon.

Through normal insurance rates ended Dec. 1 considerable shipping is still in progress. All insurance ends Dec. 12.

Grain and ore are still being carried through the canal at Sault Ste. Marie, where officials said the United States War Department had ordered that channel be left open until Dec. 14. Tonnage through the Sault Locks in November was 10,437,879, the fourth highest total for that month in history.

Canadian In Air Casualty List

LONDON, Dec. 7.—(CP CABLE)—The name of one Canadian appeared tonight on the Air Ministry's 18th casualty communiqué. Pilot officer J. C. Campbell of Montreal was killed on active service.

The list showed two men killed in action, six previously reported as missing now reported killed in action, 25 killed on active service, two missing, one missing believed killed and 12 died on active service.

Turks Tell Von Papan To Quit Or Get Out

ANKARA, Dec. 7.—The Turkish press today called upon Franz Von Papan, German ambassador to Turkey, to halt alleged propaganda activities or "get out."

There were widespread reports the Government would take action against Von Papan's real and alleged activities under attack are halted.

As newspapers criticized the Ambassador and other Germans accused of attempting to provoke a conflict between Turkey and Russia, deputy Hussein Ajabod asked the Government what steps are being taken to curb "Nazi propaganda and its actions."

The incident arose over circulars bearing the water mark of the German embassy press service, the Moscow newspaper Pravda, Communist party organ, attacking the Turkish press. The circulars were distributed to newspapers and press correspondents. Turkish newspapers said the article was falsely translated.

14 MORE SHOPPING DAYS
DISH WASHING IS HARD ON WEDDING RINGS!

TORONTO, Dec. 7.—(CP)—Minimum and maximum temperatures:

Dawson	13	9
Vancouver	43	52
Edmonton	26	37
Regina	15	39
Winnipeg	29	41
Toronto	33	49
Ottawa	33	43
Montreal	27	38
Quebec	27	38
Saint John	25	44
Halifax	26	40
Charlottetown	24	39

High tide this morning at 8.44, and low tide at 8.24.

Sun sets this afternoon at 4.19, and rises tomorrow morning at 7.26.

New moon Dec. 10, 5.45 p. m. (immense) tide eighteen minutes later than Charlottetown.

Gulf and north shore: strong southwest to northwest winds and gales; cloudy with occasional snow or part rain; colder in western districts by night.

Maritime Provs: strong southwest to northwest winds and gales; cloudy with occasional light rain or snow; colder in west portion by night.

Synops: strong winds and gales have prevailed over the Great Lakes and it has become a little colder over Ontario. The weather continues fair with considerable above normal temperature in the west.

THE CANADIAN SAILING SCHEDULE
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.