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BRITAIN MAY REINFORCE NAVY IN ORIENT

DUPLESSIS ISSUES DEFIANCE TO OTTAWA

DELEGATES TO LEGION MEET ARE NAMED

A meeting of the Provincial Command of the Canadian Legion was held at the Legion Home last night. The Provincial President, Mr. B. W. Robinson, who was present, together with Mr. G.E. Sherren, Provincial Secretary, were elected to attend the Dominion convention of the Legion at Fort William, Ontario, in January.

A meeting of the Charlottetown Branch followed the Provincial Command session, with Mr. James Walker, president, presiding. Mr. Bruce Wonnacott, branch secretary was named delegate to represent the Branch at the Dominion convention.

Following the business meeting refreshments were served and the remainder of the evening spent in music and step-dancing led by the "Quints" Orchestra. The evening was much enjoyed by all.

WAR MAKES MUSIC

(By The Canadian Press)

TOKYO — Modern war makes good music says Composer Neiso Horiuchi, back from China with a lively symphony "soprano of machine guns, contralto of trench mortars, baritone of anti-aircraft cannon" and bass of heavy guns.

COMING EVENTS

Announcements are inserted in this colum at 2 cents per word strictly payable in advance.

"Buying Poultry daily McGuigan and Boyle. L-861-12-14-6i

"New London Christmas Concert December 20th. L-24-12-17-2i.

"Reserve Saturday, December 18th for Bethel Christmas Concert. If not fine, Wednesday. L-796-12-13-16-17.

"Riverdale School Concert Saturday, December 18th. L-805-12-16-2i.

"Don't miss New Haven School Concert Friday, Decembr 17th. L-848-12-15-3i.

"Dance St. Avards School, Friday December 17th. Music by McKearney's Orchestra and Groom. L-51-12-17-1i.

"Hampton Christmas Concert Tuesday, December 21st. If stormy first fine night. L-56-12-17-1i.

"Bonshaw United Church December 19th, 7 P. M. Service by Y. P. S. Edison McDonald, speaker. L-58-12-17-1i.

"Buying live and dressed poultry, dressed geese, ducks and turkeys on Dec. 21st. John Devine, Peakes. L-34-12-16-3i.

"Buying live and dressed chicken and fowl; also dressed turkeys, geese and ducks at Millview and Vernon December 17th—18th. Paying highest market prices. Signed Jenkins Bros. L-811-12-15-4i.

"Clark Bros., Montague, buying dressed chickens, ducks, geese and Turkeys according to Covernment Grade on December 18th. Paying highest market prices. L-864-12-14-4i.

"Regular Auction and Dance at Green Road School Friday night. Everybody welcome. L-59-12-17-1i.

"Christmas Concert in Graham's Road Hall, Wednesday, December 22nd. L65-12-17-2i

"Livestock Marketing Board loading sows and calves and, if you wish, will include cattle for shipment to Montreal, Monday December 20th, Co-operative basis. Starting cars at Souris, St. Peters and Charlottetown. Sows and calves will be taken on a pick-up arrangement, but cattle can be taken only at starting point of car as announced. Please list with local Club Secretary or at our office, Currie Block, Charlottetown. L-823-12-15-3i.

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Santa Pals—Let No Child Be "Without A Christmas"

"Oh! friends in homes that are happy,
Where Christmas comes laden with cheer,
Where children are dreaming already
Of the merriest time of the year;
As you gather your darlings around you
And tell them the story of old,
Remember the homes that are dreary
Remember the hearts that are cold."

—Ellen Manby

Last December there appeared in the Buick Magazine, published by the Buick Company of General Motors, the story which follows in part:

Almost every day of the year, old Hilda bent over the laundry tubs in somebody's basement, scrubbing away with a right good will. But on Christmas she rested.

All afternoon, she sat by the window in her cozy flat, idly watching the tumbledown house across the street. Every now and then, she would see a little girl push back the curtains from a grimy window and peer anxiously down the snow-covered street.

Usually, Hilda concerned herself not at all about her neighbours. For she was up every morning before daylight and off to her work in another part of the city. And it was dark when she returned. But today the anxious face of the little child made her wonder.

By nightfall, she could stand it no longer. Well muffled up in her own shawl, she hurried across the street.

In a cold and cheerless room she found the little girl still waiting—sobbing now—sure that she had been a very, very naughty little girl, because Santa Claus, who comes to all good children, had passed her by.

Ordinarily, Hilda was a truthful person. But now, in her efforts to comfort the little girl, she stretched facts a little. Santa Claus, she explained, is an extremely busy old gentleman. Sometimes, it is simply impossible for him to reach everyone on Christmas Day. To thousands of homes, he comes on the day after Christmas.

Hope shone once more in the child's face, and Hilda returned to her home.

Next day, she was up even earlier than usual, plodding through sleet and snow to a home far across the city, a home where she had done the laundry for many, many years. Here, perhaps, there would be something to spare for the little girl, something to make good Hilda's hasty assurance that sometimes Santa Claus comes on the day after Christmas.

She was right. From that home, and neighboring ones, there went out big baskets of good things for the little girl—toys, candy, dolls, fruit and warm clothes.

And there the story should end—just a good deed by an old woman on a Christmas long ago. But, as a matter of fact, it is here the story starts.

The home to which Hilda appealed for help was the home of a man who drew pictures for a newspaper. He never forgot that bare, cheerless room to which he helped Hilda carry Christmas baskets. It saddened him to think that there were thousands of other little girls who, every year, would wait in vain for Santa Claus.

The following December, he drew a picture of that little girl. He showed her sitting with head bowed in grief at a rickety table from which hung a little empty stocking. Beneath the picture, he lettered a single word: "Forgotten."

He brought it to the editor of the paper to be published on Christmas Day. But the editor shook his head.

"We can't use it," he said. "It would spoil Christmas for a lot of people."

"I want to spoil Christmas for everybody who has remembered only himself," the cartoonist replied. The editor saw the point. The cartoon was published.

Hundreds of times, it has been reprinted since then. It has been called "The cartoon that opened a million hearts," and it has made famous the name of its creator, Tom May, of Detroit.

From the heart stirrings that it caused, there came into being many well-organized movements dedicated to the one purpose: "No child without a Christmas."

That is the motto of the Santa Pal Department which is your department. We assist you in your desire to provide a "Christmas for every child."

YESTERDAY'S SANTA PALS

Mrs. J. B. Hegan.
Janet Hegan.
Mrs. Scarth.
Miss Virginia Scarth.
Marjorie Spillett..
Janet Spillett.
John Lemuel McDougall.
Misses Helen and Adelaide Lockhart
The Jubilee Club.
Mrs. Ira Douglas.
Nell Kirwin.
The Cumberland Hill Women's Institute.
Roddy Rossiter.
Billy Rossiter.
Ruth Feavyour.
Bobby Vatcher.
Misses Horne.
Carmen and Reta Smith
Frank Kelly.
Thelma Hennessey.
Brendon Hennessey.
Arthur Vessy, York.
Bernadette Rossiter.
Louisa Rossiter.
Frances Rossiter.
Mrs. J. M. Campbell.
Mrs. W. C. Davies.
Isabel Goodwin.
Maurice Goodwin.

SANTA PALS TO DATE

Lieut.-Governor DeBlois.
Mrs. George D. DeBlois.

DENY REPORT OF UPRISING

Refugees Claim Uprising Against Franco Regime.

(C. P. by Guardian's Special Wire)

HENDAYE, Franco Spanish Frontier, Dec. 16—A report of disorders which he said flared in insurgent-held San Sebastian and Irun following a Carlist uprising against insurgent General Franco was made by a refugee who escaped across the closed border into France tonight.

His story was denied by insurgent sources immediately across the frontier.

Recent closing of the insurgent frontiers of France, Portugal and Gibraltar, at first believed to presage General Franco's long-heralded offensive, was followed by rumors that trouble had broken out in Franco territory.

The Portuguese-Spanish frontier was closed last Tuesday, as was the one between insurgent territory and Gibraltar. At that time it was announced no one would be allowed to pass the border until the end of the month. The Franco-Spanish border was closed last week.

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SILVER FOX PELT SHOW AT ALBERTON

Fox Breeders' Club Congratulated On Success Of Undertaking.

Alberton held its first silver fox pelt show yesterday in the Women's Institute Hall. Rev. Wm. J. Phillips, presided at the show which was held under the auspices of the Alberton Fox Breeders Club. There were between four hundred and five hundred pelts on exhibition, including some of the finest in western Prince.

Light medium silvers predominated and the concensus of opinion was that some of the finest skins on P. E. I. were on show Mr. Clifford Rogers and Mr. Fred Callaghan of the Dominion Fur Sales, classified the furs.

Mr. Emerson Matthews, Mayor of Alberton, welcomed the visitors and expressed the hope that this initial show would become an annual event. Mr. S. R. Burke spoke on behalf of the citizens and congratulated the management on the success of their undertaking. Rev. M. K. Charman also spoke and stressed the educational value of such a show.

Mr. Clifford Rogers then gave a demonstration of pelting, grading and the valuation of pelts. He also discussed the marketing side of the industry and gave a report of the recent Montreal sales. Mr. Rogers stressed the need for ranchers to concentrate on producing only the highest grades of silver foxes. He complimented the ranchers on their very fine collection of furs. Rev. Mr. Phillips spoke briefly and thanked the various speakers and others who had interested themselves in the show.

Many of the skins were bought on consignment and it is expected that some buyers will go up from Summerside today to purchase for cash.

The show was considered quite a success and brought many foxmen together in a friendly way.

SOUTH CHINA DRIVE PLANNED

Seen As Threat To Trade Of Western Countries.

SHANGHAI, Dec. 17—(Friday)—The Japanese military machine today apparently had everything in readiness for a major South China offensive which foreign observers believed would create damage to trade of western nations similar to the huge losses in Shanghai.

The main objective is expected to be Canton, the Chinese Nationalist metropolis of South China, and observers believed the British Crown Colony of Hong Kong, clearing house for commerce in a vast and profitable area, will feel the economic brunt of ensuing South China military operations.

Several thousand Japanese troops were put aboard transports here late yesterday, bound for an undisclosed destination. Many sources believed they were headed for a Japanese base in the Canton sector. Others thought they were being taken up the Yangtze to participate in the triumphal entry into conquered Nanking this afternoon.

The threatened South China offensive, while imposing a further drain on Japanese resources, is deemed vital in Tokyo to development of its mainland program, it was believed here.

Jury Finds Seamen Guilty Of Mutiny

BALTIMORE, Md., Dec. 16—(AP)—A sitdown strike aboard ship in a foreign port is mutiny, a federal jury decided today convicting 14 seamen of the government-owned freighter Algic on both counts of an indictment charging conspiracy and attempt to revolt.

Each count carries a possible maximum sentence of five years imprisonment, $1,000 fine, or both.

Parliament Will Open January 27

(C. P. by Guardian's Special Wire)

OTTAWA, Dec. 16—Parliament will open Jan. 27 what many political observers prophesy will be one of the most interesting sessions of recent years. Prime Minister Mackenzie King announced the date tonight and the necessary proclamation will be published in the Canada Gazette.

Possibility that during the session the preferences on the British market enjoyed by Canada since the 1932 Imperial Economic Conference may be at stake in trade negotiations between United States and United Kingdom lends added interest to speculation on the parliamentary program.

Last year Parliament met Jan. 14 and was prorogued late on the evening of April 10. Then there was every reason to hurry through the business of the session because a large section of the Government and many private members were going to London for the Coronation.

This year there is nothing in sight that would give any reason for speed. It is known that the Government plans a short legislative program but it may contain measures of great importance that will tend to make a long session.

UNCOVER ARMS CACHES

Explosives And Arms Seized In Paris Raids.

PARIS, Dec. 16—A secret cache containing 330 pounds of melinite—sufficient to blow up an entire Paris district—was discovered by authorities today in a cellar in the Boulevard Courcelles.

Police arrested the janitor of the building, Jean Foutre, suspected of being a member of the extreme Rightist organization, Les Cagoulards, accused of plotting to overthrow the government by force of arms. Taken to police headquarters, he confessed having stored away the supply of high explosive.

Twenty cases containing 640 hand grenades were uncovered in addition to the melinite, which is an explosive of great power yielded by combination gun cotton with other substances. A sub-machine gun and a large quantity of cartridges also were stored in the cellar.

The leaseholder of the apartment to which the cellar is attached is on holiday in Brittany, police learned.

Today's discovery in the nation-wide probe followed seizure of a huge arms depot in a garage in the Boulevard Picpus yesterday.

Besides sixty sub-machine guns of German and Italian make, the cache included six Hotchkiss guns, 28 cases of hand grenades, 80 rifles and a large supply of cartridges manufactured at Toledo, Spain. It was the first time Spanish-made munitions had fallen into the hands of police investigating the Cagoulard arms traffic.

Liner Bermuda Sails Without Passengers

(A. P. by Guardian's Special Wire)

NEW YORK, Dec. 16—The Monarch of Bermuda, which carries gay vacationists between New York and Bermuda, sailed like a ghost tonight in the light of the full moon.

The water in her tiled swimming pool sloshed gently to the ship's roll—but there were no swimmers; the smoking room was empty, the bar closed; there were no supper dancers in evening clothes; the only shouts were those of the forward lookout every half hour calling "all's well!"

Only 120 men were aboard. The other 260 members of her crew were left behind, striking because of the alleged discharge of 72 seamen and also because the Furness-Bermuda Line, a British Company, refused to recognize the Transport Workers Union (Committee for Industrial Organization).

Also left behind were 400 passengers whose reservations were cancelled at sailing time shortly after the strike was called. The Monarch carried mail and freight.

'ALLIANCE' IS NOT ENDORSED BY MARITIMES

Will Not Be Run For West By Ottawa Says Quebec Leader.

(C. P. by Guardian's Special Wire)

QUEBEC, Dec. 16—An alliance between Canada's five eastern provinces was seen as "desirable" tonight by Premier Maurice Duplessis, whose reported statement that the east would "not be run for the western provinces" brought rebuke from the west and denial of any impending eastern bloc today.

The head of Quebec's Union Nationale Government, back in the capital after his speech in Shawinigan Falls, Que., last night had stirred up nationwide reaction, had nothing further to say on his proposal. He went into seclusion on his arrival here.

Premier Duplessis did not go into detail on his suggestion for the eastern alliance. He was quoted as saying at Shawinigan Falls that "we in this province, and in Ontario and in the Maritime Provinces, have decided that we will not be run for the Western Provinces." He added: "We are tired of it."

From Atlantic to Pacific, provincial premiers responded immediately. Liberal Premier Angus L. Macdonald of Nova Scotia said his Government had "never been consulted about an alliance between Quebec, Ontario and the Maritime Provinces." Nor had that province entered into any agreement that they would not be "run" by the west.

Premier A. A. Dysart of New Brunswick and Premier Thane Campbell of Prince Edward Island, both Liberals, said, too, they knew nothing of any projected alliance. His Province had "no intention of entering any union," the Island Premier added.

In Ontario, Premier Mitchell Hepburn had just announced that he and Duplessis were prepared to challenge in the courts the Federal legislation under which permission of the Federal Government was necessary for export of surplus electrical power to the United States. Their agreement on the power question was reached at a conference in Montreal Monday.

At that meeting also, the Ontario and Quebec Premiers were reported to have agreed on similar submissions to the Royal Commission on Dominion-Provincial Relations.

On the power export question last night, Premier Duplessis said: "If Ottawa wants a fight on its hands, it can have it." Provincial natural resources, he declared, should be administered by each province, and interference would be "intolerable."

Meeting a large gathering of newspapermen after cabinet council, Mr. Mackenzie King discussed in detail the Government's attitude toward power export, the request Mr. Hepburn presented personally Nov. 29, and subsequent statements appearing in the newspapers.

Referring to a reported declaration by Premier Duplessis of Quebec that "If Ottawa wants a fight on its hands it can have it," Mr. Mackenzie King said: "We prefer not to follow the practices of dictatorships. We will settle this and all national questions on the floors of Parliament and in accordance with British parliamentary procedure."

Fleet Movement Urged To Protect Interests In East

United States Attitude Stiffens When Reported Machine-gunning Of Gunboat Is Confirmed.

(By The Associated Press)

Japan's Army and Navy commanders planned a triumphal entry today into Nanking's fallen capital, while from somewhere in the interior of China General Chiang Kai-Shek in a broadcast message told the Chinese nation, "We must not surrender."

British, American and Japanese gunboats carrying survivors of the Panay bombing neared Shanghai. Japanese officers denied officially Japanese surface craft machine-gunned the American gunboat but from Washington Secretary Hull announced the machine-gunning had been officially confirmed.

The sinking thus assumed a more serious aspect. State Department officials said they were awaiting direct, eye-witness reports from Commander Hughes of the Panay and Secretary Atcheson of the American Embassy in China.

In London the British Cabinet was reported considering reinforcement of the British Navy in Oriental waters.

EXTEND OPERATIONS

The Japanese meanwhile extended their field of operations in the Yangtze Valley with the next objective believed to be Nankow.

The Japanese Navy announced it would salute formally the Panay dead at the scene of the bombing on the Yangtze to ease American-Japanese friction. It was announced at the same time Japanese officials had Great Britain's protest for shelling British shipping under consideration. A reply to the American note demanding redress for the Panay incident was expected soon.

No Decision Reached

LONDON, Dec. 16 —(CP)—The British Government tonight was reported considering the possibility of reinforcing its naval forces in the Far East as a means of stopping Japanese attacks on British vessels. No decision has been reached, it is understood.

The cabinet considered the question yesterday. Some newspapers said the ministers decided the easing of the Mediterranean situation now would permit substantial naval reinforcements in the Orient.

While the government was said to be waiting to see what the United States intended to do following Japanese attacks on British and United States ships Sunday, a movement was reported under way among members of the House of Commons to urge dispatch of more warships to Chinese waters.

Advocates of the step, who are not grouped along party lines, contended the fleet reinforcement would rehabilitate British prestige.

STIFFEN ATTITUDE

WASHINGTON, Dec. 16—(AP)—The United States stiffened its attitude toward the sinking of the gunboat Panay upon the arrival of official information today that the vessel was machine-gunned by surface craft as well as attacked by airplanes.

State Secretary Hull announced that, as a result, supplementary representations were being made to Japan through the American Ambassador, Joseph C. Grew.

He said that on the basis of partial official dispatches, he was able to confirm press dispatches that the Panay was machine-gunned by Japanese Army motorboats.

British Policy Angers Japs

(A.P. By Guardian's Special Wire)

TOKYO, Dec. 17 — (Friday) — While the Japanese government today weighed its response to the British note protesting Yangtze River attacks on its naval and merchant shipping, leading Japanese industrialists and politicians expressed opposition to British activities in China.

At an Osaka mass meeting jointly sponsored by the association of leading citizens and businessmen and the association of members of the Japanese House of Representatives, resolutions were adopted opposing alleged British assistance to China, Britain's "crafty" economic policy and British attempts to settle the Sino-Japanese conflict.

The Japanese navy meanwhile announced a formal salute would be given the four persons killed in the attack on the Panay.

A company of bluejackets was ordered to fire the salute at the spot above Nanking where they were killed and the Panay sank.

ENGINES FOR AFRICA

(By The Canadian Press)

JOHANNESBURG — A contract for 44 locomotives for the South African Railways, to cost £506,000 ($2,527,470) has been placed in Glasgow, Scotland.

WEATHER

(By The Canadian Press)

TORONTO, Dec. 16 — Minimum and maximum temperatures:

Dawson	16b	2
Victoria	44	52
Edmonton	16	38
Regina	2	30
Winnipeg	10	34
Toronto	29	36
Ottawa	10	28
Quebec	24	26
Saint John	20	28
Halifax	18	26
Charlottetown	20	26

Forecasts:

Maritime East: Moderate to fresh shifting winds; cloudy and moderately cold with some local snow.

High tide this morning at 10.26 and tonight at 9.45.

Sun sets this afternoon at 4.20 and rises tomorrow morning at 7.34.

Full moon Friday, Dec. 17, 1.52 p.m.

Summerside tide eighteen minutes later than Charlottetown.

THE CAR FERRY
Leaves Borden 9.45 a. m., 1 p. m
Leaves Tormentine 11 a. m., 2.55 p. m

New England Fishing Fleet Faces Series Man Shortage

BOSTON, Dec. 16—Although officials remain discreetly silent, owners of New England fishing vessels now are facing a scarcity on men to man their boats, and from some quarters there is a demand for lowering of the immigration barriers to permit fishermen from Nova Scotia, Newfoundland and Iceland to sail Massachusetts craft.

The Boston Post said editorially today "the fleet here is short 200 men. The owners claim they have tried in vain to fill the quota. The Federal government has so far refused to believe that an emergency exists, quite enough to warrant the importation of help from other countries and has informed the ship-owners that crews should be received from the relief lists.

"In reply, the owners state that men on the relief lists do not want the jobs—the work is too hard for them."

"Meat prices are high," the Christian Science Monitor claimed. "Fish is needed and it finds ready market. Yet fishermen are scarce. Not every man can be a fisherman.

"The need is felt for importing 200 additional men, but Uncle Sam is slow to let down the bars for admission of more Icelanders, Newfoundlers or Nova Scotians—men of the sea."

Two Desperate Criminals In Break From Island Prison

(A. P. by Guardian's Special Wire)

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 16—Two desperate criminals were missing tonight at the Alcatraz Island federal prison.

Whether the convicts were hiding on the rocky island, covered by a dense fog, or had risked their lives in attempting to swim through rough waters to the mainland was not known.

Warden James A. Johnston and guards began a hurried search of the 12-acre island when it was discovered Ralph Roe, 29, Duncan Okla., and Theodore Cole, 22 Stroud, Okla., were missing.

Six coast guard boats put out to search the bay waters and police were asked to watch the mainland should the convicts accomplish the seemingly impossible task of reaching shore more than a mile away.

An unusually strong ebb tide swept the rocky slopes of the island and the men would have drowned unless they obtained a boat or logs in some manner.

The tide rushed past Alcatraz at seven miles an hour. Ferry line pilots said they had not observed any strange boats near the prison, nor had they sighted anyone swimming in the choppy waves.

Both Roe and Cole were serving long terms, Roe 99 years for robbing a National Bank in Oklahoma, and Cole 50 years on a kidnapping charge.