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GERMAN WARSHIPS HEADED FOR BILBAO

SPANISH SOCIALISTS DRIVE BACK FOES Demand Release Of Palos Cargo

SUCCESSFUL IN SOUTHERN OFFENSIVE

Fascist Troops Reported Bolstered By Four German Battalions, 5,000 Said Sr. A.

MADRID, Dec. 29—Socialist troops killed 5,000 Fascist troops and drove back enemy forces, aided by four battalions of German soldiers, in a southern offensive, the Madrid Defence Junta announced today.

Shifting of the current battlefront from fortified Madrid to the strong insurgent territory of Cordoba resulted in decisive gains for the Socialists, said dispatches from Madrid, in Jaen Province.

Fascists entrenched around Lopera and Villa Del Rio were bolstered by the German troops and several squadrons of cavalry, the dispatches said.

Dominant Valley
Capture of a cemetery at Teruel and Mount Mansueto, the War Ministry asserted, gave Madrid forces complete domination of the Zaragoza Valley north of the capital and leading toward the city of Zaragoza. Fascist stronghold since the civil war broke out.

Within the capital, officials expressed pleasure that the United States department of State had ruled favorably to permit shipment of nearly \$3,000,000 in airplanes and other armaments to Socialist defenders at Bilbao. The planes were purchased in the United States from a private firm.

Artillery fire against the Madrid defenses was intermittent throughout the day but there was no concerted and damaging advance.

A column of Republican militia described as "one of the best" in the Government ranks was reported advancing successfully toward Montoro, 25 miles northeast of Cordoba, though a region strongly defended by insurgents.

The Defence Junta claimed the presence of German troops in that region was confirmed tonight. They include four infantry battalions and one cavalry squad, Government officials claimed.

STRIKE ENDED
WINDSOR, Ont., Dec. 29—A strike at the Kelsey Wheel Company, Limited, plant here, which began Dec. 6, was settled amicably tonight and all employees involved will go back to work tomorrow without discrimination.

COMING EVENTS
Dance in Pownal New Year's Eve 10 to 12, Leap Year. Do your best girls. L-1847-12-30-11.
Geo. Leightizer Co., (next Queen Hotel) now buying all kinds of dressed poultry. Try us. L-954-12-2-f.
Borden Line Club leading hogs, lambs, calves every Wednesday at Albany. Hours 12-3. L-6972-10-M T W T f.
Poultry—Buying Poultry all kinds daily. Paying highest market prices. Island Cold Storage Co., Ltd. L-1828-12-30-1f.
Notice to Farmers. I am not buying hogs until Thursday, January 7th at Albany and Friday, January 8th at Emerald until noon, G. C. Green. L-1831-12-tw-f.
Meeting of the Ladies' Auxiliary to the Canadian Legion B. D. S. L. will be held in the Legion Hall tonight at 7.30. Full attendance requested. L-1835-12-30-11.

Hitler Reported Seeking Separate Terms With Britain

France Determined To Prevent Nazi Evasion Of Proposal To Terminate Spanish Crisis.

BY ROBERT B. PARKER, JR.
Associated Press Foreign Staff
PARIS, Dec. 29—(AP)—Great Britain and France will make a second representation to Berlin if Chancellor Hitler evades answer to the pending request to ban "volunteer enlistments" to Fascist Spain, French Foreign Office circles said tonight.

Asked what France would do if such representation proved barren, one official said:
"First of all we expect Germany to accept."
"But in case Hitler should refuse, there is nothing we could do but see that all volunteers necessary were sent to aid the Madrid Government to balance the German aid."

"We cannot watch the constitution of a veritable German army on the other side of our Pyrenean frontier without meeting the threat."

Circles close to the Foreign Office expressed fear Hitler's delay in answering the note, delivered Sunday but made known last week, may be because of an effort to make a separate "deal" with Britain—thus isolating France.

These circles said there were "mysterious rumors" that Hitler had approached Britain in an attempt to come to terms regarding their mutual interests in Spain—such as mines—with the promise that British rights would be respected.

Diplomatic circles revealed semi-official reports from Berlin which outlined the Nazi Government's probable answer to the Franco-British demand that foreign volunteer enlistments to Fascist Spain be stopped.

The reply was expected to recall the question of cutting off volunteers had been proposed by Hitler, consequently there was no reason to doubt his desire to find a solution.

It was said the Reich will declare itself ready to join Britain and France on condition they promise to oppose Communism anywhere in Spain.

Germany also will ask, it was predicted, that the International Brigade be retired by the Spanish Socialist Government as well as all other foreign groups fighting with the Madrid-Valencia army.

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POLICE AWAIT CONTACT MOVE IN KIDNAPPING

No Progress Made Towards Return Of 10 Year Old Charles Mattson Of Tacoma, Washington.

(A. P. by Guardian's Special Wire)
TACOMA, Wash., Dec. 29—A special delivery letter and a prowler's ladder were the only outward signs of progress tonight in solving the kidnapping of 10-year-old Charles Mattson, abducted Sunday night from his parents' pretentious home.

Federal and state manhunters stayed their activities as a safety precaution while the boy's family awaited contact signal.

Police disclosed they had seized the ladder nearly two months ago at the mansion of George Franklin, Sr., after a bearded, pistol-flooding invader had been frightened away from the place on two occasions.

Arrival of the special delivery letter at the home of Dr. W. W. Mattson stirred reports the missive might have been from the squat, bewhiskered man who took Charles from his home at pistol point and left a note said to demand \$28,000 ransom.

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The Franklins live two blocks from the Mattsons, in Haddaway Hall, built by the late J. P. Weyerhaeuser, lumber magnate whose grandson, George Weyerhaeuser, was kidnapped in May, 1935, and ransomed for \$20,000.

Description Coincides
A man whose description coincided in many ways with that of the Mattson kidnapper entered the Haddaway Hall twice in early November, police disclosed, terrorizing members of the Franklin family.

During the second invasion, the intruder fired a pistol at the estate's night watchman.

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Three Die In Plunge From High Windows
NEW YORK, Dec. 29—(CP)—Three persons, one of them a Minnesota heiress died in jumps or falls from high windows in Manhattan today. A fourth went to hospital seriously hurt.

CONDITION OF POPE PIUS UNCHANGED

Gloom Shrouds Vatican As Weakening Of Resistance Noticed In Critical Illness Of Pontiff.

(A. P. by Guardian's Special Wire)
VATICAN CITY, Dec. 29—A gloomier note appeared tonight in Vatican reports of Pope Pius' condition, as physicians sought mild sedatives to relieve his suffering.

The phrase describing His Holiness' condition as "ever satisfactory" almost daily since the Pope was stricken, disappeared, to be replaced by:
"Prolongation of the Pope's present state cannot contribute improvement to his general condition—sleeplessness resulting from terrific pains in the left leg and weakening of resistance"

Physicians said they were still hopeful of finding an effective sedative to relieve the Holy Father's pain, but without interfering with the feeble action of his heart.

Despite Pius' critical illness extensive preparations were nearing completion for the sailing of the "Eucharistic Ship," the Conte Rosso, bearing Dennis Cardinal Dougherty of Philadelphia as Papal Legate to the International Eucharistic Congress at Manila.

Cardinal Dougherty will sail from Naples about Jan. 10, accompanied by high prelates of the Vatican, archbishops and bishops, and the recently named Papal Mission.

Cardinal Dougherty is expected to reach here from the United States Jan. 3 for a special audience with the Pontiff.

Was To Make Speech
The Pope was to have made a brief speech of best wishes for the Manila Congress but tonight there appeared little chance he would be able to do so.

Cardinal Dougherty is to receive from the Holy Father letters of credence, entitling him to special honors as personal representative of the head of the church. A military salute will be accorded the Cardinal when he leaves Rome for Naples.

Escaped Convicts Again In Toils
(C. P. by Guardian's Special Wire)
GEORGETOWN, British Guiana, Dec. 29—Eight escaped convicts were shipped back today to dread Devil's Island in the French Guiana penal colony.

After sailing hundreds of miles in an open boat under blazing equatorial suns to escape, the men failed to leave British Guiana within 48 hours after they recovered from their harrowing trip.

They arrived here Dec. 2 and were allowed to stay over Christmas before they were ordered to leave. In the Georgetown police station they were given food and shelter during their stay and other supplies were advanced them when they were ordered to leave.

MASONIC LODGES HOLD CELEBRATION

St. John's And Victoria Lodges Install Officers—Banquet Precedes Ceremonies.

The annual St. John's celebration of St. John's Lodge No. 1 and Victoria Lodge No. 2 Ancient Free and Accepted Masons was held last evening at the Masonic Temple building. This interesting event was fittingly celebrated by a very enjoyable banquet at 6 o'clock, p. m., at which a large number of brethren and visiting brethren were present.

Right Worshipful brother T. G. Ives, D. G. M., capably presided as toast master, and the toast list was as follows: The King, responded to by the National Anthem, the Craft, responded to by Bro. T. Edgar MacNutt, who gave a most interesting review of the early history of Masonry with particular reference to the work in this province; the Holy Saints John, responded to by Bro. Harold L. Palmer, who gave a splendid historical review of lives of these two patron saints of Masonry, Saint John the Divine and Saint John the Evangelist.

This was followed by some very timely remarks by the toast master, the programme being interspersed by musical selections, in song led by Bro. Jas. Calder, P. M.

The Craft then proceeded to the lodge room where the Most Worshipful Grand Master, Bro. H. E. Ward installed the following officers for the ensuing year.

St. John's Lodge No. 1—W. M., W. E. Sandebury, S. W., Isaac Cudmore, J. W., Ernest R. White, Treas., P. B. Moreside, Sec'y., R. E. Kemp, P. M., (re-elected), Chap., G. W. Wakeford, P. M., (re-elected), S. D., B. C. Keeping.

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France To Reform Penal System

PARIS, Dec. 29—(CP-Havas)—No more convicts will be sent to historic "Devil's Island" under terms of a bill to be submitted to parliament to reform the French penal system.

Existence of the penal colony off the coast of French Guiana is a constant threat to French prestige in the United States and Latin America, said Minister of Justice Rucart tonight in a communique on the forthcoming bill, to be sponsored by the government. Under it the penal colony would be gradually abandoned.

Conditions under which the convicts live are unduly severe, the note declared, and the existence of penal colonies in French territorial possessions is harmful to the development of these regions.

SEVEN KILLED IN ROCK-BURST
BANGALORE, India—(CP)—Seven coolies were killed by a rock-burst in an Oorgaum mine near the Kolar goldfields and another man was seriously injured and removed to hospital.

Freighter Released By Port Authorities, But Spanish Passenger And Munitions Retained.

BY WADE WERNER
Associated Press Foreign Staff
BERLIN, Dec. 29—(AP)—German warships pointed toward the Northern Spanish coast tonight to attempt to force surrender of a passenger and the cargo of the German Freighter Palos, held by Socialist Bilbao.

The freighter itself, seized by Basque authorities at Bilbao last week, was released "upon demand of the Cruiser Koelnig," a curt Foreign Office announcement said.

But the cargo, which the Basques said comprised munitions despite German denials, and one Spanish passenger, were held. They now must be surrendered or German warships may retaliate by searching ships of any or all nations heading for Bilbao, Germany warned.

The Cruiser Koeln and a torpedo boat were dispatched to the Bay of Biscay sector to force the Bilbao authorities to free the Palos' passenger and its sequestered cargo.

TORPEDO BOATS READY
Torpedo boat convoys for German vessels were ordered earlier, and tonight this order still stood, a foreign office spokesman said.

Germany is fully aware of the dangerous implications of its threat to block shipments of war materials to Bilbao by searching ships, the spokesman said, but is confident it will not be forced to carry out the threat.

In other words, it was asserted, the Nazi Government hopes Bilbao port authorities shortly will release the Spanish passengers taken off the Palos and the freighter's cargo.

Commanders of German war vessels in the Spanish zone were instructed to withhold aggressive action until it was made clear whether the latest demands to Bilbao will be granted.

Should the navy be compelled to force a showdown, an official said, there will be retaliatory action, but not of such a sweeping nature as to involve Germany in dispute with neutral nations.

Of the arrested Spaniard, who Bilbao officials charged has destroyed his identification papers when captured, a foreign office official said:

"ON GERMAN SOIL"
"As the seizure of the Palos occurred outside Spanish waters and our Spanish guest was stopped clearly on German soil (the Palos' deck), we cannot permit his retention."

While the Palos incident aroused the rest of Europe, Berlin newspapers devoted attention to the munitions sale by a United States firm to the Spanish Government.

This, with the charges 25 Russian submarines and a large contingent of British volunteers had gone to the aid of the Spanish Socialists, provided the headlines for most newspapers.

INQUEST IS ADJOURNED UNTIL TODAY

An inquest into the death of Frederick Walsh, 37-year-old Charlottetown taxi driver, adjourned yesterday to permit additional witnesses to be present, will be resumed this afternoon at three o'clock. No evidence was taken yesterday.

Walsh was found dead on Fitzroy Street early yesterday morning. The body, discovered by Alex Coughlan, was lying with the feet in Walsh's parked car and the head on the pavement and was still warm, leading Police to the belief that death had come but a short time before.

The following are the members of the coroner's jury:
A. A. Hennessey, Steve Saunders, John McAleer, Gordon Morris, Harold Hennessey, Frank Whelan, and Leigh Saunders.
Dr. I. J. Yeo is coroner.

(Canadian Press)
TORONTO, Dec. 29—Minimum and maximum temperatures:—
Dawson 8B 4
Victoria 34 38
Edmonton 4B 4
Regina 20B Zero
Winnipeg 4 2
Toronto 22 33
Ottawa 6 14
Montreal 6 16
Quebec 2B 8
Saint John 8 6
Halifax 14 20
Charlottetown 10 20

FORECAST
Maritime East: Fresh northwest and west winds; fair and cold. High tide this afternoon at 12 and tonight at 12.45.
Sun sets this afternoon at 4.27 and rises tomorrow morning at 7.38.
Last quarter moon Monday, January 4, 9.22 a. 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. 2.35 p. m.
Daily except Sunday.

Franco-British Proposal Accepted By Soviet Russia

(C. P. by Guardian's Special Wire)
PARIS, Dec. 29—(CP-Havas)—The Soviet Union has accepted the Franco-British proposal to ban recruiting of foreign volunteers for Spain, subject to similar acceptance by Germany, Italy and Portugal and establishment of certain conditions designed to facilitate enforcement of the ban, Havas News Agency learned tonight.

Will Disembark On New Year's Eve

OTTAWA, Dec. 29—Lady Tweedsmuir, wife of the Governor General, will disembark from the Duchess of Athol on Thursday at Halifax. Her Excellency is returning to Canada after a two months visit to the United Kingdom.

RECALLS OLD RECORD

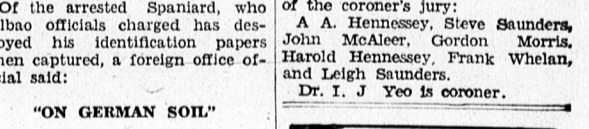
OXFORD, England—(CP)—Sir Farquhar Buzzard, recommended as Conservative candidate for Oxford University, has a great athletic record. He played for Old Carthusians, amateur soccer cup winners in 1893 and 1896.

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