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Not where I breathe but where I love I live.

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# 25 JAP SHIPS SUNK BY NAVY AIRCRAFT

## 4 Nipponese Convoys Under Heavy Attack

Yank Carrier-Based Airmen Score Big Victory Off Indo-China Coast.

PEARL HARBOR, Jan. 12 (AP) — United States Pacific Fleet Headquarters announced today that 25 Japanese ships were sunk and 13 others heavily damaged in an attack by carrier planes of the American 3rd Fleet on four enemy convoys off the French Indo-China coast.

The Headquarters, communicating said the 3rd Fleet suffered no damage and is pressing its attack on the Japanese convoys in waters some 800 miles west of Manila.

It was announced also that destruction of the big new Japanese battleship, the 45,000-ton *Musashi*, by air attack last Oct. 24 during the second battle of the Philippine Sea had been confirmed. The *Musashi's* sister ship, the *Yamato*, was damaged by bombs during the Oct. 24 action, it also was disclosed.

These two vessels were reputed to be two of the most powerful battleships in the Japanese Navy.

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## Reds Launch Winter Offensive?

### Rescued Baby From Burning Bedroom

MEXICO CITY, Jan. 12 (CP-Reuters) — The last Republican foreign minister in Spain, Julio Alvarez Del Vayo, said here yesterday that there were more Nazis in Spain than ever.

"They are arriving in submarines and by every other available means," he told a press conference.

"When I read yesterday that an American Admiral had said there was still over 300 U-boats in the Atlantic, I immediately thought to myself that those submarines have refueling bases in Spanish ports."

Mrs. Berrigan woke about three a.m. to see her sleeping room ablaze and with fire surrounding her baby's crib. Clad only in her night clothes, she effected the rescue of her child, just as the firemen appeared.

The fire did considerable damage before it was extinguished.

The house is a double tenement. The apartment where the fire occurred is occupied by Mr. and Mrs. George A. Berrigan, their daughter-in-law, Mrs. formal diplomat and her child. A sister of Mrs. Ivan Berrigan, Miss Mary Shea, R.N., is also a patient in the Charlottetown Hospital at the present time.

Cpl. Ivan Berrigan, husband of the burned woman and son of Mr. and Mrs. George A. Berrigan, is stationed with the Canadian army in Halifax.

### U-Boats Refueling In Spanish Ports

WAR SITUATION LAST NIGHT

By KIRKE L. SIMPSON (Associated Press War Analyst)

Synchronizing with Moscow intimations that complete capture of Budapest is near, German reports that a full-scale Red Army attack has been launched in Southern Poland are credible.

Even in the absence of Russian confirmation of those reports there has been much to indicate that the long-awaited main Russian winter offensive to match Allied pressure from the west was waiting only on the fall of the Hungarian city.

Measure German accounts of the Russian action did not go beyond placing its scene in the Russian Baranov bridgehead area west of the upper Vistula. The last known Russian positions in that area had been thrust beyond the river were within less than 40 miles of Krakow and only twice that distance from German Silesia, rich in coal and iron.

The Russian Baranov bulge seems the logical site for first moves in a Russian winter campaign to crack the centre of the German eastern defence lines. As last indicated the north face of the bulge reached westward to within 20 miles or so of the important road-rail hub city of Kielce in central Poland. It gave the Russians an east-west front some 12 miles south of Warsaw, nearly 60 miles wide, as a base for northward flanking operations to turn the foe out of Vistula west bank defences.

No Russian report on the situation on the Vistula is to be expected in any case pending definite progress. Early German accounts are confusing. They assert first heavy fighting still in progress in "penetration areas." They included no place names, however, by which either the scope of action or its direction could be determined to furnish some clue to Russian intentions if they have struck at last on the long dormant Polish front.

That possibility cannot be ignored even if Moscow remains silent until the battle reaches a critical stage.

Quite aside from its strictly military significance, the opening of a Russian offensive in Poland at this time would tend also to otherwise help Anglo-American-Russian relations. It would certainly lessen suspicion on either side of the Atlantic that Moscow is playing a lone hand in the Balkans to the detriment of the joint war effort against Germany.

### Berlin Admits Penetration Of German Lines

LONDON, Jan. 12 (AP) — Berlin reported today that the long-awaited Russian winter offensive in southern Poland had begun this morning on a broad front west of the Vistula River bridgehead town of Baranov, 120 miles south of Warsaw, and admitted Red Army penetrations of German lines in "extremely fierce fighting."

The new push apparently was aimed at Kielce and Krakow, two major strongholds protecting German Silesia. When the fighting in Poland subsided last August the Russians held positions 20 miles southeast of Kielce and 37 miles northeast of Krakow. At that time they were within 75 miles of industrially-rich Silesia. The Russians in their regular military communications broadcast by Moscow tonight made no mention of the reported new offensive, but said the German command during the opening days of such a drive inside wrecked Budapest the Russians cranked from northwest of the city, the city park, the city cemetery, an oil refinery and an arms factory today.

Another Soviet communiqué broadcast by the German command during the opening days of such a drive inside wrecked Budapest the Russians cranked from northwest of the city, the city park, the city cemetery, an oil refinery and an arms factory today.

## Nazi Retreat In Bulge Speeds Up

By AUSTIN BEALMEAR

PARIS, Jan. 12 (AP) — All organized enemy resistance ceased today at the western end of the Ardennes salient and the Germans were falling back to the east, abandoning nearly 100 square miles of Belgium and Luxembourg to the Allies.

As the British 2nd and United States 3rd Armies joined lines and lopped off the westernmost seven miles of the Ardennes salient, the Germans accelerated the rate of withdrawal along the southern flank while throwing in small-scale holding actions on the north.

One front dispatch said tonight the enemy withdrawal might continue all the way to the German frontier, although there were indications the Germans might elect to anchor strong positions on St. Vith, four miles inside Belgium.

Supreme Headquarters conceded that skilled Field Marshal von Rundstedt had been able to pull the bulk of his mauled armor back to the valley of the Ourthe River. Allied armies were racing swiftly forward to close up the abandoned salient, which is seven to 10 miles long and nearly 10 miles wide.

Von Rundstedt was believed now to have withdrawn behind a line running seven miles south from Laroche to Ambeville, nine miles west of Biogogne. Late front dispatch said the Germans were quitting positions west of Bastogne, leaving behind thin screening forces.

Already the 16-mile line the enemy had been expected to defend east of the Ourthe River through Vielsalm and Houffalize was being pushed to the north and to aggressive attacks through mountainous northern Luxembourg by the 3rd Army on the south.

Third Army forces crushed the German box position southeast of Bastogne—once one of the strongest enemy points on the southern flank—and seized 3,400 prisoners. The Germans were retreating both east and west of Bastogne.

The bulk of Field Marshal Karl Von Rundstedt's Belgian and French armor was thought at a cost of destruction of six to seven tank divisions, more than 30,000 prisoners and uncounted thousands killed and wounded—was being erased by three Allied armies as rapidly as blizzard and terrain would permit.

With the Ardennes bubble bursting, more and more tanks into the battle along the Rhine in north-eastern France and once more German Gen. Heinrich Himmler was reported in personal command. Defense of the city of Strasbourg was entrusted to the French 1st Army as the tempo of battle increased.

Hopeful for the victory here which was denuded in the Ardennes, the Germans, fought within 10 miles of Strasbourg from both north and south.

Further north they uncocked an unsuccessful night attack with 25 tanks eight miles south of Wissembourg, but renewed the assault in heavy fighting today.

The Germans also brought fresh troops into the tip of their Blücher salient far west in the northern Vosges mountains but the United States 3rd Army routed out minutes or gains.

No major activity was reported on the German front in the Ardennes running across Holland and extending narrowly into Germany east of Nijmegen.

## Coming Events

- Buying live and dressed poultry. Paying top market prices. See our requirements while it lasts. Swift Canadian Co. Ch. 1-13-11.
- Loading hogs at Bradolane every Tuesday. Alex McDonnell. 1-13-11.
- Furniture Sale at Holman's, Saturday, January 13th. Home Baker, Ben, Fred, Hollis, Fies and Cakes. The Bakery. 1-13-11.
- Loading hogs every Thursday for Davis, Fricker and McMillan, McKinnon, Montague, Norman, McKensie, Cardigan. 1-13-Fri-Sat-11.
- Kennington Farmers Attention: See Oliver Campbell's block adv. today's issue this paper. 1-13-15-30-22.
- Hockey, Milton Rink tonight. Breakfast at Milton. Game starts 8:30 sharp. Skate after. 1-13-11.
- New Wiltshire Scarlet Chapter meets in hall on Wednesday, January 17th, 8 P. M.
- Receiving hogs at Crapaud every Tuesday until eleven while road is passable. R. N. Dawson. 1-13-Sat-11.
- Until further notice we are not buying live poultry at our plant in Charlottetown. We will continue to buy dressed poultry at highest market prices. Canada Packers Limited. 1-10-31.
- We still have a quantity of Hog Concentrate at reduced prices. Get your requirements while it lasts. Swift Canadian Co. Ch. 1-12-31.
- Until further notice we are not buying live poultry at our plant in Charlottetown. We will continue to buy dressed poultry at highest market prices. Canada Packers Limited. 1-10-31.
- Kennington — Cameo — Friday, 3:45 and 8 P. M. Saturday 5 P. M. "Days of Glory", showing the Romance and Heroism of Guerilla fighting the Nazis, plus "Overland Mail" and Shorts.
- Until further notice we are not buying live poultry at our plant in Charlottetown. We will continue to buy dressed poultry at highest market prices. Canada Packers Limited. 1-10-31.
- We are handling live and dressed poultry daily, paying top market prices. We require large quantities for Army orders. Any quantity, large or small will be given careful attention. We also pay express charges. Swift Canadian Co. Charlottetown. 1-13-41.
- Livestock Marketing Board loading hogs during the following hours: usual days and hours. Monday, Murray Harbor, Digby, Charlottetown, Miram, Souris, St. Peters, Morrell Mount Stewart, Monaghan, Corral St. Teresa, Tuesday forenoon, Wiltshire, Hunter River, Brébeuf, and until three p.m. Kennington, Kirkora, Albany. Our agents in West Prince will load on Monday as usual. For other information contact our shipping agent in your locality. 1-12-41.

## U. S. Resumes Talks With Finns

WASHINGTON, Jan. 12 (AP) — The United States is resuming relations with Finland, on an informal basis.

The State Department announced today that President Roosevelt had approved the assignment of Maxwell W. Hamilton with the personal rank of Ambassador to Helsinki. Acting State Secretary Grew said at his press conference that the assignment "does not constitute a resumption of formal diplomatic relations between the United States and Finland. The Soviet and British Governments have been kept fully informed."

The United States broke off relations with Finland last June after efforts to arrange a Russo-Finnish peace had failed.

An External Affairs Department spokesman at Ottawa said there was no change in the status of relations between Canada and Finland which are still technically at war.

He did not elaborate but it was considered likely that the matter of Canadian-Finnish relations are under review in the light of the Baltic nation's withdrawal from the side of Germany in the war against Russia.

## Suggest Post-War Public Works Program For N. B.

SAINT JOHN, N.B., Jan. 12 (CP) — A \$42,000,000 emergency public works program, to provide jobs when the armed forces are demobilized and workers are released from war industry, is recommended by the New Brunswick Reconstruction Committee in a report to the Provincial Government.

The recommended program calls for an expenditure of \$11,500,000 for forest development, including \$3,000,000 for 6,000 miles of forest roads; a minimum of \$10,000,000 for school buildings in the first 10 years of peace; establishment of one National Park as well as a Provincial Park in each county; extensive aid for basic industries; major housing projects; evening slumming in the seat of the province; a survey to determine the feasibility of a Chignecto Canal project.

## Manhunt On In Michigan

LANSING, MICH., Jan. 12 (AP) — The most intensive manhunt in Michigan's history was under way tonight for the slayer of Republican State Senator Warren G. Hooper, key witness in a grand jury investigation of bribe-giving and bribe-taking among members of the State Legislature.

Sen. Hooper's body, three powder-ringed bullet holes in the head and face was found Thursday evening slumped in the seat of his automobile, which had been set afire on a Jackson County road.

Sen. Hooper, who had been promised immunity by the Grand Jury for his testimony, was described by special prosecutor Kim Sigler as an important witness in half-a-dozen cases pending before the Grand Jury.

## Prime Minister Makes Statement On By-Election

By FRANK FLAHERTY (Ottawa Staff Writer)

OTTAWA, Jan. 12 (CP) — Prime Minister Mackenzie King's message to the electors of Grey North tonight made clear that he will not seek an extension of Parliament's five-year term and, if the election is held in the event of the election of the present Parliament, the message was that the minister of national defence be in the House of Commons, said Mr. King.

Mr. King said the main reason for having another session was to avoid, if possible a general election before the end of the war in Europe. Elections, he said, distracted a nation from the vital tasks of prosecuting the war. On the basis of his other statements he appeared prepared, if another session can be held, to hold off the election until late June at least on the chance of having the European war end first.

FORM LARGE GROUP

The Philippine Islands are composed of 10 large and 970 small islands.

## Last Of Missing Airmen Located

TORONTO, Jan. 12 (CP) — Two Polish student navigators, last of 19 airmen to be located after they were forced to bail out when caught in a sudden snowstorm last night, were found late today in the Muskoka district by ski-mounted airmen from the Royal Norwegian Air Force base near Grayhaven.

Six planes of a flight of 28 from Malton No. 1 Air Observers were forced down by the storm, and their crew members were objects of an intensive day-long search by planes and ski-troops.

One of the storm-struck planes crashed landed at Cehawa Airport while the other five crashed after their crews bailed out at various points extending from Muskoka to the Malton school. She and two co-workers packed all the parachutes that were used. She said that something had happened and before you know whether the men are safe.

## Gibson Is Acting Minister For Air

OTTAWA, Jan. 12 (CP) — Appointment of Revenue Minister Gibson as acting Air Minister was announced today and in Parliamentary circles the move was considered the first of a series of steps which will involve a limited Cabinet re-organization within the next few months.

Col. Gibson takes over a post that Navy Minister MacDonald has held since Hon. C. G. Power resigned last November because of the Government's decision to send 15,000 Home Defence troops overseas.

## Weather Conditions Delaying Trains

MONCTON, N. B., Jan. 12 (CP) — Weather conditions in the central region are delaying passenger trains en route to the Maritime Provinces, Canadian National Railway officials said here tonight.

## Food Conditions In Holland Improve

SOMEWHERE IN HOLLAND, Jan. 12 (CP) — Food conditions in the Netherlands are described as "much improved" by Allied headquarters and Netherlands officials here.

In November, the calorific value of the food eaten daily by the average adult was 1,100 calories. During Christmas week, however, due to the increase of food convoys between the sea ports and the interior of the country, each adult obtained food with a calorific value of 1,400 — about the value of the daily diet of the average Canadian.

Within a month we hope to have the figure up to 1,800 calories for adults, and more for the children," one Netherlands representative on the Allied Military Mission said late in December.

## Luzon Invaders 12 Miles Inland

SOUTHWEST PACIFIC ADVANCE COMMAND, Jan. 13 (Said-mad) (AP) — Sixth Army invaders of Luzon have penetrated inland 12 miles from their Lingayen Gulf beachheads, headquarters announced today.

## Mexico Seeks To Buy Mining Machinery

MONTEREAL, Jan. 12 (CP) — Mexico plans to spend \$300,000,000 for machinery and equipment to develop her natural resources and a substantial part of that sum probably will be spent by Canals, Thomas N. Neale, member of a Mexican Trade Mission, said in an interview here today.

"In Mexico at the present time we have the money and the natural resources, but very little else," he said. "We need heavy industries and heavy machinery and we are here to purchase them. We are chiefly interested in machinery which can be used to develop our mineral resources."

How much of the money would be spent in Canada would depend on the amount of material available here, but he believed it would be substantial.

Mr. Neale said war-time conditions would delay the shipment of material purchased in Canada but that the Mission was ready to go ahead and make arrangements for the purchases now for shipment later.

The flavour is delicious

# "SARABA" TEA

## Big 3 To Meet At Teheran?

LONDON, Jan. 12 (CP) — The Ankara radio quoted the newspaper *Ataka* today as saying that Prime Minister Churchill, President Roosevelt and Premier Stalin will hold their expected three-power meeting before the end of January at Teheran, scene in December, 1943, of their first meeting.

## Italian Front Stirs With Patrol Action

ROME, Jan. 12 (CP) — The entire Italian front has stirred with sharp patrol action and improving weather conditions the Allied Command announced today.

Canadian units of the British 8th Army increased the battle tempo along the Reno River where they face the Germans at the southern end of the narrow spit of land separating Lake Comacchio and the Adriatic, and seriously injured 847 during December. The Ministry of Home Security announced today.

The casualties represented nearly a 50 per cent drop from November, where 716 were killed and 1,511 were seriously injured.

## Where Did Pigs Fly For The First Time?

LONDON, Jan. 12 (CP-Reuters) — Lord Brabazon, former British Aircraft production Minister, disclosed in a luncheon speech here today he had been the first man to take up a pig in an airplane. It was done, he said, to disprove the saying that a pig could not fly.

Mr. J. A. Gilles, manager of the P.E.I. Livestock Marketing Board provided a couple of years ago that pigs could fly. On several occasions he shipped weaners out from Charlottetown to airports in Newfoundland, on board transport planes. The pigs were purchased by men at the airports who planned to produce their own fresh meat and the air transport was about the only satisfactory way of shipping the animals at the time the broadcast said.



METEOROLOGICAL OFFICE, TORONTO, Jan. 12 (CP) — Minimum and maximum temperatures: Vancouver 48, 49; Edmonton 18, 40; Regina 6, 27; Winnipeg 05, Montreal 21, 38; Ottawa 43, 20; St. John 30B, —; Moncton 13B, 23; Halifax 4, 28; Charlottetown 13B, 23.

FORECASTS

LOWER ST. LAWRENCE AND LAKE ST. JOHN: Fresh winds; partly cloudy and much colder again with scattered snowflurries.

GULF, BAY CHALEUR AND NORTH SHORE: Strong winds or moderate gales with occasional snow and becoming colder again.

MARITIME EAST: Strong winds with occasional snow or part rain at first then clearing and colder again.

MARITIME WEST: Strong winds or moderate gales with occasional snow or sleet; clearing and colder at night.

High tide this morning at 11:44 and tonight at 10:41.

Sun sets this afternoon at 5:41 and rises tomorrow morning at 8:36.

New moon January 14th, 1:04 A. M.

Summer time twelve minutes later than Charlottetown.

DAILY AIR SERVICE — Charlottetown — Summerside — Moncton

Leaves Charlottetown 7 A. M. 11:30 A. M., 5:15 P. M. Arrives Charlottetown 12:45 P. M. 5:45 P. M., 7:30 P. M.

SUNDAY SERVICE — Charlottetown 11:30 A. M. and 4 P. M. Charlottetown 2 P. M. and 5:45 P. M.

NEW GLASGOW — (Daily except Sunday)

Leave Charlottetown 1 P. M. Arrive Charlottetown 5:20 P. M.