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60,000 Estimated Dead Or Injured; New Shocks Felt

Thousands Of Homeless As Fires Rage In Sub-zero Temperatures.

By The Canadian Press

Recurring earthquakes brought new terror Thursday to Asiatic Turkey, where at least 20,000 of a preliminary estimate of 60,000 casualties lay dead in the wreckage of earlier shocks. Meanwhile, tremors were felt in such other far-separated areas as a region of southern California and the South African Transvaal.

The California disturbance, which a seismologist thought was centered in the coastal range about 116 miles southeast of Berkeley, was attended by no known damage of consequence. Dispatches from Cape Town similarly indicated that nothing worse than alarm had been brought to the Transvaal.

In Turkey, however, the picture was one of mounting catastrophe as succeeding reports received in Ankara told of an ever-growing death list.

Aside from the official estimate of at least 2,000 fatalities, reports from one single Anatolian district—Erzurum—put the dead and injured there at a total of 42,000. This was about one in every four inhabitants, since the latest official figures gave the province a population of some 160,000. It is on the Turkish-Armenian border.

ANKARA, Turkey, Dec. 28.—(AP)—Officials here today estimated that at least 60,000 people were killed or injured in the series of earthquakes which have spread terror over the Anatolian peninsula. Three additional tremors, bitter cold and winds of blizzard velocity which spread fires added to the damage and panic.

Toy Balloon Causes Uproar

LONDON, Dec. 28.—A police constable tonight telephoned the Adjutant of a Royal Air Force fighter command station to say that a balloon was down in a field and asked him to do something about it.

The adjutant and 12 aircrewmen boarded a truck and sought the balloon. An hour later after scrambling through hedges and over muddy fields and ditches they found it.

It was a toy balloon. "I did not say it was a barrage balloon," the constable explained to the angry airman who demanded an explanation at the station. "I thought it might be filled with explosives and you were the people to deal with it."

Coming Events

- Rate for Notices in this column 3 cents per word.
- **We buy geese and duck feathers not mixed. Henry MacFarlane & Co. L-294-12-29-10.
- **Stanley Bridge Racing Club Annual Meeting, D. J. MacLeod's Store December 30, 1939. L-167-12-29-11.
- **Meeting Ladies Auxiliary Canadian Legion Rooms, December 29, 7.30. L-156-12-29-11.
- **Bingo and Dance, Pownall Garage Hall Friday, December 29th. L-110-12-28-21.
- **Mr. Farmer: We are buying live and dressed chickens, fowl day, paying highest market prices. Swift Canadian Co., Ltd. L-108-12-28-10.
- **Poultry—Buying live and dressed poultry all kinds. Paying top market prices. Island Cold Storage Co., Ltd. L-341-12-13-11.
- **Dance and Box Social at York Hall tonight. Closed in church leaves. White's Restaurant 8 o'clock. L-194.
- **Now that turkeys, geese and ducks are finished up we need a large quantity of Chicken and Poultry, all grades including Cannery Top price. P. E. L. Cooperative Egg and Poultry Association. L-90-12-27-28-30.

TROOPS IN ENGLAND TO TRAIN HARD

Expect Leaves To Be Cancelled As C. A. S. F. Dig In

(By Gillis Purcell)

(Canadian Press Staff Writer) ALDERSHOT, England, Dec. 29.—(CP-Cable)—By the middle of next week Canadian soldiers camped at Aldershot will be down to furious training. It is likely that leave which has been freely granted to the Canadian Active Service Force over the last fortnight will be discontinued for some time.

Since the arrival of the first contingent Dec. 17, most of the time has been spent in organization and planning of training routine. The fact that a goodly fraction of the troops has been away on successive leaves has made impossible the efficient training by companies.

Major-General A. G. L. McNaughton, commanding the C. A. S. F., refreshed after his Christmas and boxing day holiday in the country has been clearing up a congestion of correspondence and completing liaison with the War Office, Canada House and the Canadian Military Headquarters at London.

Three thousand of the Canadians started to move from camp today on a five-day New Year leave, just as nearly 2,000 others returned from spending the Christmas week-end with relatives and friends.

Almost two-thirds of those on leave will be billeted in London while at least 900 are bound for Scotland. Among the latter most are men of the Toronto Scottish Regiment going home to celebrate hogmanay.

Divisional headquarters are considering a suggestion by J. F. Ahearns, Secretary of the British Ice Hockey Association, who suggested that a hockey league be organized among the Canadian soldiers. If this is done, it is likely to be on the basis of practices and games during week-end leaves.

A dozen Canadians whose pictures appeared in London newspapers after the Christmas broadcast from the camp have been inundated with letters, some even proposing marriage.

The difficulty is that the majority of the men are married.

U. S. Grand Jury To Investigate

WASHINGTON, Dec. 28.—Attorney General Frank Murphy disclosed today that a special grand jury would convene here Jan. 2 to investigate espionage and other charges against the late Adolf Hitler and Colonel General Walter von Brauchitsch, army commander-in-chief, visited the front over the holidays, and Rudolf Hess, deputy leader of the Nazi party, delivered an address, the "20 Man" in Germany remained silent.

Savage Fighting Reported From Finnish Lines

Attempt Said Underway To Cut Russian Railway Supplying Northern Areas.

(By Lynn Heinzelring)

HELSINKI, Finland, Dec. 29.—(Friday)—(AP)—Finnish aviators were reported today to have succeeded in crossing the lake to reach Finnish defences on the rugged north shore, but were driven back in man-to-man fighting in which "our troops wiped out two companies."

"The enemy again left numerous dead on the ice," said the army's story. Summarizing the fighting of Dec. 27 in the fourth week of the war, the communique said nine Soviet Russian planes had been shot down, and indicated that Finnish troops are fighting in three places on Russian soil.

On the Eastern front, 185 miles north of Lake Suunto, the communique said, the Russians were "rolled" in fighting that was still proceeding east of Lieksa. "The enemy also has been pushed back across the frontier north-east of Lieksa," the communique added.

It is in the Lieksa area that a flying battalion of white-clad "ski raiders" was reported to have crossed the frontier in an effort to stab at the only Russian line of northern communications, the Murmansk-Leningrad Railway.

The railway is approximately 150 miles from the border in that vicinity. But about 225 miles farther north in the Salla area, a third group of ski troops was reported on a daring raid in an effort to slip through the Russian lines to cut

Goering Waits For Storm Over Nazi Policy To Subside

By Gerard Jouve
Havas Staff Writer
AMSTERDAM, Dec. 28.—(CP-HAVAS)—Field Marshal Goering has withdrawn to his shooting chalet until the quarrels over policy which are said to be rending the Reich's military and political leadership blow over.

Goering's absence from public Christmas celebrations has been the subject of much speculation. While Adolf Hitler and Colonel General Walter von Brauchitsch, army commander-in-chief, visited the front over the holidays, and Rudolf Hess, deputy leader of the Nazi party, delivered an address, the "20 Man" in Germany remained silent.

With friends in all contenting factions, Goering apparently did not wish to commit himself on such questions as German-Soviet relations and the conduct of the war. There was no reason, however, to credit rumors he was dubious over the fate of the Nazi regime and wished by implication to disassociate himself from it, or that he had quarrelled with Hitler.

Contrary to his usual custom, Goering did not present toys and other gifts, personally to children in the poor quarters of Berlin. With the Field Marshal and Frau Goering absent from this year's ceremony, the distribution was made in their name by a burmester of one of the Berlin districts.

Plan Campaign To Exterminate Plague Gophers

EDMONTON, Dec. 28.—(CP)—A campaign to exterminate plague-carrying gophers from highly-infested sections of Alberta will be undertaken in the Spring, E. H. Strickland, Professor of Entomology in the University of Alberta, said today.

Gophers are carrying the same disease that was known as the bubonic or "black" plague in the 16th century, and which killed 25 per cent of Europe's population. One Albertan died from the disease last year.

Poison gas will be used to kill the rodents over a large area. The gas will be fed into the gopher holes through long tubes.

POPE PIUS VISITS ITALY'S KING, QUEEN

Extraordinary Visit Symbolizes Understanding Between Church And Italian State.

ROME, Dec. 28.—Pope Pius rode through a chilling rain to Quirinal Palace today to pay an unprecedented visit of cordiality to Italy's King and Queen, and to voice his yearning for peaceful understanding between the peoples of the world.

This extraordinary visit, in return for the call made by King Victor Emmanuel and Queen Elena on the Holy Father at the Vatican a week ago, symbolized complete reciprocal recognition of the two great sovereignties established on opposite banks of the Tiber.

Reports circulated that Premier Mussolini would visit the Pope on Jan. 5, in further exemplification of the close understanding between the church and the Italian state.

The Pope in a brief speech devoted largely to peace, expressed his joy over the visit paid him by their majesties in the Apostolic palace and in the Vatican, after 10 years the happy agreement between the church and the state has been sealed again, an agreement which joins under the same light of glory both our venerated predecessor Pius XI and His Majesty Victor Emmanuel III.

Popes in the long-distant past have called on royalty, but today's visit was exceptional in that it was the first time a Pontiff had visited the rulers of territory which formerly was papal domain.

The Pope, in this first visit of a Pontiff to a temporal prince in more than 70 years, told his royal hosts he hoped Italy's peace, "safeguarded by the wisdom of its rulers," would spur warring peoples to obtain an understanding.

Fascist observers interpreted the visit as a sign to the world that the Pope appreciated Italy's political policies, particularly its non-belligerency, while at the same time opposing Communism.

If Mussolini makes his call, it will be the second time he has visited a Pope. He was received in audience by Pope Pius XI in 1929, three years after signing the Lateran Accord between the Vatican and the Italian state.

Moscow Shows Displeasure With News Accounts

Clamps Down Rigid Censorship On Outgoing News—Former Soviet Campaign Dismissed For Failure Against Finns.

(By Witt Hancock, Associated Press Staff Writer)

MOSCOW, Dec. 29.—(Friday)—(AP)—Soviet Russia was reliably reported to have put its military hero of the 1938 Russian-Japanese Far Eastern clash, General G. M. Stern, in charge of the invasion of Finland.

At the same time Moscow gave official indication of dissatisfaction with foreign news accounts of the way its campaign in Finland was progressing by restoring rigid censorship on outgoing news dispatches.

General Stern, one of the Soviet's youngest military leaders and a shining figure in the so-called "vest pocket war" against the Japanese a year ago, was reliably reported to have been appointed chief of the Leningrad military district where he will be in charge of a reinforced Red Army to prosecute the Finnish war.

General K. A. Meretskov, who has been chief of staff of the Leningrad district, was reported on Dec. 22 to have been called upon for an explanation of his failure to score more impressive successes in Finland and to have been dismissed from his post.

The Commissariat of Foreign Affairs announced censorship had been restored, an apparent indication of increasing Russian dissatisfaction with foreign news reports, especially those receiving prominence in some of the western democracies.

Some of these dispatches have not confined themselves to the cryptic Soviet military communiques dealing with the Finnish war.

Tonight's communique, for instance, was one of a long series failing to report any important Red Army success, and giving the impression that only minor skirmishes were taking place.

It said: "There were no events of importance at the front Dec. 28."

(Soviet Russia formerly had a rigid censorship, but it was abolished about a month before the war between Germany and the Allies started.

(As in Germany and Italy, however, foreign correspondents continue to use a strong personal responsibility for the dispatches they sent, although the dispatches were not subjected to the censor's pencil before publication.)

Although Gen. Meretskov seemed to have lost favor, he was elected to the Leningrad local Soviet two days after his reported dismissal from the Leningrad command, and appeared to have retained his rank of General.

International At A Glance
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Charlottetown 8 19

Maritime East: Strong northwest to west winds; partly cloudy and cold; snowflurries east portion.
Synopsis: The weather has been for the most part fair and a little milder in Ontario with snowflurries in some districts. It has been generally fair and cold in Manitoba and Saskatchewan but mild in southern Alberta.
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