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# BRITISH BOMB NAZI BASES

## Crews Speed Rescue Work To Reach Comrades

### Men Believed Alive In Blast-torn Sector Of Workings.

BARTLEY, W. Va., Jan. 10—(AP)—Between 80 and 125 miners were reported trapped today by an explosion in the Bartley No. 1 mine of the Pond Creek Coal Company in this southern West Virginia village.

As rescue crews entered the 500-foot-deep shaft, State Mine Department officials said it might be several hours before the fate of the miners is known. The first unofficial word from the mine was that crews were "making good progress" but had little hope of reaching the trapped men before midnight.

An indication that some of those caught were still alive was given in a report that the mine ventilating system is working and air is reaching the blast-torn sector. The Mines Department reported in Charleston it had been informed there were 125 men in the mine at the time the blast occurred about 5:30 P. M. A.S.T. but that 45 men were brought out all right.

85 Trapped

Z. L. Chatfield, mine inspector leading the rescue squads, said just before entering the mine that 85 were trapped.

Bartley's only telephone is connected with the mine company's office and it was two hours before news reached Welch, closest city, that "something has happened" at the mine.

H. G. Houz, chief engineer of the State Mine Bureau, said in Charleston that the mine normally employs about 250 men.

The mine is located in the heart of the rich southern West Virginia mine fields about 18 miles from Welch, five miles north of the Virginia border and 25 miles east of the Kentucky line.

The main shaft is sunk about 500 feet straight into the earth and corridors fan out from that shaft at various depths. Some reports reaching Welch said the blast had rolled through three corridors.

The Pond Creek Corporation, affiliated with the Island Creek Coal Company, operates three miles around this isolated village of 2,000 persons. Crews were recruited from other operations to aid in the rescue work.

HALIFAX, Jan. 10—(CP)—President S. J. Hunsberger of the Canadian National Railways, accompanied by three directors and several officials of the system, arrived here tonight on what was described as an ordinary business trip.

There with him included Brenton L. Daly.

## Coming Events

Rate for Notices in this column 3 cents per word.

\*\*Skate at East Royal rink tonight. L-448.

\*\*Farmers wishing to market dressed hogs notify McGugan & Boyle, Humber R. V. L-390-1-9-34.

\*\*New Glasgow rink tonight. Royals vs. Maple Leafs, 8 p. m. L-449.

\*\*We buy new geese and duck feathers, not mixed. Henry MacFarlane & Co. L-204-12-7-14.

\*\*Hockey at Stanley tonight. Graham's Road vs. Stanley. L-447.

\*\*Pownal Rink Thursday the 11th. Millville vs. Pownal. Exhibition game. Saturday skating only. L-437-1-11-11.

\*\*Buying live hogs at Albany, January 11th. Friday 12th at Emerald until noon. Signed G. C. Green. M. W. T. 14.

\*\*All School taxes unpaid in Emerald School district after January 25th will be handed to Courts for collection. By order. L-411-1-10-21

\*\*Poultry—Buying live and dressed poultry all kinds. Paying top market prices. Island Cold Storage Co. Ltd. L-341-12-13-15.

\*\*Loading live hogs Kensington Thursday, January 11, till 3 p. m. Mervyn Bulman and Ray Bagnall. Hunter River Friday till noon. McEwen and Campbell. L-482.

## WOULD SETTLE QUARREL BUT NOT CEDE LAND

### Rumania Said Willing To Settle Long-Standing Differences With Hungary.

BUCHAREST, Jan. 10—(AP)—Rumanian officials asserted tonight that Rumania was ready to settle long-standing differences with Hungary but that any ceding of this country's territory was out of the question.

Hungary wants to recover Transylvania, part of the territory Rumania won when the Austro-Hungarian Empire broke up after the first Great War.

Despite the insistence of Rumanian authorities that they would not even discuss yielding of territory, the feeling grew among foreign diplomats that King Carol might yield soon to an Italian-backed plan for settlement.

Budapest reports said that the Italian and Hungarian Foreign Ministers, Count Ciano and Count Csatary, in their meetings at Venice last weekend worked out such a program.

Under this plan, to which the Budapest Government is said to have agreed, Hungary would give up claims to Transylvania for the present in return for a Rumanian promise of territorial revision after the present war.

In payment for that promise, which would be guaranteed by Italy, Rumania would receive assurance of full Italian and Hungarian support against any Russian attack on Bessarabia, the former Russian Province she gained after the last war.

Italy was understood to have a similar plan for settling differences between Rumania and Bulgaria, who desires return of the Dobruja district, which like Transylvania is an area of mixed nationalities obtained by Rumania after the war.

The Italian plan was understood to call for outright cession of purely Hungarian and Bulgarian districts contiguous to Hungary and Bulgaria and for plebiscites in districts of mixed nationality.

## Reception At Government House

Mrs. LePage, wife of the Lieutenant Governor, Hon. B. W. LePage, received at Government House yesterday afternoon, when over 940 ladies called to pay their respects.

Mrs. LePage, wearing a most becoming afternoon dress of pale fuchsia velvet welcomed her guests assisted by Mrs. MacDonald, wife of Senator J. A. MacDonald, Cardinal, and Mrs. MacArthur wife of Senator Creelman MacArthur of Summerside.

The cheery grate fires, soft candle lights, and exquisite roses and other cut flowers added to the charm of Government House and made a pretty background for the lively afternoon dresses worn by those persisting in dispensing hospitality.

The ushers were: Mrs. Reuben MacDonald and Mrs. C. Gavan Duffy, Mrs. W. J. P. McMillan, Mrs. J. Lester Douglas poured tea, while the following ladies assisted in serving: Miss Violet Birtwistle, Mrs. J. D. MacGuigan, Miss Agnes Paoli, Mrs. John A. Fraser, Mrs. W. D. Glais, Mrs. F. W. Tidmarsh, Miss Pauline LePage, Mrs. George Tweedy, Mrs. Elizabeth Brown, Miss Margaret MacMillan, Mrs. Reuel LePage, Mrs. Robert Holman, Mrs. C. N. Bissett, Mrs. Lloyd Wonnacott, Mrs. A. H. Roper, Mrs. T. W. L. Prowse, Mrs. E. A. Foster, Mrs. Fred Colwill, Miss Helen Grant, Miss Marjorie Mitchell, Mrs. Ira Yeo, Mrs. Arthur Woolner, Mrs. W. W. Lord.

Miss George Burns, Social Secretary, supervised the visitors book in the hall yesterday.

Music was furnished by Mr. Albert Blanchard's Orchestra.

## Native Of Cape Traverse Dies

PORT LA JEM, N. B., Jan. 10—(CP)—John Dickie, 68, a pioneer of Restigouche County and oldest resident in the county, died at his home here today. He was born at Cape Traverse, P. E. I. Dickie is survived by two sons, five daughters, 43 grandchildren and 21 great-grandchildren.

## War Planes For Finland



Completely hidden in tightly planked crates, and guarded by police against possible sabotage \$240,000 worth of Brewster pursuit planes, released by the U. S. Navy for shipment to Finland, are unloaded from trucks at a New York pier. Finland will get 44 of these planes, which are single-seater monoplanes with a top speed of more than 300 miles per hour.

## Board Of Trade Annual Meeting Last Evening

### Mr. J. M. Murley Is Named President Of Organization — Reports Are Presented.

Mr. J. M. Murley was elected President of the Charlottetown Board of Trade at the annual meeting held last night in the Board Rooms.

Other officers elected were: Vice-President, Mr. D. F. Archibald; Sec. -Treas., Mr. Wallace L. Higgins (re-elected).

The Council named for the coming year consists of the following: Messrs J. G. MacDonald, S. P. Paoli Jr., W. S. Grant, C. N. Bissett, R. R. Bell, V. A. Ainsworth, K. S. Rogers and F. W. Hyndman.

Life members are: Messrs E. T. Higgs, J. O. Hyndman, R. E. Mutch, S. A. MacLeod, W. F. Timm and Dr. J. A. Clark.

Arbitrators appointed for the year are: Messrs E. M. Bagnall, W. Picard, R. L. Cotton, A. B. Cutcliffe, L. Doucette, A. B. Fisher, J. C. A. Gordon, J. E. Harris, W. T. Rogers, W. R. Cruickshanks, J. W. MacKenzie and James McLure.

Following the election of officers a discussion took place concerning the possibility of having freight rates reduced on farm feeds coming into the Province. Mr. R. E. Mutch told the Board that he had received a letter from Mr. R. H. Matheson, Manager of Maritime Transportation Commission, stating that there had been a reduction made in the rates in feed going west, and if the Board went after the same thing in a proper manner, there would most likely be a reduction made here also.

Dr. J. A. Clark, Superintendent of the Experimental Farm, said that when Island farmers learned that Great Britain had need of a large quantity of pork, they went in for raising hogs on a large scale. Unreasonable freight rates here made it difficult for farmers to finish their hogs properly and they lost money this way.

At the suggestion of Mr. C. N. Bissett the matter was referred to the incoming Agriculture Council.

Another important discussion on the matter of the regulation of trucking in the Province occupied the attention of the Board at last night's meeting. A brief prepared by Mr. R. H. Matheson was referred to by Colonel G. Elliot Pull.

The question concerned the granting of a franchise to common carriers in this province and also the matter of compulsion of an equate insurance, etc.

On the suggestion of Mr. S. A. MacLeod, the matter was left over to be discussed further by the Council.

The following took part in the discussions: Col. G. Elliot Pull, Mr. R. E. Mutch, Mr. W. F. Hyndman, Mr. V. A. Ainsworth, Mr. S. A. MacLeod, Mr. K. S. Rogers, Mr. E. T. Higgs, Mr. W. L. Higgins and Mr. C. N. Bissett.

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## Retaliation For Renewed Attacks On Shipping

### Two German Warplanes Go Down In North Sea Battle With British "Security Patrol".

(By J. F. Sanderson, Canadian Press Staff Writer) LONDON, Jan. 10—(CP Cable)—Britain bombed German air bases today and rushed to completion the world's biggest minefield in retaliation for intensified Nazi air attacks on British shipping.

German air bases at Sylt, northwesternmost coastal area of Germany nearby Denmark, and the heavily-fortified Heligoland anchorage, were bombed by the Royal Air Force.

Far out over the North Sea one of the "security patrols" fought it out with a squadron of Germany's crack fighting planes, twin-engined Messerschmitt 110's.

One British reconnaissance plane was shot down, but Germany lost two of her 370-mile-an-hour fighters. One was seen to crash into the sea. The other was so damaged as to be forced to land in Denmark.

COMPLETE SEA LINE

Out in the sea lanes, naval vessels were laying some of the last mines needed to complete Britain's Maginot line of the sea, a £30,000,000 (about \$125,000,000) protective shield for east coast shipping.

Extending from Kinnaird's Head, Scotland, almost to the mouth of the Thames, the minefield is the biggest in the world's history. It blocks off a safety lane close to shore through which vessels can sail to coastal ports. It links up with another field which closes off the whole Straits of Dover.

BIGGEST MINEFIELD

The biggest minefield in the First Great War was the northern barrage extending from Scotland to the territorial waters of Scandinavia. It was laid in 1918 by British and United States ships, and consisted of 70,000 mines.

The east coast minefield is designed against surface raiders as well as submarines, which is the reason that the mines have been placed at various depths in the water. It is from four to eight miles off shore, and in places is 30 miles wide, a gigantic death trap for any vessel trying to get through it.

## Shipping Warned

In accordance with the requirements of international law shipping of all nations has been warned of the field's location.

During the last few days the German air force has been bombing and machine-gunning unarmed merchant ships, fishing vessels and cargo boats in the coastal trade. An official statement commenting on this form of warfare, said that it "must make greater demands upon their conscience than upon the courage of the attackers."

The crash of anti-aircraft fire, vivid flashes, the dancing pencils of searchlights and the roar of many planes told observers on the nearby Danish coastline and islands of the first battle over Sylt, shortly before dawn.

Reports from various sources indicated there were at least three battles over Sylt and one at sea, above Heligoland Bight. The Sylt battles were before dawn; at 9 a. m. (4 a. m. AST) and between 3:30 and 6 p. m. (10:30 a. m. to 1 p. m. AST). The air fight over the sea was believed to have occurred about 1 p. m. (8 a. m. AST).

The air ministry announced that the one British plane had been lost in a half hour running fight "far out over the North Sea" when an R. A. F. formation met a number of long-range German fighters. It said, however, that the German planes were beaten off and that the British formation continued "to the easterly limit of its reconnaissance" and back.

(At Berlin German officials claimed that three out of nine British Bristol "Blenheim" bombers had been shot down over Heligoland Bight by four German planes.)

The air ministry communique (Continued on page 3, Col 4)

## Dionnes May Appear At World Fair

TORONTO, Jan. 10—(CP)—Re-may appear at the New York World's Fair have brought comment from most parties interested—but the possibility appears today to be just that.

"The decision is up to the quints' board of guardians and their doctor, Dr. Allan Roy Dufco," Ontario Premier Mitchell Hepburn said.

At Ottawa, Henri St. Jacques, Ontario's legal representative, said he believed the Ontario government would agree to the parents' wishes and allow the quints to leave the province for the first time.

"I think the showing of the quints at the fair is a likely thing," he said. "But it will have to be done by a pact between New York State and the Ontario government. The girls would be kept in a specified area of the fair grounds and not allowed to go beyond those bounds."

Dufco declined to comment until a definite bid had been received from the World's Fair.

THE MAN WITH OUT IDEAS IS ALWAYS THE LOUDEST IN EXPRESSING THEM.



## Thermometer Extremes

High Low



Yesterday's highest and lowest thermometer readings are indicated above.

TORONTO, Jan. 10—(CP)—Minimum and maximum temperatures: Dawson 12B 5B, Vancouver 35 43, Winnipeg 3 22, Toronto 18 31, Ottawa 3B 16, Montreal 7 19, Quebec 3 11, Saint John 5B 28, Halifax 8 26, Charlottetown 3 19.

Maritime East: Moderate winds; mostly fair and becoming a little milder.

Synopsis: The weather has been comparatively mild in Ontario with snow occurring in the Georgian Bay region, while in the Prairie Provinces, temperature has continued moderate with light snow in a few districts.

High tide today at 12:26 and tonight at 11:52. Sun sets this afternoon at 4:38 and rises tomorrow morning at 7:37.

First Quarter moon, Jan. 17, 2:21 P. M. Summerside tide eighteen minutes later than Charlottetown.

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## THIRD SOVIET DIVISION SAID SURROUNDED

### One Area Cleared Of "Red" Troops For First Time Since Invasion.

HELSINGFORS, Jan. 10—(AP)—Finnish troops in Central Finland were reported to have surrounded a new Soviet division today after hurrying the remnants of the routed Red Army's 44th and 163rd divisions back into Russia east of Suomussalmi.

This third Russian division was reported trapped at Kukkammo, about 60 miles south of the recent victories at Suomussalmi.

The Finns set up positions along 30 miles of the Russian frontier east of Lake Kianta and Suomussalmi. This covers four points at which Finland has thrown back the invaders on to their own soil.

A Finnish communique said a Red Army battalion had been dispersed northeast of Lake Ladoza with the enemy leaving "200 dead on the field." The Finns took 40 prisoners.

"At Suomussalmi our troops, advancing in the direction of Rante, have reached the frontier and cleared the area of enemy troops," the communique said.

Thomas Hawkins, Associated Press correspondent, with the Finnish Army at Rante, reported the Russians in full flight as the Finns drove right up to the border in cleaning up operations.

It was the first time the Suomussalmi sector had been cleared of Russian since the war started.

Hawkins, recounting the huge war stores left on the battlefield by the fleeing Red Army, said evidence (Continued on page 3, Col 4)