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U.S. 1ST ARMY LAUNCHES OFFENSIVE

6 Lose Lives In Rouyn, Que. Fire

ROUYN, Que., Jan. 3 — (CP) — Six persons lost their lives today and a seventh was in critical condition in hospital as the result of a fire which destroyed the settlement home of Mr. and Mrs. Bruno Caron on the highway between Montbeillard, Que., and Rollet, Que., about 30 miles west of Rouyn.

Dead are:

Mrs. Noel Caron (age unavailable);

Rita Caron, six;

Joseph Caron, five;

Denise Caron, three;

Rosa Caron, two, and

Monique Caron, three months.

Noel Caron, husband of the dead woman, suffered critical burns and was brought to hospital at Rouyn.

Mr. and Mrs. Noel Caron were minding the family of 11 young children while Mr. and Mrs. Bruno Caron were visiting a neighboring settlement for the New Year's holiday.

This morning about 2 a. m., Mrs. Noel Caron had noticed that a lamp, which was kept burning all night, needed oil. She asked one of the young girls where the oil was kept and the child brought a container, the contents of which later were found to be gasoline.

Mrs. Caron filled the lamp and lit it and a few seconds later the lamp exploded. In a short time, the two-storey frame dwelling was a mass of flames.

One girl, Therese, 13, who was sleeping on the second floor with several of the children, broke open a window and threw three of them to safety in the snow. She attempted to save a fourth but was unable to and jumped out herself.

Noel Caron escaped from the house but returned to rescue his wife. His night clothing caught fire and he left the house and rolled in the snow to extinguish his burning clothing. He entered the house a second time and again was forced to leave. He suffered severe burns and was sent to hospital where his condition tonight is critical.

The fire cut off telephone communications between Rouyn and Montebillard until noon.

Dr. A. Boisvert, district coroner, returned a verdict of accidental death at an inquest held this afternoon.

Islanders On Hospital Ship

HALIFAX, Jan. 3 — (CP) — Several Prince Edward Island soldiers, wounded in action overseas, returned to Canada today aboard the Hospital Ship Letitia.

Spr. Frank Casey of the Royal Canadian Engineers, from Summerside, came back with shrapnel wounds in both legs He already has lost two brothers in this war.

Other Islanders were:

Pte. F.R. Campbell, Dundas Centre; Gnr. G. Chaisson, St. Louis; Pte. K W. Lidstone, O'Leary Station? Pte. I J. MacDonald, Morell: Pte. J.B. Arsenault, Wellington.

Press Discusses Possible Defeat Of McNaughton

OTTAWA, Jan. 3 —(CP) —The Ottawa Citizen said in a newspage story today that if Defence Minister McNaughton is defeated in the Grey North by-election Feb. 5th there will not be a new session of Parliament immediately.

The Citizen said that when Parliament meets Jan 31 it will be merely for the formality of prorogation and that notice to that effect is likely to be given to avoid the necessity of long trips by those who live some distance from the capital.

"If Gen. McNaughton 's opposed and should be defeated in the coming by-election there will be no immediate session of Parliament nor the probability of any before the end of the fiscal year (March 31), if then" the paper said.

"Instead there is reason for the strong surmise that the Government would carry on as it is till the conclusion of the fiscal year on March 31, at least, and then, or some time after, bring about dissolution and a general election." (life of Parliament expires April 17th.).

The paper said the defeat of Gen. McNaughton would mean absence from the Commons of a key minister and on that ground it was improbable the Government would call a new session.

Gazette Comment

MONTREAL, Jan. 3 — (CP) — The Gazette today in a special dispatch from Ottawa says in part:

An acclamation in North Grey for Defence Minister A G.L. McNaughton is quite possible, according to persistent stories, but a period of at least three weeks remain in which the three contesting parties may make up their minds about either bringing on a contest or saving the electors from the need of marking their ballots.....if the Progressive Conservatives pull out their candidate in North Grey the C.C.F. group, which has been talking about joining the contest, will follow suit.

At Toronto, C.P. McTague, national chairman of the Progressive Conservative Party, said the matter is not under consideration. At Owen Sound, Mayor Garfield Case, Progressive Conservative candidate in the Feb 5 by-election, said he knew nothing about it. The C.C.F. will hold a nominating convention Saturday night, and in Owen Sound today officials of the party said the name of air vice-marshal T.E. Godfrey of Gananoque would go before the convention.

Coming Events

**Horse racing New Glasgow River Thursday, Jan. 4. 1-4-71

**Next shipment dressed hogs January 5th. Book. McGuigan & Boyle. 12-30-5i.

**Buying live and dressed poultry. Paying top market prices. Island Cold Storage Ltd. 11-17-tf.

**Loading hogs at Hunter River, Friday until noon. Borden Bagnall. 1-3-2i

**Notice—Loading hogs at Albany Thursday, 4th, from noon until 4 o'clock Friday. Emerald until 11.30. G. C. Green and A. C. Green. 1-3-2i.

**Card Party and Dance at Crapaud Hall, Friday, January 5th, starting at 8.30. Sponsored by W. I. 1-4-1i.

**Annual Meeting of the Charlottetown Milk Producers and Vendors' Association, Department of Agriculture, Friday, January 5, 8 p. m. Eugene Cullen, Secretary. 1-4-2i.

Death Yesterday Of W. J. Cheverie

The death yesterday at Souris, of Mr. W.J. Cheverie has removed one who up to three years ago, when he retired from public life, was a prominent figure in business circles throughout the Province. He was also widely known in Nova Scotia and New Brunswick where he served at various times a srelieving Customs agent.

The late W.J. Cheverie was born in Souris 69 years ago. He was a veteran of the last war and previously to enlisting for overseas duty had been in England where he had passed examinations as a master gunner. He went to England in 1915 as a Lieutenant with an Island unit, and while there was promoted Captain.

About 21 years ago, he joined the Customs Department and his first post was at Souris where he remained for two years. From there he came to Charlottetown, serving here for 12 years. From Charlottetown he went to Summerside as Collector of the port and held that position up till the time of his resignation three years ago.

The late Mr. Cheverie had considerable knowledge of mathematics and while in the Customs Department did much surveying of ships to ascertain their proper tonnage. Besides relieving in the Maritimes, he very often was sent to the Magdalen Islands for the same purpose and had many friends there.

He is survived by his wife, two daughters and a son, Cecilie is the wife of Cpl. George F. Beer, R.C.A.F., Summerside and Bella now lives in the States the wife of Mr. J. Rogers. The son Joseph is a Sergeant with the R.C.A.F. Dartmouth. His mother is still living in Souris at the advanced age of 95 years.

Report New U-Boat Has Long-Range guns

LONDON Jan. 3 — (CP) — The Madrid radio quoted a Berlin report tonight that the Germans had perfected a submarine with electrically-controlled guns which "can be mounted in a few minutes and shell an enemy coastal town from a long distance." The vessel carries a crew of 25, two weeks' fuel and has "power and speed surpassing anything known" for submarines, the Spanish broadcast said.

U. S. Congress Convenes

WASHINGTON, Jan. 3 — (AP) —The United States' 79th Congress convened today amid warnings the war "isn't over by a long shot."

At noon, Senate and House came to order and inducted newly-elected members with simple ceremonies.

In 46 minutes the Senate recessed until Saturday when President Roosevelt submits his message on the state of the Union and his immediate program.

In the House of Representatives Speaker Sam Rayburn, elected to his fourth term, appealed for unity, asserting "we are being tested whether free government will live on this earth."

A surprise marked the House proceedings when the members voted not only to continue the Committee on Unamerican Activities—more familiarly known as the Dies Committee—but to make it a permanent part of the House setup. The vote was 207 to 123

FLYING BOMB ATTACKS

LONDON, Jan. 3 —(CP) —The Germans fired flying bombs from pick-a-back carriers over the North Sea tonight, touching off heavy defensive fire that knocked down one into the sea and others near an east coast town.

Veterans Leave Halifax On Hospital Trains

By JOHN LeBLANC

HALIFAX, Jan. 3 — (CP) —Hospital trains rolled toward the interior of Canada from the Halifax dockside tonight after taking on hundreds of battle-scarred fighting men who landed here from the Canadian Hospital Ship Letitia.

The war over for most of them, the returned servicemen were victims of action on virtually every section of the Western and Italian Fronts and the battle over Europe. Some had been invalided back after accidents or illness in Britain.

More than 700 of them came ashore from the Letitia today, hobbling down the gangplanks or carried off on stretchers. Through a flag-bedecked pier shed, they were transported to the special trains lying alongside while bands played them a welcome home.

Greeted by almost spring-like weather with bright sunshine and not a vestige of snow, the veterans of the snow-covered Adriatic and

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War Situation Last Night

By KIRKE L. SIMPSON
(Associated Press War Analyst)

Lifting of the Allied time-lag on news of Belgian bulge developments coincided closely with German claims that the United States 3rd Army had launched a massive effort to close the Bastogne waistline trap—thus affording apparent confirmation of the German assertion in substance even before details were made known at supreme headquarters.

For the first time since the surprise shock of the German attack fell devastatingly on the right wing of the American 1st Army three weeks ago, Allied bulletins covered events of the day on which they were issued.

What they revealed pointed unmistakably to the close approach of a major crisis in the fluid battle. The time-lag device at Allied headquarters obviously was a defensive precaution. Its elimination no less marks a step in Allied transition from the defensive to a full scale counter-offensive in the bulge theatre.

German accounts credit Patton with having flung eight divisions into action, half of them armored and half infantry. The figures lacked Allied confirmation except as it could be read into a report that the 3rd Army has expanded its attack front east and west of the now well-extended Bastogne corridor to a 17-mile width.

Allied versions of the counter-attack also include a significant indication that it is a developing power drive against the deeply-dented south flank of the German bulge into Belgium, aimed not merely at cutting through it at the Bastogne waistline narrows but at tipping a wide swath through to a junction with the 1st Army on the north flank. If the 1st Army has yet moved out southward to meet the 3rd Army push, there was no hint of it.

The impression Gen. Patton is driving northeast as well as north above Bastogne in the centre sector of his attack front comes from reports that he is pushing up both the Bastogne-Liege highway and the Bastogne-Liege railroad which swings eastward of the highway to follow a water level route. The railroad passes through two junctions where branch lines diverge to St. Vith, the prime bulge communication hub for the enemy.

NAZIS SEEK TO BREAK SIEGE OF BUDAPEST

LONDON, Jan. 3 — (AP) — Strong German counter-attacks approximately 40 miles northwest of Budapest aimed at relieving the encircled German garrison in the Capital have succeeded in capturing several towns on the south bank of the Danube. Moscow announced tonight.

The Russians claimed that the enemy blows, southeast of Komarom on the Danube almost 45 miles northwest of Budapest, had been repulsed, despite capture of the towns.

The Moscow nightly bulletin did not name the places overrun by the Germans, but said that the enemy attacked with large forces of infantry and tanks.

This was the first counter-blow by the Germans in Hungary since a massive tank battle near Debrechen in October and it bore out to some extent Berlin's boast that the German Army still was strong enough to strike back on the Eastern as well as the Western Front.

The German radio has indicated that at least two German armored divisions are engaged in the fighting in the Komarom sector.

The devastating street fighting continued in which the Red Army storm troops are determinedly "annihilating" the encircled defenders of Budapest.

New Greek Gov't Formed

ATHENS, Jan. 3 — (CP-Reuters) — Gen. Nicholas Plastiras has formed a new Greek government, it was announced here tonight.

In addition to the Premiership, Plastiras assumed the War, Navy, Air and Merchant Marine portfolios.

Plastiras lumped some portfolios, such as Justice, Health and Social Welfare, under one Ministry, thus leaving room for inclusion of E. L. A. S. representatives when the entire Cabinet is completed.

Most of the Cabinet's members have Liberal affiliations, but it could be described as composed more or less of insignificant members of prominent families with Rightist traditions.

Plastiras appointed John Sofianopolous as Minister of Foreign Affairs. The 57-year-old appointee, said to rank second in importance to Plastiras, has a Liberal background. He founded the Greek Agrarian Party in 1932.

He is known to be pro-Russian.

International At A Glance

(By The Canadian Press)

WESTERN FRONT—U.S. 1st Army launches attack on northern flank of Ardennes salient. U. S. 3rd Army punches 5 ½ miles northeast of Bastogne on south flank; Germans push back U.S. 7th Army five miles on five-mile front in Bitchie area of Lorraine.

AERIAL—More than 1,200 U. S heavy bombers hammer targets behind German front lines. R. A. F. heavies attack two oil plants near Dortmund.

RUSSIAN—Germans make strong counter-attacks around Komarom 40 miles northwest of besieged Budapest, capture some towns south of Danube.

ITALIAN—Canadian troops drive into Alfonsine suburbs; patrol activity reported elsewhere on 8th, 5th Army fronts.

GREEK—Gen. Nicholas Plastiras forms Greek Government; fighting still continues in Athens.

PHILIPPINES—U. S. ground forces make two new unopposed landings on Mindoro Island; Allied planes sink or set afire 25 Japanese ships west of Luzon.

BURMA—British forces enter Yeu, railhead town less than 10 miles northwest of Mandalay; Chinese troops capture Wanting on Burma Road on Chinese side of Burma border.

JAPAN—Superforts bomb Nagoya on Honshu Island.

PLANT MANAGER FOUND DEAD

MONTREAL, Jan. 3 — (CP) — William J. Irving, 39, manager of the Outremont branch of Christie Brown and Co., Ltd., was found dead today in the furnace room of the company's plant.

Police said that clothes on the body showed no sign of having been burned. The building janitor told police that on entering the furnace room this morning, he discovered a pile of wood burning five feet from the furnace. Later, he found Mr. Irving unconscious on the floor. Artificial respiration failed to help revive Mr. Irving, born in Toronto.

Joins 3rd In Giant Squeeze On Enemy

By AUSTIN BEALMEAR
(Associated Press Staff Writer)

PARIS, Jan. 3 — (AP) — The United States 1st Army drove into the northern flank of the Germans' Belgian bulge today, joining the United States 3rd Army which is on the southern side in putting a gigantic squeeze on the salient where 11 enemy divisions have been hacked to pieces and 400 enemy tanks destroyed from Dec. 16 through Dec. 31.

Location and depth of the 1st Army thrust were not disclosed in the official information released at Allied Supreme Headquarters late tonight.

The 3rd Army, however, has entered Bourcy, 5 1-2 miles northeast of Bastogne, it was announced, amid reports from the field that the Germans were heavily reinforcing their mauled divisions facing that flank.

Front-line correspondents estim-

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Newsmen Protest Censorship Delay

ALLIED SUPREME HEADQUARTERS, Paris, Jan. 3 — (AP) — The silence of Allied Headquarters on developments at the front brought new and strong protests tonight from correspondents attached to headquarters.

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Map above shows probable objective of Gen. von Rundstedt's great counter-offensive—Antwerp, great Allied supply port, and Liege, transportation and supply center for most of the Allied armies on the 400-mile front. Breakthrough to Antwerp would divide Allied armies, force those from Aachen north to fall back or face encirclement. Conversely, drive to the south could roll up entire southern end of Allied line.

Nazis Report Yank Attempt To Crush Bulge In Belgium

LONDON, Jan. 3 —(AP) —The Germans claimed tonight that eight full American divisions—four armored and four infantry—were attempting to crush the German bulge in Belgium, but hinted at the possibility of a new German attempt to drive westward.

"It seems that the battle of the Ardennes has not yet reached a climax," said Ludwig Sertorius, Berlin radio commentator, "and the resumption of a big German offensive is not impossible, but it also is likely the Allies will extend their counter-attacks, which previously have been directed at comparatively small sectors."

The German High Command said the Americans were making a "stubborn and continuous attempt to crush the German front west of Bastogne with about four tank divisions and just as many infantry divisions."

Official Story Of Nazi Atrocities In Belgium

21ST. ARMY GROUP HEADQUARTERS, Jan. 3 —(AP) —The British Army, in its first official account of German atrocities, today published a document disclosing that Belgian civilians were subjected to tortures rivalling the Spanish Inquisition.

It said that some prisoners in their agony and despair frequently scratched crude drawings of the head of Christ on the walls of their cells.

The document declared that every statement taken from surviving prisoners had been carefully checked for veracity.

It deals with the notorious Breendonk concentration camp near Malines, the Tir National in Brussels—where Nurse Edith Cavell of Britain was executed during the First Great War—and 16 other prisons, torture or execution depots in Belgium.

Witnesses were quoted as saying approximately 1,000 persons were shot at Tir National during the German occupation, and at least 350 were executed by firing squads or hanging at Breendonk.

An imprisoned Austrian doctor said more than ... men died during the three ... he spent at the moated Breendonk prison, including 300 shot, 15 hanged, and nearly 500 who died from starvation and other ill treatment.

Six methods of torture outlined in the document included:

Blows across the face or body, particularly below the belt with a drumstick or cat-o-nine tails;

The victim was bound across a table and thrashed;

The prisoner was hoisted to the ceiling by a pulley and lashed in mid-air, or released to fall on sharp-pointed wooden blocks;

The victim's body was burned with cigar ends;

His fingers were crushed in a medieval-style screw press;

His body was burned with a four-pointed electrical needle instrument.

Forty-eight prisoners were jammed into rooms 42 feet long, 21 wide, and 13 feet high, with blue-painted windows at each end of a series of triple-decker bunks and a few small tables and stools.

"More dangerous" type prisoners were kept in handcuffs or shackles night and day, and forced to eat dog fashion on all fours. Black hoods were thrown over their heads when they were taken out for four or five minutes daily.

Serious Highway Blockade Is Threatened In Ontario

TORONTO, Jan. 3 — (CP) — Within the next 24 hours the Province of Ontario may face the most serious highway blockade of its history unless this winter's worst gales and deep-drifting snows abate, the Ontario Department of Highways warned tonight. Traffic paralysis because of blocked roads which was confined to southern Ontario early today, became general tonight and extended north to Muskoka and into the Ottawa Valley.

The two-day old blizzard still raged tonight and reports from the Sudbury and Biscotasing areas of northern Ontario said it had spread there. Motorists who were warned to stay off certain highways "for the sake of their own safety," last night were asked to stay off all highways.

Even Highway Department's snow plows failed to make any progress today as roads filled as fast as they were cleared.

Encouraging word came from the Dominion Meteorological Bureau in Toronto. Chief forecaster Frank O'Donnel said he expected high winds would diminish during the night thus stopping the drifting. He added that there will be more snow but that it would be light and the heaviest fall would be around Lake Huron.

Trains reached Toronto two and more hours late. Pullman car service was discontinued on some trains leaving for United States points.

Long distance telephone service east of Toronto, partially delayed yesterday when lines broke down was nearly normal today

BISHOP CONSECRATED

BOSTON, Jan. 3 — (AP) —Most Rev. Edward Francis Ryan of Boston was consecrated today as Bishop of the Roman Catholic See of Burlington, Vt. The ceremony was performed at the Cathedral of the Holy Cross by Archbishop Richard J. Cushing assisted by Archbishop Francis J. Spellman of New York and Bishop Francis P. Keough of Providence, R. I.

Chinese Recapture Burma Road Town

CHUNGKING, Jan. 3 — (CP)— Chinese troops today recaptured the Burma Road border town of Wanting, putting the entire Chinese section of the Burma Road in their hands.

A communique said the town which was captured by the Japanese in May, 1942, fell at 4 p.m., yesterday.

(One report said that only 15 more miles of Jap-held territory remained to be taken before the new Ledo Road could be linked up with a section of the old Burma Road, thus providing an all-land route for the shipment of supplies to China)

Widow of Hon. Chas J. Doherty Passes

MONTREAL, Jan. 3 — (CP) — Mrs. C. J. Doherty, 80, widow of Charles J. Doherty, Justice Minister in the Cabinet of the late Sir Robert Borden from 1911 to 1920, died here today.

Born here, Mrs. Doherty travelled extensively with her late husband and accompanied him when he represented Canada at the first two sessions of the League of Nations. Mr. Doherty was one of the signatories of the Treaty of Versailles after the First Great War.

Survivors include a son, Rev Marcus Doherty; four daughters, Mrs. George Gauthier of Montreal, Mrs. R. C. Wingate of Ottawa; Mother Margaret Doherty of the Sacred Heart Order, Vancouver; and Mrs. Jean Morin of Montreal.

LONDON, — (CP) — A fighting soldier in the First Great War and an 8th Army padre in this one, Rev. Canon F L. Hughes, C B E., M C , has been appointed chaplain-general to the forces.

METEOROLOGICAL OFFICE TORONTO, Jan. 3 — (CP) Minimum and maximum temperatures: Vancouver 39, 44; Edmonton 14B, 9; Regina 16B, zero; Winnipeg 14B, 8B; Toronto 4, 28; Ottawa 3B, 21; Montreal 9, 20; Quebec 2B, 15; Saint John 12; Moncton 13 26; Halifax 25, 35; Charlottetown 20, 27.

FORECASTS

LOWER ST. LAWRENCE AND LAKE ST. JOHN: Fresh winds with occasional light snow and becoming colder again.

GULF, BAY CHALEUR AND NORTH SHORE: Fresh or strong winds; cloudy with occasional light snow; not much change in temperature.

MARITIMES: Fresh winds cloudy with occasional light snow and rain.

High tide this afternoon at 4.0 and tonight at 3.34.

Sun sets this afternon at 5.3 and rises tomorrow morning at 8.38.

Last quarter moon January 6th, 8.47 A M

Summerside tide eighteen minutes later than Charlottetown.

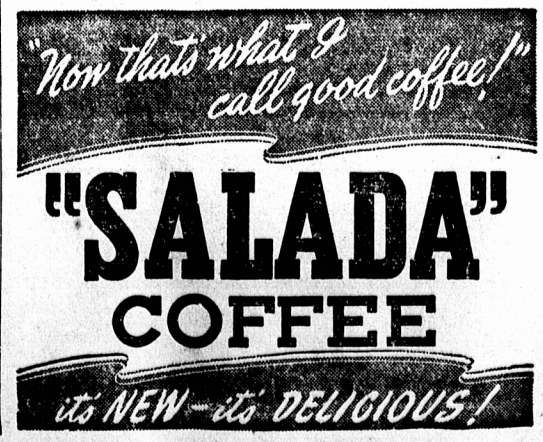
DAILY AIR SERVICE
Charlottetown — Summerside — Moncton

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
Leave Charlottetown 11.30 A.M and 4 P. M.
Arrive Charlottetown 2 P. M and 5.45 P. M.

CHARLOTTETOWN — NEW GLASGOW
(Daily except Sunday)

Leave Charlottetown 1 P. M.
Arrive Charlottetown 5.20 P.M.



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