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U. S. EXTENDS LEASE-LEND ASSISTANCE TO TURKS

Axis In Drive Against Guerilla Serbs

Timing Of Move Is Significant; Hint To Japan

Russians Capture Two Italian Divisions

LONDON, Dec. 4—(Thursday)—(AP)—Russian troops were reported early today to have captured two Italian divisions which the Germans, falling back west of Rostov, had thrown into the path of the Soviet steamroller.

A Moscow radio announcement said Field Marshal Ewald Von Kleist's rear guard meanwhile was attempting a desperate delaying action in the suburbs of Taganrog, 40 miles west of Rostov, while the main Nazi retreat streamed on toward Mariupol, 60 miles beyond.

The Italians, identified as members of the Union and Tuscano divisions, "hardly reached the battle lines before they began giving themselves up as prisoners," Moscow said.

"They complained of absence of warm clothing and food," the radio related.

Fighting in Yugoslavia Is continued

Explosion of munitions dump reported to have killed 1,500 persons.

BERNE, Dec. 4—(Thursday)—(AP)—The Havas news agency reported today that 1,500 persons were killed in the explosion of a munitions dump at Oujtza, Serbia.

Scarcely a building in the vicinity was left intact, the agency said. The munitions were said to have been stored in the vaults of the Oujtza bank, and were reported to have been exploded during a fight between "Communists" and Serbian government troops.

War Situation Last Night

(By KIRKE L. SIMPSON, Associated Press War Analyst)

A surprisingly modest Nazi claim as to damage wrought in November on Britain's sea supply lines deserves consideration.

It came from Hitler's headquarters and, while stressing British naval losses particularly, added that a total of 231,000 tons of British-used merchant shipping had been sunk in that month.

There is no British figure for November sea losses. They are no longer disclosed by the Admiralty. Even waiting the British charge that the Nazis have continuously exaggerated sea damage, however, the German figure for November represents a two-thirds reduction from the peak merchant tonnage loss of the war.

If the British exaggeration charge against Berlin is still as well founded as it was definitely established to be in earlier months of the year, last November may have set a record low for German planes and submarines. Even taken at face value it represents an annual merchant tonnage destruction rate of less than 2,000,000, while the British and United States shipbuilding programs are being geared to produce 6,000,000 tons annually by 1942.

The prime factor accounting for diminishing British tonnage losses in the Atlantic is the fact that Hitler's Russian crusade drew off his air power to that vast battle front. It also compelled withdrawal of submarines from the Atlantic for use in the Baltic.

British Gov't May conscript Wealth also

Dissident Labor Members told Government will not be timid if control will speed efforts

By Harold Fair
Canadian Press Staff Writer

LONDON, Dec. 3—(CP Cable)—Dissident Labor members of the House of Commons protested today against conscription of manpower proposed by the government which did not include the same time conscription of wealth, and were told by the government's spokesman during the debate that "the government will not be timid or half-hearted in taking control of any property or undertaking if that means fuller development of the war effort."

But for the present, Sir John Anderson, the Labor President of the Council, argued, conscription of wealth can take more forms than envisaged by the Labor minority urging nationalization of key industries.

"We agree fully that in taking control of the lives of men and women we must make ourselves responsible for their welfare," Sir John said. "It is a member of the War Cabinet."

There were indications that Labor might split over the manpower-power-wealth conscription issue.

A group of Labor members held a meeting today to discuss the bill and considerable support was said to have developed for an amendment sponsored by some 30 members for conscription of private property to the war effort.

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Timing Of Move Is Significant; Hint To Japan

May convert Turkey into barrier to German aspirations and be stunning blow to Nazi diplomacy.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 3—(AP)—President Roosevelt announced today that lease-lend coffers had been opened to Turkey, a far-reaching diplomatic coup designed to bar Hitler from a highroad to Suez, Iran, Iraq and the oil-rich Russian Caucasus.

Taking Washington and the world completely by surprise, the White House issued a one-sentence statement saying:—

"The President announced that he had found the defence of Turkey vital to the defence of the United States and had directed lease-lend administration E. R. Stettinius, Jr., to see that the defence needs of the Government of Turkey were filled as fast as possible."

Steadfastly, officials at the White House refused to elaborate on this, but those in the know quickly reached the conclusion that the President must have received some assurances that Turkey was prepared to oppose any German incursion into her territory if she were given the means to do so.

Authoritative quarters disclosed that the flow of supplies to Turkey started some time ago, through British, American and trucks comprise most of the shipments thus far, but it is expected that future shipments will include everything from tanks and planes to uniforms and shoes.

The President's move, fraught with incalculable consequence for the future of the war in the Mediterranean and elsewhere, came at a time when the United States was awaiting a reply from Japan to an American statement of policy regarding the Far East, and to a pointed query from Mr. Roosevelt as to what Tokyo means by its opposition but declaring that Royal Air Force superiority "augurs well for the future."

Capl. L. D. Gammans, a Conservative, said he intended to ask War Secretary David Margesson in the House of Commons "if he is aware that optimistic statements made by military spokesmen in the first days of the Libyan campaign regarding destruction of the Axis armored force will harm both at home and abroad."

Informed British sources explained that some people took too rosy a view from their reports but declared "nobody ever said this was going to be an easy fight."

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Stratosphere Gun developed

NEW YORK, Dec. 3—(AP)—A new United States anti-aircraft gun, 4.7 inches, made to shoot into the stratosphere, which is the space above 30,000 feet, was announced today to the American Society of Mechanical Engineers.

The gun will be ready next month. It was described to the engineers by Brig.-Gen. G. M. Barnes, assistant chief, industrial service engineering, army ordnance department, Washington.

Even as he was making the announcement, the House of Representatives appropriations committee approved an additional \$8,000,000,000 which would include money for the new gun.

Both sides dig in in Libya

By Edward Kennedy
Associated Press Staff Writer

WITH THE BRITISH 8TH ARMY IN CYRENAICA, Libya, Dec. 3—(AP)—British infantry supported by tanks sallied out during last night to inflict the first attack on German-Italian forces since stabilization of the British position.

The axis forces also were digging in, and the campaign, which for the first two weeks was a chaotic merry-go-round affair, thus had become one of positions, with occasional thrusts by both sides, especially the British forces, who are determined to break up the German strength tank by tank.

It is likely to be a slow process.

Italy develops In Libya; Both Sides reorganize

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Associated Press Staff Writer

CAIRO, Dec. 3—(AP)—Britain's desert army, which still has an important card to play in the battle for Libya, reorganized its battered tank units tonight for another push against the German and Italian forces.

The British reformed divisions are blocking the way to besieged Tobruk.

Both sides were reported undergoing a re-organizing period, and this was broken only by heavy explosives dropped on Axis lines by the Royal Air Force.

Here is the military picture as presented by British Headquarters: "The important card" is British Imperial force now standing on the Libya-Tripoli coastal road, some 200 miles south of Benghazi to cut Axis reinforcements from Tripoli while the interior units whittle down the Germans and Italians.

The unit raced 300 miles to the Gulf of Sirte to the west of the tangled Libyan wastes, and British authorities are not saying much about it. Nor have they given a hint of its strength.

High officials have not disclosed casualties in this roving two-week-old fight, but a spokesman said they were not as heavy as had been feared.

British sources said Imperial troops have captured more than 7,000 prisoners. That many arrived in Egypt today, including a senior German field officer and many Nazi airmen. They were taken out of Libya by sea, truck and airplane.

Axis positions on the Salum-Halafa area of the Egyptian border admittedly were strong, but British sources said they still were "mopping up" in that area and were counting on re-establishment of supply dumps throughout Libya.

Out in the Mediterranean four direct hits were observed on a 7,000-ton Axis tanker which was being escorted by a destroyer.

Von Kleist's rear Guard fights in Delaying action

Fighting in suburbs of Taganrog; Germans retreat continues.

By Robert Bunnell
Associated Press Staff Writer

LONDON, Dec. 3—(AP)—Field-Marshal Ewald Von Kleist's rear guard is attempting a desperate delaying action in the suburbs of Taganrog, 40 miles west of Rostov, while the main retreat of southern German armies continues toward Mariupol 60 miles still farther to the west, the Moscow radio announced tonight.

The marshal himself already has fled to Mariupol, it was added, and 40 more villages have fallen to the great Red counter-offensive. The Germans captured Mariupol, then Taganrog, in their October offensive.

"We continue the pursuit, launching fierce attacks right onto the backs of the fleeing enemy," the Soviet announcement said. "Tanks, lorries and carts litter the road to Mariupol."

"All attempts of the enemy to halt the advance of our troops have failed."

"The intense pressure of our units prevents the enemy from fortifying himself."

"The enemy is suffering enormous losses in men and equipment. Our gunners are literally smoking the Germans out of one village."

All this was accompanied by reports of the capture of 7,000 prisoners.

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Report Reds quit Hango Peninsula

HELSINKI, Dec. 3—(AP)—Finnish sources claimed tonight that the Russians are evacuating the fortified Hango peninsula which they won by lease in their first modern war with the Finns and that Finnish occupation is under way.

The Hango peninsula is at the entrance to the Gulf of Finland, west of Helsinki, and was Soviet Russia's last stronghold in that area.

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14,000 U. S. Trucks haul On Burma Road

WASHINGTON, Dec. 3—(AP)—Lend-lease aid to arm China against Axis aggression has reached enormous volume, United States government officials said today, reporting that approximately 14,000 American-made trucks soon will be in operation over the Burma Road.

United States fliers who have quit the army and navy, for the time being, already are flying patrols over the 700-mile supply route to protect it from Japanese bombing raids, it was reported.

About 260 fliers and a larger number of mechanics and technicians have gone into Chinese service to protect the Burma Road and assist in building up the Chinese air force.

Some of them are flying American-built pursuit ships about 100 miles for lend-lease delivery to the forces of Chiang Kai-Shek.

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OTTAWA, Dec. 3—(CP)—Census figures released today by the Dominion Bureau of Statistics show an increase of 111,383 in population of the Maritime Provinces over a period of 10 years ago.

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District Scouts Assn. elects New slate

Mr. Wellington Dixon was re-elected president of the Queen's County District Council of the Provincial Boy Scouts Association at the annual meeting held last night at the City Building. Mr. J. O. Brennan was again named honorary president of the organization while other officers named included: vice-president, Paul A. Murray; secretary, Stan McInnis; treasurer, H. L. Sear. Members of the executive are Messrs. H. F. MacPhee, B. P. Tierney, Ian Burns and W. A. Rix, while the members of the Council include J. M. Murray, Major T. E. McNutt, E. M. McNeill, P. S. P. Jardine and T. E. Clawson.

Minutes of the last annual meeting were read by Mr. Harry Pineau, the absence of the secretary. In giving his report District Commissioner A. V. Ainsworth stated that the Cub Packs had shown a decrease from 27 to an increase of 100 now being 168 Scouts in the

Bus plunges Through bridge

FRENCH, B. C., Dec. 3—(CP)—Darkness tonight forced police to call a halt in their search for the body of a woman, tentatively identified as Mrs. Josephine Lambert of Los Angeles, missing and believed drowned when Calgary-bound Greyhound bus plunged through a bridge approach into Lizard Creek, seven miles west of Fernie, last night.

Other passengers who suffered injuries when the bus dropped eight feet to the creek bed, were still in hospital here. Three not so seriously hurt were quarantined in a hotel.

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WINNIPEG, Dec. 3—(CP)—The Canadian army must be "glamorized" if it is to compete with the attraction of the air force plane and the navy corvette in recruiting men, M. J. Coldwell, acting C.O.F. House leader, declared in a luncheon address here today.

The only way to put glamor in the army, Mr. Coldwell said, is to give more extensive home training with modern mechanized equipment.

Dense fog Blankets Boston

BOSTON, Dec. 3—(AP)—Dense fog drifted in from the sea today, halting shipping, delaying the commissioning of a new destroyer, grounding one vessel and reducing immediate inland traffic to a snail's pace.

Aside from small fishermen, only one ship, a small freighter from the Caribbean, came into Boston and none went out, as the fog-waterfront veterans as a slow but sure attack, said Economic Warfare Minister Hugh Dalton, explaining effect of sea blockade.

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Coming Events

- For Notices in this column 3 cents per word
- Murray River Friday, L-36-12-2-31
- Long River Concert 19th, L-168-12-4-11
- Wanted to buy Chicken, Fowl and Cold Storage, L-219-7-8-12
- Mr. Henry Read—Accord—music—Cornwall Thursday, L-136-12-4-11
- Collecting Hogs every Tuesday and Friday, George Dingwall, L-134-9-15-M-Thur-F
- Collecting hogs Albany and Cornwall Friday. Give us your hogs and get the better price with our Trucking service. Write to G. A. Green and G. O. Green.
- Trinity Young People in plays at Cornwall, Thursday, 8:00. Good specialties, 25 and 50c.

B. C. Liberals Have new Leader

VICTORIA, Dec. 3—(CP)—Premier T. D. Pattullo, his Liberal followers pledged to a new leader, will face the British Columbia legislature tomorrow alone among his party in opposing a coalition form of government in the province.

The other 20 Liberal members of the legislature, meeting in caucus here today under their new leader, pledged themselves to work for "a coalition or coalition form of government."

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TORONTO, Dec. 3—Minimum and maximum temperatures:

Dawson	42B 34B
Victoria	35 45
Edmonton	17 33
Regina	35 46
Winnipeg	38 44
Toronto	43 50
Ottawa	39 44
Montreal	33 42
Boston	38 43

Synopsis: The weather has been cloudy and mild in Ontario and Manitoba with light showers in a few districts. It has become colder in Alberta and west Saskatchewan.

BOSTON, Dec. 3—(AP)—Forecast for northern New England: Cloudy and warmer north, fair, preceded by fog south portion Thursday; Friday mostly cloudy, continued unseasonably warm.

High tide this morning at 11:30 and tonight at 10:52.

Sun sets this afternoon at 4:20 and rises tomorrow morning at 7:22.

Last quarter moon, Dec. 11, 2:48 p.m.

Summerside tide eighteen minutes later than Charlottetown.

BORDEN — CAPE TORMENTINE SERVICE

Leave Borden 9:25 A.M. 1:00 P.M. Leave Cape Tormentine 11:00 A.M. 3:20 P.M.

WOOD ISLANDS FERRY (DAILY, INCLUDING SUNDAYS)

Leaves Wood Island 6:30 A.M. 10:00 A.M. and 1:30 P.M. Leaves Carleton Place 8:15 A.M. 11:45 noon and 3:15 P.M.