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# NAZIS SCUTTLE GRAF SPEE

## 60 New Flying Fields Scheduled For Dominion

\$600,000,000 Program Planned To Co-ordinate Empire's Air Strength.

**By C. R. Blackburn**  
Canadian Press Staff Writer  
OTTAWA, Dec. 17—(CP)—Agreement was reached today on a three-year, \$600,000,000 empire air training scheme, which Prime Minister Mackenzie King said was designed to provide Canada, the United Kingdom, Australia and New Zealand with air forces "whose co-ordinated strength will be overwhelming."  
**Premier Gives Details**  
In an address over a national network of the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation tonight, Mr. Mackenzie King gave details of the plan by which Canada will supply the facilities, more than half the cost and the bulk of the personnel in a program which, he said, "will establish Canada as one of the greatest air training centres in the world."  
Concluding negotiations initiated by the United Kingdom last Sept. 23, an agreement was signed by representatives of the countries concerned shortly before one o'clock this morning.  
The agreement runs until March 31, 1943, but may be extended or

## EXPULSION GIVES SOVIETS FREE HAND

**By Witt Hancock**  
Associated Press Staff Writer  
MOSCOW, Dec. 17—(CP)—Soviet newspapers today charged Great Britain with rejecting the League of Nations machinery to oust Russia but said the expulsion gave the Soviet Union "a free hand."  
Britain's chief aim, said Pravda, Communist party newspaper, was to "knock together an anti-Soviet bloc after the failure of every attempt to draw Russia into the imperialist war."  
"The government new paper Ivestia named Russia's expulsion as giving the Soviet Union "a free hand," which said was all the more valuable because responsibility "rests fully with the league itself and its Anglo-French ring-leaders."  
"It is not the Soviet Union on which will lose because of the Geneva decision. This decision releases the U. S. S. R. from moral responsibility for 'act' of the Geneva decision and at the same time releases the Soviet Union from obligations ensuing from the covenant of the League of Nations."  
Discussing the 13-nation special league committee on the Russian-Finnish problem, Pravda said that "excepting Sweden and Norway, all the rest were either Britain's direct agents, her dominions, or were acting on the authorization of the U. S. A.—the Latin American states."  
Members of the committee were Britain, France, Eire, India, Egypt, Canada, Sweden, Uruguay, Bolivia, Venezuela, Portugal and Thailand (Siam).  
Nine of these "maintain no diplomatic relations with the U. S. S. R. and represent the bulk of the most violent anti-Soviet propaganda," Pravda said.  
"Of course a committee of such family with buckets and force rangers' portable pumps, residents checked the flames after they had leveled the Public Library, the Town Powerhouse and a Service Station. There was no estimate of the monetary loss.  
The library was established by Dr. Alexander Graham Bell, inventor of the telephone, who conducted many of his early experiments in aeronautics here. It contained many valuable books and documents donated by Dr. Bell.  
The fire was believed to have broken out in the Power House, its cause unknown. It was controlled just as a pumper and crew of eight men arrived here from Sydney Mines, several miles away.



Air Commodore L. S. Breadner, D. F. G., seated, and Wing Commander F. V. Hekes were pictured in the newly established Canadian Military Headquarters in London, England.

## 72 Killed, 31 Wounded In Sea Battle

LONDON, Dec. 17—(CP)—The Admiralty announced today that 72 were killed and 31 wounded in the "severe and well-fought" action of the 13th against the German pocket battleship Admiral Graf Spee. Of this number 61 were killed and 23 wounded aboard the disabled cruiser Exeter.  
Five of Exeter's officers were killed in the naval engagement off the Uruguay coast and three wounded. The remainder of those killed and wounded were enlisted men.  
The Admiralty's communique was issued as German aircraft appeared over several points of the East British coast during late afternoon and anti-aircraft guns in the Humber district opened fire. No air raid alarms were sounded, however, and the Air Ministry said British fighters chased the Nazi planes back to sea.  
Earlier the Air Ministry announced that Saturday night and early Sunday the new security patrols of the Royal Air Force flew over the Frisian Islands, off the Northwest German coast, dropping bombs on the bases of enemy mine-laying planes.  
"A Berlin communique of the Nazi high command admitted the raid but claimed that "a small number of bombs fell in the sea."  
In announcing the casualties in the South Atlantic battle the Admiralty said that a temporary hospital ship was being sent from Buenos Aires to meet the Exeter.  
The Germans lost 36 men and 80 were wounded aboard the pocket battleship.  
Casualties aboard the cruiser Ajax were seven seamen killed and five wounded, one seriously. These, together with the four crewmen and three wounded aboard the Achilles announced last Friday, brought to 72 killed and 31 wounded in the naval engagement.  
The Ajax and Achilles fought on against the Graf Spee after the Exeter dropped out of the battle.  
Sea losses announced today were the sinking of the 1,162-ton British vessel Amble by a mine in the North Sea, whose crew of 17 landed on the Northeast coast after spending seven hours in open boats, and the 487-ton British vessel Serenity, whose eight crewmen were saved off the Northeast coast. No further details were disclosed.  
The Japanese freighter Sanyo Maru was released today after a 24-hour stay at a British contraband control base, thereby failing to become a test case on Britain's blockade of German exports.  
The 976-ton vessel left Rotterdam yesterday with German machinery and petrol and was detained by the British for examination.  
On her release it was explained by the Japanese Government had been given an assurance that all goods of German origin on board had been paid for before Nov. 27, when the order-in-council decreasing the blockade was issued.  
Japan and other neutral countries had protested against the blockade order and the detention of the Sanyo Maru had attracted particular attention because of the possibility of developing into a test case.

## Pocket Battle Ship Sent To Bottom To Escape British

Captain Believed To Be Acting On Hitler's Orders Sinks Ship As Alternative To Facing Guns Of British Warships.

**(By Harold K. Milks, Associated Press Staff Writer)**  
MONTEVIDEO, Dec. 17—(AP)—Proud and powerful marauder of the high seas, the German pocket battleship Admiral Graf Spee was blown up and sunk to save her from defeat and destruction at the points of British naval guns.  
Presumably the Captain, Hans Langsdorff, and all the scuttling crew reached the safety of their craft before the 10,000-ton floating fortress, her hull shattered and her wreckage aflame from the explosions of internal time mines, sank in 25 feet of water three miles from shore within sight of this city.  
Ship-to-shore messages late tonight indicated the Captain was aboard a ship's launch somewhere in the mouth of the River Plata, proceeding to an undisclosed landing place.  
Langsdorff, last to leave his ship, sent a bitter wireless ashore from the bridge before he gave the order to abandon ship protesting that Uruguay's refusal to let the Graf Spee remain in the harbor later than this evening "leaves me no alternative than to sink my ship near the coast and save my crew."  
The alternatives he refused were to resume the battle with British warships outside the harbor from which he fled last Wednesday night, his ship split by British shells, or to let his ship be interned for the rest of the war.  
(Berlin dispatches said Adolf Hitler himself, as supreme commander of Germany's armed forces, gave the order to send the Admiral Graf Spee to the bottom of the sea by Nazi hands, rather than have her interned or humiliated in another defeat by the British.)  
The pocket battleship, which had sunk at least nine British freighters in far-ranging raids, was blown up less than two hours after she had steamed slowly away from her anchorage and headed south out of Montevideo harbor.  
All Montevideo saw or heard her blown up, just as the sun was dipping beneath the horizon. She was on the bottom within three

## Coming Events

- \*Ebenzer Concert, Thursday, December 21. L-282-12-11-18
- \*We buy goose and duck feathers, not mixed. Henry Colfax and Co. L-204-12-1-4
- \*Kinkora School Concert Monday, December 18th. L-342-12-13-16-18
- \*Brackley Christmas Concert Dec. 20th. If stormy next line night. L-306-12-18
- \*Xmas Concert Vernon River Hall, Tuesday, December 19th. L-1507-12-18-11
- \*Christmas Concert in Cross Roads School, Dec. 21st. L-434-12-18-11
- \*Dance, Bradalbane Hall Tuesday, December 19th. L-456-12-18-11
- \*Kinkora Hall, Bingo and Dance Wednesday night, December 27th. L-495-12-18-21-26
- \*Dunstaffnage School Concert, Marshfield Hall, Thursday (night). L-501-12-18-11
- \*New Dominion School Concert, Afton Hall, Wednesday, December 21st. L-505-12-18-11
- \*Notice Change: Kingston School Concert will be held Wednesday, December 20th. Admission 15c and 10c. L-498-12-18-11
- \*Gen. Lightizer Co. Water Street buying dressed poultry all kinds. Top prices. Try us. L-20-12-2-171
- \*Loading poultry at Ulg Dec. 20 until noon. Vernon Station same day in the afternoon P. E. I. Co-operative. L-479-12-16-31
- \*Mr. Farmer, we are buying live and dressed poultry daily. Paying highest market prices. See us before selling. Swift Canadian Co. Ltd. L-321
- \*Poultry—Buying live and dressed poultry all kinds. Paying top prices. Island Cold Storage Co. Ltd. L-341-12-13-14
- \*Buying live hogs at Albany, Thursday 14th, Friday 15th. Emerald until noon. Speed G. C. Green. L-345-12-13-14-M W Thu
- \*Come to Carleton School Concert at Cape Traverse Hall, Wednesday, December 20th. Special dialogue by Womens Institute. If not fine, following night. L-500-12-18-20
- \*Poultry wanted. We require large quantity dressed chicken, geese and ducks. Highest prices paid for A grade. Buying until Thursday. R. L. Dickson, New Glasgow. L-1510-12-18-31
- \*United Church Christmas concert, Hunter River Hall Friday, Dec. 22nd. If stormy following night. L-1513-12-18-21

## Destructive Fire In N. S. Town

BADDECK, N. S., Dec. 17—(CP)—Fire raging four hours in this Victoria county town destroyed three buildings tonight and threatened to wipe out its business section before volunteers got it under control.  
Fighting with buckets and force rangers' portable pumps, residents checked the flames after they had leveled the Public Library, the Town Powerhouse and a Service Station. There was no estimate of the monetary loss.  
The library was established by Dr. Alexander Graham Bell, inventor of the telephone, who conducted many of his early experiments in aeronautics here. It contained many valuable books and documents donated by Dr. Bell.  
The fire was believed to have broken out in the Power House, its cause unknown. It was controlled just as a pumper and crew of eight men arrived here from Sydney Mines, several miles away.

## Island Born Doctor Dies In Regina

REGINA, Dec. 17—(CP)—Dr. W. R. Coles, 67, medical health officer of Regina from 1928 to 1936, died suddenly at his home here yesterday.  
During the first Great War Dr. Coles was a lieutenant-colonel in the 195th battalion from 1916 to 1918. He was born in Prince Edward Island.  
Dr. Coles studied medicine in Toronto, returning to his native province to practice for several years before coming to Regina.  
He leaves his widow and two daughters, Mrs. Etta Grace, Toronto and Miss Constance Elizabeth Coles Regina.

## International At A Glance

- MONTEVIDEO—Germans blow up trapped rider, Admiral Graf Spee, sink her three miles off shore; crew saved; Graf Spee captain charges Uruguay gave no alternative but to sink her.
- LONDON—Three British cruisers in battle with Admiral Graf Spee lost 72 men, Admiralty discloses; German aircraft driven from East coast; two British vessels sink in North Sea.
- BERLIN—British bombers again raid island bases of Norderney and Sylt. Germans say bombs fell into sea; Spee sunk at Hitler's command.
- HELSINGFORS—Three huge Russian tanks destroyed, Finns report; Russian attacks repulsed on Karelian Isthmus.
- STOCKHOLM—Finnish general says 10,000 Russian troops surrounded by Finns on two central Finland fronts.
- PARIS—Artillery and infantry action on western front.

## King Confers Knighthood On Commodore

LONDON, Dec. 17—(CP)—The King today conferred a knighthood upon Commodore Henry Harwood and promoted him to the rank of rear admiral effective from last Wednesday, the day that three British cruisers under his command routed the German pocket battleship Admiral Graf Spee off Uruguay.

Sir Henry—as he now will be known—was made a knight commander of the Order of the Bath (K. C. B.) "in recognition of the gallant and successful action fought by His Majesty's ships Ajax, Achilles and Exeter."  
Captain W. E. Parry of the Achilles, Captain C. H. L. Woodhouse of the Ajax and Captain F. E. Bell of the Exeter, were made Companions of the Order of the Bath.  
The Admiralty instructed Admiral Harwood to make recommendations of officers and men who should be awarded honors for "good conduct and forwardness in action."

## Santa Pal Dept. Faces Big Week

Many Children Remain Uncared For—More Pals Needed To Complete Work.

The work of the Santa Pal Department enters its last week today and it is pleasing to note the wonderful response of the public so far. Many good friends of the children in the City have already seen to it that these little tots will spend a happy Christmas. These good people have sent their contribution and have shown the true spirit of a Santa Pal.  
While a large number of the children have been looked after, there is a lot of work to be done yet. During this final week there will be many more names of needy children added to the large number of names listed at present. Once again we are asking you to be prompt in sending in your contribution—money or gifts—in order that these children will be cared for.  
Their happiness depends on your generous response to this appeal—DO NOT LET THEM DOWN. If one of these little children wakes to an empty stocking on Christmas morning and to the bitter realization that Santa failed to call—then our work has been in vain. Only a small contribution from each person will prevent this terrible catastrophe.  
The Christmas atmosphere pervades the City these days. Stores are gaily decorated for the holiday season. Pictures of Santa Claus are hung everywhere constant reminders to the little ones that the jolly old Saint will soon be making his rounds with his load of toys. Christmas trees have been pouring into the City the last few days. Christmas carols are being sung at special services at the churches and at the school concerts. Everywhere the spirit of the season is very much in evidence.  
It is in a setting such as this that good old St. Nicholas enters into the thoughts of the little ones. They have heard such wonderful things about him that they can hardly wait for him to come. They eagerly watch for the day that will bring this jolly old man from the North Pole with his bag full of toys. Never once do they think that maybe this dear old man might forget to call at their house. Santa Claus belongs to all the little children and it is not fair that he should miss any of them just because their parents happen to be unfortunate. You who are living in happier circumstances remember your less fortunate brethren. You can do this by becoming a Santa Pal and adopting some little boy or girl from the list below. Don't

**SATURDAY'S SANTA PALS**  
Dr. F. C. Douglas.  
Rev. Oswald Murphy, S. D. U. In Memory of Master Jerry Connolly.  
Master Billy Phillips, Milton, P. E. I.  
Mr. R. A. McPhail, New Haven. Crystal Chapter Order of Eastern Star.  
Master Harold Sempel.  
Miss Bernice Wood.  
Mrs. Flo FitzGerald.  
Mr. G. F. Hutchison.  
In Memory of Rosalie Hooper.  
Jim and Suzanne Palmer.  
From "A Friend."  
Mrs. J. E. B. McCready.  
Mrs. N. A. Shaw.  
Mrs. Ernest MacLaren.  
South Milton School Junior Red Cross Branch.  
The Cape Traverse Women's Institute.  
Mrs. P. D. Williams.  
Mrs. Brenton Wood.  
Mrs. Wm. MacDougall, Hunter River.  
In Memory of Shirley Hooper.

## Two Horses Perish In Montague Fire

Fire which broke out early last evening destroyed a barn owned by Mr. Isaac Acorn of Montague. Two horses lost their lives when they were caught in the burning building. Despite the efforts of the Montague Fire Department the barn, a large wooden building was burned to the ground.  
Firefighters were successful in getting one of the horses from the blazing building but the animal rushed back into the barn when the man attempted to get the other horse and as a result both animals perished in the flames.  
Pigs and chickens which were also in the building when the fire broke out were saved. Mr. Acorn's house was in danger for some time but the firemen checked the spread of the blaze.  
Origin of the fire was not known.

## 108-year-old Lady Stays The Party Out

SYDNEY, N. S., Dec. 17—(CP)—Cape Breton's oldest woman, 108-year-old Mrs. Annie Oliver, stayed right to the end of the party they threw to celebrate her birthday.  
"I stayed the party out," she said today as she described the celebration which she ended early Saturday morning. She spoke for the reporters in English and Gaelic.  
Still in good health, she visits neighbors, knits and looks after her household. She's a hockey fan—Toronto Maple Leafs are her favorite team—and she never misses a broadcast from the Toronto rink.

## WARTIME GRAB

LONDON—(CP)—Women in trousers and steel helmets made their first appearance at a fashionable gathering here among the guests attending the private showing of the Portrait Painters' Society.

## MORE SHOPPING DAYS

SOME FOLKS IN PUTTING THEIR BEST FOOT FORWARD PUT BOTH FEET INTO IT!

MONTEVIDEO, Dec. 17—The German freighter Tacoma, carrying from 200 to 300 members of the crew, anchored in Montevideo harbor late tonight. The captain immediately was arrested for violating a port-closing order earlier in the day, and Uruguayan authorities said they would intern all Graf Spee crewmen who remained in Uruguayan waters.  
The remainder of the crew—about 700 men—were reported enroute to Buenos Aires aboard tugs and launches and will surrender to the Argentine Government.  
Captain Langsdorff and other ship's officers also were reported headed for Buenos Aires aboard a Graf Spee launch.

## minutes after the blast thundered across the harbor.

Captain Langsdorff and other ship's officers were reported to have escaped by ship's launch. Other members of the crew tumbled over the side into a small fleet of rescue tugs and barges and pulled away to safety. Later they were taken aboard the German freighter Tacoma, which had followed the Graf Spee out of Montevideo.  
Late tonight the Tacoma took aboard a pilot outside the harbor and prepare to re-enter Montevideo on Uruguayan orders. The captain and other officers, however, were expected to proceed to Buenos Aires, with Uruguayan permission.  
**Three Explosions**  
As a sunset haze drifted in from the sea, about to hide the Graf Spee both from shore and from the British warships waiting below the horizon, the first powerful

## TORONTO, Dec. 17—(CP)—Minimum and maximum temperatures:

Dawson	4	8
Vancouver	43	51
Edmonton	19	36
Regina	26	40
Winnipeg	30	34
Ottawa	28	33
Montreal	34	35
Quebec	32	33
Saint John	38	42
Hallifax	17	42
Charlottetown	32	38

## FORECAST

High tide this afternoon at 3:51 and tomorrow morning at 3:45.  
Sun sets this afternoon at 4:20 and rises tomorrow morning at 7:33.  
Full moon Dec. 18, 5:04 p.m.  
Summerside tide 18 minutes later than Charlottetown.  
Maritime moderate to fresh northwest wind; cloudy with some light rain or snow; a little colder at night.  
Synopsis: light rain has occurred in some parts of Ontario with snow flurries in northern districts. It has been fair and comparatively mild in nearly all sections of the west.  
**THE CAPE FERRY SAILINGS**  
Leaves Borden 9:45 A.M. 1:00 P.M.  
Leaves Tormentine 11:00 A.M. 9:5 P.M.  
**SATURDAYS ONLY**  
Leaves Borden 4:45 P.M.  
Leaves Tormentine 7:00 P.M.