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CONGRESS TO HEAR BILL TO LOAN WAR SUPPLIES

German Admit Large-scale British Attacks

British down four Italian Planes in raids on Malta.



GUNBOATS HELPED AT BARDIA

An important share in the British victory at Bardia is credited to the Yangtze gunboats Ladybird and Aphid, of which a sister ship is shown here. The shallow draught vessels moved close inshore to permit Italian Motor Transports. The Ladybird was shelled in 1937 when she picked up survivors of the U. S. gunboat Panay in the Yangtze river.

Italians try Barbed wire To stop Greeks

ATHENS, Jan. 10—(Friday)—The Italians threw up barbed wire entanglements around new positions today in an effort to stem Greek advances at bayonet point. The new entrenchments were hastily dug in the snow-covered Kisaura sector, where the Greeks reported they had overcome some of the stiffest resistance of the war to capture key positions and some hamlets. Important positions were captured at bayonet point, said the communiqué, indicating the ferocity of the fighting. It also listed the capture of 20 mortars and 200 additional prisoners.

Sentence is Commuted to Life term

SYDNEY, N. S., Jan. 9—(CP)—Sixteen-year-old Robert Smith of Rear Big Pond, N. S., under penalty to hang here Jan. 22 for murder, was advised tonight his sentence had been commuted to life imprisonment.

Bulgarian Cabinet in Unusual session

SOFIA, Jan. 9—(AP)—The Bulgarian cabinet met in an unusual night session after Premier Bogdan Philoff, for the second time in two days, conferred with King Boris III, presumably on German efforts to bring Bulgaria into the axis Balkan bloc. Although officially no significance was attached to the meeting, it was understood private Berlin dispatches reported new German pressure on Bulgaria. Philoff, who conferred with the King at his mountain chateau yesterday after returning from Vienna, visited Boris at his Sofia palace again this morning. It was assumed that Philoff reported to the cabinet on his "health" trip to Vienna where he was rumored to have met the German foreign minister, Ribbentrop. It also was likely that speeches which several cabinet members and the Premier are to make Sunday throughout Bulgaria were discussed.

CAREFUL MANAGEMENT URGED MONTREAL, Jan. 9—(CP)—A careful management of public affairs and practise of economy was urged by Charles A. Roy in the course of his presidential address to the shareholders of the Provincial Bank of Canada at their annual meeting today.

Survivors tell Of terrible Experiences

By Doug How Canadian Press Staff Writer

AN EAST COAST CANADIAN PORT, Jan. 9—(CP)—Twenty-four survivors of the 6,178-ton Netherlands freighter Soemba reclined in rooming houses, hospitals, hotels and sailors' homes tonight and told the story of the strange end of their craft as she labored through rough Atlantic waters. A Canadian—23-year-old wireless operator C. W. Custance of Kirkland Lake, Ont.—was among the seamen of several nationalities who came to this haven aboard a Swedish rescue ship with tales of the tragedy that claimed the lives of between 24 and 30 shipmates. Custance, survivors said, was the only Canadian aboard ship. Cause of the disaster was shrouded in mystery even for the officers and crew although it was generally believed the cargo of steel had shifted suddenly. Naval and Maritime Shipping officials and the ship's agents did not issue a statement immediately. A heroic group of Scandinavians completed a four-hour rescue of 23 men amid turbulent Atlantic waves, but less than an hour after being taken aboard the Swedish vessel 18-year-old George Rowlands of London, Eng., succumbed to exposure. His body was brought ashore here.

Many Have Injuries

There were few among the weary but happy survivors who weren't nursing a bruise or a cut or some other injury. Only one, however, C. J. Scheer, a 26-year-old Dutch sailor, was taken to hospital. Of- ficially, there later described his condition as "satisfactory."

Seven Hour Raid

LONDON, Jan. 9—(CP)—The Air Force announced today the Royal Air Force had inflicted a seven-hour raid last night on the naval dockyards of Wilhelmshaven and Emden, on Germany's North Sea coast. Flying all the way through snow, the British bombers lighted large fires in both ports. One of the home-bound pilots 50 miles away. Other bombers were dropped on and beside hangars and barracks on the island of Borkum, opposite Emden harbor; supply and anti-aircraft ships were attacked from a low level and one bomber swooped below 1,000 feet to bomb a railway bridge south of Essen and machine-gun a convoy of trucks.

Former Senator Replaces White

NEW YORK, Jan. 9—(AP)—Former United States Senator Ernest W. Gibson, Republican, of Vermont, was chosen tonight as chairman of the committee to defend America by aiding the Allies, succeeding William Allen White, Kansas newspaper editor who resigned last week. Gibson, 39, who practises law in Brattleboro, Vt., was appointed to the Senate last year by former governor George D. Aiken to fill out the unexpired term of his late father.

Report Bren Gun contract Is revised

OTTAWA, Jan. 9—(CP)—The Ottawa Journal in its late edition today said the original contract with John Inglis Co. of Toronto, for manufacture of Bren guns has been cancelled by the government, and replaced with two new contracts, and move which in effect means that the Bren gun plant will be "operated under public ownership."

December Butter Production up

OTTAWA, Jan. 9—(CP)—The Nova Scotia Department of Agriculture announced tonight Hon. J. G. Gardiner, Federal Minister of Agriculture, had advised that a meeting of agriculture ministers of the live eastern provinces would be held at Ottawa Monday to consider the question of cheaper feed grains for eastern livestock growers. Mr. Gardiner's proposal of last week that the Federal Government pay half the cost of transporting feedstuffs from Montreal to Maritime points if the Maritime provincial governments bear the other half. The Maritime Governments have not yet made public their attitude toward the proposition.

Production of factory cheese in December amounted to 1,753,590 lbs., compared with 1,753,590 lbs. in November and 2,928,113 lbs. in December, 1939. Cheese production during 1940 totalled 40,062,912 lbs., against 122,711,828 lbs. in the preceding year.

First made in Canada Bren Gun Carrier



The latest in armored fighting vehicles, a made-in-Canada Bren gun carrier, went through its paces at Camp Borden recently. Officers who are putting the new vehicle through vigorous tests expressed themselves well satisfied. The carrier looks like a khaki box on treads. It has the appearance of the Mark type of light English tank, a familiar sight for many years around Camp Borden, but spring shock absorbers give it riding qualities like an automobile. Up front it seats two, with the driver snugly fitted down in front of armored plating with all controls at her finger tips. It has a self-starter, three speeds ahead and conventional reverse. Unlike the tank, it has a single drive and can wheel in its own length. At the back it can carry five easily with sufficient room for ammunition and several Bren guns.

Proposed Plan To Market Stock Is Disallowed

May be re-considered by Government if public opinion becomes more favorable.

The Prince Edward Island Sheep and Swine Marketing Scheme was disallowed for the present at a meeting of the Executive Council of the Provincial Government yesterday afternoon. It was also decided that Hon. Horace Wright and Mr. W. R. Shaw, Minister of Agriculture, would discuss the matter of cheaper freight rates on grain feeds with agricultural authorities while in Ottawa next week.

Nazi Bombers Hammer hard After lull

LONDON, Jan. 10—(Friday)—(CP)—German bombers hammered at London and spread over all Britain last night and early today, ending a 3-1-2 night lull following heavy raids by the Royal Air Force on Wilhelmshaven and Emden throughout Wednesday night. The Nazi lay-off was attributed to the recent bad weather though the R.A.F. braved it to attack Germany. But with clearing skies the Nazis struck at London soon after dark last night.

Churchill Says Halifax Mission Is "Momentous"

By GEOFFREY ANDERSON Associated Press Staff Writer LONDON, Jan. 9—(AP)—Winston Churchill, declaring a final victory over "totalitarian intolerance" depends upon Anglo-American cooperation, symbolically dispatched Ambassador Lord Halifax to Washington today on a mission "as momentous as any that the monarchy has entrusted to an Englishman."

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"DANISH" TEA

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Baden - Powell Is buried in Kenya Colony

NAIROBI, Kenya Colony, Jan. 9 (CP Reuters)—Lady Baden-Powell today deferred until after the war an offer of the British government to bury Lord Baden-Powell eventually in Westminster Abbey, resting place of Britain's great. Funeral services were held at Nairobi today for the hero of Mafeking and founder of the Boy Scout movement, who died yesterday from a heart ailment. He was buried on the slopes of Mount Kenya.

British Troops Drive far Beyond Tobruk

By ERIC BIGIO Associated Press Staff Writer CAIRO, Egypt, Jan. 9—(AP)—British motorized troops today drove far beyond Tobruk, apparently capturing about that important Italian base at Libya the same type of steel anti-aircraft last smashed Bardia last week.

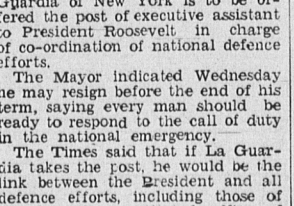
La Guardia To be offered Important post?

NEW YORK, Jan. 10—(Friday)—(CP)—The New York Times says today it understands Mayor La Guardia's name is to be offered the post of executive assistant to President Roosevelt in charge of co-ordination of national defence efforts.

War - 25 Years Ago Today

JAN. 10, 1916—Mount Lovtchew in Montenegro stormed and captured by Austrians. Sir Percy Lake appointed to command British forces in Mesopotamia succeeding General Sir J. E. Nixon. French yielded ground in Champagne fighting.

SKATING ON THIN ICE IS NOT A PASTIME FOR ANY TIME OF YEAR



FORECAST

MARITIME PROVINCES: Moderate winds; cloudy and moderately cold with light snow in many districts. SYNOPSIS: The weather has been generally fair and moderately cold in northern Ontario and comparatively mild with light to moderate snowfalls in the Lower Lake region. It has been generally fair in the Prairie Provinces, quite mild in Alberta and southern Saskatchewan and somewhat milder in Manitoba.

CAR FERRY SAILINGS

Leaves Borden 9:45 A.M. 1:00 P.M. Leaves Tormentine 11:00 A.M. 3:15 P.M.

Far-reaching Legislation To Come Up Today

President Roosevelt and Cabinet prepare measure; Said to be historic declaration of U. S. Foreign Policy.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 9—(AP)—Described by administration supporters as a "blank cheque" both as to money and power, historic legislation authorizing President Roosevelt to lend war equipment to the enemies of the axis was ready tonight for introduction in the United States Congress.

Poet, Historian Observes 81st Birthday today

TORONTO, Jan. 9—(CP)—Sir Charles G. D. Roberts, poet and historian, will celebrate his 81st birthday tomorrow. At the end of the month he is publishing a book of war poems that takes its title from his poem, "Canada Speaks of Britain."

C. N. R. TRAFFIC UP

MONTREAL, Que., Jan. 9—The gross revenues of the exclusive Canadian National Railways System for the week ending Jan. 7, 1941, were \$4,422,889 as compared with \$3,520,164 for the corresponding period of 1940, an increase of \$802,725 or 22.2 per cent.

International At A Glance

LONDON — Prime Minister Churchill says Lord Halifax's Washington mission "momentous" air training for youth announced; Nazis in wide raids after three-day lull; Wilhelmshaven, Emden battered by R.A.F.

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NEW YORK, Jan. 10—(Friday)—(CP)—The New York Times says today that any doubt that exists in the United States that Prime Minister Churchill is sending the best man available as Ambassador to Washington is dispelled by the unprecedented position the new ambassador is to occupy in relation to his own government and to ours.

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mentous as any that the monarchy has entrusted to an Englishman. Speaking at a luncheon of the Pilgrims, an Anglo-American organization, he said: "The mission is as momentous as any that the monarchy has entrusted to an Englishman."

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