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BRITAIN TO CONTROL SHIPPING

100-mile Front Scene Of New Patrol Activity

2,500 Soldiers Take Part In Skirmishes — French Secure Valuable Information.

PARIS, Jan. 4.—(AP)—Approximately 2,500 French and British soldiers fought a dawn-to-dusk skirmish on the western front today against a concentration of heavy fighting from both sides, military sources reported tonight.

The activity these sources said extended along a 100-mile front between the Meuse River and the Ardennes, where German planes dropped their night scouting torpedos for a series of night raids.

The French responded with a series of patrol raids, and between 1,200 and 1,300 men on each side were drawn into the fighting.

The skirmishes, in which the attacking parties employed tanks, were accompanied by steady machine gun, trench mortar and artillery fire.

Penetrate Two Miles

One French patrol military advance penetrated nearly two miles into enemy territory and returned with valuable information. Another patrol in the Vosges mountains was said to have engaged two German detachments totalling about 200 men, and although badly outnumbered met the Nazis with a withering cross fire that forced them to "sue with heavy losses."

Aerial Activity

Clear weather brought a resumption of aerial activity by both sides. Four French air force units were reported to have flown 250 miles beyond the border into western Germany, where several Nazi scouting planes approached the Paris area.

The evening communiqué of the French high command took note of the skirmishes along the western front by repeating several encounters between patrols in the region west of the Saar, but said there were no other incidents of importance.

Premier Daladier and General Wladyslaw Sikorski, premier of the Polish government in France, today signed an agreement reconstituting the Polish army on French soil.

The announcement said that general Victor Denaix, former air minister, had been appointed chief of the French military mission with the Polish army in France. He will supervise relations between French and Polish command staffs fighting together on the western front.

U. S. To Send Representatives On Seaway Plan

OTTAWA, Jan. 4.—(CP)—Canada and the United States will take a further step in their protracted negotiations for a St. Lawrence waterway treaty next week when three representatives of the United States government come to Ottawa for conferences with Canadian officials.

In announcing the meeting, the department of external affairs said today the purpose was "an informal discussion to clarify a number of questions of detail preliminary to a consideration of the broader question of policy involved in the United States proposals."

The United States representatives in next week's discussions will be Adolph Eerie, assistant secretary of state; Leland Olc, chairman of the general power commissions, and John D. Hickerson, assistant chief of the division of European affairs.

Canadian representatives were not named. They will be officials of the departments of external affairs, transport and mines and resources.

Basis of the discussion will be the draft treaty prepared by the United States and submitted to Canada in May, 1938. Last week the Canadian government suggested a meeting of officials of the two countries in Ottawa to discuss details of the draft and acceptance of the invitation followed promptly.

So, while in other parts of the world nations are locked in a death struggle, the United States and Canada draw closer to agreement on the largest co-operative undertaking ever projected between two nations.

Would Open Lakes

If completed the waterway would permit ocean-going vessels to travel to the heart of North America, up to the tip of Lake Superior. It will involve the cutting of a ship

BRITAIN KEEPS CLOSE WATCH ON RUSSIA

Reds Believed Angry Over Assistance Given Finland.

LONDON, Jan. 4.—(CP Cable)—The British government is maintaining an extremely close watch on diplomatic repercussions of the Russo-Finnish war particularly as it touches Sweden.

Britain, it is known today that Sweden could place armament orders in this country which would be filled, with due regard to British own requirements. British firms already are filling orders for Finland.

There is no doubt in the minds of qualified observers here that Russia is angry with Britain for sending

LONDON, Jan. 4.—(CP)—The newspaper Evening Standard said tonight that British arms plants have started shipment of arms and munitions to Finland.

The Standard said that British convoys would assure their safe arrival at Finnish ports. The newspaper also reported that the British government intends to make the granting of licenses for export of arms to Finland as flexible as possible.

supplies to Finland. Where this will lead is a matter of wide speculation. If Britain starts sending supplies to Sweden either Russia or Germany or both of them might twist it into an excuse to "take measures" against Sweden for "neutral" actions.

The British government is watching these diplomatic moves with extreme vigilance. The policy being followed, qualified sources said, is that of doing nothing to provoke war with Russia but at the same time with neutrality, and Britain's own military requirements, to send the Finns what they needed.

Unidentified Planes Bomb Red Invaders

BERGEN, Norway, Jan. 4.—(AP)—Unidentified bombing planes were said in reports from Linhamar, Finnish Arctic port occupied by the Russian invaders, to have raided the port today for the second time.

They were described as planes of a type heretofore not used in the Finnish Army.

Speculation over the identity of the raiders led to rumors which were without any substantial foundation that they might be British, operating from an aircraft carrier.

The raiders did not say whether there were any casualties. The aircraft carrier Linhamar, it was said, had been hit.

Where Fins Bring War Home to Russia



Just east of the Finnish village of Lieksa, pictured above, Finns' soldiers smashed across the Soviet-Finn frontier to carry the war into Russian soil for the first time.

Ski Patrols Cut Deep Into Russia

Vital Red Murmansk Railroad Cut In Several Places By Elusive Finnish Patrols.

(By Thomas F. Hawkins, Associated Press Staff Writer)

WITH FINNISH FORCES ON THE LAKE KIANTA FRONT, Jan. 4.—Speedy Finnish ski patrols have cut deeply into Russia at several points to encircle forces of the Red Army fleeing from defeat administered to them six days ago on the shores of this Finnish lake.

Unconfirmed reports in Copenhagen said the Finns had surrounded a second Russian division in central Finland between Lake Kianta and the border. The division was enroute to the aid of the Red Army's 163rd division, which was trapped and wiped out by the Finns in the greatest battle of the war.

Cutting of Russia's vital Murmansk railroad not once but several times by flying ski raiders was reported reliably.

Guerrilla Fighting

Hand-to-hand guerrilla fighting between opposing ski soldiers is occurring frequently. Small numbers of Russian ski troops are in action—mostly on the Russian side of the border—in attempts to stem the advance of elusive Finnish patrols.

The main Finnish force in central Finland, meantime, has strengthened and consolidated its positions within five miles of the border and is conducting mop-up operations against fleeing Russians of the routed 163rd division.

Reports received at Bergen, Norway, said unidentified bombers had bombed the Finnish Arctic port of Linhamar, for the second time today. The port has been in the hands of the Russians since early in the war. The aircraft, of a type not used hitherto by the Finns, vanished over the sea, leading to rumors that sea-based British planes had participated. Damages or casualties were not cited by the reports.

The newspaper Social Demokraten at Stockholm claimed Finnish planes flew over Leningrad yesterday, dropping thousands of leaflets in the Russian language declaring the Finns were fighting only to defend their independence. The newspaper said pamphlets also were scattered over Soviet lines on the Karelian Isthmus.

Finnish Bombers Attack

(Press dispatches at Copenhagen)

GOERING TAKES OVER CONTROL OF INDUSTRY

By Louis F. Lochner
Associated Press Staff Writer
BERLIN, Jan. 4.—(AP)—Field Marshal Hermann Goering has assumed supreme responsibility for the conduct of Germany's economy in wartime, becoming for the duration of the war what he was in peacetime under the four-year plan for self-sufficiency.

Henceforth the Field Marshal will be the "supreme war-economic authority."

According to the National Zeitung of Essen which has close connections with Goering, one of the most important features of the new co-ordination plan is the inclusion of Lieut.-General Georg Thomas, chief of the economic section of the supreme command, in a new "general council."

Goering at the same time heads the ministerial defence council, the other members of which are Colonel General Wilhelm Keitel, chief of the high command of the armed forces; Dr. Walter Funk, president of the Reich bank and minister of economics; Wilhelm Frick, minister of interior; Rudolf Hess, deputy

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Rumania Strengthens East Frontier

BUCHAREST, Jan. 5.—(AP)—Rumania within the past week has intensified work on fortifications in the region adjacent to the Soviet Russian frontier.

This action coincided with Premier George Tatarescu's assertion last Monday that Rumania would defend "to the last man" the Provinces of Bessarabia and Bucovina which borders Russia.

Within a few months ago over the consequences of a Russian attack, Rumania moved most of her troops out of Bessarabia and established her first real line of defence along the River Pruth, some 60 miles behind the frontier.

But since seeing the results of the recent Finnish resistance the Bucharest Government has moved some troops back into Bessarabia and officials here exhibit greater confidence in asserting that Rumania will not yield an inch of territory.

Bessarabia, like Finland, belonged to czarist Russia before the first Great War.

Rumanian optimism born of Russian reverses in Finland is tempered by realization that in case of a Soviet attack Rumania would have no Army's weather or glacial snows to help her. Bessarabia is an extension of the Russian steppes, easy to invade and difficult to defend.

More important is the possibility of simultaneous attacks by Hungary and Bulgaria to regain territories they claim from Rumania.

All Cargo And Passenger Craft To Be Included

Effective First Of Feb. Plan Aimed At Increasing Facilities For Moving Necessary Goods.

(By J. F. Sanderson, Canadian Press Staff Writer)

LONDON, Jan. 4.—(CP Cable)—The British Government will take full control on Feb. 1 of the world's biggest merchant fleet—every ocean-going liner and cargo vessel on British and colonial registers.

Shipping circles were divided over the move. One prominent figure called it "red tape," adding that the "whole thing is a scandal and does not make for greater efficiency." Another said the plan would help keep down the cost of living and improve efficiency in handling vast consignments of goods.

H. M. Cleminson, general manager of the Chamber of Shipping of the United Kingdom said the announcement would cause questioning if not concern. He asked whether Government control would be as effective as control by owners and on what terms the ships would be requisitioned.

The decision announced by Sir John Gilmour, Minister of Shipping, reflects the Government's viewpoint that all shipping must be under its control to ensure efficient conduct of the war and to maintain a steady flow of essential products to the United Kingdom.

Ships of Canada and the other Dominions, India and Burma are excluded from the general requisitioning of bottoms. The merchant fleet over which Britain takes control numbers some 7,000 vessels, large and small, with a total tonnage of 17,500,000.

Further emphasizing the totalitarian nature of this war, the treasury announced a new restriction on the transfer of sterling or sterling securities effective next Monday. It is designed to protect the pound sterling and conserve the nation's credit for its war effort.

The order prohibits the transfer of sterling or sterling securities from Britain to any individual or company outside the British Empire, and in addition to Canada, Newfoundland and Hong Kong, without permission of the treasury.

The reason for including Canada in the transfer ban is the fact that the Dominion's dollar currency which is at a premium over sterling, Britain's dollar position is one of her weakest points in financing the war, particularly because of the necessity of paying cash for purchases in the United States, with which nation Canada has an adverse trade balance.

Canada Co-operating

OTTAWA, Jan. 4.—Canada is co-operating in the closest possible manner with the United States in the matter of shipping tonnage during the war, J. G.

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Canadian Aid For Finland Is Rumored

MONTREAL, Jan. 5.—(Friday)—The Gazette says today that according to reliable sources a division of "sourdoughs, broad shouldered prospectors, stowaway trappers and little Indians" may be formed in Canada for aid in the Finnish war.

The plan is to hold an invading army at bay in a country similar to their own Northwest Territories, the Yukon and the Yukon.

The promoters of the plan believe that lumberjacks and "voyagers of the north" as well as many Finns who have been in Canada for years would accept with alacrity an invitation to join in an expedition to throw back the Russian hordes.

The newspaper says that the Royal Canadian Mounted Police, which has already dispatched a provost company overseas, might supply a number of men with experience in the Arctic and its environs.

The Gazette adds that preliminary plans for the formation of two snowshoe and one ski battalion with attending ambulance and other units.

Canadian Soldiers' Wives Open Stall

AIDERSHOT, England, Jan. 4.—(CP CABLE)—The food control committee today granted a license to the wives of two Canadian soldiers to open a coffee stall in Alderhot. The Canadian troops can have the beverage made in the Canadian manner.

In their application, Mrs. M. Smith and Mrs. M. Grayson, wrote "these men, who came over here voluntarily to lend their support, would so appreciate it if they could occasionally enjoy a cup of coffee made in the manner to which they are accustomed."

(English coffee is usually made with hot milk)



(Canadian Press)

TORONTO, Jan. 4.—Minimum and maximum temperatures:

Dawson	2	3
Vancouver	1	32
Edmonton	1	3
Regina	1	17
Winnipeg	1	9
Ottawa	1	9
Toronto	1	8
Montreal	1	8
Quebec	1	11
St. John	1	10
Halifax	1	10
Charlottetown	1	12

FORECAST

Maritime East: Fresh to strong northwesterly winds; partly cloudy and cold with snowflurries.

The weather has been moderately cold in Ontario with light snow occurring in southern districts, while over the greater part of the Prairie Provinces it has been fair and decidedly cold.

High tide this morning at 7:25 and tonight at 7:01.

Sun sets this afternoon at 4:32 and rises tomorrow morning at 7:38.

New moon Jan. 9, 9:53 a.m. Sunsetside tide, eighteen minutes later than Charlottetown.

Leaves Borden 9:45 A.M. 1:00 P.M. Leaves Tormentine 11:00 A.M. 1:05 P.M.

SATURDAYS ONLY

Leaves Borden 4:45 P.M. Leaves Tormentine 7:00 P.M.

British Ambassador Sees Terrific Nazi Drive In Spring

CHICAGO, Jan. 4.—The Marquess of Lothian said in a speech tonight that in the British view "everything today points to the probability Germany will attempt early this spring to gain a decision against England and France by a terrific attack on the western sea in which she will use every weapon in her armory."

In his address to the Chicago council on foreign relations, the British Ambassador to Washington said the allies were ready to meet the attack.

Coming Events

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*New Glasgow rink opening tonight. Free skate. L-328.

*Keep January 31st. Tea and Musicale. St. James Kirk. L-309-1-5-11.

*Fornal rink open for skating. Meeting of Hockey Club Friday, January 5. L-322.

*We buy new goose and duck feathers, not mixed. Henry MacFarlane & Co. L-204-12-7-11.

*Mr. Farmer. We are buying live and dressed chickens, low and high paying highest market prices. Swift Canadian Co. Ltd. L-168-12-28-101.

*Poultry—Buying live and dressed poultry all kinds. Paying top market prices. Island Cold Storage Co. Ltd. L-341-12-13-11.

*The Annual Meeting of the Wilshire Dairying Co. will be held in the hall on Monday, January 8th at 2 P. M. R. Easter, Secretary. L-264-1-3-4.

Wonderful Century

He believed that in some form the four foundations of the "wonderful century" from 1815 to 1915 in which there were some local wars, would have to be restored.

In that century nation after nation achieved freedom and prosperity. The foundations upon which it rested were—

"1. All the main currencies were based on gold and, therefore, were interchangeable for a stable basis.

"2. The British Empire and a good deal of the rest of the world was free trade or low tariff, so that capital and goods could flow freely everywhere.

"3. The new world, and especially the United States, was still an open field for immigration, so that the population pressures of the old world, then at their worst because of the high birth rate could find relief.

"4. And the most important of all, there was a rudimentary police power in the world, the control of the sea by Great Britain and the United States, which made world war—though not local

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Earl Elgin New Canadian Gov.-General?

LONDON, Jan. 5.—(CP Cable)—The Daily Express said today that Earl Elgin has been mentioned as a possible successor to Lord Tweedsmuir, governor-general of Canada, whose term expires this year.

(Prime Minister Mackenzie King said at Ottawa Wednesday that the Dominion government, because of the war plans, no early steps with regard to appointment of Lord Tweedsmuir's successor. The present governor-general has indicated he would not consider a second term.)

FIND GIRL'S BODY

EDMUNSTON, N. B., Jan. 4.—(CP)—The body of Geraldine Plourde, 19, was found today, nine days after she drowned with Lewis and Minnie Magdon when they broke through the ice of the Madawaska River. Bodies of the brother and sister were located a few days after the accident.

All three bodies were found by Alfred Ouellette, who stubbornly continued the grim search after others, including divers, had given it up.

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