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GOVERNMENT EXTENDS WAGE STABILIZATION ORDER  
BRITAIN AT WAR WITH THREE NEW NATIONS Most Employees Are Covered By New Regulations

Finns, Rumanians, Hungarians are Latest Enemies

Mr. Isaac Carter Dies after a Long illness

State of war will make little difference in relations with three Countries

LONDON, Dec. 6.—(Saturday)—(CP)—The foreign office announced today that Finland, Rumania and Hungary had been notified that a state of war exists between those countries and Britain because they had made no satisfactory reply to a British demand that they stop fighting Russia by midnight Friday.

One of Charlottetown's most highly esteemed citizens passed away last night in the person of Mr. Isaac Carter, who died at his home, 66 Brighton Road, after a lengthy illness.

Mr. Carter was president of the long-established firm of Carter and Company, Ltd., booksellers and stationers, and was known throughout the Province for his business integrity.

He was born at Winsloe 76 years ago and spent his boyhood there. He came to Charlottetown about 92 years ago and for a time, associated with his brother the late George Carter, conducted a grocery business. Later they established the book store and a seed store.

Apart from his business, his chief interests centred around the church. He was one of the original members of the Quarterly Official Board of Grace Methodist Church which was later merged with the First Methodist Church.

At the time of Union, he became a member of the board of Trinity United Church and was a trustee of the latter until his death. He also took a keen part in promoting the temperance cause.

The deceased was a past master of Boyne L.O.L. No. 614 and a member of the Hillsborough-Scarlett Chapter of the O.E.S. He was also a past district master. He was also a lifelong member of the Sons of England Lodge.

A Liberal in politics, Mr. Carter never sought political office, but his counsel and advice were of great value on many occasions to his party leaders. Courteous at all times and tolerant in his views on all subjects, he made no distinction between classes and creeds so far as his sympathies were concerned.

Mr. Carter is survived by his widow, Mrs. A. Ernest Duchemin, Charlottetown, to whom the Guardian tenders sincere sympathy.

The funeral will be held from Trinity United Church on Monday, December 9, service starting at 2 P.M. Interment People's Cemetery.

War Situation Last Night

(By Kirke L. Simpson, Associated Press War Analyst)  
A break in the Libyan battle will not be long delayed. Sooner or later the Nazi commander, General Rommel, must take the initiative to break out of the British trap or dig in somewhere within it to endure a siege with all the odds against him.

His present plight can be visualized if one takes a look at the terrific supply problem he faces. In the first place, British navy men say his Mediterranean supply lines have been so disrupted only 40 per cent of Libyan-bound convoys are reaching their destination through the British blockade.

Moreover, every gallon of fuel and lubricating oil for his tanks and shells for his guns must not only reach western Libya but then run a double British gauntlet eastward before it gets to him. At last accounts, far-ranging British mechanized patrols were astride the Tripoli-Bengazi road nearly 300 miles west of the main battle zone.

Shipping truck trains eastward through a perilously narrow gap in British lines on the El Adem-Resegh road must be a precarious business. British claims to air mastery in that region have not been refuted.

Royal naval spokesmen in the Mediterranean believe Rommel already had pressed for fuel and ammunition. It may be that having failed to smash him utterly in the first phases of the assault, General Cunningham, the British commander, has reverted to virtual siege tactics to force Rommel to surrender or attempt to escape westward.

The British forces seem to have massed their main striking strength for rest, reinforcement and reorganization south of the Toubruk-Resegh line. There has been little to indicate that they are really trying to bar the western exit from the great trap. They may hope, once Rommel is compelled by falling fuel and ammunition supplies to move westward, to cut him up on the march at less casualty cost than a frontal attack upon his now reunited forces would involve.

But Axis prestige requirements, and particularly the effect a new retreat in Libya might have on Italian war morale, might urge Berlin to order Rommel to fight it out to the last where he is.

Paratroops Are planned For Canada

Project still in formative stage; No details available.

OTTAWA, Dec. 5.—(CP)—Keeping pace with modern military developments, consideration has been given by Canadian army authorities to the training of parachute troops and ground studies for prospective members of such a force is likely to be started next year, informed sources said today.

"The training of parachute troops begins on the ground and the men have to go through a lengthy course of fit them for their work before they begin practice jumps," a spokesman said.

"The plan has been under consideration, but it is not possible as yet to speak of what number may be required or where their training will be conducted."

It was understood that the project would be an army one, with the Royal Canadian Air Force called in only for paratroop training had been completed and airplanes were required to transport men in later stages of their training.

Officials said the member of a modern paratroop corps was a man who had received extensive training in a variety of weapons and could use his knowledge in the damaging of enemy communications and other services as well as in actual combat operations.

It was considered certain by army authorities that the men composing a parachute corps would all be volunteers, prepared to take risks in training beyond those of the ordinary soldier.

"With these facts in mind, it is anticipated there will be no shortage of volunteers," one official said.

Canadian plans do not call for the use of paratroops as fire and communications and therefore language qualifications will not be a factor in their choice for this service, it was understood. They will wear recognized uniforms and will operate in enemy territory as fighting men.

Once landed from the airplane which carried them they become machine gunners or snipers, or engage in the destruction of such vulnerable objects as dams and bridges. They may undertake signalling by radio or visual instruments, and in general cause the greatest possible damage in the shortest possible time behind the enemy lines.

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OTTAWA, Dec. 5.—(CP)—Lt.-Col. E. G. Weeks, M.C., M.M., Royal Canadian Corps of Signals, a native of Charlottetown, has been promoted to the rank of colonel and appointed director of military training at defence headquarters.

A veteran of the first Great War, in which he won his commission on the field and was awarded the Military Cross and bar, the Military Medal and bar, Colonel Weeks has been Assistant Adjutant and Quartermaster-General with the 2nd Canadian Division overseas.

Under the original Order-in-Council, P. C. 8253, employers in building and construction industries with less than 10 employees and 50 employees were exempted from provisions of the order, but by amendment these exemptions now have been eliminated.

"The order now affects every class of employee except municipal employees, employees in agriculture, horticulture, fishing, hunting, trapping, and domestic service, and employees of certain non-profit institutions," a Labor Department statement said.

The wage stabilization program provides for payment of cost-of-living bonuses by all employers and "freezing" of basic wage rates with the intention of keeping workers' income in line with the cost of living. The bonus payments are calculated on the basis of the Dominion Bureau of Statistics cost-of-living index.

Managerial, executive and other employees who employ the majority of Canadian wage earners, tonight's statement said.

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Russians Pound Nazi Troops At Mius River

Red advance rolls invaders from 4,000 square miles of Russia.

LONDON, Dec. 5.—(AP)—The Soviet air force is pounding retreating German forces massed for a further retreat across the Mius River in Southern Russia under the eyes of Red Army advance troops which have rolled the Nazis back upon a 70-mile front and swept the invader from 4,000 square miles of Soviet territory, the Moscow radio announced tonight.

An endless stream of high explosives was declared raining down on 1,500 German army trucks concentrated around pontoon bridges for a crossing of the Mius, which flows into the Gulf of Azov west of Taganrog.

It was reported previously the Germans probably would attempt to make a stand there.

At the upper end of this vast push, Marshal Semeon Timoshenko's right wing announced the recapture of the mining town of Katveyev Kurgan, east of Stalino and 60 miles above Taganrog, while his left by Soviet accounts beat forward at least six miles beyond that town above the Sea of Azov.

This left and southern Soviet arm, (Continued on page 10, Col 6)

Talk of joint U. S. - Japanese Commission

TOKYO, Dec. 6.—(Saturday)—(AP)—A proposal to appoint a Japanese commission to iron out the Pacific deadlock gained ground in important civilian circles today on the heels of the officially expressed view that Tokyo and Washington would "continue with sincerity to try to find a common formula for a peaceful solution."

The commission idea was given the approval of Count Kenkaro Kaneko, 88-year-old Harvard-edited Privy Councillor and veteran student of United States affairs.

Kaneko suggested that a committee of "respectable and trustworthy representatives" from economic, political and diplomatic circles of both nations be appointed and invited to meet either in Japan or the United States.

Japan replies Re troops in Indo - China

Washington sees answer doing little to relieve gravity of Far Eastern crisis.

By J. F. Sanderson  
Canadian Press Staff Writer  
WASHINGTON, Dec. 5.—(AP)—Japan responded today to President Roosevelt's request for an explanation of the massing of troops in French Indo-China and its reply in no way relieved the gravity of the acute Far Eastern crisis.

In a 150-word note, Tokyo said its focus are in the Vichy colony as a precautionary measure, induced by Chinese troop movements across the border. It said their presence there has the approval of the Vichy government.

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British repulse 3 Axis attacks; Prepare drive

Further reductions May be necessary in civilian goods

OTTAWA, Dec. 5.—(CP)—Additional reductions in the quantity of goods available for the domestic market may have to be accepted by Canadians to the end that export trade of dominion is assured, Trade Minister MacKinnon said today.

The minister appealed to the public "to accept some sacrifice in the matter of domestic supply now, if such becomes necessary, in view of the long-term importance of maintaining after-the-war employment."

Mr. MacKinnon said export trade is being jeopardized by the scarcity of certain strategic materials.

Already war requirements have sharply reduced the amount of goods available for civilian purposes, particularly in lines where production can be diverted to war purposes. Manufacturers of radios, refrigerators, stores, vacuum cleaners and electric washing machines have been cut to 75 per cent of 1940 output. This has been described by officials as only "a preliminary reduction."

Production of passenger cars in 1942 will be less than half the 1940 output.

Officials said United Kingdom authorities had maintained considerable export trade in spite of war requirements and Canada, by careful distribution of materials, should be able to do the same.

OTTAWA, Dec. 5.—(CP)—The wartime prices and trade board announced tonight that the general price ceiling program applies to wood fuel and sawdust fuel and "must be rigidly observed."

These commodities, the board added, will be placed under jurisdiction of the board administrator J. McG. Stewart.

"During the past year or so, wood fuel prices have advanced substantially throughout the country, primarily because of the shortage of rural labor," the announcement said.

"The board now proposes to halt that steady increase in prices."

LIFE FOR ESPIONAGE  
STOCKHOLM.—(CP)—Severest sentence for espionage in neutral Sweden since war began, a life sentence was imposed on an engineer, found guilty of delivering information to a foreign power and accepting 36,000 kronor (\$8,000) for it.

Abandon Hope



SYDNEY'S CAPTAIN

Captain Joseph Burnett, in command of the Australian ship Sydney, sunk with all officers and crew missing, is the brother-in-law of Mrs. John Kell, wife of the Rev. John Kell, pastor of Fairbank United Church, Toronto. Mrs. Kell is the sister of Mrs. Burnett's former friend Enid Ward of Portsmouth, (At Sydney, Australia, yesterday any surviving hope for the Australian cruiser Sydney was officially abandoned. A memorial service for the lost seamen was held in the principal Anglican, Presbyterian and Roman Catholic Churches.)

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Coming Events

- Wanted to buy Chicken, Fowl and Cold Storage L-219-73-17
- Come to Rummage Sale today at Trinity Church. L-267-12-6-11.
- School Concert Victoria Hall, December twenty-second. L-268-12-6-11.
- West Covehead School Concert Monday, December 22nd. L-268.
- Buying dressed poultry daily. Best market price. W. T. Lang. L-269-12-6-11.
- Reserve December 19th, Brady's Rural Xmas entertainment at the Hall. L-273-12-6-11.
- Will pay top prices, all kinds of dressed poultry. D. M. McKinnon, Murray River. L-271-12-6-21.
- Annual meeting Kingston Telephone Co., Ltd., Kingston Public Hall, Saturday, December 13th. L-152-12-6-11.
- Buying live and dressed poultry every Tuesday and Friday. P. J. McKeown & Co., Hants. L-31-12-3-Wed-Sat-11.
- Make orders for large quantities of live, and dressed, poultry. Charlottetown and Montserrat. L-247-12-6-31.
- Loading stock at East Ballie, St. Peter's, Tuesday afternoon, December 9th instead of Monday. Livestock Marketing Board. L-196-12-5-21.
- Buying pigs Monday at Fredrickton. Priced \$3.00 per pair for pigs over 28 pounds each. Collecting bags Tuesday as usual for the Marketing Board. Knud Jorgensen. L-274-12-6-11.
- The annual meeting of the P. E. I. Curling Association will be held at Charlottetown Club House on Monday the 8th inst, at 8 p.m. M. MacKinnon, Secy. L-284.

DISEASE UNDER CONTROL

CHARLOTTETOWN.—(CP)—Unlike the first Great War when "tropical diseases" slew tens of thousands, medical reports reveal that the North African campaign has resulted in more deaths in action—though casualties light—than from disease.

MORE SHOPPING DAYS

IN SKATING OR BUSINESS - KEEP OFF THE THIN ICE

(Canadian Press)

TORONTO, Dec. 5.—Minimum and maximum temperatures:

Dawson	45B	26B
Victoria	39	49
Edmonton	0	26
Regina	11	20
Winnipeg	11	17
Toronto	48	58
Ottawa	33	47
Montreal	35	67
Boston	45	80

Synopsis: The weather has been unusually mild in southern and eastern Ontario with light showers but it has become colder with light snowfalls in the northwest portion. Strong winds and gales prevail on the Great Lakes. It has been fair in the Prairie Provinces; colder in Manitoba and east Saskatchewan with rising temperature farther west.

BOSTON, Dec. 5.—(CP)—Forecast:—Maine—Occasional light rain, little change in temperature Saturday, clearing and colder Saturday night; Sunday fair and colder. Shifting winds becoming strong westerly.

High tide today at 12.57 and at midnight.  
Sun sets this afternoon at 4.19 and rises tomorrow morning at 7.24.  
Last quarter moon Dec. 11 2.46 p.m.  
Summerside tide 18 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.  
Leave Caribou 8.15 A.M. 11.45 noon and 3.15 P.M.