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## RED DRIVE ON ROSTOV RESUMED AFTER HALT

### New Offensive To Relieve Leningrad Rumored

#### No Sign Of Settlement In Three Steel Strikes

#### Gov't Willing To Meet Strikers And Employers

(By The Canadian Press Staff Writer)  
A total of 12,500 Canadian steel workers today are on strike for higher wages, halting production at St. Mary's, Ont., and at Sydney and Trenton in Nova Scotia.  
Two-thirds of the country's steel production is halted. The only basic steel plant remaining in operation is that of the Steel Company of Canada at Hamilton, Ont. Workers at Hamilton expect to approach the company shortly regarding negotiation of a contract.  
While there was no immediate report on progress of negotiations for settlement conducted by federal negotiators at the spot, statements yesterday showed wide divergence between the viewpoints of the government and of the union, the United Steelworkers of America (C. I. O.).  
Labor department officials at Ottawa declared that Labor Minister Mitchell made it clear that the government is not prepared to meet the demands of the strikers at Trenton and the St. Mary's strike. The National Director of the U.S.W.A., H. Millard, issued a statement charging that Labor Minister Mitchell was directly responsible for the work stoppage. He added: "The workers at every turn have been met by delay, evasion and outright betrayal on the part of the Minister."  
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#### Steel Strike Continues

BY JOHN LEBLANC  
Canadian Press Staff Writer  
SYDNEY, Jan. 14 (CP)—The 1,000 employees of Dominion Steel and Coal Corporation's plant here continued their strike for higher pay today while a federal labor-conciliator opens negotiations with the men and the company.  
As the walkout went through its third day, H. A. Pettigrove, conciliation officer for the Maritime, arrived from Fredericton and opened separate discussions with the Sydney local of the United Steelworkers of America and the company.  
The talks were a prelude to a meeting at 10 a.m. today. Mr. Pettigrove said later he had not as yet advanced any specific proposals to either side.

#### U.S. Torpedo Boats Victorious

WASHINGTON, Jan. 14 (AP)—Swift and deadly motor torpedo boats of the United States fleet, which have won glory for their effectiveness, again have engaged a superior Japanese force and returned victorious.  
They acted from Guadalcanal Island in the Solomon to meet a force of enemy destroyers steaming toward the island on the night of Jan. 10 and 11, presumably with reinforcements for the Japanese trying to regain Henderson airfield.  
Slashing quickly at the much bigger and heavily-armed enemy craft, the torpedoes, the number involved was not disclosed, damaged at least two, possibly three of the Japanese destroyers.

#### Nova Scotia Has Practice Blackout

HALIFAX, Jan. 14 (CP)—The entire province of Nova Scotia was blacked out in a 30-minute surprise air raid tonight. Major O. R. Crowell, Provincial Director of Civilian Defence, said that he was "well satisfied" with the performance of the control staff here.  
The alert was a routine test of the A.R.P. organization throughout the province, Major Crowell said. The test started at 7 p.m. (A.D.T.).

#### Lloyd George Thinks League Good Idea

LONDON, Jan. 15 (Friday)—(AP)—David Lloyd George, Prime Minister in the first Great War, said today that the League of Nations, "a very good idea," should be reconstructed on different lines after the war and should have the backing of an international police force.  
Lloyd George, who will celebrate his 70th birthday Sunday on his quiet Surrey farm, told the London Daily Herald that the League was ruined first by America's refusal to come in and second by the failure of the United States to honor her treaty with the League for the present war by the imperialism of France and then by sheer stupidity.  
"We dodged our obligations over disarmament," he said. "We refused to check Japan. We abandoned the League and I am not sure that we refused to intervene in Spain. So we drifted into war."  
He said that he tells his views of the present war only to intimate friends and although never an optimist, he retains his faith in the British peoples and their mission.

#### Coming Events

- "Last Royalty Bank tonight, 8:30 p.m. 1-15-11
- "Partners wishing to ship dresses go home advise McGuigan & Boyle, 1-13-12.
- "Dance, Donagh School, Friday, January 15th. If not fine Monday, 1-15-11.
- "Dance in Summerside Hall Friday, January 15th, 1-14-31.
- "Reserve Saturday Jan. 16 for Parkdale and St. John's. 1-14-31
- "We are buying live and dressed chickens and fowl daily, pay-by-market value. Phone or write to Mrs. J. G. Storey, 1-14-31.
- "Moose Bros. Free town, loading at Summerside every Monday 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Kensington each Tuesday 9 a.m.-3 p.m. and at Free-town each Tuesday 12-3 p.m. This schedule will be followed until further notice. Livestock Marketing Board. 1-3-9-15-25-35

#### Timoshenko Said Leading Latest Push

LONDON, Jan. 15 (Friday)—(AP)—Stockholm reports said today that Marshal Semyon Timoshenko, whose movements have been carefully guarded in the last month, has launched an offensive to relieve besieged Leningrad.  
The Russians themselves did not offer any confirmation of this report, but British military observers said it seemed logical step to divert German troops already having difficulties over a wide front, particularly in Southern Russia.  
For several days the Germans have reported Russian attacks southeast of Lake Ilmen in the Leningrad zone, and also at Voronezh, midway between Stalingrad and Moscow. On two occasions this winter the Germans have announced Soviet drives before Moscow did. This happened in the case of the central front offensive northwest of Moscow and that of the middle Don south of Voronezh.

#### Goebbels Complains Of 'Total War'

LONDON, Jan. 14 (AP)—Joseph Goebbels is quoted in a DNB dispatch to the Lisbon Press as holding that, in the fourth year of war, Germany is facing a mission infinitely harder and more difficult than that she faced in 1939.  
"We are fighting on the eastern front against a system that has turned war into total war and has improved the war to an extent which reaches barbaric cruelties," DNB said the Nazi propaganda minister wrote in the newspaper "Das Reich."  
"Total war" was in the first place an Axis idea.  
Goebbels wrote that the fight has become "a case of life or death" for us and urged all Germans to work harder to equalize and distribute "the burden that weighs on the front."

#### Two Ministers Ordained At Zion Church

A meeting of the Presbytery of Prince Edward Island took place Friday at Zion Church, Rev. T. W. Goodwill, the moderator, of Canoe Cove was in the chair with Rev. O. C. Webster of Zion church, and Rev. J. H. Millard of Canoe Cove present.  
Others present included: Dr. A. O. Creaser of Brookfield, Rev. H. M. Cresser of Tyne Valley, Rev. J. A. McGowan, Kensington; Rev. T. M. B. Somers, St. James Church, and Rev. J. H. Millard from the different congregations.  
A call from the Summerside congregation to Rev. Charles Carleton of Streetville, and Rev. J. H. Millard of Canoe Cove, was taken for further consideration.  
It was announced at the meeting that the ministers-elect for Montserrat and Calcutta would not arrive on their fields for some time.  
Another item of business was the examining and licensing of Mr. John Carson, B.A. of Charlottetown and Rev. Lloyd Henderson, M.A. of Freehold.  
Then the Presbytery adjourned and in the evening met at 7:30 for the service of ordination when the Rev. J. H. Millard presided.  
The lessons were read by Rev. H. M. Cresser with prayers by Rev. T. M. B. Somers and Dr. Thompson.

#### State Of Maine Has Blackout

NEW YORK, Jan. 14 (AP)—The entire State of Maine was blacked out tonight in a surprise test air raid, the eastern defence command and 1st fighter command announced.  
The state-wide blackout was ordered at 8:55 p.m. E.D.T. when the test signal was sounded.  
The civil air raid warning siren of the 1st fighter command at Bangor and Portland participated.

#### Slight 'Quake Felt In New England

OSISPEE, N.H., Jan. 14 (AP)—The six New England States were shaken today by two earthquakes, the first apparently starting in Portland, Me. and the second 10 seconds later off Cape Ann, Mass., with the tremors converging into this area.  
Most severe shocks were recorded in New Hampshire and Maine but Massachusetts, Vermont, Connecticut, and Rhode Island also reported tremors of varying intensity.

#### War Situation Last Night

(By Kirke L. Simpson, Associated Press War Analyst)  
Official Berlin reports of an over-widening Russian winter offensive that has set the whole eastern front aflame from the Leningrad siege ring to the central Caucasus and the Black Sea coast still find no echo from Moscow.  
There is no question, however, that the three sectors where the Nazis reported Russian attacks north of the Arctic circle and the vast Don-Caucasus battleground are of critical strategic importance.  
A possible explanation of the German high command's reasons for picturing the Russian offensive as on a far greater scale than Moscow has reported is to be found in reports from neutral observation posts of a tremendous new drive to comb out the last man of available German manpower to meet the crisis in Russia and Africa. The whole weight of the Nazi home-front propaganda machine may be thrown into it, calling for a new German "total war" effort.  
Whatever the actual Russian strategy or the nature or purpose of Red offensive operations unannounced by Moscow, the Leningrad vicinity, near Lake Ilmen and now around the Voronezh anchor which Berlin records, all three are potential if not actual new theatres of Red action. Russian cracking of the eastern spearhead of the Leningrad siege ring, the Nova-Lake Ladoga sector, was finally lifted that night. It could free part at least of the powerful Leningrad garrison for attack operations southward on the Volkhov to link up with the Lake Ilmen front.

#### French Army Makes Important Gains

(By Wes Gallagher, Associated Press Staff Writer)  
ALLIED HEADQUARTERS, North Africa, Jan. 14 (AP)—A French attack northwest of Kairouan, traffic junction south of Tunis, drove the Germans from two strategic heights in the mountains, a French spokesman announced today.  
Bad weather limited Allied air and ground activity over other fronts, and also temporarily checked the aerial offensive from the west against Marshal Rommel's Army in Tripolitania.  
The heights seized yesterday by the French—Jebel Hraoua and Jebel Dou Davous, about 15 miles northwest of Kairouan—were said by the spokesman to be important gains.  
"The Lafayette Escadrille went into action for the first time with French forces," he added, referring to the new organization of veteran French fliers.  
Also in an area northwest of Kairouan, French troops took an Axis position, capturing 80 Italian prisoners, after having surrounded an Axis group there two days ago. A nearby Moroccan division of 17 Nazis and captured eight in a local skirmish.  
Make Contact  
(News dispatches received in London reported that contact had been established between the headquarters of Gen. Giraud, French Commander in Tunisia, and the Fighting French force under Brig. Gen. Jacques Le Clerc which is thrusting upward across Libya from Djibouti in Africa.  
It was added that this liaison—the first between the Fighting French and Giraud in the current—  
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#### Former Actress Goes To Jail

SANTA MONICA, Calif., Jan. 14 (AP)—The tempestuous Hollywood career of Frances Farmer came to a violent climax today as the actress, looking anything but glamorous, started a six months' jail term.  
The comely blond, a university graduate who once won a home-town newspaper's popularity contest and a 1935 Miss California title, was sentenced for violating probation in a drunk-driving case.  
In court, she told the judge she had been drinking "everything I could get."  
Slight Easing In Oil Situation  
WASHINGTON, Jan. 14 (AP)—A slight easing in the eastern oil situation, where supplies have been acutely short, was reported today by Petroleum Administrator Harold Ickes but he said "serious hardships" this month and next is still possible.  
Whether it can be averted, he said, at Press Conference depends largely upon whether military authorities can reduce their demands upon eastern oil supplies.

#### Cut Liquor Sales In Manitoba

WINNIPEG, Jan. 14 (CP)—Residents of Manitoba will be permitted to purchase only 40 ounces of spirituous liquors and 48 pint bottles of beer a week beginning tomorrow, W.R. Clubb, chairman of the Manitoba Liquor Control Commission, announced tonight.  
CANADIANS ARRIVE  
LONDON, Jan. 14 (CP)—A group of Canadian aviators, led by the press association as members of the Royal Navy's fleet air arm, has arrived at a British port, it was disclosed today.  
The Canadians arrived with large numbers of United States forces and a big contingent of New Zealand and Australian air personnel.

#### Clouburst Of Explosives Blasts Essen

#### 100 Tons Of Bombs Dropped In 12 Minutes

(By ALFRED E. WALL, Associated Press Staff Writer)  
LONDON, Jan. 14 (AP)—Heavy R.A.F. bombers unleashed a veritable cloudburst of fire and explosives upon much-bombed Essen last night in a raid which saw 100 tons of bombs hit the home city of German Krupp works in 12 minutes.  
Only four bombers were lost after the concentrated attack, the eighth time in 11 nights that the R.A.F. has bombed Germany and the third straight night that the industrial Ruhr has been hit.  
Bombs cascaded down at an average of 8 1-3 tons every minute.  
Returning pilots including a number of R.C.A.F. personnel, reported that large fires quickly mushroomed up. They said the German anti-aircraft fire was as violent as ever and that for the first time in recent nights they encountered Nazi night fighters.  
The Germans acknowledged that the main target of the R.A.F. last night was Essen and that the situation suffered losses.  
The air ministry announced that fighter aircraft carried out intruder operations over France and Holland and that one plane was missing.  
In another operation, the ministry said, medium bombers of the coastal command hit two enemy supply ships in an attack on an enemy convoy off the Netherlands coast.  
The coastal command reported that another Nazi vessel in the convoy probably was hit by Canadian and Dutch fliers attacking in bright moonlight.  
Operations today were on a lighter scale, the air ministry merely reporting that planes of the army cooperation command attacked German convoys and other railway targets in northern France.

#### Britain, U.S. Seek To Dispel French Friction

(By BELMAN MORIN, Associated Press Staff Writer)  
LONDON, Jan. 14 (AP)—Ernest Bracken, Minister of Information, said today Britain and the United States are striving to get on with the French. He said Gen. Charles De Gaulle together with French political friction. He denied that the two governments are working at cross purposes.  
Nine German planes were set on fire near one populated place, the Russians said, in the drive toward Rostov, capture of which would imperil all the German forces in the Caucasus.  
Nazi Counter-Attack  
The Germans launched "ceaseless counter-attacks" in the lower Don area where the Russians had last reported only 60 miles east of Rostov, the communiqué said, but "our infantrymen, artillery, and armor were beating off the German counter-attacks and destroying their manpower and equipment."  
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#### Two Buildings Burned At Debert

DEBERT CAMP, N.S., Jan. 14 (CP)—Fire swept two buildings of the military camp here tonight, causing what officials described as "quite large losses." The buildings were completely destroyed. Army authorities said there were no casualties among personnel at the camp.  
An official investigation into the fire will be started immediately.

#### Historic Halifax Home Is Burned

HALIFAX, Jan. 14 (CP)—Fire today destroyed the \$20,000 home of Col. K.C. Laurie on the historic Oakfield estate, some 16 miles from here, and burned many antiques and heirlooms that came to Nova Scotia with the earliest English settlers.  
Started by defective wires, the fire broke out early this morning and gutted the wooden mansion in about three hours. The 12 occupants of the house—Col. Laurie, his wife, two children and eight servants—all escaped unharmred.  
Lone article of value to be saved from the flames was a silver coffee pot, made in 1778 and once owned by Bishop Inglis, first Bishop of Nova Scotia.  
Twenty-nine years ago the original Laurie home, built by the Colonel's father, was levelled by fire. The new structure was built on the foundations.  
Originally intended as a Canadian model of an English country seat, the 3,000-acre Laurie estate included, besides the mansion, several farms for the workers, a private cemetery and its own church for the exclusive use of Oakfield residents.

#### British Wheat Average High

LONDON (CP)—These figures will be starting to Canadian farmers: The average wheat yield per acre in Britain is 32 bushels with many good farmers getting 40 bushels annually, a large number 50 and the best as high as 80. In the six months ending Sept. 30, milk production in England and Wales alone increased by 40,000,000 gallons over the comparable period in 1941.

### Four Towns And Railway Station Are Captured

#### Twenty-Six German Transport Planes Destroyed In Stalingrad Area

(By William Smith White, Associated Press Staff Writer)  
The Russian offensives of the Lower Don appeared last night to have regained some of their lost momentum after a stalemate of four days and were driving on again toward Rostov, as was the quick, unchecked march of the Red Forces of the Caucasus.  
All the indications were that the pause along the Lower Don so bloodily won by Hitler had been decisively ended.

#### No Pleasure Driving Here?

TORONTO, Jan. 14 (CP)—The Evening Telegram said today in a front page story that pleasure driving by Canadian motorists is expected to be "completely abolished" under a proposed new system of gasoline rationing which will come into effect April 1.  
"Details of the new rationing regulations are lacking and officials of the Oil Control Office in Toronto and Ottawa refuse to discuss what form new rationing laws will take," the Telegram said.

#### Timber Controller Resigns Post

OTTAWA, Jan. 14 (CP)—Allan E. Nicholson tonight told the Canadian Press he had resigned his post in the timber controller's branch of the Munitions Department.  
"All I can do is confirm it," Mr. Nicholson said when asked to comment upon reports that he was leaving. "I have nothing more to say about it or all. I am going back to my own business." He added that he would be in Toronto tomorrow.

#### Bracken Ends 20 Years As Premier

WINNIPEG, Jan. 14 (CP)—Hon. John Bracken late today ended 20 years service as Premier of Manitoba and watched his successor, Hon. Stuart G. Garson, sworn in as Lieutenant-Governor R. F. McWilliams as the 12th Premier since Confederation.  
Bracken, a Federal Progressive Conservative Leader, relinquished his portfolio but did not resign as Liberal-Progressive for the Post. He will leave soon for Ottawa and is not expected to give up his seat in the Legislature until he seeks a seat in the House of Commons.



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