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Air Attacks On Unarmed Craft Are Continued

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The aerial torpedo made its appearance for the first time when Germany apparently suggested by her naval impotence started a new campaign of frightfulness on the high seas.

One fishing vessel was sunk by a torpedo dropped by a plane and



REV. DR. J. A. MURPHY
Dr. Murphy Honored By Pope Pius XII

The Sands of Time Are Sinking Fast

Friday Sees the Close of the List of Santa Pals and There are Still Many Little Ones Unchaperoned By a Pal.

The day after tomorrow our Santa Pal plan concludes for another year. The list of unprovided little ones is still large, but with the faith that has sustained us in the past we still believe there are those among our readers who will yet find it in their heart to make some unknown expectant child happy by contributing either in toys, or money to buy toys, to the Fund. In 1916 when Santa Pals, or Alias Santa Claus, as it was then known, first made their bow, some 130 children were made happy. Last year nearly 1050 little ones had their stockings filled. This year the age limit has been reduced somewhat, but still there are considerably over 500 deserving children duly vouchered for. All the money sent goes immediately for the purpose for which it is sent. Gifts are solicited only through the columns of the Guardian. They may be sent by mail or handed to the main office, and be duly acknowledged.

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The Columbus had been at Vera Cruz from the beginning of the war until last week. She had put into that port hastily when the outbreak of hostilities caught her on a Caribbean cruise. When she left there she had food and fuel enough for 50 days.

Consternation was evident at the New York Office of the North German Lloyd Lines, owners of the vessel, when news of the sinking was received there.

"Oh, my God," said Manager John Schroeder, "it's one blow after the other."

A few hours earlier, however, another German ship—a freighter tentatively denominated as the Arauca out of Tampico—had better luck. It fled into Port Everglades, Fla., harbor a jump ahead of a British cruiser.

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Coming Events

- Rate for Notices in this column 3 cents per word.
- Meadow Banks School Concert, tonight. L-1584-12-20-11.
- Cherry Valley School concert Friday, Dec. 22. L-1608.
- Come to Bonshaw School Concert, December 21st. L-105-2-6-20.
- New Glasgow School Concert Friday, Dec. 22. L-1619-12-20-21.
- Earncliffe School Concert Wednesday, December 20th. L-1558-12-19-21.
- North Wiltshire Christmas Concert, Wednesday, December 20, 7-9. L-170-12-11-20-21.
- Come to Brackley Point School Concert Wednesday 20th. L-1561-12-20-21.
- Buying dressed poultry daily. McGuigan & Boyle. L-1613-12-20-21.
- We buy goose and duck feathers, not mated. Henry MacFarlane & Co. L-204-12-7-11.
- Emerald Hall—School Concert, Thursday, December 21st. L-1436-12-15-20.
- Christmas Concert, Lady Fare School, Thursday, December 21st. L-1537-12-20-11.
- Dance, Where? Fort Augusta School, When? December 20th. L-1594-12-20-21.
- North Milton School Concert, Wednesday night, December 20th. L-1587-12-20-11.
- Reserve December 21st for Long River School Concert—if not fine Friday. L-1616-12-20-21.
- Rice Point Concert which was to be held in Afton Hall is postponed until a later date. L-1592-12-20-11.
- United Church Christmas concert, Hunter River Hall Friday, Dec. 22nd. If stormy following night. L-1513-12-19-21.
- Buying live and dressed poultry daily. Special prices on groceries this week. Bowman's Store, Hunter River. L-1612.
- Geo. Leightner Co., Water Street buying dressed poultry all kinds. Top prices. Try us. L-20-12-2-171.
- Poultry—Buying live and dressed poultry all kinds. Paying top market prices. Island Cold Storage Co., Ltd. L-341-12-13-11.
- Come to-night to North River Hall to East Wiltshire School Concert. Admission 15c and 10c. L-1528-12-20-11.
- Buying live hogs at Albany, Thursday 21st, Friday 22nd at Emerald until noon. Signed G. C. Green. L-345-12-13-14-M W Thu G.
- Loading live hogs Kensington Thursday, Dec. 21st till 3 p. m. Mervyn Bulman and Ray Bagnall; Hunter River Friday till noon. L-1618-12-20-21.
- Come to Carleton School Concert at Cape Traverse Hall, Wednesday, December 20th, Special admission by Womens Institute. If not fine, following night. L-500-12-18-20.
- Poultry wanted. We require large quantity dressed chickens, geese and ducks. Highest prices paid for A grade. Buying until Thursday. R. L. Dickleson, New Glasgow. L-1810-12-18-31.

Day's Shipping Losses

As the counted the day's shipping losses at six—the two trawlers and four other ships, three of them neutral—British released figures show the strength of her air defenses.

Stanley Wood, air secretary, predicted in a broadcast that the allies are on the way to establishing an overwhelming superiority over Germany in air strength.

He said the plan to centralize Empire air training in Canada "will put our ascendancy over the enemy beyond challenge." Recruits from Britain will be going to Canada soon to complete their training, he said.

The plan will produce an annual flow of pilots and air crews greater than that of the Royal Air Force as it was "not so long ago," he said.

The official figures on air strength stated that over the United Kingdom, the British air force had shot down and destroyed 21 German planes in 51 engagements.

German Casualties Heavy

No British fisher has been shot down over the sea since the beginning of the war, it was said, while German casualties in these waters have been heavy.

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Lieut. Governor For Quebec Is Appointed

Outfank Finns

Although the Russians in the north continued to suffer heavy losses, their great numbers permitted them to outfank Finnish defence positions in the wilderness of Lapland. Finns sought to bring up enough reserves to hold the wide northern line. Soviet strategy was believed to call for incessant pressure at all points so that the small Finnish army would be unable to hold any point in strength.

Sinking of the battleship Okslahti—Revolutia could be called the report "very plausible."

Finnish coast artillerymen were said to have resorted to a ruse. Their shore batteries until recently had been equipped with guns having a maximum range of about five miles. Guns with a longer range were installed, but the Finns held their fire until they had good opportunity to make it tell. Meanwhile Soviet ships continued their former practice of cruising just outside the five-mile range.

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YESTERDAY'S SANTA PALS

"A" Coy. P. E. I. Highlanders Dartmouth, per Captain W. W. Reid.

In memory of Herman E. Inman, North Tryon.

Miss Marjory Cruickshank.

Miss Doris Cruickshank.

In memory of Rev. George Miller and Douglas.

In memory of Brian Austin Kennedy.

Mrs. J. R. Munn.

Arthur, Gordon and Mary.

Miss Mary Brown.

Misses Jean and Doris Gill.

Mrs. C. P. Stewart.

Mrs. E. Downe.

Barbara, John and Robert Nash.

3rd Charlottetown Brownies.

Masters Harry and Peter Shama.

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Two well-equipped Russian columns were converging on Rovaniemi, capital of Lapland and linking the highway and railway to the coast of Sweden. It was feared that if the column advancing from the east reached Kemijarvi, connected by rail with Rovaniemi, it would be able to strike down the Gulf of Bothnia, cutting Finland in two.

Helsingfors was raided by Soviet planes for the third time since the Russian invasion began. Today's raid apparently had as its objective an airfield in the suburbs, and the bombs dropped without doing harm.

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4 MORE SHOPPING DAYS

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Dawson	0	0
Vancouver	41	52
Edmonton	17	32
Regina	10	30
Winnipeg	21	23
Toronto	34	36
Ottawa	21	27
Montreal	17	24
Quebec	10	22
Saint John	22	29
Halifax	26	32
Charlottetown	20	27

FORECAST

Maritime East: Fresh northwest winds, becoming variable; fair and moderately cold followed by snow or sleet in southern districts by Thursday.

Synopsis: Rain has occurred in southern districts of Ontario with snow in northern sections. The weather has been generally fair throughout the west; moderately cold in Manitoba and east Saskatchewan and mild in Alberta.

High tide this afternoon at 5:21 and tomorrow morning at 6:20.

Sun sets this afternoon at 4:21 and rises tomorrow morning at 7:35.

Full moon Dec. 26, 7:28 a.m.

Summerside tide 18 minutes later than Charlottetown.

THE CAPE FERRY SERVICE

Leaves Borden 9:45 A.M. 1:00 P.M. Leaves Tormentine 11:00 A.M. 5:05 P.M.

SATURDAYS ONLY

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