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FIERCE BATTLES RAGING

Action Taken To Emphasize War Aims Of Allies

Hundreds Of Czechs Believed Anxious To Take Up Arms To Liberate Fatherland.

By J. F. Sanderson
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LONDON, Dec. 20.—(CP Cable)—The British government will give formal recognition to the Czech national committee headed by Dr. Eduard Benes, former president of Czechoslovakia, and Jan Masaryk, Czech minister in London, diplomatic circles reported tonight.

The action would be taken, they said, to emphasize the allied war aims of liberating the Czech and other Slav peoples from German rule.

Recognition for the Benes committee would mean it would have authority to enroll recruits for the Czech army now in training in France. Canada is regarded here as a likely source of hundreds of Czechs willing to take up arms to liberate their fatherland.

France already recognizes the Benes committee as the central authority of the whole Czech nation. It is likely that Britain and France will share the cost of the Czech legion in the same way that they are splitting the cost of the Polish legion which operates under the General Sikorski government-in-exile.

Czech sources indicated they could raise 1,000 men in Britain alone to fight in their legion.

Dr. Benes and Masaryk have been living in London since Adolf Hitler and his German army entered Czechoslovakia last March and their country came under complete domination of the third Reich.

During the first Great War the Czechs had a national committee in Pittsburgh, Pa., under the late Dr. Thomas Masaryk which agitated successfully for the formation of a Czechoslovak republic through the treaty of Versailles.

French and British naval leaders met to discuss new strategic measures as German war planes continued to harass the fishing fleet upon which Britain depends for a considerable

FOX PELTS ON DISPLAY AT EXHIBITION

Trophies Presented As Annual Dinner Is Held In Charlottetown Hotel.

About 200 High quality fox pelts were on display at the Charlottetown Hotel yesterday as the second annual Prince Edward Island silver fox pelt show got under way.

The pelts were graded and judged by Mr. George Calbeck, Summerside and Mr. W. F. Burke, Provincial Fox Fieldman, at Summerside previous to being taken here yesterday. The average quality of the pelts exhibited at this show is considerably higher than those of last year, the judges said.

As visitors enter the door they are presented with a splendid view of silver pelts on a white background with colorful prize ribbons attached to each.

In front of the stands facing the door were 15 beautiful silver trophies which were donated by various firms. These trophies were presented to the winners last night by Hon. W. H. Dennis at the banquet at the Charlottetown Hotel. The show will conclude today.

Remarks were heard at last night's banquet by the following: Hon. W. H. Dennis, Deputy Mayor B. R. Holman, Mr. W. Chester S. McLeure, Col. U. G. Dawson, Mr. W. F. Burke, Provincial Fox Fieldman, Mr. W. R. Shaw, Deputy Minister of Agriculture, Mr. Lowell Hancock and Mr. Clifford Rogers, Summerside.

Mr. Lowell Hancock presided and the entertainment for the occasion was supplied by Mrs. Arthur Roper with Mr. Albert Blanchard at the piano.

A vote of thanks moved by Mr. W. Chester S. McLeure was tendered Mr. Hancock for his efforts in connection with staging the show.

Following is the list of prize winners:

CHAMPIONS AND PERPETUAL CHALLENGE TROPHIES

Grand Champion Silver Fox Pelt Of Show

Donated by Hon. George Des-Brissay DeBlois, won by R. S. Humphrey, Kensington.

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Henry Van Dyke Almost Scriptural Santa Pals Who Pause to do Good Have the Best of Life.

"Thanks a lot" are due to the many kind readers who have rallied to the cause of the little ones Santa Claus may forget. The response yesterday was heartening. Again the lines of the old ballad are happily appropriate:

*"I saw three ships come sailing in
On Christmas Day in the morning."*

For provision can now be made for many little ones certainly with what may come in after this morning's list has been published. And there's another ship in the offing with a cargo such as the Laureate Masfield has described in his verses about the ship that "wanders the waters of thought."

Hope, mercy and courage, all gentle and beautiful things,

contributed by a human sympathy that makes them more valuable than any articles of commerce.

They who have paused to help the neediest along the earthy way, whether by land or sea, have best prospect of reaching the goal of their seeking as did the other Wise Man of whom Henry Van Dyke wrote in the story which has had an "almost scriptural influence" in its way around the world in many languages. The son, Tertius Van Dyke, in his recent book about his father, has found in this story the "clue" to the life of his father—the tale of one who set out to join the three Wise Men but who stopped to help some one in need and arrived too late at the appointed place. Through years he journeyed on, losing the road at times but never failing to help the needy folk along the way as he was able and never surrendering the quest which was at last rewarded in his sight of the "King." The moral is not far to find: who pauses in the way to do deeds of kindness in the living present is all the more certain to find the best in life, here or beyond.

Better times have indeed come, but there are still other forgotten little ones, and there is still an opportunity open to those who wish to give out of their own Christmas happiness, their prosperity and their good-will toward others less fortunate. A little help now in the shape of a Santa Pal will make Christmas worthwhile to both giver and receiver.

Only two more days to go.

SURVIVORS OF COLUMBUS LAND IN U. S.

Captain Of Scuttled Luxury Liner Tells Story Of Events.

By R. J. Anderson
Canadian Press Staff Writer

NEW YORK, Dec. 20.—(CP)—The 579 survivors of the German luxury liner Columbus, scuttled off the United States coast to avoid capture by a British destroyer, arrived in New York today aboard the U. S. S. Tuscaloosa to the temporary shelter which is extended to castaways of the sea.

First to step ashore from a navy barge loaded with 80 survivors, Captain Wilhelm Daehne of the 32,000-ton craft said two firm men were missing but that the other 569 men and nine women stewardesses were "all right." Quickly and in good order, the men were marched to detention quarters at Ellis Island immigration centre where beds and hot food awaited them.

The Tuscaloosa, which picked up the seamen yesterday while the Columbus was settling in flames reached the end of her rescue trip in dry weather. A dreaching rain failed to dampen the spirits of the rescued seamen and they waved and shouted greetings to a fleet of tugs and cutters that escorted the cruiser up the harbor.

Hearing Today

Tomorrow the men will be given a hearing to determine their exact status. In the meantime, they were treated as seamen in distress and if it is determined that the Columbus was an unarmed merchantman they will be permitted to remain in the United States 90 days.

In the course of floodlights and camera flashes, the German seamen appeared somewhat bewildered. Among their number were veterans

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Finns Meet Red Drive With New Show Of Courage

Russian Warplanes Active In New Offensives In South While Zero Weather Stalls Drive In North.

(By Thomas F. Hawkins, Associated Press Staff Writer)
HELSINGFORS, Dec. 20.—(AP)—Fierce fighting occurred across the Karelian Isthmus in sub-zero temperatures today as Russians loosed hundreds of tanks in savage drives and directed 200 Red air force planes in widespread bombing attacks on the rest of Finland.

The roar of artillery could be heard from one side of the 65-mile wide isthmus to the other.

Finnish aviators rose to meet Red army aviators in fierce dog-fights in the winter sky.

The Russian drive was stalled in the far north by blizzards and temperatures of 25 degrees below zero. The Finns said they had withdrawn to Korvettiervi, but mentioned no fighting.

A little farther south just above the Arctic circle, Finnish forces were reported in an official communique to have stopped a Soviet thrust to cut the country in two and to be advancing toward Salla, capturing "much booty" en route, including three tanks, 30 army trucks, numerous machine guns and considerable ammunition.

While battles raged along Finland's eastern and southeastern frontiers, the nation moved to strengthen its defences by calling to the colors all able-bodied men 40 years of age. All reservists under 40 already had been summoned.

(The call adds an estimated 15,000 men to the Finnish army, estimated by authoritative sources at 400,000 at the start of the war. Estimates have put the Russian forces attacking Finland as high as 1,500,000.)

For the second successive day air raid alarms sounded in many Finnish cities, including Helsingfors, Turku (Abo), Romma, Porvoo, Salo, Vaskela, Varsila, Lasekka Sortavala and Janisjoki.

A morning alarm in the capital lasted 11 minutes. Another tonight continued for 40 minutes.

Sixteen casualties were reported at Laskela and 11 at Janisjoki. The Finns reported a Russian air attack on the railroad at Koska, 60 miles north of Hanko on the south coast, had failed.

SURPRISE BATTLE

By Lynn Holzerling
Associated Press Staff Writer

WITH THE FINNISH ARMY ON THE KARELIAN FRONT, Dec. 20.—(AP)—Eleven Russian and six Finnish planes fought a thrilling surprise battle behind the Finnish lines today as the Soviet brought up crushing force on land and in the air in an attempt to break through the Mannerheim line across the Karelian Isthmus.

The roar of Russian artillery was heard along the entire Karelian front, where temperatures were at zero and below.

Today's battle was only a part of

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Coming Events

Rate for Notices in this column 3 cents per word.

- New Glasgow School Concert Friday, Dec. 22. L-1619-12-20-21.
- Rice Point Concert will be held in Aitch Hall Dec. 22. L-8
- Buying dressed poultry daily. McQuigan & Boyle. L-1613-12-20-21.
- We buy goose and duck feathers, not mixed. Henry MacFarlane & Co. L-204-12-7-11
- Meadow Banks School Concert, tonight (Thursday). L-1594-12-20-11.
- Reserve Thursday, December 21st for Fredericton Christmas Concert. L-331-12-13-21.
- Dance, Where? Fort Augustus School, When? December 23th. L-159-12-23-27.
- Kinkora Hall, Bingo and Dance Wednesday night, December 27th. L-485-12-18-21-26.
- Trinity Mission Band Concert Thursday, December 21st, 7:30. L-19-12-7-14-21.
- Reserve December 21st for Long River School concert—if no fine Friday. L-1616-12-20-21.
- Hartsville Concert postponed until Saturday, December 23rd. L-1556-12-21-31.
- Geo. Leightner Co., Water Street buying dressed poultry all kinds. Top prices. 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.
- Buying live hogs at Albany Thursday, Dec. 21st till 9 p. m. Mervyn Bulman and Ray Bagnall; Hunter River Friday till noon. L-1618-12-20-21.
- Please note all livestock shipping clubs will load one day later than customary during Christmas and New Year weeks. Tuesday and Wednesday instead of Monday and Tuesday. Livestock L-6-12-21-21.

INDISCREET HALIGONIANS ARE CHARGED

Three Women Given Two Years Suspended Sentence For Letter Writing.

HALIFAX, Dec. 20.—(CP)—Statement that information regarding sailing of troopships from Halifax on Dec. 10 had been broadcast from Germany "that night" was made from the bench in Magistrate's Court here today by Magistrate J. L. Barnhill.

Hearing the cases of four Halifax persons charged with indiscreet letter writing, Magistrate Barnhill said:

"I was very much put out on two or three occasions. When troopships went out I heard over the radio that night between 11 and 12 o'clock—word came over from Germany—that there troopships had left and how many had left."

"How did they get this information? It was probably writing letters like these. This was not the first occasion this happened."

Three of the four defendants pleaded guilty and were given two years suspended sentence. They were Mrs. C. Smith, Marian Buckley and C. Smith. The fourth, Mrs. D. D. J., pleaded not guilty. His case was continued for a week.

All four were charged with attempting to communicate to persons in the United States information on ship movements here. Information was laid by Royal Canadian Mounted Police.

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Freezing Rain In Many Areas

SAINT JOHN, N. B., Dec. 20.—(CP)—Freezing rain and snow is around the going hazardous, in this district tonight after rain had frozen on to ice on sidewalks and roads.

BUENOS AIRES, Dec. 20.—(CP)—Rain, sleet and snow combined to supply weather of the winter. A capping rain storm in southern Argentina was followed by a heavy snowfall tonight. Rain and sleet were reported in the areas around Quebec, Three Rivers and Sherbrooke.

Graf Spee Captain Takes Own Life

(By Harold K. Mills, Associated Press Staff Writer)

BUENOS AIRES, Dec. 20.—The commander of the scuttled German battleship Admiral Graf Spee, Captain Hans Langsdorff, today wrote a tragic epilogue to the war's greatest naval battle by committing suicide.

Langsdorff, 45, veteran of the first Great War and leader in numerous sea exploits, shot himself with a revolver in the naval arsenal where Argentine interned him when he arrived from Uruguay after he destroyed his prize battleship off Montevideo Sunday.

"From the first moment he made up his mind to share the fate of his magnificent ship," said a German embassy announcement.

Langsdorff, who won the admiration of friend and foe for the humanitarian treatment of his war prisoners, took his own life exactly a week after the Graf Spee engaged in a 14-hour running battle with three British cruisers off the South American coast.

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YESTERDAY'S SANTA PALS

Kingsmen Club, Charlottetown.
Mr. Loman J. O'Farrell.
Mr. J. W. Cann.
The Carleton Women's Institute per Mrs. Stewart MacMicken, Sec'y Treas.
Mrs. Erle Thomson, Carleton.
Miss Katherine MacFadyen, Riverside.
Mrs. Harry Tidmarsh.
Miss Nora Noella Blake.
Miss Maureen Blake.
Mr. and Mrs. Stewart Inman, Carleton.
Miss Helen Tidmarsh.
Master Stuart Chandler.
Mrs. M. H. Brown.
Master Paul DesRoches, Mt. Edmond Road.
Mr. and Mrs. H. K. S. Hemming.
Miss E. Webster.
Miss Reta MacEachern.
Mrs. Charles Carson.
Miss Ruth Christie.
Long Creek Y. P. S.
Master Gordon Quigley.
Mrs. Barbara Quigley.
Master Arthur Coffin.
Miss Margaret Coffin.
Miss Rose Longworth.
Miss Marjorie Spillet.
Miss Janet Marcia Spillet.
Master George J. Rogers.
Miss Emma Michael.
Miss Rosemary Rogers.
Mrs. James MacKay, Brackley.
Miss Doris Harris.
Miss Emma Michael.
In memory of Mrs. Thos. Michael.
Mr. John Michael.
Miss Helen Holman.

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Ominous Portents For Nazis And Reds In Events Of Week

News Briefs

OTTAWA, Dec. 20.—The first Canadian division will be supported in the field by a squadron of the Royal Canadian Air Force and also will be aided by specialized corps units amounting to between 6,000 and 7,000 men; Defense Minister Rogers announced tonight.

PARIS, Dec. 21.—(Thursday)—Anti-aircraft guns went into action during an air raid alarm in western France at 11:35 p. m. (7:35 p. m. AST) last night. The alarm ended at 12:20 a. m.

BUCHAREST, Dec. 20.—Rumania tonight agreed to double her oil shipments to Germany. The Government consented to a new trade agreement with the Reich after strike started negotiations which several times broke down and precipitated the fall of one Rumanian cabinet. The new pact calls for Rumania to send Germany 100,000 tons oil monthly. The first eight months of this year Germany averaged 120,000 tons, but since the start of the war the figure had been cut to about 80,000.

OTTAWA, Dec. 20.—(CP)—Labor Minister McLarty said tonight he had advised steel workers on the Saint John dry dock and ship building Company Limited that a strike started yesterday for higher wages is illegal and that the men should return to work immediately. Chief conciliation officer of the department, N. S. Campbell, is proceeding to Saint John to investigate the situation, the Labor Minister said.

MANILA, Dec. 20.—(AP)—Possible repetition of the disastrous flood of 1936, in which loss of life exceeded 500, stirred anxiety tonight throughout northeastern Luzon Island where the swift Gagua River inundated a wide area. Heavy rains accompanied the latest of a series of typhoons an made hundreds homeless in Isabel and Gagua provinces. Because of disrupted communications it was impossible to determine the extent of deaths and property damage.

Grand Master Of Orangemen In B. C. Passes

VANCOUVER, Dec. 20.—(CP)—Rev. A. D. Archibald, 65, Grand Master of the Orange Lodge and past President of the United Church Conference of British Columbia, died today.

Mr. Archibald was born in Musquodocuit, N. S., and was educated at Dalhousie University, Halifax.

He was superintendent of the Sunday School Association in Prince Edward Island and from there went to Erie, Pa., where he organized a Presbyterian Church. Later he served in the Mission fields in Alberta.

He came to Vancouver in 1918 and was appointed pastor of First United Church here. He retired from Mount Pleasant United Church two years ago because of ill health.

He is survived by his widow and one daughter.

War—25 Years Ago Today

DEC. 21, 1914—Progress Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry, first Canadian unit in France, landed at Havre. Germans repulsed allied attacks near Chalons and La Bassee. French advanced between the Aisne and the Lys on the Western Front.

Dash For Liberty

GEORGETOWN, British Guiana
Dec. 20.—Seven refugees from the French penal colony of Cayenne were taken into custody by police here today when their small, open boat was swamped off shore. They were on their way to Venezuela and freedom.

One man claimed to be British, giving his name as Lewis Weiss. Another said he was Charles de Girolamo, Italian, and a third said he was Paredes Roberto, Spanish. They said they left Cayenne, off the coast of South America, Dec. 6.

All will be deported by authorities here as soon as two are discharged from hospital. Roberto and one Frenchman, suffering from exposure, were given medical care.

3 MORE SHOPPING DAYS

BROOD OVER YOUR TROUBLES AND YOU BREED DISASTER



TORONTO, Dec. 20.—(CP)—Minimum and maximum temperatures:

Dawson	9	15
Vancouver	47	49
Edmonton	27	31
Regina	6	18
Winnipeg	17	21
Toronto	34	43
Ottawa	22	32
Montreal	19	26
Quebec	17	32
Saint John	20	33
Halifax	20	30
Charlottetown	20	30

Maritime East: Strong southerly to westerly winds and gales; occasional rain; part snow or sleet in north portion.

Synopsis: Light snowfalls have occurred in northern Ontario, also snow and rain in eastern districts.

High tide this morning at 6.20 and tonight at 6.15.

Sun sets this afternoon at 4.21 and rises tomorrow morning at 7.35.

Full moon Dec. 26, 7.28 a. m. Summerside tide eighteen minutes later than Charlottetown.

THE C&F FERRY SAILINGS

Leaves Borden 9:45 A.M. 1:00 P.M.
Leaves Tormentine 11:00 A.M. 3:05 P.M.

SATURDAYS ONLY

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