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JAPAN MOVES TO MEET ANGLLO-U.S. PROTESTS

BRITAIN LEADS WAY IN EMPIRE DEFENCE

Chief Of Aerial Staff Removed From Command

Rear Admiral Teizo Mitsunami Recalled—Nipponese Eager To Make Amends, Ponder Replies To Notes.

SHANGHAI, Dec. 16—(Thursday)—(AP)—Japanese authorities today announced Rear Admiral Teizo Mitsunami, chief of Japanese aerial operations, had been relieved of his post as a result of the bombing of the United States gunboat Panay.

The Government thus acted swiftly to carry out its pledge to the United States Government that officers responsible for the Panay attack would be punished, said Domei, the Japanese news agency.

Mitsunami was recalled since most air bombings in China have been carried out by naval planes.

TOKYO, Dec. 16—(Thursday)—(AP)—Japan today received a new note from Great Britain demanding assurances of actual steps taken to prevent further attacks on British interests in China.

There was no comment on the note, which came early today, pending time to study it. In the meantime the Government weighed new amends to the United States for the sinking of the gunboat Panay and attacks on commercial ships.

One government official declared Japan was "prepared to meet every American demand coincident with the necessities of the situation."

"We are studying yesterday's American note with the view of making all possible amends."

HARBOR BOARD OFFICIAL IN CONFERENCE

R. O. Campney, chairman of the National Harbors Board, Ottawa, inspected Charlottetown harbor yesterday from the Canadian Government steamer Brant and later held a conference with the Harbor Improvement Committee of the Charlottetown Board of Trade and other officials.

No announcement was made following the conference. Accompanying Mr. Campney on his trip around the harbor were Messrs. Peter Sinclair, M. P., J. O. Hyndman, C. L. MacKay, Hal Bourke, W. L. Higgins, H. E. Miller, Engineer of the Public Works Department, and E. E. Clawson, Marine Agent.

Demand Active Measures

LONDON, Dec. 15—(Great Britain tonight demanded of Japan information "that measures have actually been taken" to "put a definite stop" to incidents that endanger British lives and property in China.

The Government released the text of a note from Foreign Secretary Eden to the Japanese Foreign Minister, Koki Hirota, which reviewed the long series of attacks on Britons and declared "it is clear that steps hitherto taken by the Japanese Government to prevent such attacks have so far failed in that purpose."

Issuing of the text followed a warning by Mr. Eden in the House of Commons that failure to stop attacks on British shipping would strain the relations of the two countries.

Long Cabinet Session

The note and Mr. Eden's remarks came after a long cabinet meeting in which it was understood.

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REARMAMENT PROGRAM WELL UNDERWAY

British Nations Building Up Their Bulwarks For Land, Sea And Air.

(By GEORGE HAMBLETON)
(Canadian Press Staff Writer)
LONDON, Dec. 15—(CP)—Empire defence moves ahead. There is no centralized common plan. But each Empire unit, working in co-operation, is rapidly strengthening itself against the peril of war.

Great Britain leads the way with a defence program the like of which, both in extent and in strain on the taxpayer, has never before been known in peace-time. Her shipyards are so crowded that the Admiralty has had to hold back some of its many orders.

Contracts for several warships of the current year's program have still to be placed. Yet within the last three years, Britain's naval bill has touched \$650,000,000. The aggregate of war vessels building total 450,000 tons, without counting those already launched, or a further 55,000 tons which parliament has sanctioned.

By 1942, it is estimated, the British Empire will have 25 capital ships, including 10 of the largest and most powerful afloat. The present strength in capital ships is 15. Strength of aircraft carriers will have jumped five to nine. In cruisers, the British Empire now has 12 building with five projected; the United States, eight building, two projected; Japan, two building; France, one building, one projected; Italy, none; Germany, five building, two projected; Soviet Russia, three projected.

Change in Army

Early in December Leslie Hore-Belisha, 43-year-old secretary of state for war, made the most sweeping changes in army control known in the long annals of the British army. At one stroke three of four regular military members of the army general staff retired and were replaced by younger men. The average age of military members of the army council was thus reduced from 63 to 52 years.

The changes mark a distinct breach with the old seniority principle. "If any further appointments are made," Hore-Belisha assured the House of Commons, the House may depend upon it that merit, character and ability as well as suitability for any particular office will be guiding considerations regarding youth, age or mere seniority. All appointments will be made on the assumption the holders will be in all respects fit and able to hold their posts in the future.

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Steel Workers Endorse Lewis

(By The Associated Press)
PITTSBURGH, Dec. 15—The Committee for Industrial Organization steel workers convention threw its solid support today behind John L. Lewis and his policies.

Three separate resolutions terming Lewis "our peerless leader," praised him and his chief lieutenant—Philip Murray—for their unionization work and pledged "our fealty to the cause of the C. I. O."

Quebec And Ontario Prepared To Challenge Federal Act

TORONTO, Dec. 15—Ontario and Quebec Governments are prepared to challenge the validity of Dominion legislation governing power export to the United States unless permission is granted for Ontario to export a Hydro-Electric Power Commission surplus, Premier Mitchell Hepburn announced today.

Mr. Hepburn, who conferred with Premier Maurice Duplessis of Quebec Monday at Montreal and will meet him again in Toronto next week, said permission to export power had been refused by Prime Minister Mackenzie King. The provincial premiers were determined to have the decision changed.

OTTAWA, Dec. 15—No comment was available tonight from Prime Minister Mackenzie King or mem-

Eyewitness Account Of Bombing

(By The Canadian Press)
SHANGHAI, Dec. 15—But for poor marksmanship the British gunboat Ladybird would have shared the same fate of the United States gunboat Panay, her companion, Flag-Captain G. E. M. O'Donnell said today as he received treatment for a shell-splintered arm.

The Ladybird was shelled by Japanese field gun batteries at Wuhu Sunday at the same time the Panay and three Standard Oil vessels were sunk on the Yangtze near Nanking. A bluejacket was killed on the Ladybird and three Americans lost their lives in the Panay bombing.

Jim Marshall, correspondent of Collier's Magazine, arrived with two other Panay survivors and told of the havoc wrought by the Japanese planes as they dropped 12 bombs on the American craft. Marshall was in hospital, badly wounded. F. Hayden Vines of Roanoke, Va., also was wounded and John L. Hodge, fireman, was too shell-shocked to be able to speak of his experiences.

Planes Flew Low

"They came so low it was impossible for them not to know they were bombing foreign ships," Marshall declared. "The first bomb hit the forecastle. The Panay kept her guns blazing until the last minute."

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THREE KILLED BY EXPLOSION

Bodies Recovered From Ruins Of Hamilton Steel Plant.

HAMILTON, Ont., Dec. 15—(CP)—Wreckage of the Steel Company of Canada's \$200,000 benzol recovery plant was guarded tonight by firemen who poured water into the ruins from which three bodies were taken after explosions and fire struck the building this morning.

Fire Chief Robert Aitchison instructed crews from three stations to keep pouring water on the ruins until they were completely cooled. While there was little fear that further explosions could occur, police constables were prepared to remain at the scene all night.

Chief Coroner Dr. J. H. Mullin had not released bodies of the three victims tonight. He announced an inquest would be opened Dec. 28.

The bodies were definitely identified tonight as those of James P. Osborne, 25; Thomas E. Nicholson, 24, and Primo Ripanti, 23, all workers in the building. Nicholson and Ripanti were so mutilated by the blast that they were 5,000-gallon iron tank 50 feet that certain identification was not made until several hours after the blast. Only seven men were in the building at the time.

Funeral Today Of Mr. T. B. Grady

The remains of the late Mr. T. B. Grady arrived home last night, accompanied by Mrs. Grady, her sons Dr. Thomas Grady and Harry Grady, her daughters Mrs. H. S. Brown and Mrs. E. R. Sullivan and son-in-law Dr. Sullivan. The funeral will be from the home of Mr. and Mrs. Alison MacLeod, 186 Prince Street, at 1:30 p. m. today, to the People's Cemetery, Summerside.

Queen Mary Acts As Saleswoman

LONDON, Dec. 15—(CP Cable)—Queen Mary became a saleswoman for an hour today. She attended a sale of antiques at Lennox House in the west end, the proceeds of which will be devoted to a supply of clothing for the "distressed areas."

UPSWING IN CHRISTMAS TRADE NOTED

Tidal Wave Of Purchasing Expected—Weather, Stock Market Had Adverse Effect.

(By The Canadian Press)
Those capricious institutions, the weather and the stock market, have played fast and loose with Christmas season trade in many centres across Canada, but shopkeepers today report the beginning of what may well be a tidal wave of purchasing in the next 10 days, hitting its crest on the eve of the holiday.

The mild November left retail shoppers lethargic, particularly in Eastern Canada where expectations were high for a boom season.

Last week's blizzards in Ontario and generally more seasonal weather had a definitely stimulating effect in some cities; but in smaller centres it was just another extreme. For some days after the heavy snowfall, roads were blocked and traffic could not flow naturally to the shopping districts.

Most of the weather difficulties have been stabilized, however, and retail dealers are beginning to cater to the golden horde. In Ottawa, for instance, trade was poor until last Saturday, but store executives report that it is booming this week and just as good as last year. Two thousand clerks have been absorbed temporarily in stores to handle the seasonal rush.

To the east, in the Quebec area, the secretary of the Retail Merchants Association of Canada, R. Messier, said business is a little better than last year at this time, but buying has been deferred until this week due to the unreasonable weather. Executives of Montreal department stores confirm Mr. Messier's report. A peculiar trend is noted in that Charlie McCarthy, the radio imp, has replaced

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WAR MOVES SOUTHWARD

Japanese Forces Reported Landed Near Canton.

(C. P. by Guardian's Special Wire)
SHANGHAI, Dec. 16—(Thursday)—Leaving settlement of international incidents to the diplomats at home, the Japanese Army Command turned its attention today to South China as the objective of its next offensive.

Unconfirmed Hong Kong reports said 12 Japanese transports were speeding from Toisan, 90 miles due west of the British crown colony, to land troops near Canton.

According to latest reports, more than 10,000 Japanese troops now in the Shanghai-Nanking area were being mobilized for transport to the south China coast.

Chinese sources meanwhile advised that their troops had established new lines from 10 miles west of Wuhu after their retreat from Nanking. Mass concentrations were reported at Nanking and Pempu, in Anhwei Province on the north bank of the Yangtze, with defence works extending southward into Chekiang Province.

Douglas Engaged As Socrat Adviser

OTTAWA, Dec. 15—(CP)—Major C. H. Douglas, Scottish engineer who first propounded Social Credit theories, has been engaged by Alberta as an economic adviser, it was reported here today.

According to the report, Douglas will advise the Aberhart Government on economic subjects, particularly relating to the hearing before the Supreme Court Jan. 10 on constitutionality of three provincial statutes.

Will Their Expectations Be Fulfilled?—It's Up To You



"The Spirit of Christmas went all round the earth To tell the sweet story of Love's wondrous birth. And in every place where he halted awhile Folk doffed all their crowns and put on a sweet smile!"

Spirit of Christmas; how sweet the words sound to the ears of struggling humanity. There is something about Christmastide that brings hope and encouragement to those striving for a better world. True, wars rage on two continents and there is the every day struggle of the individual to eke out an existence, yet the fact that so many people have or rather take the time to think of "the other person" at this season of the year reveals the spirit of brotherhood in man, although often lying dormant.

Many Christian acts find expression at this season, acts for which the world would be much better if they were continued far beyond the Christmas season.

Needy children perhaps have the greatest claim on our charity. But they do not make that claim themselves. To them it is simply a great mystery and a still greater injustice that they should be forgotten by Santa Claus while other children, who already appeared to have lots of everything, are remembered. In just such situations are so many seeds of bitterness which in later years may mature into something detrimental to the City, Province and Dominion. In such ways Communism, Fascism, Socialism, in their most violent forms are fostered and even revolutionary tendencies cultivated.

These needy children or their parents are not that way of their own volition. Far from it. How many of them but would be overjoyed if today they were offered work at a living wage. Would their children be on the needy list waiting for Santa Pals to come to

War Referendum Proposal In Congress Opposed By Hull

By KIRKE L. SIMPSON
Associated Press Staff Writer
WASHINGTON, Dec. 15—The State Department aligned itself today against a strong movement in Congress to require a favorable vote of the people before the United States could declare war, except in event of invasion.

State Secretary Hull told reporters that, from the standpoint of promoting peace and keeping the United States out of war, he was unable to see "the wisdom, or the practicability" of the proposed requirement.

Nevertheless, study of a petition pending in the House indicated there was a good chance the chamber would approve a constitutional amendment by Representative Ludlow (D-Ind.) to require the national referendum on declarations of war.

The petition bears 218 signatures, enough to make possible a House vote on the Ludlow amendment Dec. 27. Congress probably will be in recess on that date, however, and thus the vote is expected to be delayed until January.

Some two score of the 48 states are represented among the petition signers. While 148 of the signatories are those of Democrats, 54 are Republican and the remainder Farmer-Laborite and Progressive. The proportion of Republican signatories to the whole Republican House membership is particularly striking.

COMING EVENTS

*Announcements are inserted in this column at 2 cents per word strictly payable in advance.

*Talkies—Souris Thursday, L-856-12-15-21.

*Talkies—Montague Saturday, "White Angel," L-856-12-15-21.

*Christmas Concert, Crapaud, Friday, 17th, L-27-12-16-11.

*Buying Poultry daily, McGuigan and Boyle, L-861-12-14-61.

*New London Christmas Concert December 20th, L-24-12-17-21.

*To arrive car corn meal and other feeds book now and save money, McGuigan and Boyle, L-862-12-14-31.

*Reserve Saturday, December 18th for Bethel Christmas Concert, if not fine, Wednesday, L-796-12-13-16-17.

*Buy your Christmas Gifts and toys from McGuigan and Boyle, L-860-12-14-16-18-20-22.

*Riversdale School Concert Saturday, December 18th, L-805-12-16-21.

*Buying live hogs Albany Thursday 16th, E mira 17th, until noon, G. C. Green, L-20-65-W-1-t-w-1-f.

*Reserve December 23rd for Cornwall School Concert, L-805-12-15-21.

*Don't miss New Haven School Concert Friday, December 17th, L-848-12-15-31.

*Buying Poultry Friday afternoon, Frank Cutcliffe, L-863-12-15-21.

*New Dominion School Concert in Afton Hall, Monday, December 20th, L-831-12-16-11.

*Reserve December 22nd for United Sunday School Concert, Hunter River, L-634-12-8-21.

*Christmas Concert at Conoe Core Hall, December 21st, Admission 10 cents, L-10-12-16-11.

*Play "Correspondence Courtship" in Tryon Hall, Thursday, Friday if stormy Thursday, L-29-12-16-11.

*Card Party and Dance in Hunter River Masonic Hall Thursday night, December 16th at eight o'clock sharp, Admission 25 cents, L-813-12-15-21.

*Come to the Presbyterian Christmas Concert in the Orange Hall, Hunter River, Monday, December 20th, if not fine December 21st, L-21-12-16-18.

*Buying live and dressed poultry, dressed geese, ducks and turkeys on Dec. 21st, John Devine, Peakes, L-34-12-16-31.

*Xmas Bazaar at Bradalbarge United Church School-room on Friday, December 17th from five to nine, Lunch 10 cents, L-25-12-16-11.

*Buying live and dressed chickens and fowl; also dressed turkeys, geese and ducks at Millview and Vernon December 17th—18th. Paying highest market prices. Signed R. J. McDonald Co., Cardigan, L-745-12-10-61.

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*Clark Bros., Montague, buying dressed chickens, ducks, geese and turkeys according to Government Grade on December 18th. Paying highest market prices, L-864-12-14-41.

*A big variety concert by Summerside talent will be held in Cape Traverse Hall Thursday evening Dec. 16th. Proceeds in aid of new kitchen. Sale of candy. Show your interest by attending, L-829-12-15-21.

*Livestock Marketing Board loading hogs at Railway Stock Pens Charlottetown Thursday afternoon, December 16th and Friday forenoon 17th, and weekly thereafter until further notice. Bring your hogs on Thursday if you cannot come Friday forenoon, L-824-12-15-21.

*Livestock Marketing Board loading hogs and calves and, if you wish, will include cattle for shipment to Montreal, Monday December 20th, Co-operative basis. Starting cars at Souris, St. Peters and Charlottetown. Sows and calves will be taken on a pick-up arrangement, but cattle can be taken only at starting point of car as announced. Please list with local Club Secretary or at our office, Currie Block, Charlottetown, L-823-12-15-31.