Christmas Concert at Provincial Sanatorium

In a concert featuring special Christmas selections The Serenaders under the direction of Mrs. Full, wife of Col. G. E. Full, entertained patients and staff of the Provincial Sanatorium last evening.

Dr. P. A. Creelman, Medical Superintendent of the Institution, presided and the main Reception Room was gaily decorated in festive attire. The glow of the fireplace in its setting of holly and spruce, and the brilliantly lighted tree supplied the atmosphere and charm of Christmastide.

The Serenaders present included Mrs. G. E. Full, Director; Miss Suzanne Brenton, pianist; Miss Lillian MacKenzie; Mrs. N. D. MacLean; Miss Berna Heustis; Miss Pearle Burns; Miss Margaret Sterns; Mrs. Robert Holman; Miss Doris Tait; Miss Delys Owen; Miss Davida Baker.

Program

It Came Upon a Midnight Clear —(in unison).
The First Noel (with descant).
Bring a Torch (old French Carol by Healey Willan. In 3 parts).
Silent Night.
God Rest You Merry Gentlemen.
Hark Bethlehem (E. Harold Geer. Unaccompanied. In 3 parts).
While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks.
Good King Wenceslaus (Traditional Melody—author unknow. 3 part Chorus).
Oh Little Town of Bethlehem.

At the close of the evening's entertainment, Dr. Creelman presented the thanks of the patients and staff to Mrs. Full and the Serenaders.

Vice-Regal Levee on new Year's day

OTTAWA, Dec 18—(CP)—Maintaining the custom of previous years, the Vice-Regal levee will be held on New Year's Day.

Sir Shuldham Redfern, secretary to the Governor-General, has advertised in the press that gentlemen of Ottawa may present their respects to His Majesty's representative on New Year's morning.

The custom of the levee which stems from the time of the French court, represents the privilege of the ordinary individual to shake the hand of the King's representative. It goes back past the earliest days of the Confederation to the French rule in Quebec.

Mussolini's Paper Discusses U. S. Aid to Britain

MILAN, Italy, Dec. 18—(AP)—Mussolini's newspaper, Il Popolo D'Italia, said today "the question for us is not whether the United States can manufacture all the projected armaments" for Britain—"but when?"

"The arms which America produces after Britain collapses are useless," said the paper. "There is, therefore, a date unpredictable and fatal after which the possession of masses of war material will serve America no better than do the masses of gold in the cellars of Fort Knox. . . .

"The tragedy of the English Isle . . Is that of a starving man who sees death approaching while in a far-off country grain is being ground to save him. Airplanes which don't fly, cannons which don't shoot, because they don't exist, may serve to win an election but not a war."

Il Popolo also predicted the decision in the war would come on British soil.

BIRTHS

DAVEY — At the City Hospital, December 9, 1940, to Mr. and Mrs. James Davey, a daughter.

LAWLOR — At the City Hospital, December 12, 1940, to Mr. and Mrs. Wilfred Lawlor, a daughter Katherine Doris.

McINNIS — At the City Hospital, December 11, 1940, to Mr. and Mrs. Eddie McInnis, nee Kay McInnis, a son, Robert Edward.

WILLIAMS — At the City Hospital, December 11, 1940, to Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Williams, a daughter, Margaret Dale.

DEATHS

STEVENS — In Boston, Mass., on December 9, 1940, Mary A. (Perry), widow of John M. Stevens.

McINTYRE — In Roslindale, Mass., on December 9, 1940, John Daniel, beloved husband of Susan (Wilson) McIntyre.

CRASWELL — At 87 Rochford St., Wednesday, December 18, 1940, Mrs. Lemuel H. Craswell in her 75th year. Funeral tomorrow Friday, service starting at 2 p. m. Interment People's Cemetery.

CURRIE —At Cumberland Tuesday December 17, 1940, Mrs. Archibald Currie in her 81st year. Funeral from her late residence this Thursday afternoon, service starting at 2 o'clock. Interment New Dominion Cemetery.

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FASCIST

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Among those seized was an Italian Lieutenant Colonel.

This frontier sortie was supported by the South African air force, which dropped 2 1-2 tons of bombs.

A military informant here said the Italian colonials had fought better than the Italians themselves and that the commander of the garrison fled in a mule cart.

One of his officers was represented as so disgusted at this defection that when British soldiers entered the town he led them to the Italians' hidden stores, including field guns, machine guns, gasoline and stores and food supplies.

(More colonial trouble for the Italians was predicted in London: R. A. Butler, under-secretary for foreign affairs, told the Commons that an Ethiopian movement of revolt against the Italians "appears to be making progress.")

EYEWITNESS ACCOUNT
(By Edward Kennedy, Associated Press Staff Writer)

WITH THE BRITISH FORCES IN LIBYA, Dec. 18—(AP)—British land forces advanced today on Bardia in heavy fighting while the Royal Air Force bombed that Italian stronghold from the air and the fleet shelled it from the Mediterranean.

The ground fighting centred on the strong fortifications five or six miles outside the town which the Italians built long before the war and strengthened in the past year.

Heavy rains turned the desert into mud and handicapped but did not halt the British drive.

The Royal Air Force reported some Italian troop movements out of Bardia toward Tobruk, indicating that a way of retreat from the town was partly open. British armored patrols, however, already had established themselves west of Bardia toward Tobruk.

How many Italian troops remained in Bardia was problematical. The normal garrison is one division but all of the divisions or fractional divisions which had got out of Egypt presumably had entered there.

While there are no definite figures, casualties are low among the British and not high among the Italians for the campaign generally. This is due mainly to the surprise of attacks and the rapidity of the action.

Even British intelligence officers were surprised at the amount of material the Italians had brought into Egypt. Their only serious shortage seemed to be in metals. More than half the Italian soldiers had no steel helmets and half the fortifications had no barbed wire. The Italians had little gasoline—and this was a disappointment to the British officers—for most Italian vehicles run on diesel oil, of which they abandoned thousands of barrels.

The Italian troops apparently ate well. They had excellent canned fish and tons of spaghetti. The officers' messes were well stocked with wine and bottled mineral water—luxuries unknown on the British side. The Italian hospital equipment is superior, but not particularly mobile, and sanitary conditions in their camps are not always good.

The success of the attack to date against forces invariably superior numerically is attributed by British officers mainly to three factors—the complete and absolute surprise of the offensive to the Italians, the skill with which the campaign was conceived and executed, the apparent individual superiority of British soldiers over the Italians, especially in fighting at close quarters.

While the Italians fought valiantly in many places—some staying with their machine guns when all hope had gone—they generally broke when the British troops got close.

Men in the front say Gen. Wavell's genius was shown in allowing the greatest initiative all along the line. He approved the general lines of the campaign and then didn't interfere. Many of the most successful operations were improvised in the field.

Bayonet charges with the protection of tanks and artillery—and sometimes without any protection—are common in this campaign.

Believe Planes Found in Lake

GRAVENHURST, Ont., Dec. 18—(CP)—Royal Canadian Air Force search parties seeking two low-wing monoplanes which are believed to have plunged into Lake Muskoka near here Friday, reported tonight that one plane had been partly raised on grappling hooks and sank again.

After the plane sank fresh oil rose to the surface of the lake, search officials said.

The two planes which had been engaged in a search for a third air force plane, are believed to have collided in mid-air over the lake and plunged into its depths.

King George Will speak Christmas day

TORONTO, Dec. 18 —(CP) —The Canadian Broadcasting Corporation received word today from the New York offices of the British Broadcasting Corporation that a talk by King George will highlight the BBC's Christmas-day program, "Christmas under fire."

The entire program will be heard over the CBC's national network from 9 to 10.10 a. m. AST.

The CBC was advised that special precautions will be taken to guard the King from Nazi planes during the broadcast, and the location of the studio from which the King will speak is being kept secret.

Messages from home guards on the Dover cliffs, from merchant ships and warships at sea, greetings from the R. A. F. and the singing of carols will be broadcast to the Empire. Part of the program will be made up of broadcasts from various parts of the Empire, describing wartime scenes in the Dominions.

King Leopold Virtual prisoner At Royal Palace

NEW YORK, Dec. 18 —(CP) — King Leopold of Nazi-conquered Belgium is a virtual prisoner at this summer Royal Palace at Ciergnen, about 100 miles from Brussels, Suzanne Silvercruys, sculptor and long-time friend of the Belgian royal family, said here today in a statement.

Miss Silvercruys said official Belgian circles here and in London had received word through secret channels from Belgium that a heavy guard of Nazi troops has been placed around the palace and that not even his closest Belgian friends are permitted to see the King unless a special pass is issued by the German governor of the province.

With the King, Miss Silvercruys said, are his mother, the dowager Queen Elizabeth, and his brother Prince Charles.

She said a rumor had been circulated that Leopold had been designated by Hitler as a special envoy to the Vatican to approach Pope Pius in behalf of Nazi peace overtures to Britain, commenting:—

"This rumor is absolutely false and may have actually been started by the Nazis themselves as a propaganda manoeuvre to embarrass King Leopold with his people."

Miss Silvercruys said the King has managed to get word out of Belgium to the free Belgian government now set up in London with Hubert Pierlot as Prime Minister that he not only supports this movement but considers it the only "true Belgian government."

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CIVIC TAXES — City's fiscal year ends December 31st not January 15th as in previous years. L-81-12-5-7-10-12-14-19-21-23.

FUNERAL OF MR. F. P. DEAN —The funeral of the late Frank P. Dean was held from the MacLean Funeral Home yesterday afternoon where services were conducted by the Rev. Dr. Fraser who also officated at the grave. Interment People's Cemetery. Pallbearers: P. E. Palmer, H. R. Large, Victor Purdie, P. Forsythe, S. A. MaceLod, Gordon Wright.

BURIED AT ARGYLE SHORE — The funeral of the late Dorothy Stewart was held from the MacLean Funeral Home Monday afternoon where services were conducted by the Rev. Harvey Bishop and the Rev. Donald Boothroyd. Interment Argyle Shore Cemetery., the Rev. Harvey Bishop officiating at the grave. The pallbearers were: Murray Carmichael, Alton Jay, Stewart Richardson, James Sherry, Donald MacPhail.

CHRISTMAS MAILS AT CHARLOTTETOWN POST OFFICE. — Parce's for Ontario, Quebec and the Maritimes should be posted as soon as possible if delivery is expected to be effected before Christmas Day. Greeting Cards and parcels, etc., for local Island and City delivery should be in the Post Office before Saturday. The District Director states that the peak mailing for a single day in the Christmas season of 1939 at the Charlottetown Post Office was 50,000 letters and cards which was handled in addition to the record incoming Mainland and local mails. Greeting cards, etc., for city delivery should be mailed today or tomorrow at the latest.—**"Shop early—mail early and post office will deliver early.'**

QUARANTINE TO BE LIFTED— The 10-day quarantine at the Military Training Camp at Beach Grove Inn will be lifted today, in was announced last night by Dr. B. C. Keeping, Deputy Minister of Public Health. Over 200 trainees and the staff of 80 were placed under quarantine following the death of Pte. J. D. Keenan of Georgetown who succumbed to spinal meningitis Wednesday, December 11. Since then the throats of all near contacts were swabbed and no further cases of the disease reported. The job of swabbing the trainees' throats was done by Dr. Keeping, Dr. Harold Shaw, Lieut. N. J. England, M D. and Lieut. (Dr.) Loyola Duffy. The camp has had a number of cases of measles among the men and several will probably remain in hospital with this disease when the 30-day training period ends Saturday. The epidemic of influenza which hit the camp early is practically all cleared up.

Personals

Mr. J. J. Larabee, Supervisor of Fisheries for the province has been ill with the 'flu this week. He is reported to be convalescing and is expected to return to his office shortly.

Councillor Henry Lapthorn is ill at his home at present. He is suffering from the 'flu, but his condition is satisfactory and rapid recovery is expected. Councillor Lapthorn is chairman of the Employment and Relief Committee of the City Council.

Germans may Try invasion To aid Fascists

LONDON, Dec. 18.—(CP)—Warned against the danger of invasion, Great Britain has 1,000,000 Home Guardsmen and untold thousands of coast defence and mobile troops at the alert in her constant vigil for the approach of Hitler's threatened attack.

At the same time, the government made it clear that the empire can not win the war until its army has "struck—and struck deep—into the Axis countries.

A Ministry of Information spokesman said the blockade would weaken Germany and Italy, and the Royal Navy and Royal Air Force would shake the confidence of Hitler and his partner, Mussolini.

"But the weapon which ultimately will enforce submission of the enemy is the army," the spokesman said, adding that Britain now has about 3,000,000 men under arms.

Truckload after truckload of military supplies speed along coastal highways of this island kingdom, in preparation for Hitler's long-awaited "der tag."

The war office has issued new restrictions against the wearing of uniforms by unauthorized persons, presumably to guard against fifth column operations; and the Admiralty called for volunteers for the marine corps.

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ONE CANADIAN

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Mr. Howe did not plan to take a rest but will go right ahead with his mission, which he expects will keep him here three weeks.

"I came over here to see what else Canada could do to help in the war effort," the Minister told reporters when he received them at an hotel after a tender brought the party ashore in pouring rain.

He paid tribute to Mr. Scott, former provincial secretary of Quebec, and $1—year government adviser, as "one of our most prominent Canadians and finest businessmen."

"I was hoping against hope I would not have to announce this great loss," the Minister said. "We had hoped he would have been picked up by a warship. Unfortunately he was not."

He described the rest of the party as feeling "splendid" and added: "As far as actual hardship is concerned there was nothing very upsetting for us."

Mr. Howe said the U-boat which destroyed the Western Prince took flashlight photographs of the sinking liner.

Steward Jimmy Franks lost his life because of his courage, the Minister went on. Safe in a lifeboat, he remembered that money contributed by the crew to their Spitfire Fund —about $445 was still aboard. He dashed back and had to remain with Capt. Reed and Second Officer R. F. White. Of the three, only White was picked up.

Mr. Howe said that afer the 10,926-ton Western Prince sank all aboard his lifeboat took turns at the oars during the anxious hours before they were picked up.

When finally the rescue ship found them they waves were running high, it was squally and there was no sun.

He did not see Mr. Scott go down. But he understood that when a lifeboat with 26 persons in it struck the side of the rescue ship and turned over the Montreal financier held on to the lifeboat as long as he could but finally had to let go.

Mr. Howe paid particular tribute to the crew of the rescue ship.

"They did a grand job."

Survivors of the Western Prince also included W. A. Sharpe, 19, of Prince Albert, Sask., who has made arrangements to join the Royal Air Force — and risked his life to dash back to his cabin for the papers to prove he has 250 hours in the air to his credit.

WAS WIDELY KNOWN

MONTREAL, Dec. 18—(CP)—Hon. Gordon Scott, 53, who lost his life in rescue operations following the torpedoing of the Western Prince, was widely known in Quebec Province as a Parliamentarian and a financier.

He died while on his way to Britain with Hon. C. D. Howe, Minister of Munitions and Supply, to whom he was financial adviser. Mr. Scott had been with the Department and its predecessors off and on as a financial adviser since early in the war.

Fifty-three years old, he was one of the many $1-a-year-men summoned to take part in direction of the war effort in the Munitions Department.

He helped to organize the War Supply Board which later became the Munitions and Supply Department.

Mr. Scott was born in Montreal, Oct. 1, 1887, and was educated at Montreal High School. His studies over, he became associated with the Montreal accounting firm of P. S. Ross and Sons, of which he was a senior partner at the time of his death.

His financial interests became widespread and at one time he was on the directorates of more than 40 companies. However, he resigned from the offices when an amendment to the Federal Companies' Act barred him as an auditor from holding the positions.

Mr. Scott took part in many Government inquiries. He was associated with Sir Andrew Rae Duncan in connection with a federal inquiry into labor difficulties in Cape Breton. Later, when Sir Andrew headed a Royal Commission on Maritime Rights under the Confederation, Mr. Scott again assisted him.

During the existence of the Board of Audits of Canada Mr. Scott was a member and took part in inquiries in many public bodies, including the Department of Soldiers' Civil Reestablishment, Soldiers' Settlement Board and the Board of Grain Commissioners.

In his youth, Mr. Scott was an ardent lacrosse and hockey player. Later in life he continued his interest in sports, playing golf, hunting and fishing. He was a life member of the Montreal Amateur Athletic Association.

Mr. Scott was married to 1914 to Mary Edith Anderson of Montreal, who survives with one daughter, Helen Marjorie.

He first entered the parliamentary field in 1930 when the Liberal Premier L. A. Taschereau, appointed him Provincial Treasurer in the Quebec Cabinet. He resigned when defeated in a by-election for Huntingdon seat Nov. 4, 1930.

Nine days later he was appointed to the Legislative Council. Mr. Scott resigned from the Upper House, however, Aug. 4, 1931, to become a candidate for Montreal St. George in the provincial elections of that year. Again he was defeated at the polls and again, in the following year, he was appointed to the council.

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NEWSMAN

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shouting. The officers gave their orders quietly as the passengers and crew of the liner took their places in the boats. Three babies were carried aboard without excitement, and the women, who included a mother superior, returning with novices after a strange experience in China, took their places with steady steps.

The story of lifeboat No. 3 was much like that of the others. Passengers had prepared and most of them slept in their clothes. When I came on deck the port lifeboats had gone, and the starboard boats were filling. There was a heavy swell and in an effort to keep them off the ship's sides oars were broken and lifeboats' sides were tested severely. It was a struggle to get away in that strong swell, but we drew away slowly and lay to about 100 yards away.

Look for Stragglers

We saw lights in the ship and rowed back past the stern, looking out for stragglers in the water. The waves were about 20 feet high and when we came on another lifeboat it seemed a miniature thing. One boat covered up its people in a tarpaulin. All the boats used their sea anchors which helped in the hard job of keeping their heads to wind with heavy oars. Many became sick, including a surprising number of sailors. They fell about, clogging the oarsmen and increasing congestion at the oars. Suggestions were made in three of the boats, one learned afterwards, to hoist a sail. Had that been done they would probably have been lost away from the area of the rescue ship.

Newfoundlanders did especially good work at the oars, particularly Basil White, a youth whose talk and glance put new heart into weaker men.

Sub Appears

The momentous moment was when he heard the chief officer saying, not loudly: "Keep quiet. Say nothing. Don't show a light."

A shape appeared about 20 yards away on the starboard side of our lifeboat—the tower and part of the deck of the German submarine.

She submerged as she passed by, and there was a flash which was thought to mean that photographs of us had been taken.

I watched closely the faces of sailors and firemen massed in our bows, watching the enemy. I saw no fear in their eyes, but a terrible tension like a white shadow passing over their faces.

"I thought he was going to give us the machine guns," said one sailor as he relaxed.

We had been taking in water as seas broke over our side.

About six hours had gone — it seemed like six minutes—and then Warburton, a passenger, said in a conversational tone:

"Why, there is a ship; I can see it quite p'ainly." He pointed without standing up. We had been hoping and praying for that but there were no shouts.

When an officer was hoisted up he could not see anything. The passenger was sure, and soon we could all see the steamship and its smoke.

There was faster pulling at the oars then, but not much progress. Would she pass us? was the only question now. We fired five of our nine lights from a signal pistol. It was now fairly light, but orange flares could be seen suspended by little parachutes after the charges had exploded. Other boats fired their flares, although some counselled prudence. We might need them at night.

Picked Up

It became clear that the ship was approaching and about 1¼ hours later the No. 3 boat was in its lee. This freighter's captain manoeuvred cleverly to give us shelter, and oil was thrown over to help us. The sea had increased and we needed all help.

The rescue ship, which had Malayans and Maltese in its crew, did wonders in succoring the weak and ill among us. It was blowing up heavily at night and there would have been little chance of lifeboats riding out those seas.

The line between wives and widows was a very close one that Saturday.

New Aluminum Restrictions Are Necessary

OTTAWA, Dec. 18 —(CP) —Further restrictions in the use of aluminum in homes and in some industries are necessary, G. C. Bateman, metals controller, said in an address tonight to Ottawa branch of the mining and metallurgy institute.

"If there is not enough aluminum in Canada to supply wartime needs as well as domestic requirements, there is no question which will have the first call," he said.

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Italians Told

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It estimated at least 800 British tanks and armored cars were used in the first attacks, and these outmanoeuvred and outstripped the Libyans in Sidi Barrani and the Egyptian desert zone under cover of sand storms.

Now, said the paper, the armies are fighting "hard and fiercely" in the triangle between Salum, Bardia and Fort Capuzzo, Libya, and the battle will be decided there.

(It did not mention that Salum and Fort Capuzzo are in British hands.)

Gayda gave this purported evidence of British casualties: Nine trainloads of wounded hauled into Cairo on the third day of the desert battle; others left dead on the field; still others too badly wounded to be taken back.

At home, the first sentence for listening to a British broadcast was given to a bar proprietor at Padua —a month in jail and a fine of 500 lire (about $25).

Greeks raking Two Albanian Towns with fire

(By Max Harrelson, Associated Press Staff Writer)

ATHENS, Dec. 18—(AP)—Greek machine gunners were reported raking the Albanian towns of Klisura and Tepeleni from surrounding mountain peaks tonight in an apparent prelude to a major effort to drive out the Italian defenders.

The Greeks declared that in bringing the two towns under their guns their troops scored a brilliant victory likely to have a decisive influence on the Albanian campaign.

Klisura is in middle Albania on a cross mountain road leading to Tepeleni, some 12 miles to the west. It also provides an important route to the lower Viousa river valley.

Tell-tale flames such as those seen before the Italians retreated from Argirocastro and Santi Quaranta (Porto Edda) were licking skyward at Klisura, indicating Mussolini's forces had fired the city in preparing for withdrawal.

In the valley between Klisura and Premet, to the southeast, artillery was reported to be pounding 50 tanks used by the Italians in a roving defence of their fortifications.

On the Adriatic coast the Greeks were said to have pushed well within range of the port of Chimara. A flanking movement likewise was under way around Palermo, another port about six miles below Chimara. One motor transport column apparently bringing up fresh troops and supplies was heavily bombed yesterday by Royal Air Force planes, the British air commander announced.

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St. Paul's Church

Sprucing for decorating Church at Christmas will be prepared on Friday night, Dec. 20 at 7:30 in the parish hall.

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Unaware fourth Member of party Lost in sinking

OTTAWA, Dec. 18—(CP)—Until all survivors of the torpedoed liner Western Prince had landed at a British port today, Munitions Minister Howe and two of his executive assistants were unaware that Hon. Gordon Scott of Montreal, fourth member of their party, had lost his life, it was disclosed today.

Previously there had been incorrect information that all members of the Canadian official mission to Britain were safe.

A message received here during the day said Mr. Howe, Col. W. C. Woodward of Vancouver and E.P. Taylor of Toronto were in one lifeboat, Mr. Scott in another. The two boats travelled together for a considerable distance, then separated to go to different rescue ships.

As those in Mr. Howe's boat saw Mr. Scott's boat nearing one rescue vessel, they took it for granted that their travelling companion would be safe.

Six Killed In crash of U. S. Bomber

MARCH FIELD, Calif., Dec. 18 —(AP)—Three officers and three men were killed today in the crash of a United States army bomber in the Santa Ana mountains 25 miles southeast of here.

An army spokesman said the plane apparently was a B-17 bomber. The B-17 is a four-motor Boeing.

H. M. Baird, of the Idyllwild Inn, said the craft circled the inn "as if in search of a landing field" shortly before it crashed. He added that the plane appeared to be having engine trouble.