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Good laws may not always make good people but good people ought always to make good laws.

## ROMMEL'S ARMY CONTINUES RAPID RETREAT

### Married Men 19 To 25 To Be Called To Army



"The depth charges functioned correctly"—That was the laconic report of a recent attack by a Royal Canadian Air Force plane on the Nazi submarine shown above in the Gulf of St. Lawrence. Flying Officer R. S. Kealey of Moose Jaw, Sask. (insert) was at the controls of the attacking aircraft. The official assessment of the attack was, as usual, modest. "The submarine was likely damaged at the stern," other aircraft circling the area reported a mile-long oil slick.

### Heavy Jap Casualties In New Guinea Battle

New Sector Is Opened 44 Miles From Captured Buna; Enemy Barges Destroyed.

### Informed All Exit Doors Open

OTTAWA, Dec. 15 (CP)—Philip Pagan, National Director of the Knights of Columbus Army Unit, said tonight he had been informed that all exit doors were open when fire broke out in the K of C Hotel at St. John's, Nfld., Sunday night, causing 110 deaths. Mr. Pagan said his informant was Robert Ryan, office manager of the K of C organization here, who spent the past two weeks in Newfoundland and witnessed the fire at the hotel. Mr. Ryan still is in Newfoundland.

### Coming Events

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- \*Pay Mt. Stewart, Thursday, 12-15-21
- \*Big time Murray River, Friday, 12-15-21
- \*Warren G.ove School Concert, Monday, December 21, 12-16-21
- \*School concert in Clyde River, Dec. 21, 12-16-21
- \*Christmas Concert, Fredericton, Dec. 18th, 12-16-21
- \*Reserve December School Concert, 16 for Bonshaw School Concert, 12-14-31
- \*Christmas Concert, Margaret School, December 22, 12-16-21
- \*Brookfield Concert, December 22, 12-16-21
- \*Collecting hogs every Friday, Please list with Leslie McDowell, Fredericton, 6-19-20-171F
- \*Farmers wishing to ship hogs advise McGugan and Boyle, 12-16 to 30
- \*Unloading car bulk wheat Tuesday and Wednesday, December 15 and 16, Bring bags, 12-15-21
- \*Hunter River Starch Factory closes for this season Tuesday, December 15th, 12-14-21
- \*Unloading Car Barley Meal, Special price of car, M. Kennedy, 12-16-11
- \*New Dominion Variety Concert in Afton Hall Thursday, Dec. 17th, 12-14-16
- \*Annual meeting Charlottetown Milk Producers and Vendors Association, Oddefellows Hall, Thursday, Dec. 17th, 8 P. M., 12-16-21
- \*Come to the dance in Roland Beaton's Warehouse, Wm.ice Station, Thursday, Dec. 17th, Sponsored by South Winslow W. I. Proceeds aid war work, 12-16-11
- \*We are buying live and dressed chickens and fowl daily, payable market value. We also receive Turkeys, Ducks and Geese. Phone or write for prices. Island Cold Storage, Ltd., 12-15-11F

### War Situation Last Night

(By William T. Peacock, Associated Press War Analyst)

With disclosure that the American Minister to Helsinki, Arthur Schoenfeld, is returning home for consultation come reports from London, attributed to Scandinavian sources, of new peace talk in Finland.

How much importance is to be attached to these revived rumors is an open question. There seems to be no doubt the Finns are war-weary and thoroughly unhappy in their present situation but enormous difficulties stand in the way of a separate peace.

In the first place, the Finnish economy is greatly dependent on Germany. The shortage of food was emphasized by the recent announcement that 12,000 Russian prisoners, although given the same diet as the Finnish people, died in the year ending last July. Though Finland is getting some food from Sweden, she also must depend on Germany to supplement the inadequate Finnish agricultural production.

There also is the threat that any defection from Hitler's banner would bring swift and complete Nazi occupation of the country with even greater hardships for its people.

By comparison, it is believed the Finns, who have suffered heavy losses in their two wars with Russia, have not more than 200,000 troops. It is doubtful the United Nations could place any major difficulties in the way of a German occupation. It might be prevented if the Finns were willing to invite the Russians in first. But if the Finns are not Pro-Nazi they certainly are Anti-Soviet.

British or American troops hardly could go to the aid of the Finns against the Nazis even if the demands of other war theatres did not prevent. The one route would be to run the gauntlet of Nazi bombers to Murmansk.

### Details Of Blitz Made Public Now

### Montreal Mayorality Candidate Arrested

MONTREAL, Dec. 15 (CP)—Raoul Perillard, one of three unsuccessful candidates in yesterday's Mayorality elections, surrendered to the Court House late today after a warrant had been issued for his arrest on the complaint of Hector Dupuis, another unsuccessful candidate.

### Complete Hearing Wartime Policy

OTTAWA, Dec. 15 (CP)—Fate of the government's wartime policy of delegating legislative powers to boards and controllers rests tonight in the hands of Chief Justice Sir Lyman Duff and his associates of the Supreme Court of Canada.

### Quebec Doctor Is Acquitted

QUEBEC, Dec. 15 (CP)—Capt. Pierre Gauthier, Member of Parliament for Portneuf, was acquitted today by a general court of inquiry of a charge of conduct prejudicial to good order and military discipline in that he accepted \$10 from Pte. Georges Fortin while in the performance of military duties.

### Butter Production On Up Grade Now

OTTAWA, Dec. 15 (CP)—Federal Government officials said today that the butter production and quality is on an up grade now that it seems reasonable to expect local supply shortages soon will be eliminated.

### Bracken Has Choice Of 3 Commons Seats

WINNIPEG, Dec. 15 (CP)—Hon. John Bracken, National leader of the Progressive Conservative Party, has not reached a decision as to where he will seek a seat in Parliament.

### Labor Dept. Announced New Move

### Notices To Those Involved Will Be Issued In January.

OTTAWA, Dec. 15 (CP)—Married men between the ages of 19 and 25 have been made subject to call for compulsory military service, it was announced today by the Labor Department.

At the same time the department, which now administers the call-up machinery through national Selective Service, moved to clean up all single men in the age class who previously had been called up but have not received call-up notices or who, having received them, have failed to report.

Notices now are notified by proclamation to report by filling out special forms which will be available shortly in all post offices. The men affected by this proclamation are single men and childless widowers between the ages of 19 and 40.

Notices have not yet started going out to married men in the 19 to 25 age classes but it is expected they will start moving in January. As all men married since July 16, 1940, have been notified as single men for purposes of the call-up, it is not believed a large number of married men will be affected by the new decision.

Only those who now are between 19 and 25 and who were married before they were 23 years of age will be notified. The number of these is not believed to be large.

### News Briefs

LONDON, Dec. 16 (Wednesday)—(CP Cable)—The News Chronicle's correspondent on the Swiss frontier today quoted a French source as saying that the French fleet at Toulon is saying "the entire fleet, from the biggest to the smallest ship, was scuttled."

MOSCOW, Dec. 16 (Wednesday)—(AP)—The Russians announced the capture of five of seven more populated places west of Rzhew on the frozen central front. The news came in a mid-night communique made, it is apparent that steady Nazi counter-attacks still are slowing down the Russian advance on the two wings of the Stalingrad sector.

LONDON, Dec. 16 (Wednesday)—(CP)—The submarine Truant, one of the Royal Navy's most famed undersea prowlers, is back home after 2 1/2 years of hunting in which she was credited with sinking or damaging more than 80,000 tons of shipping in the Mediterranean, the Indian Ocean and Java Sea.

MONTREAL, Dec. 15 (CP)—Restrictions limiting bus travel to a continuous trip of 50 miles or less will be lifted for members of the armed forces during the Christmas season. Munitions Minister Howe said tonight in an interview prepared for delivery to the Canadian Purchasing Agents' Association. The suspension will begin Dec. 21 and end Jan. 5.

MONTREAL, Dec. 15 (CP)—Munitions Minister Howe, reviewing wartime measures imposed in Canada, said tonight that industrial labor shortages are being met and that the outlook for steel supply has brightened in the last two or three months.

### Locked Doors Barred Exits

By C.E.A. JEFFERY (Canadian Press Correspondent) ST. JOHN'S, Nfld., Dec. 15 (CP)—Trapped merrily during a dance party, the makers here had to batter down locked exits to reach safety in Saturday's dance fire that took 99 lives, two young survivors of the inferno related today.

Hedley Tuft, Jr., and Douglas Furness, both of St. John's, told how one group stumbled through a ballroom door by main strength to get outside, while another crowd in check until one of the doors could be opened. At that time, the whole dance area was in flames.

As Tuft and Furness told their stories, the servicemen who perished in the fire were buried here today in a huge mass military funeral. They included members of all three Canadian Services and a few United States personnel.

### Question of Policies

"There was at first great uncertainty as to the choice of leadership," Dr. MacMillan said. "There was a general feeling, however, in favor of Premier Bracken if he could be obtained. The chief question was whether agreement could be reached between his policies and those of the Conservative Party."

In a letter to the convention Mr. Bracken asked that the name of the Party be changed to include the word "Progressive." It was a peculiar situation, because he was

### Allied Air Power Seen On Increase

### British Forces At Least 40 Miles West Of El Agheila.

(By William Smith White, Associated Press Staff Writer)

The Axis Libyan Corps still was backtracking rapidly last night along the road to Tripoli and there were some indications that from the desert to the distant shores of Tunisia Allied air power was striking its most effective blows thus far in the great struggle for North Africa.

The emerging details of Field Marshal Rommel's flight from El Agheila suggested that his implacable pursuer, Gen. Sir Bernard Montgomery, was being bothered principally by Nazi mine-fields and booby-traps and that if any Axis fighting was being done it was again the Italians who had been given the assignment.

Word as to how far the forward British elements had got beyond El Agheila in their pursuit of Rommel was confined to the official estimate in London that they had gone about 40 miles to the west of that point around mid-day Tuesday.

There still was nothing to suggest anything in the nature of an Axis rout; Rommel still appeared in good order, although revealing under powerful Allied aerial assault.

A British communique reported raids on the Axis-held city of Tunis and its port of La Goulette which lasted for four hours, officially terming these attacks "the most successful" yet delivered. And it was stated that in these and other operations only two Allied planes were lost.

The Allies were able to supplement their strong current action in Tunisia and Libya with a heavy overnight bombing assault upon Naples.

There was no word during the day of any substantial ground action in Tunisia.

### Canada Packers Ltd. Fined \$7,000, Costs

QUEBEC, Dec. 15 (CP)—Canada Packers Limited was today fined \$7,000 and costs after they were convicted on five of seven price board counts involving the sale of low-grade beef at high-grade meat prices.

### Dr. MacMillan Describes Drama And Enthusiasm At Winnipeg Convention

"It is my belief that in the Hon. John Bracken, former Premier of Manitoba and now leader of the Progressive Conservative Party, Canada has the man who can give sane and wise leadership to this country in the troubled times confronting us," declared Hon. Dr. W. J.P. MacMillan, provincial Conservative leader, in an interview yesterday on his impressions of the National Conservative Convention held last week at Winnipeg.

Dr. MacMillan referred to Mr. Bracken, with whom he has long been personally acquainted, as a "product of the farm, a practical farmer, a graduate and past president of a university of agriculture; a man also with twenty years' experience as the Premier of a Province which presented the ablest chief before the Rowell-Sirois Commission on Dominion-Provincial relations, and who combines the qualifications of a sound politician with those of a true statesman."

### 7 MORE SHOPPING DAYS

PULLMAN PORTERS EARN THEIR MONEY BY 'DEBUNKING'

High tide this morning at 6.36 and tonight at 7.01. Sun sets this afternoon at 8.32 and rises tomorrow morning at 8.32. Full moon Tuesday, Dec. 22, 11.03 a.m. Summerside tide 18 minutes later than Charlottetown.

SEA FERRY SERVICE DAILY EXCEPT SUNDAY From Borden—Leave 9.05 a.m., 11.40 a.m., 2.00 p.m., 4.30 p.m., 7.00 p.m. Leave Cape Tormentine—10.30 a.m., 1.15 p.m., 3.05 p.m., 5.45 p.m., 8.15 p.m.

SUNDAY SERVICE (May 3 to Dec. 27 inclusive) Leave Borden 9.00 a.m., 6.45 p.m. Leave Tormentine 10.15 a.m., 8.00 p.m.

DAILY AIR SERVICE (EXCEPT SUNDAY) Charlottetown—Summerside—Moncton Leave Charlottetown 8.30 a.m., 12.30 p.m., 4.30 p.m. Arrive Charlottetown 1 p.m., 5.45 p.m., 7.05 p.m.

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