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BRITISH WIN AIR BATTLE

Reveal Details Of Greatest Battle In Finn-Russian War

Lake Ice Broken Up By Finnish Bombers To Create Panic In Soviet Ranks.

HELSINKI, Jan. 3 (Wednes- day)—(AP)—Disclosure that Finnish planes dropped bombs to smash the ice at Lake Kianta and trap a whole Red Russian division was made by reliable sources today as the Finns mopped up in that sector and converted other Soviet attacks into Finnish victories.

Observers said this was probably the greatest battle of the Russian-Finnish war to date.

The battle, fought Dec. 29 and 30 at the eastern edge of Finland's narrow "waistline," was reported to have resulted in the destruction of most of the Russian 163rd division — at least 15,000 strong.

First-hand reports of the battle began to trickle into the capital today, although the victory itself was announced in a New Year's Eve communique.

Today's reports told how the Finns first surrounded some 4,000 Russians on the ice of Lake Kianta several days ago, killed more than 1,000 and drew a tight ring around the lake.

The ring was opened, however, to permit Soviet reinforcements to reach the lake. Then the Finns surrounded the Reds again, and set up machine-guns on the shores. In the dead of the night the Finns began their attack and when the Russians tried to retreat, they found the way cut off.

Tanks Circle Lake

For two days Russian tanks circled the lake, attempting to protect the troops marooned on the ice with their full equipment, heavy guns, trucks and field kitchens.

Finally the Finns sent for bombing planes. They blasted tanks, trucks, and men tumbled into the water.

In utter panic, the survivors sought to fight their way off the broken ice. They refused to surrender.

The Finns, however, were reported to have taken a great number of prisoners and large stores of equipment, including 27 guns, 11 tanks, two armored cars, four anti-aircraft guns, hundreds of trucks.

War — 25 Years Ago Today

(By The Canadian Press)

JAN. 3, 1915—Steinbach, Alsace town, captured by French under General Pau. Turks defeated by Russians near Ardahan, Transcaucasia, suffering heavy losses in men and war material. Russians overcome last points of resistance in Bukovina.

Coming Events

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**Dance in Bonshaw hall tonight. Good music. L-279.

**Action and Dance in Vethon Hall, Wednesday, January 3rd. L-221-12-30-31.

**We buy geese and duck feathers, not mixed. Henry MacFarlane & Co. L-204-12-7-1f

**Mr. Farmer: We are buying live and dressed chickens, fowl daily, paying highest market prices. S.W.I. Canadian Co., Ltd. L-168-12-28-10.

**Poultry — Buying live and dressed poultry all kinds. Paying top market prices. Island Cold Storage Co., Ltd. L-341-12-13-1f.

**Buying live hogs at Albany, January 3rd, Friday 3rd, 21c live until noon. Signed G. C. Green. M. W. T. f

**The Annual Meeting of the Wiltshire Dairymen Co. will be held in the hall on Monday, January 8th at 2 P. M. R. Easter, Secretary. L-264-1-3-41.

**Loading live hogs Kensington Thursday, Jan. 4th till 3 P. M. Mervyn Bulman and Ray Beagall Hunter River. Friday till noon. Signed McEwen and Campbell. L-277.

Hong Kong Port Closed For Defence

HONG KONG, Jan. 2—Great Britain closed Hong Kong harbor today as a "necessary defence measure" after an alarm was given by an offshore patrol.

Cause of the alarm was not disclosed and was under investigation. British harbor officials forbade ships of all nationalities to leave or enter the harbor, normally one of the world's busiest, pending further Admiralty orders.

British authorities since Sept. have made incoming and outgoing ships use certain channels entering or leaving the harbor and to pass through a boom gate.

Officials also announced withdrawal of two more gunboats from the Yangtze River patrol leaving only three of their original 13 boats on the River. Five other British boats were withdrawn previously and their crews released for duty elsewhere.

SEA PATROL IS DESCRIBED BY SPOKESMAN

Methods To Assure Safe Transport Of Ocean Traffic Are Described.

OTTAWA, Jan. 2—(CP)—Patrol of ocean areas, the convoy system and mine-sweeping are among the main protective devices adopted to assure safe transport of the ocean traffic of the British Empire, a spokesman for the Defence Department said today in the 11th of a series of talks.

While the ocean is a tremendous place in normal times, shipboard follows well-established routes, that it is easy for raiders, whether submarine or surface warships, to lie in wait for ships on these routes it is also easy to fool them by constantly varying the routes by merchant ships.

As the range of vision from a submarine periscope is only five miles and the range from a height of 100 feet above the water is only 1-2 miles, great diversions are not necessary, the spokesman said.

No matter what diversions are made, however, there are certain areas where shipboard lines must converge, such as the Strait of Gibraltar, the entrance to the English Channel and a point off the coast of Nova Scotia.

Focal Areas

These are called focal areas. To guard against enemy ships in these areas patrols are maintained, suited to the sort of raider which may be expected.

Diversive routing and patrol of focal areas, while effective against surface raiders is not so effective against submarines. Consequently, while it was used at the start of

Entombed Found Alive In Turkish Earthquake Zone

ANKARA, Jan. 2—(AP)—Under the personal direction of President Ismet Inonu, rescuers probed the ruins of earthquake devastated buildings at Erzurum in northeastern Turkey today for victims, some of whom were found alive after several days entombment.

Torrential rains in the west—some 700 miles from the quake zone—brought new disaster by swelling flood waters which already are believed to have caused 1,200 deaths.

Officials said that in Erzurum city, capital of a province of the same name, 12,000 were dead and 2,500 seriously injured. Improved rail communications have enabled many of the injured to be removed to Ankara.

New quakes were felt in northern Turkey, but shattered communications lines made it impossible to determine whether there had been new damage.

Officials estimated the earthquake casualties at 45,000 dead, 100,000 injured and 500,000 homeless. Storm and flood tolls were set at 1,200 dead and 25,000 homeless.

Soviet Upset; Black Bread In Captured Truck



No, those aren't bricks, but loaves of hard, black bread spilled from a Soviet commissary truck overturned when captured by Finns. Two Finnish soldiers, garbed in characteristic white robes to camouflage them against the background of snow, examine the bread bricks. Exclusive NEA photo by Staff Photographer Eric Calcraft.

U.S. Makes Strong Protest To Britain

British Attitude Re Mail Diversion Explained By Government Spokesman.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 2—In a note of "vigorous protest" the United States has requested Great Britain to give "early assurances" that it will cease seizing and censoring American mails destined to Germany and European neutrals.

The note, presented to the British Foreign Office Dec. 22 and made public by the State Department today, cited the removal of 1,745 sacks of mail and parcel post from four ships.

It said the American Government cannot admit the right of the British authorities to interfere with American mails on American or other neutral ships on the high seas nor can it admit the right of the British Government to censor mail on ships which have involuntarily entered British ports.

"Objectionable" The note termed "particularly objectionable" the practice of taking mails from ships which ply directly between American and neutral ports and diverting them through some form of dress or inducement to call at designated British control bases.

Saying this was a "clear violation" of the Hague Convention of 1907, the note concluded: "The United States Government feels compelled to make a vigorous protest against the practices outlined above and to express the hope that it will receive early assurances that they are being discontinued."

British Attitude LONDON, Jan. 2—The United States protest against British seizure of mails destined for Germany will be answered in "due course," a spokesman for the Government said today.

The British attitude on the blockade has been to avoid antagonizing neutrals, but that the blockade of both imports and exports is justified by Germany's military situation.

On the question of mail "diversion," Britain's position is that it is necessary to examine mail destined for Germany because it might contain contraband, such as currency.

The view here is that an envelope is subject to the same investigation as any other container and must be examined as to its contents. Although mail from America bears the United States Government cancellation stamp, the Government is regarded only as a carrier.

Subject To Seizure Thus, it was explained, if someone in Milwaukee or Hoboken sends a \$100 bill to a relative in Hamburg, the money is subject to seizure under the blockade. Prize

Fear Uprising Of Outlawed I.R.A. Members

DUBLIN, Jan. 2—(CP)—Fear of an organized uprising of outlawed Irish republican army members who seek to wipe out partition by violence, led the Eire government to set the stage tonight for a mass roundup and internment of I. R. A. suspects.

The cabinet was expected to receive sweeping powers at a special session of the parliament tomorrow. Authorities ordered extraordinary precautions when it was reported that I. R. A. sympathizers planned a "startling demonstration" either inside or outside Parliament during debate on the government's emergency powers proposal.

No one will be allowed near the Parliament buildings without a special permit, and the crowd in the public gallery will be restricted to a few persons of known integrity.

It was understood that when Prime Minister De Valera's government obtains the wide powers it seeks, a roundup will be made of persons suspected of membership in

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Reich Keeping Eye On Aid To Finland

BERLIN, Jan. 2—(AP)—Authoritative German sources let it be known tonight that the Reich is keeping a close eye on the kind of aid which Great Britain and France give to Finland.

These sources indicated that Germany might vigorously resist the side of the Russians in Finland if Britain, for example, sent troops to help stem the Red invasion.

The Nazis want to stand on the sidelines as far as the Russian-Finnish war is concerned, spokesmen explained, but they are beginning to suspect that the Allies want to use Finland as a "pawn" in the war against Germany.

(This expression of the Nazi viewpoint was based apparently on an official British statement to the League of Nations promising to give Finland all assistance possible, and on Prime Minister Chamberlain's declaration to parliament last month that his government will send air supplies "and other materials" to Finland.)

In the western war, the German News Agency claimed that three British bombers were shot down by a flight of German Messerschmitts after a brief battle over "German bay"—Heilgoland Bay.

At the same time Nazi officials claimed that German scouting planes met "a superior enemy force" off the Scottish coast, New Year's Day, and that one German plane was forced into the sea.

Three R.A.F. Craft Pounce On Twelve German Bombers

Encounter Demonstrates Superiority Of British Craft Over Germans

(By J. F. Sanderson, Canadian Press Staff Writer) LONDON, Jan. 2—(CP Cable)—Terse announcement was made tonight of a big air battle over the Helligoland Bight this afternoon in which three British Wellington bombers engaged 12 of Germany's fastest fighters, the long-range twin-engine Messerschmitt 110's.

With a speed advantage of 100 miles an hour, and mounting two shell-firing guns as well as four machine guns, the latest fighting machines pounced out of the clouds on the big lumbering bombers which carry only machine guns.

When it was all over one of the Messerschmitts had been destroyed in flames and two others were driven down and believed to have been lost. One of the British bombers which carry crews of five, was shot down, one was missing, and the third returned safely to its base in Britain.

Aviation experts here regarded the dogfight as one of the most significant of the war because it was only the second encounter between big bombers and Germany's formidable 110's. They claimed it demonstrated the great value of the Royal Air Force power-driven gun turret which is a feature of the British bombing plane.

British Outnumbered Outnumbered four to one, the British squadron shot down more German planes than it lost although it was up against most formidable Nazi fighters which have a speed of 370 miles an hour.

Aviation experts here believe that Britain's power-driven turret which swings on a pivot, permitting the gunner to fire in almost any direction and keeps the gun shielded from the force of the wind accounts for the comparative success of British bombers against the German fighting planes.

British bombing planes have destroyed many German fighters since the first air raid of the war although the German air force has yet to destroy a British fighter over British soil.

Earlier today British fighter planes chased away a German plane reported over the Shetland Islands. Yesterday the air ministry said one of two German raiders was shot down in an attempt to bomb a British warship, which failed.

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MARRIAGE, AFTER ALL, IS THE CHIEF CAUSE OF DIVORCES



TORONTO, Jan. 2—(CP)—Minimum and maximum temperature Dawson Vancouver Calgary Saskatoon Regina Winnipeg Toronto Ottawa Montreal Quebec St. John Halifax Charlottetown

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FORECAST Maritime Provinces: Fresh strong west and northwest wind mostly cloudy and cold with scattered snowflurries.

Synopsis: The weather has been cold in Ontario and Quebec with light snow occurring in many districts and it continues generally fair and cold in Manitoba and Saskatchewan.

High tide this afternoon at 5:50 and tomorrow morning at 6:00. Sun sets this afternoon at 4:40 and rises tomorrow morning at 7:10. New moon Jan. 9, 9:53 a.m. Summerside tide 18 minutes later than Charlottetown.

THE CAN FERRY SAILING 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.

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