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21 MORE SOVIET TOWNS CAPTURED FROM NAZIS

Pelt Championships Awarded At Show

McLure and MacKinnon Silver Fox Farms Ltd.
Win Grand Championship.

Plane Is Missing From S' Side

Four Men Aboard
Machine, Unreported Since Tuesday Afternoon.

HALIFAX, Jan. 6—(CP)—One of three R.A.F. planes missing in a twin-engine aircraft that left the Summerside, P.E.I., airport last night, on a mission to the east, eastern air command officials announced here tonight. No further details of the disappearance were given.

The search for the aircraft is continuing. The pilot and the men involved are being withheld pending notification of next-of-kin.

The twin-engine plane missing from the airport near Summerside since late yesterday afternoon was last heard from at 4:45 p.m. It was apparently no trouble was reported at that time.

A lighthouse keeper at North Point, most northerly tip of Prince Edward Island, reported he saw what appeared to be a plane crashing into the sea some distance off the lighthouse. The time of the crash would be 5 o'clock, he said.

A search of the area yesterday failed to reveal any signs of wreckage.

Royal Canadian Mounted Police at Alberton also aided in the search which was said to be continuing in the general area of North Point at the time it disappeared, it was learned from the school.

To Name Senate Speaker Shortly

OTTAWA, Jan. 6—(CP)—The Government expected to announce next week the appointment of a speaker for the Senate, a post vacated by the recent death of Senator George Parent of Quebec. Well-informed sources said today the decision will be between L. A. Davis of Montreal, appointed to the Senate in 1940, and L. Col. Thomas V. A. McCreary, who, once recently named to the Upper Chamber, will not be formally introduced in the Senate until Parliament meets Jan. 27. Both are lawyers.

Final Warning Re Fuel Oil

OTTAWA, Jan. 6—(CP)—The Munitions Department in a statement on behalf of Munitions Minister Howe tonight issued a final warning to those who have taken steps to change over to coal from the use of fuel oil for heating commercial, industrial and other buildings of the oil kind.

The statement said:

"Our fuel oil position is so grave that no temporary permits for the purchase of fuel oil for such buildings will be issued after Jan. 15, unless it can be proved to the satisfaction of the oil controller (G. R. Cottrell) by that time, that the applicant is not responsible for failure to change over."

Coming Events

- *Talkies—Montague Saturday, 1-5-21.
- *Play—Mt. Stewart Thursday, 1-5-21.
- *Grain Crushing Ross Mill, Bridgetown, Tuesday's and Saturday's, 1-6-21.
- *Dance in Vernon River Hall, Friday, January 8th, with Purposes, Millway Orchestra, 1-7-11.
- *The annual meeting of the Murray Harbour Presbyterian congregation will be held in the Church Tuesday, January 12th at 2 P. M., 1-7-11.
- *We are buying live and dressed chickens and fowl daily, paying top market value. Phone or write Island Cold Storage, Ltd., 12-15-U.
- *Next receiving date for hogs, Albany Thursday 14th, Emerald Friday 15th A. M. until 11.30. Signed G. C. Green & A. C. Green, 1-6-31.
- *Car of feed oats, arriving about January 15th. Booking orders now. Fulton Warren, North River, 1-5-7-21.

French Force Wins Victory

LONDON, Jan. 6—(CP)—A fighting French force driving up through Southern Libya from the Lake Chad area has taken an important enemy position and held it against a counter-attack by enemy motorized columns, a communique from the headquarters of Brig. Gen. Jacques Leclerc announced tonight. (Jacques Leclerc is the alias adopted by a lightning French command to protect his family in France.)

The communique as reported by Reuters news agency said—

"Weather conditions having improved, French troops have resumed their advance in Southern Libya and have taken an important enemy position."

"Enemy motorized columns which attempted to retake the position were vigorously repulsed and were forced to retreat toward the north."

"The location of the position was not given."

Springhill Airman Killed

AYLMER, Ont., Jan. 6—(CP)—Lance Douglas Wiescher, 22, of Springhill, N.S., was killed last night when his Harvard training plane crashed near No. 14 R.C.A.F. Service Flying Training School here, it was announced tonight.

The plane crashed shortly after taking off, plunging to the ground near the place where an Australian student pilot was injured, finally completing flying training and pro-three weeks ago.

Officials said Weatherbee was badly wounded but received his wings in two weeks.

Famous Poet 83 Sunday

TORONTO, Jan. 6—(CP)—Ready to celebrate his 83rd birthday on Sunday, Sir Charles G. D. Roberts, poet, historian and novelist, advises people to "work hard, play fair and square and they will get along all right."

Surrounded by his books and manuscripts, Sir Charles lives in a large, comfortable home in Windsor, N.S., he spent many hours writing verse and nature stories with Bliss Carman and Richard Hovey. He was then Professor of English and French Literature at the school.

After several years in New York he went to Europe, and served during the First Great War.

Telling of his writing, Sir Charles said: "It was 54 years old at the time, but I cut 10 years off my age and tried to get in the army for war purposes. I was accepted and given work breaking and training remounts."

Later he went to France and saw action.

HOSPITAL OPENED

HALIFAX, Jan. 6—(CP)—Canada's only permanent naval hospital was officially opened today by Rear Admiral L.W. Murray, naval officer commanding on the Atlantic Coast. In a brief ceremony in a lobby of this three-story brick and concrete structure, with typical navy terseness, Admiral Murray said only "it gives me great pleasure to declare this building open" to be "officially the career of the 175-bed hospital that actually has been looking after patients for the last three weeks."

Cornwall Recovering From Record Storm

Terrible Ice Storm Followed By Blizzard: Wire Services Still Only Partially Restored.

By JACK BRAYLEY
Canadian Press Staff Writer
CORNWALL, Ont., Jan. 6—(CP)—This ice-sheathed textile town, still cooking its meals over wood furnace fires, hoped today for a whole town at over-worked repair gangs.

The whole town and outlying districts is one mass of tangled wire and tree limbs, the result of a 24-hour rain, that started Dec. 29 and froze as it fell. The rain was followed by a blizzard Dec. 30 and 31.

The storm cut power, communication and highway traffic lines and the coating of ice was so bad that in some places it froze wire and telegraph poles in their tracks. One tree five miles from the centre of the city had a group of 15 wild birds frozen on its limbs.

The ice coating made thin telegraph wires as thick as a person's wrist and then the wind snapped them off. Some streets gave the impression of the days before an expected invasion of English coast towns, with great barricades of trees and whiskered, coiled wire making streets impassable.

An Ice City

Cornwall is an ice city. Today the sun reflects spectacularly on its icy cable lines, trees and power poles—those that were left standing. Hedgerows look like great masses of glittering steel wool. On the city's outskirts tramcars are frozen in their tracks, although service has now been restored in the central part of the town.

Electric power and telephone services are partially restored and repair gangs are working long hours restoring miles of devastated telegraph lines in an effort to restore this service.

They have so far repaired enough lines to assure the carrying of train orders, thereby bringing train schedules almost back to normal.

In the outlying districts and across the St. Lawrence in up-state New York, the situation in grave and power officials said they held

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War Situation Last Night

(By Kirke L. Simpson, Associated Press War Analyst)

Hitler has thumbed his armies in the Caucasus back out of this perilous 300-mile-deep salient to avert an even greater disaster than menaces his shivering forces caught in the Stalingrad pocket.

That conclusion is inescapable on the basis of Moscow advices. It was true even before Red Star official organ of the Soviet Army, proclaimed a general German retreat in the Caucasus and Russian war bulletins detailed the fast crumbling spearhead of the Nazi threat to the Grozny and Baku oil fields with recapture of key junctions in the Nalchik-Terek River theatre. There is no other way to explain swift Russian advances in that sector. Blind Nazi accounts of successful "defensive" fighting all admit points in Russia do more to confirm than to challenge the Moscow version.

Hitler has either thinned out his most extended southern front in the Caucasus to find reinforcements for the long and jeopardized eastern flank of that great salient; or he has ordered a retreat northward from its apex above Grozny, leaving only rearguards to impede Russian pursuit.

Whichever course he has taken, it sufficiently indicates his growing alarm over Russian threats to the Rostov communication key to the whole southern flank of his over-extended front in Russia. It also spells out further convincing proof of his waning resources in manpower and equipment. The most important of all—fuel for his war machine to meet all the defensive emergencies forced upon him by the still expanding Russian offensive and Allied attacks in Africa.

Daring U.S. Foray Into Jap-held Area

American Surface Ships Shell Enemy Air Base At Munda.

By WILLIAM T. PEACOCK
(Associated Press Staff Writer)

WASHINGTON, Jan. 6—(AP)—In a daring foray into the Japanese-dominated middle Solomon, a United States force of surface warships shelled and bombed the enemy air base and installations at Munda, New Georgia Island.

The operation, carried out during the early morning darkness yesterday, was reported in a navy department communique today which told also of an air attack, with certain results, on a heavy Japanese cruiser, and the bombing of an enemy transport some 300 miles north of Guadalcanal Island.

In addition, the communique related that 48 Japanese were killed in mopping up operations in the Mount Austen area, a 1,514-foot peak southeast of the American-held airfield was wrested from the Japanese.

In all the operations, seven Japanese planes definitely were shot down and four others were probably destroyed. Two United States planes were lost.

In Aleutian waters, meanwhile, a U.S. submarine sank an enemy cargo ship 110 miles northwest of Kiska. This action took place yesterday, the navy department announced. The cargo ship and a bomber scored one direct and two near-misses on an enemy ship 185 miles southwest of Kiska.

Nazi Commander Replaced In Tunisia

LONDON, Jan. 7—(Thursday)—(CP)—A roundabout report reached London early today stating that the German Army Commander in Tunisia, Gen. Walther Nehring, has been replaced.

A Reuters news agency dispatch from Stockholm quoted the Berlin correspondent of the Swedish newspaper, Svenska Dagbladet as saying that Gen. Von Arnim had been appointed German Commander-in-Chief in Tunisia in place of Nehring.

The report was without immediate confirmation elsewhere.

Gen. Von Arnim is relatively little known outside Germany, although he has figured from time to time in German reports of the African campaign.

There have been no recent reports abroad of Nehring being in disfavor. On the contrary, his forces have presented formidable opposition to the advancing Allies in Tunisia.

Stop Pleasure Driving In U.S.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 6—(AP)—The office of price administration today outlawed all pleasure driving by holders of "A," "B" and "C" gasoline ration cards in the Eastern United States and prescribed cancellation of gasoline ration cards as the penalty for failure to comply.

The aid of all state, county and municipal law enforcement agencies in the Eastern States and district of Columbia is being asked to help the Federal Government in preventing pleasure driving.

Reporting violations to local ration board or local O.P.A. offices.

OTTAWA, Jan. 6—(CP)—A qualified informant said today he considered it "most unlikely" that there would be any change in the Canadian gasoline rationing regulations in the near future.

This spokesman was commenting on today's announcement of the United States office of price administration outlawing all pleasure driving by holders of "A," "B" and "C" gasoline ration cards in the eastern United States.

"Under our present rationing," the spokesman here said, "there is virtually no pleasure driving anyway."

10,000 Prisoners Of War In Japan

LONDON, Jan. 6—(CP)—A British office statement said tonight that 10,000 prisoners are interned in Japan.

This is the largest representative in Tokyo had visited three prison camps and reported conditions "comparatively satisfactory."

The cause of the wreck has not yet been announced, but the five-man Almonte jury is expected to make a finding in the light of evidence presented to it by the witnesses.

INQUEST OPENS AT ALMONTE TODAY

ALMONTE, Ont., Jan. 6—(CP)—Between 20 and 30 witnesses will be called upon to tell the story of the Dec. 27 Almonte train wreck which took 36 lives when Dr. Smiley Lawson, Coroner for Ontario, opens an inquest into the disaster tomorrow afternoon.

Witnesses will recount their version of the Sunday evening crash when an eastbound troop train smashed through three packed coaches of a Pembroke-Ottawa local in Almonte station.

The cause of the wreck has not yet been announced, but the five-man Almonte jury is expected to make a finding in the light of evidence presented to it by the witnesses.

N.B. Reports Record Current Account Surplus

FREDERICTON, Jan. 6—(CP)—A surplus on current account of \$1,150,250.93—largest in New Brunswick's history—is revealed in the province's financial statement covering the fiscal year ending Oct. 31, 1942, which was released tonight. The provincial government had budgeted for a surplus of \$111,508.

In the previous year the surplus—largest up to that time—was \$891,223.

The statement shows several all-time high figures in the development of the province's financial picture during the 12 months ending Oct. 31.

New Brunswick's net debt, for instance, was reduced by \$77,978. The largest reduction made previously was \$747,725, in 1941.

The 1941 record totals of revenue and expenditures were surpassed and, at the same time, were considerably higher than the estimates passed in the last session of the legislature.

Receipts for the year attained a total of \$11,800,479—practically a million dollars more than the amount anticipated, which was \$10,803,781. The 1941 figure was \$10,948,040.

Expenditures aggregated \$10,641,229—about \$51,000 less than the estimate, \$10,692,273—as compared with the 1941 total of expenditures, \$10,046,696.

The net debt of the province now is \$83,307,537, whereas at the end of the fiscal year it stood at \$84,285,215.

Most of the departments did not exceed their estimated expenditures, with the exception of the most of the departments did exceed their anticipated receipts.

Once again this year, as in 1941, the New Brunswick Liquor Control Board registered the biggest single gain in revenue over estimate. Total revenue in this department was \$2,950,596, which was \$850,000 over the estimate and was \$730,649 over the 1941 figure.

Britain Puts Back Into War Effort

By WILLIAM STEWART
(Canadian Press Staff Writer)

LONDON, Jan. 6—(CP)—Britain put her war effort into high gear in 1942. Munitions production reached a limit beyond which it could not be pushed much farther.

Reserves of manpower, mobilized on an unprecedented scale, neared the point of exhaustion. On the tight-lipped home front, virtually all necessities were rationed.

The population, showing little sign of strain after three years' grim effort, could afford to remember Dunkerque days when government spokesmen promised only that the war would be all-out by the end of 1942. The past year brought fulfillment of those promises which once might have sounded wishful.

Indeed, in the last half of the year the nation's transformation from peacetime organization to full-scale wartime basis was complete.

Evidence of the limits to which Britain's all-out war effort extended is seen in the fact that her planners counted in their schemes even such normally trifling factors as dripping kitchen taps, discarded bus tickets and the country's wearing out of unpolished shoes.

Ship-building reached a tonnage unparalleled in the history of a ship-building country. The country that produced the first tank turned out tanks out in an unending flow.

Great Britain took into account little more than the weather in its blows at the enemy.

Britain demonstrated the meaning of a counter-attack against her part in more ways than her regular air parade over the Channel. New offensive-minded armies and new weapons active. Axis enemy conclusive victory in the Middle East. And this victory was regarded as but a prelude of others to come.

On the home front, the nation's diet reached so fine a balance it was illegal for one person to make a gift of rationed food to another. The nation kept its health as well as its spirits at a remarkably high level.

Conservative Women Named

SAINT JOHN, N.B., Jan. 6—(CP)—Provincial representatives on the women's committee within the Dominion Progressive Conservative Association were announced here tonight by Mrs. Hugh MacKay, Robbsey, chairman of the committee. Women's organizations, Mrs. MacKay said, have been active in four provinces and their incidents will represent these on the national committee. They are: Prince Edward Island, Mrs. A. B. Robbsey; Saskatchewan, Mrs. J. A. Currie; and New Brunswick, Mrs. MacKay.

Fighting Is Resumed In Tunisia Area

ALLIED HEADQUARTERS IN NORTH AFRICA, Jan. 6—(AP)—Veteran British 1st army troops captured Jebel Azag and nearby points in an attack launched yesterday to drive the Axis forces from high ground dominating Allied positions along a road about 15 miles west of Sousse yesterday. Successful attacks were announced by the Allied command.

It was the first real fighting in two weeks in North Tunisia.

"Successful attacks were announced from hills north of the road and we captured Jebel Azag and other points in the vicinity," the Allied command communique announced.

"Our forces are mopping up isolated machine-gun posts and have repulsed a counter-attack against our positions."

In the air, headquarters spokesmen said, Fortress bombers scored hits on near-misses on Axis cruiser leaving the Tunisian harbor of Sfax and left the Sfax power station in flames.

"British and American forces were pounding the Axis with relentless energy from both ends of the Mediterranean," reports showed.

"The admiralty announced in London that British submarines had destroyed a large enemy troop transport and supply ship; his probably sunk two other vessels in the Mediterranean and bombed the Italian and Axis-occupied Greek coasts."

"Cairo announced that British and American bombers blasted the Tunisian port of Sousse yesterday. Their explosive and incendiary bombs were observed on the commercial phosphate and southern quays. British planes scored hits on quays and buildings."

Believe Full Scale German Retreat On

Enemy Dead And Captured In Caucasus And Middle Don Area In Excess Of 330,000 Men.

LONDON, Jan. 7—(Thursday)—(CP)—Russia today announced the capture of 21 towns and two more railway stations in the middle Don and Caucasus offensives and said these drives have cost the Nazis more than 330,150 dead and captured since Nov. 19.

Two communique, a special one and the regular mid-night report, as broadcast by Moscow and heard by the Soviet Monitor here listed one town as Marinsk, which may be a town of that name on the lower Don about 23 miles west of Tsimlyansk, which the Russians said fell to their armies Tuesday.

Marinsk is about 92 miles from Rostov, Caucasian gateway, fall of which would trap hundreds of thousands of German troops in the Caucasus.

S' Side Soldier Dangerously Ill

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Durant of Summerside were informed by telegram yesterday that their son, Eric Durant, was dangerously ill with head injuries and a fractured skull. He is serving in England with the Canadian Army.

Spr. Durant went overseas with the first Canadian contingent. The message yesterday gave no details as to how the injuries were received. It said additional details were being forwarded by letter.

Spr. Durant was married to an English girl since he arrived in England. They have an infant son.

Two other brothers, Raymond Durant and Wilfred Durant are also serving with the Canadian force in England.

Mr. Justice Middleton Retires From Bench

TORONTO, Jan. 6—(CP)—Today Mr. Justice William Edward Middleton retired from the Bench. Today he closed the door of his office in Osborne Hall leaving behind his hundreds of legal volumes, his piles of case notes.

For, at the age of 83 on March 3, he is leaving his courtroom with more than 32 years of service in the highest court of justice and the Appellate Division of the Supreme Court of Ontario.

Known throughout the province for his fairness, his wit, his kindness, he has received the admiration and commendation of many who have appeared before him—even those against whom his judgments went. "I have always found people to be fair," he said as he made ready to leave his book-filled office.

EDUCATIONIST PASSES

BOSTON, Jan. 6—(AP)—A Lawrence Lowell, one of the world's foremost educationists and president of Harvard University during the years of its greatest expansion, died today at his Boston home, only a few weeks after his 86th birthday.



High tide this afternoon at 4:48 and tonight at 12:14. Sun sets this afternoon at 5:54 and rises tomorrow morning at 8:38.

First quarter moon Jan. 13, 5:48 a.m.

Summerside tide 18 minutes later than Charlottetown.

DAILY EXCEPT SUNDAY

From Borden—Leave 9:05 a.m. 11:40 a.m. 2:00 p.m. 4:30 p.m. 7:0 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.

DAILY AIR SERVICE (EXCEPT SUNDAY)

Charlottetown—Summerside—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.