

What is misery?—it is lamenting
over lost opportunities of doing the
right thing at the right time.

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Covers Prince Edward Island Like the Dew

Suffer the little children to come
unto Me and forbid them not; for
of such is the Kingdom of God.

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RANKING U. S. OFFICERS RELIEVED OF COMMANDS

Nazi Plot For Signalling Is Discovered Shakeup Comes To Forces In Hawaiian Area

Police seize Gestapo Agent In Havana

Giant Reflectors Were To Have Been Erected On Mountain Commanding Wide Sweep Of Sea.

HAVANA, Dec. 17—(AP)—Police announced tonight the discovery of a Nazi plot to install military reflectors capable of signalling planes and ships at sea from a mountain range commanding a broad view of the Atlantic Ocean off Cuba. With models and drawings of the scheme, for which surveys already had been made, they seized one Reinhold Hahn, 61, whom they identified as a German Gestapo agent and engineer who came to Cuba on a tourist card issued in Berlin. Police said the evidence uncovered in the reflector plot was the most startling encountered so far in the vigorous campaign against Axis spies and propagandists since Cuba declared war in concert with the United States. Accused as Victor Schermere Rubins, described as a Lithuanian who did the field survey work for the reflector plotters in Oriente Province. Police said Hahn also had made an extensive study of Cuban metallurgy and that Rubins had been in close touch with Nazi consulates and espionage centres. Meanwhile, urgency court handed out a 10-month sentence to a White Russian identified as Andrei Golovschenko, military instructor for the National Revolutionary Legion, which recently was accused of pro-Axis activities leading to the arrest of 30 of its leaders. Others arrested today included a sergeant described as a former lieutenant of the Italian Alpini and a Japanese found strolling near a Cuban naval station. Forty Japanese "fishing boats" shabbily concealing powerful motors have been seized in Cuba.

War Situation Last Night

(By KIRKE L. SIMPSON, Associated Press War Analyst)
A wide Nazi retreat in Russia, grimly reminiscent of Napoleon's back-track from Moscow, now is admitted by Hitler's headquarters although its full scope and strategic significance can not yet be assessed. Hitler seeks to explain this first smashing defeat for German armies in this war by saying that lines are being shortened for a stabilized winter front. But the explanation is insufficient. Strategic ground conquered at an enormous cost in German blood is being yielded almost without a struggle. There must be a deeper design behind the Nazi withdrawal hurried by the exultant Russians. Linked with expanding British successes in Libya where possibilities of early and crushing victories over battered Axis forces loom, the German retreat in Russia underscores a bitter winter prospect for Hitler and his satellites, unless it has other potentialities. Nowhere except in Japan's initial Pacific successes against Britain and the United States can they find relief from the dreary picture; and those first fruits of Japanese treachery are far from conclusive.

The fight in the major cockpit of the war, the Atlantic, still is trending against the Axis aggressors as much as the battles in North Africa or in Russia. It is utterly illogical to believe that Nazi military master minds can accept a purely defensive role for the winter, leaving the offensive to their Japanese ally while Axis forces are rallied and beguomed for a new attack on Russia next year. The line-shortening retreat in Russia has exposed the Germans for the first time to all the confusion and morale-sapping dangers of backward military movements. Russian armies, amazingly resilient after months of campaigning that yielded them none but negative victories, are making the most of their opportunities.

Nazi generals could have expected nothing less, once they ordered the great retreat. It seems in progress from the Leningrad steppe perimeter in the north to the Sea of Azov coast in the south. Winter weather conditions make this Nazi retreat even more hazardous and certain to involve losses in men and fighting equipment than those the Russians suffered time after time as they were driven eastward earlier in the year.

Line shortening to military minds means conservation of forces, either to gather reserves for a new major attack later, or because of exhaustion of manpower. Present contours of the German front in Russia indicate that a winter defense line could be established from Leningrad to Mariupol, so shortened and hastened by natural defenses and sustained by adequate communication lines that many divisions could be released for other service. Renewed anxiety in neutral Turkey over reported Nazi preparations to winter vast forces withdrawn from Russia in Bulgaria points to another possibility. The Turkish route to Russian or British oil fields can not be overlooked. It might be for that the Nazi line-shortening retreat in Russia is in progress.

Whatever its true import, however, it can not mean Nazi abandonment of the aggressive, or even a halt in the attack long enough to raise fears in Vichy France, in the troubled Balkans or in Japan that the Axis has exhausted its hitting power in Europe. Hitler's prestige and the morale of his army and his people forbid him a defensive role. He is falling back before Moscow, by every indication, only to strike elsewhere.

Red Army Lengthens Stride In Offensive

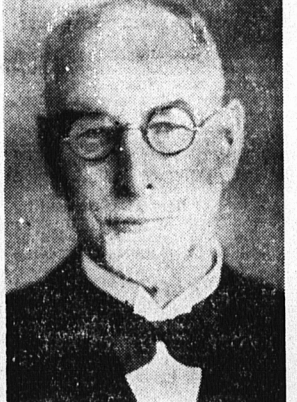
Claims recapture of hundreds of towns and villages from Germans.

(By Henry C. Cassidy)
(Associated Press Staff Writer)
MOSCOW, Dec. 17—(AP)—The Red army lengthened the stride of its December offensive today in practically all sectors from far north of Leningrad to the Black Sea, recapturing hundreds of towns and villages from German occupation. "Jungling through the hole made in the German lines by the rout of six divisions from Kallin, 95 mi. northwest of the capital, the fact-moving Red offensive was said by the government to have taken Vyssokoe, 40 miles to the west. Other reports said another town five miles farther on had been captured. Here, what was left of these six German divisions apparently was too disorganized to offer effective resistance, while in the Tula region, 100 miles south of the capital, some Germans were said to be so dispirited that they were talking to their heels without putting up a fight. (The BBC heard by CBS, said the Germans had been driven back 90 miles in a week in the Orei sector.)

Place obstructions In N. Y. harbor

WASHINGTON, Dec. 17—(AP)—Obstructions between Hoffman Island and Norton Point in New York harbor have been completed and the only entrance to the harbor now is between a lighted gong buoy and an anchored naval vessel 670 yards to the east, the United States navy hydrographic office announced today. Vessels entering Portland Harbor, Me., were directed to stop for examination and positive identification by the harbor entrance patrol vessel. The hydrographic office said navigation was prohibited in West Passage and Sakonnet River, Narragansett Bay, R. I., unless there was a specific licence from the captain on the port.

Well known Citizen passes Early today



THE LATE MR. HENRY SMITH

Charlottetown lost one of its most outstanding citizens early this morning by the death of Mr. Henry Smith, retired Clerk of the Queen's County Court. He passed away at 3 a.m. at the home of his son-in-law, Lt.-Col. K. S. Rogers, after an illness of about three weeks. The deceased was born at Charlottetown Nov. 25, 1881 and resided here all his life. He received his education in the City schools and early in life was appointed Clerk of the County Court a position he fulfilled faithfully and well for over 40 years. Since his retirement from that office, he devoted an increasing amount of time to the betterment of the city, serving for a time as chairman of the Charlottetown School Board, secretary of the Prohibition Commission, as well as carrying on various church activities.

Mr. Smith was active in the preparation of the present Prohibition Act. During his lifetime he was actively connected with The First Methodist Church, later Trinity United Church. He was officially connected with the above church for over fifty years, in various capacities, and until his death was a member of the Session and Official Board. He also was a member of the Trustee Board. For many years he taught the Men's Bible Class in the Sunday School. For thirty-five years he was Recording Steward of the First Methodist Church retiring in 1925 at the time of Church Union. For many years he was an official delegate to the Atlantic conference of the former Methodist Church, and later to the Conference of the United Church. He had

To conserve oil

WASHINGTON, Dec. 17—(AP)—Harold Toles, United States defense petroleum co-ordinator, today approved a far-reaching oil conservation program for California which he said was designed to assure an adequate fuel supply for United States and allied forces fighting Japan in the Pacific.

"Hold on" is Words to troops At Hong Kong

LONDON, Dec. 17—(CP)—"Hold on!" Lord Moyne, Colonial Secretary, disclosed tonight that he has ordered Hong Kong to this message receive any further communication from them on the subject of capitulation. (Axis sources reported a first Japanese ultimatum to Hong Kong last Saturday. They said the Japanese sent a mission to the island under a white flag in the morning and that when it returned Saturday afternoon before expiration of the deadline it was told that Hong Kong would not capitulate.)

PARISH PRIEST PASSES

NEW GLASGOW, N.S., Dec. 17—(CP)—Rev. John J. McKinnon, 62, Roman Catholic Parish Priest here for 13 years, died tonight at St. John the Baptist Glebe House.

Hear German Explanations For retreat

NEW YORK, Dec. 17—(AP)—A variety of explanations on the German withdrawal on the Russian front comes over the German radio today. To one announcer Germany is fighting a "positional war." Another says the front is in a "state of paralysis." A third says weather conditions are hindering the Germans. A fourth explains that "it is sometimes necessary to withdraw soldiers if they have advanced too far." And there are others. A Berlin broadcast to India and the Far East said: "It is merely a question of facilitating communications with the rear, and of control of the already-occupied territory."

A survey of German broadcasts on various wavelengths recorded here by CBS and NBC shows that the Germans are not talking about the Russian front very much, but when they do they spend most of the time in explanations, and they repeatedly pay tribute to the stubborn fighting qualities of the Soviet foe. Whereas Russian front news occupies most of the broadcasts when the Germans are marching victoriously, the broadcasts now are devoted mostly to the Pacific war.

The BBC, noting the detailed and varying German explanations of the Russian advances, said: "No one is likely to be deceived by these explanations. Even a Vichy radio station, at Algiers, had the audacity to remark: 'As we do not know where the Germans mean to spend the winter, it is difficult to choose between the expression "retreat" which the Russians apply to the German forces, and "strategic retreat" which the Germans use.'"

Light Cruiser Dunedin sunk

LONDON, Dec. 17—(CP)—The light cruiser Dunedin has been sunk in the Atlantic, the admiralty announced tonight. The 4,850-ton ship, launched in November, 1918, carried a normal complement of 450 men and mounted six six-inch guns. A German submarine torpedoed the ship in the Atlantic, a communiqué said. Whether any of the crew was rescued was not announced.

Desert drive Continues in Sandstorms

CAIRO, Dec. 17—(AP)—British desert troops hammering at the waning tank strength of Lt.-Gen. Erwin Rommel amid raging sandstorms were more than 150 miles inside Libya tonight and still advancing. The main battle areas still were at Alam Elzima, 30 miles southwest of Gazala, and at Hafez El Oelam, about the same distance west of Gazala. At the latter point the British forces rapidly outflanked axis reserves and supply bases in a battle of annihilation with which they hope to open up the road to Derna. Gazala itself was a third battle scene because some axis units were clustered along the seacoast there, but the British command apparently regards this area as "little more than a mop-up job."

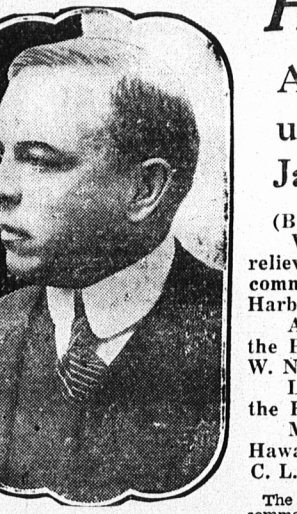
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Blame 4-year-old For setting fire

YARMOUTH, N.S., Dec. 17—(CP)—A coroner's jury decided today that four-year-old Wallace Amiraull started the fire that claimed the life of his three-month-old brother Rufus in their home last Friday. The younger child was suffocated by smoke from a small blaze that started in his bedroom while the youngsters' mother was out of the house. The older brother, according to inquest evidence, was addicted to playing with matches and once previously had started a fire in the home.

67 Yesterd'ay



PRIME MINISTER KING

OTTAWA, Dec. 17—(CP)—From Great Britain, the United States and from every province in the Dominion, messages of congratulations poured in upon Prime Minister Mackenzie King today—his 67th birthday. But the Prime Minister, immersed in a multiplicity of tasks, had little time to read them at the moment, since the anniversary brought no let-up in the heavy routine of his responsibilities. Mr. King was busy at his Laurier House office throughout the morning and presided at a long session of the cabinet war committee this afternoon. The Prime Minister's cabinet colleagues marked the birthday of their leader with a giant bouquet of 67 Premier roses and he received a variety of gifts. He was born Dec. 17, 1874, in Berlin (not Kitchener), Ont., and is a bachelor with few interests outside the demands of public life in which he has played a leading part in Canada since 1900, with one break of a few years.

Portugal Cabinet Meets; Grave Events reported

LISBON, Dec. 17—(AP)—The government announced late tonight that the cabinet had held a special meeting "to deal with grave events" which the Russians announced in the colony of Timor.

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Find All Oil Field Equipment Utterly Destroyed.

SINGAPORE, Dec. 17—(AP)—A Japanese expeditionary force has invaded the rich Miri oil kingdom of Sarawak, British-protected kingdom of the white rajahs on the northwest coast of Borneo, but has found the refinery and all oil field equipment utterly destroyed by withdrawing British forces, it was announced today. A Japanese destroyer was hit directly by a bomb from a Netherlands plane while supporting the landing, the Netherlands East Indies command disclosed. This latest Japanese move rounded out a vast invasion re-entangle in the South China Sea. It's corners touching the crown colony of Hong Kong, the Philippine island of Luzon, northern Malaya and Sarawak, the last a country of 50,000 square miles which has been ruled

Shakeup Comes To Forces In Hawaiian Area

Action affects men heading units caught napping by Japanese attack December 7.

(By J. F. Sanderson, Canadian Press Staff Writer)
WASHINGTON, Dec. 17—(CP)—The army and navy relieved the ranking officers of the Hawaiian area of their commands tonight because the Japanese attack at Pearl Harbor caught United States defence forces by surprise. Admiral Husband E. Kimmel, commander in chief of the Pacific fleet, was replaced by Rear Admiral Chester W. Nimitz, chief of the bureau of navigation. Lt.-Gen. Walter C. Short was relieved of command of the Hawaiian department by Lt.-Gen. Delos C. Emmons. Maj.-Gen. Frederick L. Martin, in command of the Hawaiian air forces, was ordered relieved by Brig.-Gen. C. L. Tinker.

Value of Canadian Hogs is increased

OTTAWA, Dec. 17—(CP)—The average Canadian hog, holding the agricultural spotlight as large British bacon requirements are met, is worth more than \$15 today or three times as much as he was in 1932 although his numbers have increased greatly. But in the first great war of 1917 a Canadian hog was worth \$26. Enough hogs are flowing to packing plants to cover required shipments under the 600,000,000-pound bacon contract with the United Kingdom to be completed in the 12-month period which started in October. Hogs on the farm in 1940 numbered 5,881,800 and an increase of 25 per cent for the present year has been estimated.

To register All Japanese

OTTAWA, Dec. 17—(CP)—Compulsory registration of every person in Canada of Japanese race of 16 years and up has been provided for by the Prime Minister's office announced late today. An order-in-council passed yesterday and soon to be published in the Canada Gazette changes the pre-war voluntary registration of all persons of Japanese race into a compulsory registration, the statement from Prime Minister Mackenzie King's office said.

Red Steamroller Pushes Nazis 40 Miles in drive

WITH THE RED ARMY ON THE MOSCOW FRONT, Dec. 17—(AP)—Crunching down on the rear of the retreating German army, the Russian steamroller has rumbled forward more than 40 miles beyond the starting point on the flanks of the Moscow front, pushing the invaders back to a distance that means security for the Soviet capital. Five Nazi divisions have fallen north of Moscow and several more have been destroyed to the south as the Red Army defeated the Germans in the greatest battle and first major anti-Axis victory in the war.

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Reds manoeuvre Near Jap Area

LONDON, Dec. 17—(CP)—Large scale Red army manoeuvres are in progress near the Japanese Manchukuo border in Siberia, the Chungking radio reported tonight in quoting a broadcast from the Soviet station at Khabarovsk. This report was taken in some quarters as a sign of possible readiness under some conditions to engage Japan on the eastern Russian flank. It was pointed out the reports were not confirmed.

KILLED BY TRUCK

SHELBURNE, N.S., Dec. 17—(CP)—Donald Firth, 8, was run over and killed by a truck today. He had jumped off the back of a truck into the path of a second.

Coming Events

- *Show—Murray River Monday, L-563-12-4-11-31.
- *Stanley Bridge Concert December 19th, L-576-12-17-21.
- *School Concert at Brookfield, December 19th, L-339-12-16-18.
- *See Long River Concert 19th, L-168-12-4-11-18.
- *Wanted to buy Chicken, Fowl, Island Cold Storage, L-219-7-9-4-11.
- *Free Town School Concert, Birch Grove Hall, Friday, December 19th, L-611-12-18-21.
- *Concert and Dance in Brad-albane Hall, December 19th. If not in time December 22nd, L-613-12-18-21.
- *Nine Mile Creek Concert, Friday, If not in time, Saturday, Admission 15c and 10c, L-623-12-18-11.
- *School Concert, Pleasant Grove Monday, December 22nd, L-610-12-18-11.
- *Reserve Thursday, December 18th, Mt. Herbert School Concert, L-301-12-8-18.
- *Hartsville School Christmas Concert in Hartsville Hall, Saturday, December 20th, L-597-12-18-20.
- *Mount Mellick School Concert, Pownall Hall, December 23rd, L-596-12-18-11.
- *Clyde River School Concert in Clyde River Hall, Saturday, December 20th, L-572-12-18-21.
- *Come to Graham's Road School Concert Friday, December 19th, L-212-12-5-18.
- *Fresh frozen Strawberries quart boxes 30c, Blueberries 18c, Central Creameries Ltd., L-599-12-18-20-22-24.
- *Collecting Hogs every Tuesday and Friday, George Dingwall's Fortune Bridge, L-134-9-15-M-Thur-11.
- *Receiving live hogs for winter months as usual, Albany Station Thursday afternoons, Emerald Friday A.M. until 11 o'clock. Signed A. G. Green, Albany, G. C. Green, Emerald.
- *Wanted—two more eggs per month from every hen in 1942. Feed Q. O. C. Laying Mash for greater efficiency. Now \$2.35 per cwt. Central Creameries Ltd., L-599-12-18-20-22-24.

MORE SHOPPING DAYS

SOME FOLKS TAKE COLD BATHS WHILE OTHERS JUST LIE ABOUT IT.

TORONTO, Dec. 17—Minimum and maximum temperatures:

Dawson	9B	10
Victoria	32	47
Edmonton	20	36
Regina	25	37
Toronto	8	34
Winnipeg	33	37
Ottawa	6	21
Montreal	18	30
Boston	39	48

Synopsis: Except for light snow in the northwest portion, the weather has been fair in Ontario and in southern districts, but colder in northern and eastern sections. It has been mild in the prairie provinces, fair in Alberta and Saskatchewan with light snow in Manitoba. High tide this morning at 10.46 and tonight at 10.10. Sun sets this afternoon at 4.20 and rises tomorrow morning at 7.33. New moon Dec. 18, 6.18 a.m. Summerside tide eighteen minutes later than Charlottetown. BORDEN—CAPE TORMENTINE SERVICE Leave Borden 9.25 A.M. 1.00 P.M. Leave Cape Tormentine 11.00 A.M. 3.20 P.M. WOOD ISLANDS FERRY (DAILY, INCLUDING SUNDAYS) Leaves Wood Island 6.30 A.M. 10.00 A.M. and 1.30 P.M. Leave Caribou 8.15 A.M. 11.45 noon and 3.15 P.M.