## Child dies In Hospital

Margaret Lona McIsaac, six-year-old daughter of Mr. John McIsaac, Gerald Street Charlottetown succumbed to an attack of spinal meningitis, passing away in the City Hospital at 6.30 last evening. Her five-year-old brother George is also in the hospital suffering from the disease. His condition last night was reported to be "just fair."

The children were taken from their home to the hospital Saturday when the nature of their illness was discovered. Previous to developing spinal meningitis they were ill with influenza. Their home is under a 10-day quarantine at present.

Only one other case, that of a school child in Lot 16, is reported in the province at present. Private D.J. Keenan of Georgetown, while attending a 30-day training period at Beach Grove, was the first victim of the disease. He died from it about two weeks ago.

Seven other children, the oldest a boy of nine and the youngest a ten-months-old baby, as well as a father and mother are members of the McIsaac family who are left to mourn the loss of a loving daughter and sister. The children are: John, Edna, Earl, George, Helen, Gloria and Conrad.

The funeral will be held privately from the A. A. Hennessey Funeral Home this afternoon.

## The Eastern Guardian

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## International At A Glance

(By The Canadian Press)

**LONDON — Prime Minister Churchill appeals directly to Italian people to cast off Mussolini; threatens British Army "will tear your African Empire to shreds and tatters"; R.A.F. bombs Mannheim for seventh time this month; northwest British town under heavy air bombardment; Eden says army growing in strength daily.**

**CAIRO — Reinforcements move up before besieged Bardia preparatory to assault against 20,000 Italian defenders.**

**WASHINGTON — Roosevelt to broadcast Sunday night in first "fireside" chat since re-election; reporting "regarding present emergency."**

**ATHENS — Chimara falls to Greeks in drive toward strategic port of Valona.**

TORONTO, Dec. 21—(CP) —A survey by The Candaian Press shows that approximately 6,000,000 trees, balsam fig, spruce, Douglas fir and some hemlock and pine, have been chopped down by the Dominion's commercially inclined woodsmen for this year's trade. This is about on a par with last year's cut, and, of the 6,000,000, about five-sixths will be set up in homes south of the international border, mostly in the eastern states. New York City alone received about 750,000 Canadian trees last year. Chief exporting provinces are Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, Quebec, Ontario and British Columbia. More than a million Nova Scotia and New Brunswick fire and spruce trees have been sent to the United States.

### BIRTHS

SMITH — At Carleton Siding Dec. 17, 1940, Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Smith, a son.

### DEATHS

WEDLOCK — At Allston, Mass., Dec. 22, 1940, Daniel A. Wedlock. Funeral from his home this morning.

MARTIN —At Belle River, P.E.I., on December 23, 1940, Peter R. Martin, aged 54. Funeral will be held late on Wednesday at 1 p. m. from his late residence to Belle River Cemetery.

ARBING —At the home of her daughter, Mrs. Eric Cudmore, Alley Street, on Dec. 23, 1940, Mrs. Lillian Arbing in her 56th year. Remains resting at the Cutcliffe Funeral Home where funeral will be held Wednesday, December 25, service starting at 2 p. m. Interment People's Cemetery.

McISAAC — In the Charlottetown Hospital, December 23, 1940, Margaret Lona McIsaac, age 6 years, dearly beloved daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John McIsaac, 27 Gerald St., City. Funeral privately from the A. A. Hennessey Funeral Home this afternoon.

### *In Memoriam*

In loving memory of
THOMAS A. MORROW
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Lovingly Remembered by
Mary and Ruth.
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CALL AT P. J.'s and select your Christmas turkey, geese, ducks or chickens. Large quantity on hand. L-752.

TAKE CHARGE OF SUPPLY DEPOT — Five men have arrived at Summerside to take charge of the supply and transport depot which is being established at the old Robinson mill. The men are: Cpl. N. L. Robinson, Pte. E. J. Major, Pte. E. F. Cochran, Pte. C.W. Crocker, Pte. D. Grant.

AT ROTARY—The Rev. Canon E. M. Malone was guest speaker at the weekly Rotary luncheon yesterday. He spoke on "Good King Wenceslas", one of the great heroes of the area which was known recently as the republic of Czecho-Slovakia. He referred to the favorite carol by the Anglican hymn writer, the Rev. John Mason Neale, telling of the good deeds of the great king. Rotarian Ernie Coffin was chairman at yesterday's meeting while W. R. Cruikshanks, manager of the Royal Bank of Canada here, and Orin McGregor, both former Rotarians, E. L. Miles of Moncton, Pilot Officer E. A. Goodwright, and Mrs. Goodwright, and Miss Beatrice MacKinnon were guests.

### Personals

L/Cp. Walter M. Bowlan, Signaler is spending his furlough with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. J Bowlan, Dorchester St., Charlottetown.

Lieut. C. F. Black arrived Monday evening from Sussex Military camp to spend Christmas leave with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Black, Fitzroy Street.

Mr. Warren L. Brenton, 163 Euston Street, who for the last ten days has been confined to his home with the 'flu, is now able to be about the house, and expects to take up his duties as Dairy Superintendent by the first of next week.

## Resolve to Fight it out, Ralston says

LONDON, Dec. 23—(CP)—There is only one New Year's resolution for free men and women "and that is to fight it out," Hon. J. L. Ralston, Canada's Defence Minister, said tonight in a broadcast interview.

"That is the spirit I see in Britain and I know that is the spirit of Canada," Col. Ralston said. "Yes, that's the spirit of the whole Empire as the Italians heard tonight. . . ."

Col. Ralston was interviewed on the British Broadcasting Corporation's "Radio Newsreel" program.

Asked whether any maximum had been set for Canada's contribution of men to the land fighting forces of Britain—if it would be as great as in the First Great War or greater if need be—Col. Ralston said "that must of course depend entirely on the developments of the war.

"I've repeated to the British Government our assurance that Canada is in this war to the limit of her resources."

## Mannheim has Seventh heavy Raid in month

LONDON, Dec. 23 —(CP) —The seventh heavy raid this month on Mannheim, strategic German Rhine river port and railway junction, was reported today by the Air Ministry, which said Royal Air Force bombs had forced Germany to divert France-bound railway traffic to a less satisfactory line and had seriously impeded river traffic.

The ministry's news service said British bombers in "one crowded hour" poured thousands of incendiary bombs and some "very heavy" explosive missiles on Mannheim and its industrial neighbor, Ludwigshaven. The raid was one of the night's air attacks on the Rhineland, airfields in German-occupied territory, and the invasion ports of Flushing, Dunkerque, and Calais.

(An indication that the far-ranging British bombers were on the wing again Monday night came from Basel, Switzerland, where air raid alarms were sounded. Swiss alarms often have indicated British raids on Italy or Southern Germany.)

The repeated attacks on Mannheim were believed to be part of a scheme to sever the rail communication between the Saar Valley of Germany and Italy, as well as obstruct traffic to and from France.

The Air Ministry said it has learned from sources other than pilots that great damage has been done at Mannheim.

"The Rhine harbor was hit and barges sunk," the Ministry said. "As a result the river traffic which helps give Mannheim its position as the most important industrial centre of southwest Germany has been very seriously impeded."

Minard's removes dandruff.

## Teachers' Spitfire Fund

Following is a partial list of those who contributed to this fund.

Dr. W. J. P. MacMillan, Eugenie Gallant, Beryl Dorsey, Evelyn Harvey, Sisters of St. Martha, Sisters of Rustico Convent, Cletus Murphy, J. Arthur Wilson, Mary O'Shea, Marion MacKinnon, James Sharkey, Rena C. Reid, William A. MacKinnon, Catherine Johnston, Mary A. Doyle, Jean Moore, Florence MacRae, Norman McDonald, Jean G. Anderson, Mary Gill, Mary MacLennan, Margaret Jenkins, Louise E. Bain, Dorothy E. MacKenzie, Isabel Ings, Doris Muncey, Bertha Trainor, Miriam Marlin, Mary F. McDonald, Celina Pineau, Catherine MacDonald, Margaret McCloskey, Mamie M. Mill, William B. Stewart, Miller McFadyen. L-743.

## Eden gives Farewell to British Forces

LONDON, Dec. 23—(CP)—Anthony Eden, relinquishing the post of War Secretary to return to the Foreign Office, vacated by Viscount Halifax who has been named Ambassador to Washington, issued a farewell message to British forces today stating that "every day our army grows in strength and in knowledge of its craft."

Mr. Eden's letter, written from the War Office, which he turns over to Capt. David Margesson, said that every munitions order delivered to the armed forces of Britain "shortens the duration of the war."

He said he left his work with the army "with deep personal regret. . . . strong in the conviction that man for man the British soldier has no superior anywhere."

He went on:—

"We have rebuilt with all speed. The threat of immediate invasion menaced our land. The work was pushed forward rapidly. Hour by hour our defences were strengthened, our army reorganized, equipment issued; until, in the later summer, our forces at home, which included important contingents of splendid Imperial and Allied troops, began to assume military power and authority equal to their immense responsibility."

The army of the Nile's brilliant victory in the western desert, Mr. Eden said, was "the first reward of much patient effort."

## Cull Skillfully

Skillful culling is one of the most useful devices a poultryman can use to reduce labor and feeds costs without radically reducing labor income. To be most useful, culling should be done continuously, since every bird that does not pay her way lives at the expense of her companions, and reduces the average production per bird. Only the very skillful cullers can predict the future production for a group of birds, and even they are not more than about 80 per cent correct. Some poultrymen cull their birds several times a years so that they can have a number of fowls to sell at one time.

Ordinarily, culls are individuals that are in too poor condition to support production. Some sort of conditioning needs to be done to put meat on their bones. Many culls are molting and can not therefore be marketed as prime fowls. Selling culls when they will not bring their full market value is a mistake unless there is no way to carry them longer. Either cull the laying flock before the discarded birds are in poor condition or hold them until a reasonable return can be expected.

The condition of the birds to be sold will indicate the treatment they should receive. Get them off by themselves and, if they are to be held for two or three weeks, feed them yellow corn and green feed to bring back the yellow pigment to their skin. The addition of ten per cent of corn gluten meal will help to make the shanks and beak quite yellow.

Increase in body weight is the chief thing desired during the holding period. This can only be accomplished by stimulating feed consumption. More feed is usually eaten by chickens if palatable feed is given several times a day, particularly if it is made moist with water or skimmilk. An abrupt change of diet and method of feeding will, no doubt, start the birds to molt if they have not already started. Birds kept under slightly darkened conditions in an atmosphere not too dry will grow a crop of feathers rather quickly if they do not reduce their feed intake too seriously.

Manw factors affect the price you should expect to get from the culls. Some of these factors are beyond your control, but others are directly controlled by you. The cash income from the culls is quite an item in the poultry business and every aspect of culling should be considered in such a way as to return the greatest net profit.

PRESS PEER PASSES

The Press Association in London announced that Lord Rothermere, 72, British publisher died Nov. 26 in Bermuda. Harold Harmsworth, first Viscount Rothermere, was a brother of the late Lord Northcliffe.

INJURED OVERSEAS

Corp. I. H. Collins of Eastview, Ont., has been seriously injured in an automobile accident while serving with the R.C.A.F. overseas, it was reported in Ottawa. With Aircraftman J. N. Poirier of St. Charles de. Caplain, Que., he suffered a possible skull fracture in an accident, details of which were not reported.

## New records Made at local Post Office

What is believed to be an all time record for incoming mail to the local Post Office was established Sunday morning when 11 truck loads were delivered there. The letters and parcels in the assortment arrived at the office at six o'clock in the morning when the train was hours overdue reaching the city.

There were 13 bags of letters or cards alone in the trucks. Mr. Harold L. Pickard, Superintendent of Mails, said that this was the largest amount of mail he remembered being delivered at the Charlottetown Post Office during his thirty years there. The largest remembered by him was seven truck loads during a former Christmas rush. Saturday's mail was also particularly heavy.

On each of two days last week there were 50,000 cards or letters mailed at the local office. Besides this the staff was busy handling the thousands of cards arriving from the mainland. The surprising thing about the rush is that everything which arrived up until noon Sunday was delivered before noon yesterday. Letter carriers worked from six o'clock Friday evening and continued through the night and made the eight o'clock delivery Saturday morning.

What is believed to be the largest sale of stamps in any single day in the history of the Post Office was made Thursday of last week when $1112. worth were sold. The record before this had been $1000. worth for a single day. The large staff at the office keeps the mail moving twenty-four hours a day.

"The public has responded and the mailings have been earlier and more gradual than in former seasons, there being no serious congestion in the corridors and at the wickets," Mr. E. J. Gallant, District Director of Postal Services said summing up conditions during this Christmas rush season.

## Pullorum Disease and Prevention

Pullorum desease may spread from farm to farm through various channels. A prevailing impression seems to exist among poultrymen that pullorum infection can spread only from breeding birds to the chicks by the way of the egg. While this means of dissemination may be the most common method of spread, there are also many other ways such as follows:

1. Custom hatching the eggs, from infected or untested flock (including fowl other than chickens) with eggs from a pullorum-free flock.
2. Incubating and hatching eggs in contaminated incubators.
3. Feeding of eggs candled from the incubator to chicks or chickens.
4. Introducing infected stock (young or old) into a pullorum free flock.
5. Using brooding or ranging equipments that is contaminated with S. pullorum.
6. Placing birds on a range that may be contaminated (through infected stock or farm contaminated manures, etc.,) or a range which is closely adjacent to a neighbor's range that harbors infecte or untested stock.
7. Using contaminated chick boxes.
8. Permitting hen buyers to take crates into the poultry houses, other buildings, and onto the range.
9. Accepting used, contaminated bird or egg crates from persons handling poultry products or live birds.
10. Returning birds from egg laying contests or shows without keeping them in quarantine and determining their pullorum status.
11. Buying poultry feed, litter, and other supplies tha may be contaminated.
12. Feeding garbage which may contain eggs, egg shells, offal from birds, etc.
13. Permitting visitors in poultry houses, feed rooms, and on range

In the establishment and maintenance of a pullorum clean flock, poultrymen should observe these factors continuously. The testing of a flock does not prevent the introduction of pullorum disease through the above channels. All that should be expected from testing is that it determines wether or not pullorum infection has found its way into a flock and if it has the flock can be retested until negative, providing the value of the birds and hatching program warrant the expenditure.

Since the majority of the commercial breeding flocks in New England are free of pullorum disease, every consideration should be given to each one of the above factors in order that progress in the elimination of pullorum disease may continue. Each individual poultryman knows his own problems and with the knowledge available he should be in a position to follow an effective program in maintaining a free flock.—U. S. Department of Veterinary Science.

## Agreement on Seaway is Expected soon

By LLOYD LEHRBAS
Associated Press Staff Writer

WASHINGTON, Dec. 23.—(AP)—An agreement between Canada and the United States on the proposed $250,000,000 St. Lawrence seaway and power project is expected to be reached immediately after the new year, it was learned authoritatively today.

Discussions between the two governments, which have been in progress several months, have reached a stage where Canadian representatives are expected to come here early in January for agreement signing talks.

President Roosevelt has announced he will ask Congress, convening next month, to approve speedy completion of the project to provide more power, shipbuilding basins and a protected inland waterway to the sea. He has described the undertaking as an important part of the defence program.

Informed sources reported today that administration men, mindful of bitter fights in the past over the project, may seek to obtain congressional approval by means of concurrent resolutions passable by both houses, rather than by Senate ratification of a treaty.

A study of the record of both houses was reported to show that a majority of senators and representatives have favored the St. Lawrence project in the past.

The administration has been unable, however, to obtain ratification of proposed treaties in the Senate, where a two-thirds majority is required. In 1934 the Senate vote was 46 for the treaty, and 42 against.

To accomplish the President's desires, it was reported, the diplomatic discussions under way have eliminated any stipulations in the agreement which could be met only by treaty.

OTTAWA, Dec. 23.—(CP) — Discussions with the United States looking toward an agreement on the St. Lawrence seaway and power project are proceeding, and there is a "possibility" Canadian representatives may go to Washington soon for meetings with authorities there, it was learned by the Canadian Press tonight.

## Pope Pius has Christmas Tree Placed at Palace

VATICAN CITY, Dec. 23—(AP) —On the eve of his Christmas broadcast to the world tomorrow, Pope Pius XII had a large tree installed in his palace today for the children of his intimate associates and those of his three nephews.

The Vatican radio station will broadcast the speech at 10 a.m. (4 a.m. AST) at 31.06 and 19.84 metres. Translations in German, French, English, Spanish and Portuguese will follow, the English translation at noon (6 a.m. AST) at 3.06 metres.

There will be a special broadcast for North America at 3:30 p.m. (9:30 a.m. AST) at 19.84 metres.

The Pope's speech is expected to deal with the war and his desire for peace, as did that of a year ago when he issued a five-point program. He will deliver it before the College of Cardinals.

The exact hour of the Pope's Christmas eve Mass is unknown, but it is expected he will celebrate it in his private chapel behind the blacked-out windows of the Vatican at midnight.

This will contrast with the afternoon Christmas eve Masses the Pope for the first time authorized in those countries in which blackouts make attendance at night services difficult.

Gifts for the children will be placed about the tree, set near a magnificent reproduction of the manger scene prepared at the Pope's orders by the Swiss Sisters of the Holy Cross, who wait upon His Holiness.

Meanwhile Vatican authorities reported that the special office seeking word of prisoners and those missing in the war had started search for more than 50,000 Poles, Belgiums, Netherlanders, French, Germans, Italians and Britons since last spring.

The Vatican radio has established contact for inquiries with stations as far away as the Belgian Congo and is testing radio telephone communication to Australia.

TOKYO, Dec. 21—(AP) — The newspaper Asahi reported today that the navy budget for the 1941 fiscal year totals about $300,000,000, an increase of $50,000,000 over the current year. The paper said new activities listed a torpedo school and an engineering school at undesignated places, and hospitals at Kisumigaura and Yamanaka. It said all expenses of the "China affair" were entirely additional to this budget, costs not yet having been decided.

WRESTLED WITH BOMB

Capt. Douglas W. Cunnington of Calgary, in England with the Royal Canadian Engineers, has won the George Medal for his part in removing a huge time bomb which menaced a munitions plant and the lives of hundreds of workers. With Lieut. J. M. S. Patton of Hamilton, he made several unsuccessful attempts to move the huge projectile before they were able to hoist it free and cart it away.

## Italian People

(Continued from page 1)

the Italian people and their fair land might take their honored place as one of the leading powers upon the continent and as a brilliant and gifted member of the family of Europe and of Christendom.

**Never Foes Till Now**

We have never been your foes till now. In the last war against the barbarous Huns, we were your comrades. For 15 years after that we were your friends. Although the institutions which you adopted after that were not akin to ours, and diverged as we think from the sovereign impulses which had commanded the unity of Italy, we could still walk together in peace and goodwill. Many thousands of your people dwelt with ours in England; many thousands of our people dwelt with you in Italy. We liked each other. We got on well together. There were reciprocal services, there was amity, there was esteem. And now we are at war; now we are condemned to work each other's ruin. Your aviators have tried to cast their bombs upon London; our armies are tearing and will tear your African empire to shreds and tatters.

We are only now at the beginning of this sombre tale. Who can say where it will end? Presently we shall be forced to come to much closer grips. How has all this come about and what is it all for?

**Italians, I will tell you the truth! It is all because of one man, One man and one man alone has ranged the Italian people in deadly struggle against the British Empire and has deprived Italy of the sympathy and intimacy of the United States of America.**

That he is a great man I do not deny, but that after 18 years of unbridled power he has led your country to the horrid verge of ruin, can be denied by none.

It is all one man who against the crown and royal family of Italy, against the Pope and all the authority of the Vatican and of the Roman Catholic Church, against the wishes of the Italian people, who had no lust for this war, has arrayed the trustees and inheritors of ancient Rome upon the side of the ferocious pagan barbarians.

There lies the tragedy of Italian history, and there stands the criminal who has wrought the deed of folly and of shame.

What is the defence that is put forward for his action? It is, of course, the quarrel about sanctions and Abyssinia. Let us look at that. Together, after the last war, Italy and Britain both signed the covenant of the League of Nations which forbade all parties to that covenant to make war upon each other or upon fellow members of the league, and bound all signatories to come to the aid of any member attacked by another.

Presently Abyssinia came knocking at the door, asking to be a member. We British advised against it. We doubted whether they had reached a stage in their development which warranted their inclusion in so solemn a pact. But it was Signor Mussolini who insisted that Abyssinia should become a member of the league, and who therefore bound himself and bound you and us to respect their covenanted rights.

Thus the quarrel arose and thus, although no blood was shed between us, old friendships were forgotten.

But what is the proportion of this Abyssinian dispute arising out of the covenant of the League of Nations to which we had both pledged our word, compared to the death grapple in which Italy and Britain have now been engaged?

I declare—and my words will go far—nothing that happened in that Abyssinian quarrel can account for or justify the deadly strife which has now broken out between us.

Then the great war between the British and French democracies and Prussian militarism or Nazi overlordship began again.

Where was the need for Italy to intervene? Where was the need to strike at prostrate France? Where was the need to declare war on Britain? Where was the need to invade Egypt which is under British protection?

We were content with Italian neutrality. During the first eight months of the war, we paid great deference to Italian interests.

But this was all put down to fear. We were told we were effete, worn out, an old chatterbox people mouthing outworn Shibboleths of 19th century liberalism. But it was not due to fear. It was not due to weakness.

The French republic for the moment is stunned. France will rise again. But the British nation and commonwealth and, indeed, I may say the whole English-speaking world, are now aroused. They are on the march or on the move, and all the forces of modern progress and of ancient culture are ranged behind them.

Why have you placed yourselves, you who had been our friends, and might have been our brothers, in the path of this avalanche now only just started from its base to roll forward on its predestined track? Why, after all this, were you made to attack and invade Greece? I ask you, but you may ask why, too, because you never were consulted. The people of Italy was never consulted. The army of Italy was never consulted. No one was consulted.

**Mussolini Responsible**

One man, and one man alone, ordered Italian soldiers to ravage their neighbor's vineyard. Surely the time has come when the Italian monarchy and people who guard the sacred centre of Christendom should have a word to say upon these awe-inspiring issues. Surely the Italian army which has fought so bravely on many occasions in the past, but now evidently has no heart for the job should take some care of the life and future of Italy?

I can only tell you that I, Churchill, have done my best to prevent this war between Italy and the British Empire, and to prove my words I will read you the message which I sent to Signor Mussolini in the fateful days before it began.

Cast your minds back to the 16th of May of this year. The French front had been broken, the French army was not yet defeated, the great battle of France was still raging. Here is the message which I sent to Signor Mussolini:—

"Now that I have taken up my office as Prime Minister and Minister of Defence, I look back to our meetings in Rome, and feel a desire to speak words of goodwill to you as chief of the Italian nation across what seems to be a swiftly-widening gulf. Is it too late to stop a river of blood from flowing between the British and Italian people? We can no doubt inflict grievous injuries upon one another and maul each other cruelly and darken the Mediterranean with our strife.

"If you so decree, it must be so; but I declare that I have never been the enemy of Italian greatness, nor even at heart the foe of the Italian law-giver.

"It is idle to predict the course of the great battles now raging in Europe, but I am sure that whatever may happen on the continent England will go on to the end, even quite alone as we have done before, and I believe with some assurance that we shall be aided in increasing measure by the United States, and indeed, by all the Americas.

**Not a Weakness**

"I beg you to believe that it is in no spirit of weakness or of fear that I make this solemn appeal which will remain on record. Down the ages above all other calls comes the cry that the joint heirs of Latin and Christian civilization must not be ranged against one another in mortal strife.

"Hearken to it, I beseech you, in all honor and respect before the dread signal is given. It will never be given by us."

And this is the reply which I received:—

"I reply to the message which you have sent me in order to tell you that you are certainly aware of grave reasons of a historical and contingent character which have ranged our two countries in opposite camps. Without going back very far in time I remind you of the initiative taken in 1935 by your government to organize at Geneva sanctions against Italy engaged in securing for herself a small space in the African sun without causing the slightest injury to your interests and territories or those of others. I remind you also of the real and actual state of servitude in which Italy finds herself in her own sea. If it was to honor your signature that your government declared war on Germany you will understand that the same sense of honor and of respect for engagements assumed in the Italian-German treaty guides Italian policy today and tomorrow in the face of any event whatsoever."

I make no comment upon the dusty answer. It speaks for itself, so anyone can see who it was that wanted peace and who it was that meant to have war.

One man, and one man only, was resolved to plunge Italy after all these years of strain and effort into the whirlpool of war. And what is the position of Italy today? Where is it that the Duce has led his trusting people after 18 years of dictatorial power? What hard choice is open now?

It is to stand up to the battery of the whole British Empire on sea in the air and in Africa and the vigorous counter attack of the Greek nation; or on the other hand to call in Attila over the Brenner Pass with his hordes of ravenous soldiery and his gangs of Gestapo policemen to occupy, hold down and protect the Italian people for whom he and his Nazi followers cherish the most bitter and outspoken contempt that is on record between races.

There is where one man, and one man only, has led you; and there I leave this unfolding story until the day comes—as come it will—when the Italian nation will once more take a hand in shaping its own fortunes.

## Two Canadians Are awarded D.F.C. in Britain

LONDON, Dec. 23 —(CP Cable)— Two officers of the Royal Air Force's Canadian squadron were awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross tonight in recognition of gallantry displayed in flying operations against the enemy.

Acting Squadron Leader Douglas Bader, who was given the Distinguished Service Order last September, and Flying Officer M. N. Tamblyn received the awards. Bader, an Englishman who persuaded the authorities to accept him for service after he lost both legs in an accident, uses artificial limbs. Tamblyn is from Yorkton, Sask.

The Air Ministry citation said Bader "has continued to lead his squadron and wing with the utmost gallantry on all occasions. He now has destroyed a total of 10 hostile aircraft and damaged several more."

Of Tamblyn the Air Ministry said: "He has shown the greatest keenness to engage the enemy and destroyed at least five of their aircraft. He has set a splendid example for other members of his section."

### ANXIOUS TO MARRY BOMBED-OUT FAMILY

LONDON.—(CP) — Twenty women are prepared to marry a workingman they have never seen or even heard about until he wrote a letter offering a home to a woman who had been bombed out of her home.

The man made his offer to officials of the "Save the Children Fund," and said he was prepared to marry and provide a good home for a woman with children. He stipulated that the woman must be a "working class female about fifty years old with one son and a daughter."

Within three days 20 letters were received, one from a woman who explained: "I'm afraid my looks are not in the front rank, but I'm a jolly sort and try to make most of my good points." She didn't qualify, however, because she was living in a "safe area," and had not been bombed out of her home.

### ARRIVES WITH SURVIVORS

RIO DE JANEIRO, Dec. 23 — (AP) — The British freighter Potaro arrived today with 17 sailors and one passenger who survived a torpedoed British ship in the North Atlantic.

It was the Potaro's maiden voyage from Cardiff, Wales. She carried coal.

Officials said they were unable to identify the sunken ship.

### Too Late To Clasify

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## Zion Church Jr. Choir Entertains At Prov. San.

The patients and staff of the Provincial Sanatorium were entertained last evening in a specially fine manner, when the Junior Choir of Zion Church assisted by Miss Freda MacMillan, under the direction of Miss Rena Wood, presented a program of Christmas carols and select seasonal numbers.

Mrs. Arthur Roper was Master of Ceremonies while Miss Wood presided at the piano.

The main Reception Room of the Institution, resplendent in its Yuletide decorations of spruce and holly, with its brilliantly lighted tree, supplied a note of charm and harmony.

The Junior Choir of Zion Church is composed of about 30 girls under the direction of Miss Wood, and this talented ensemble gives much promise for the future.

Following is the program:
Christians Awake.
A Child This Day is Born.
While Shepherds Watched.
Christmas Lullaby (solo) by Miss Freda MacMillan.
What Child is This? (children's chorus).
Lullaby—Thou Little Tiny Child, (by 8 girls).
Gloria in Excelsis Deo.
Silent Night.

At the close of the program Miss Katherine MacLennan, on behalf of patients and staff extended heartiest thanks for this much appreciated concert.

## To pool motor Car resources For war work

WASHINGTON, Dec. 23—(AP)—National defence authorities, concerned over a lag in armament production, received from President Philip Murray of the Congress of Industrial Organizations today a plan to pool the facilities of the motor car industry for the assembly line production of 500 all-metal pursuit ships a day.

President Roosevelt and Murray had a luncheon meeting, and they presumably discussed the proposal. It was based on a survey of the automobile plants by Walter Reuther of the C.I.O.'s united auto workers industry, who said the industry now is operating at "only half its potential capacity," and that there are ample tools, machinery, floor space and skilled labor to produce the 500 planes a day.

Reuther's plan contemplates a six months deferment of new motor car model tooling, and the levelling out of motor car production over a 12-months period. Putting off the work on new model cars for six months, he said, would release from 12,000 to 15,000 skilled mechanics for the plane-tooling job.

In addition, he suggested that the President set up an aviation production board made up of men from government industry and labor with full authority to organize the building of airplanes in the automotive plants.

## Seek to reach Italians with Churchill talk

LONDON, Dec. 23—(CP)—The British Broadcasting Corporation tonight set out to flash Prime Minister Churchill's appeal to the Italian people around the world in a dozen foreign languages before midnight.

The Italians, first to hear the broadcast in the regular BBC news service to Italy, did not know it was coming.

BBC is reported to have shut down on advertising the broadcast in Italian for fear Italian officials would turn on everything they had to "jam it out."

Officials believed the Italians would not be able to stop all BBC transmissions if they did not have word that "something special" was coming.

The BBC spokesman said the Italian translation of the broadcast would go out five times before noon tomorrow. He said British broadcasts are considered to have a big audience in Italy and that after the first broadcast, put on at 7 30 p.m. (2:30 p.m. AST) word would get around and by the time the fifth transmission was sent out Mr. Churchill's message would have reached a large proportion of the Italian people.

Mr. Churchill's direct broadcast to the English-speaking world went on the air at 9 p.m. (4 p.m. AST) or 1 1-2 hours after the unforecast Italian translation was directed at Italy.

A spokesman said that during the night it would be broadcast in Empire programs and that translations in German, Serbian, Bulgarian, French, Polish, Czech, Rumanian, Danish Hungarian Norwegian and Greek tongues would be over the air by midnight.

By morning it would have been broadcast in many other languages, including the tongues of the Netherlands, the Albanians, the Finns, the Portuguese and the Spaniards.

## Driver killed, Fireman injured

HAMILTON, Ont., Dec. 23.—(CP) —Members of a railroad wrecking crew, working with acetylene torches, today cut through the heavy plate of a Canadian National Railways locomotive half-buried in mud beside the right-of-way 20 miles southwest of here, to recover the body of the engineer, William C. Laycock, of Hamilton.

Laycock was killed and the fireman, William C. Willson, also of Hamilton, was fatally injured when the big engine left the rails and rolled down a steep embankment last night while crossing a lonely section of the Six Nations' Indian reserve.