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U. S. Increases Quota of Furs From Dominion

Will take 70,000 Fox pelts from Canada instead of former 58,300.

OTTAWA, Dec. 13—(CP)—Canada's quota of United States imports of silver or black foxes and whole fox furs and skins has been increased from 58,300 pelts to 70,000 under a supplementary trade agreement between the two countries signed at Washington today, the Prime Minister's office announced tonight.

The agreement supplements and amends provisions of the 1938 trade agreement between Canada and the United States. Loring C. Christie, Canadian Minister to Washington, signed for Canada, and State Secretary Cordell Hull for the United States.

The agreement is "substantially similar" to a supplementary agreement signed Dec. 30 last year. The United States quota figure of 100,000 is continued, but now applies only to whole furs and skins, and lower-valued animals.



HEADS CHARITY BOARD

C. L. Burton, Toronto, president of the Robert Simpson Co., has been appointed chairman of the national war charity fund advisory board, it was announced by Hon. J. G. Gardiner, minister of national war

Admiralty tells Of revolutionary Promotions change

LONDON, Dec. 14—(Saturday)—(CP)—The Admiralty announced today a revolutionary change in promotions abolishing a system which has been in use for two centuries.

Under a new order-in-council captains can be selected from the upper five years of the list for promotion to the rank of rear admiral instead of the old method of selection by seniority. The scheme starts with the next batch of promotions in the New Year, when brilliant young officers will be given a chance at high commands. Before they just had to wait their turn. The seniority system started in 1718 and the "merit school" has been trying to get it altered since 1747.

AIRCRAFT OF AUSTRALIA

SYDNEY, N.S.W.—(CP)—New types of wartime aircraft being made in Australia include the Wackett monoplane trainer.

Coming Events

- **Canoë Cove School concert Friday, Dec. 20th. L-413.
- **Abnln Road Concert, December 21st. L-384-12-14-23.
- **Talkies—Mt. Stewart Tuesday. L-378-12-14-31.
- **Christmas School Concert, Mayfield Hall, Wednesday, December 19th. L-372-12-14-11.
- **Reserve December 19th for Central Rivalry School Concert. L-389-12-14-17.
- **Lons River School Concert, Dec. 19th. Not fine. December 20th. L-390-12-14-18.
- **Cake Sale at Rogers Hardware this Saturday by 8th Charlottetown Company. L-282-12-13-31.
- **George Leightner Co. Water Street, buying dressed poultry, all kinds, low prices. Try us. L-751-17-23to Dec. 31.
- **Rummage Sale, Social Hall Trinity United Church, Saturday 6.30. L-338-12-13-28.
- **Buying dressed poultry Thursday December 19th. D. A. McPherson Store, Ulg. Signed Giltedge Company. L-300-12-12-14-16.

Priest May Head Freed Albania



European sources prominently mention former Albanian Premier Fan Styljan Noll as a leading candidate to head Albania if that nation should win freedom from Italian domination. Photo above was recently taken in Boston, Mass., where he is Bishop of the St. George Albanian Orthodox Church.

London calm After brief Alert ends

LONDON, Dec. 14—(Saturday)—(CP)—A brief air raid alarm in London ended before midnight and the city was calm early today. All during the daylight hours yesterday the country was wholly free of raiders and the only casualties were several persons killed by the explosion of a time bomb here.

The day had brought, however, a melancholy assessment of serious damage done to the great British centre of Sheffield by dusk to dawn bombing which ended in the early morning.

German bombers by the hundreds pounded Sheffield for the first time in raids which Berlin claimed were "super-Coventry," and which British authorities acknowledged were destructive.

The Air Ministry said a number of buildings were destroyed and roads blocked by debris, and an exchange telegraph report said some large fires burned for hours.

The dead and injured were few considering the weight of the raid, but rescue workers still were digging bodies from ruins tonight.

Sheffield, about 140 miles north, and slight west of London, is famed as the birthplace of the modern steel industry and as a cutlery centre. It manufactures ship machinery, rifle steel, steel sheet and a number of other essential war articles.

While Sheffield was being bombed a small formation of Royal Air Force fighters raided the docks at Brest, Atlantic port in German-occupied France, the Air Ministry reported.

A direct hit on an enemy supply ship off the Netherlands coast was scored by British airmen.

London's early all clear sounded Friday night at 8 p.m. (3 p.m. AST). Several persons were killed by the explosion of a time bomb in a London district during the day. Otherwise not a single bomb explosion was reported in England from dawn to dusk.

MONTEVIDEO, Uruguay, Dec. 13—(AP)—An extensive British search for the unidentified German raider which fought and damaged the British armed merchant cruiser Carnarvon Castle off the Brazilian coast last week has been futile, Commander Frank Pegram, commander of the South Atlantic squadron, confirmed today as his flagship, the cruiser Enterprise, docked.

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Possible Naval Engagement off Yugoslav Coast

Widespread incidents in war at sea On anniversary of River Plate battle.

(By The Canadian Press)

Friday saw widespread incidents in the war at sea and reports of a possible British-Italian naval engagement off the coast of Yugoslavia but brought nothing as stirring as exactly a year ago Dec. 13, when the Battle of the River Plate was fought in the South Atlantic.

In that now-historic battle, British warships, smaller and out-gunned by the Admiral Graf Spee, German pocket battleship, fought a running battle with her off the coast of Uruguay and drove her into port at Montevideo. When Uruguay authorities refused to extend the time limit for her stay her commander took her just outside the port and scuttled her.

Friday night there were victory balls in Montevideo celebrating the anniversary, but at the same time Commodore Frank Pegram, commander of the South Atlantic squadron, arrived aboard the cruiser Enterprise and confirmed reports that a new raider operating in South Atlantic waters had eluded pursuers who made an extensive search.

The raider fought and damaged the British armed merchant cruiser H.M.S. Carnarvon Castle off the Brazilian coast last week, and may have been hit also.

Meanwhile, Admiralty announced at London that H.M. Submarine Sunfish, under Lieut. G. R. Colvin, R.N., torpedoed and sank a German supply ship of about 4,000 tons while operating off the Norwegian coast. The enemy ship was deeply laden and the communiqué said it was "probable she was carrying a large cargo of ore to Germany."

The Sunfish also attacked a German oil tanker of about 4,000 tons and this ship was hit and damaged.

One of the ships the Admiralty announced that the armed merchant cruiser H.M.S. Forfar, Capt. N. A. C. Hardy, R.N., commander, had been torpedoed and sunk. No such merchant ship is listed in Lloyd's shipping register, but she

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Shake-up in British Ministry Of Information

LONDON, Dec. 13—(CP)—Sir Walter Monckton, Deputy Director General of the Ministry of Information, today stepped up to succeed Frank Pick as director general.

The ministry described the change as a "routine" matter but the Press Association said it was a "surprise."

Mr. Pick, former member of the London Passenger Transport Board, became Director-General of the Information Ministry four months ago with instructions to create a new organization, cut down unessential staff and speed up the cut-out of information.

Criticisms of the ministry which Mr. Pick was expected to obliterate when appointed were irritating restrictions on news releases and over-staffing.

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Sees oysters Scarce; Urges Development

TORONTO, Dec. 13—(CP)—Toronto oyster importers reported today that current stocks have been exhausted and with the banning of the importation of United States oysters under recent wartime import restrictions there likely will be a scarcity during the current season.

One importer said that all the oysters harvested in the Maritime Provinces and British Columbia would not be enough to satisfy Toronto demands. He added that the Toronto importers have communicated with producers on both the east and west coasts asking that new oyster beds be developed.

With the scarcity of oysters, many dealers here are offering Canadian scallops as a substitute.

Trade Board Study Committee On Siros report

Board Seeks Action on Wood Islands Ferry Service.

A committee consisting of Messrs. R. L. Cotton, J. J. Morris, R. E. Mutch, A. W. Hyndman, A. Becher, R. R. Bell, Col. G. E. Pull, G. J. Tweedy, J. M. Murray, A. W. Matheson, M.L.A., and Dr. J. A. Clark, was named last night to study the findings of the Siros Commission report at a council meeting of the Charlottetown Board of Trade held in the breakfast room of the Charlottetown Hotel and presided over by J. M. Murray, president.

Other matters discussed were the Provincial Tax on non-residents doing business in the city; transportation and the inauguration of the Wood Islands-Cariboo service for the coming season.

In connection with transportation Mr. W. S. Grant, chairman of this committee, referred to the passenger rates charged by Canadian Airways, the rate being higher than that charged by Trans-Canada Airways, notwithstanding the fact that the Board had been promised that when the Trans-Canada Air service went into effect passenger rates by the feeder lines to Moncton would be on the same basis as Trans-Canada, namely six cents per mile. It was also pointed out that through tickets to Montreal and points West could not be purchased. After some discussion the matter was referred to the standing committees on transportation and air service.

In connection with the Wood Islands-Cariboo service, president Murray stated that answers had been received from Island members at Ottawa to the effect that they were "working on the matter."

Mr. R. E. Mutch thought that a more definite and proper answer should be forthcoming. In the course of his remarks Mr. Mutch said that there was another boat available, with a passenger capacity of 400 and room for 16 autos and five trucks. It was felt that this capacity was insufficient, but the speaker stated he had written to find out if the auto space could not be enlarged. Mr. Mutch also stated that despite many letters written to government officials and ministers it had been impossible to get an answer as to the place for and whereabouts of, the Belcan coast.

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War — 25 Years Ago Today

(By The Canadian Press)

Dec. 14, 1915—General Sir Horace Smith-Dorrien appointed commander-in-chief of British forces in South Africa. Italian destroyer and transport sunk by mines in Adriatic. German seaplane destroyed off the Belgian coast.

Dec. 15, 1915—Sir Douglas Haig succeeded Sir John French as commander of British forces on the Western Front. Italians invaded troops at Avlona and other points in Albania.



GETS CREDIT FOR SUCCESS

Credit for the success of the British drive in Egypt was given in London today to 59-year-old Lt. Gen. Sir Henry Maitland Wilson, who, as commander-in-chief of the troops in Egypt, has organized his force into a swift-striking army. Sir Henry, six feet tall and an old Etouan, was the first man in the British army to command a completely mechanized unit.

Suggest plan To bring grain At reduced rate

OTTAWA, Dec. 13—(CP)—Ten million bushels of western second grade wheat should be milled, brought east on a partly subsidized freight rate and sold to farmers in Eastern Canada as cheaply as possible, it was suggested at the Dominion-Provincial agricultural conference which ended here tonight.

The conference was attended by senior officials of the Dominion Department of Agriculture and ministers and officials of the eastern provinces and British Columbia.

The suggestion came from provincial delegates after J. F. Singleton, associate director of dairy services in the federal agriculture department, told the meeting at least 60,000,000 more pounds of milk would be required next year to meet British demands for Canadian dairy products and also domestic needs.

It was recommended by delegates that wheat should be purchased in the west at 50 cents a bushel, that half the freight should be charged to eastern consumers, one-quarter better returns in some manner, if the increased supply was to be forthcoming. Cheaper feed would be one method.

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Three R.C.A.F. Are missing In Ontario

CAMP BORDEN, Ont., Dec. 13—(CP)—Three Royal Canadian Air Force training planes with five airmen from this advanced training centre were missing late tonight. One of the planes disappeared during a routine flight yesterday. The others failed to report back today after they had been engaged in a widespread search for the previously missing plane.

Pilot of the plane which disappeared yesterday was Lieut. C. P. Hopton of Cabri, Sask. Missing today are Lieut. T. S. Bates of Oshawa, Ont., and three English airmen whose names have not yet been announced.

The three planes are low-wing monoplane and R.C.A.F. officials said, each is equipped with a stock of rations, warm clothing and other necessities, for pilots who might be forced down.

Although the Hopton plane disappeared during a snow-storm, the weather was not considered a factor in the failure of the two planes to return today. Air officials said the atmosphere was good and clear for flying.

One explanation for the disappearance of the planes was that the pilots, intent on their search for the Hopton plane, forgot to watch their gasoline supplies and were forced down in some isolated place for lack of fuel.

AMERICANS IN LONDON

LONDON—(CP)—M-to-ized squadron of the Home Guard formed by Americans in London went through manoeuvres and rth the inspection of officers of the Brigade of Guards.

Troops to Res After Crushing Italian Army

Operations in Egyptian Desert near end with Fascist Force completely defeated.

CAIRO, Egypt, Dec. 13—(AP)—The full striking force of Britain's imperial forces of the Middle East—troops that today was driving the last Fascist out of Egypt—the fleeing and much-reduced Italian army of the British applied the flat word "beaten."

The first phase of the British offensive—a spearhead of desert warfare—was clearly nearing an end. Reports came that after a necessary breather to repair damaged machines and rest the British troops the operation might be a counter-invasion of Libya.

"Only remnants" of the major force led last September by Marshal Graziani into Egypt still hold out there, in headquarters, and these were declared withdrawing in rear-guard action toward Italian Libya, "closely followed by advanced troops."

(Reuters News Agency reported that the British had captured the entire stock of fuel and food which the Italians had assembled for their Egyptian invasion.)

The capture of uncounted thousands of Italian prisoners, a total of perhaps 30,000, was reported, the British attempting to give no precise figure officially yet because of the wide extent of the area of isolated battles—500 square miles of sand and rock. Among these captives were five German soldiers.

(In London military sources estimated the Italian losses at 40,000.)

Royal Air Force casualties were said by a military spokesman to have been "incredibly small" and casualties among British field troops were described as very light.

Reports were current that the Italian frontier base of Sallum had fallen and that Fort Capuzzo, over the border in Libya, had been captured, but these were not confirmed by the spokesman.

He said, however, that tonight only very little fighting could be proceeding on "Egyptian soil," and added that British advance mobile forces were "going very well."

British soldiers reaching base headquarters were quoted as saying that neither the Italians nor their Libyan counterparts had "their hearts 100 per cent in the war."

CAIRO, Dec. 13—(AP)—A crushing defeat of the Italian army in North Africa, a short and crushing defeat, by British forces in many months, Gen. Sir Archibald Wavell, British middle-eastern commander, told his troops on the eve of the present campaign, it was disclosed tonight.

"In everything but numbers we are superior to the enemy," the order of the day said. "A signal and crushing defeat of the Italian forces will have an incalculable effect not only on the whole position in the middle east, but not only on the military situation, but on the future freedom and civilization throughout the world. It may shorten the war by very many months."

Sir Archibald concluded: "We have waited long. When our chance comes let us strike hard."

ROME, Dec. 13—(AP)—Fascist sources predicted tonight that the Italian armies would attempt to defend their lines in Libya and Albania for the rest of the winter.

At home, Italian details and hoarders may face rough handling by Fascists' early-day strong arm squads. One extremist newspaper declared hoarders and profiteers should be shot.

These sources believed the aim of the British offensive in Egypt is to push the Italians back behind the Libyan frontier, from which they advanced early last autumn to Sidi Barrani, 70 miles inside Egypt.

It is not believed here that the British Army of the Nile will attempt a serious incursion into Libya itself.

Domestic exports Reach high level In November

OTTAWA, Dec. 13—(CP)—Canada's domestic exports, exclusive of gold, reached a higher point in November than in any other month in the last 10 years, the Dominion Bureau of Statistics reported today.

Exports were valued at \$117,456,608 compared with \$102,938,115 the previous month and \$97,163,176 in the same month last year.

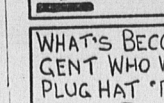
19 burned In huge Refinery

TEXAS CITY, Tex. (AP)—A refinery spread from tank to tank at Southport Petroleum plant tonight after a fire burned four workmen and scalded 15 others.

Spreading from a crude oil tank when a fire was burned, the fire spread to two more tanks, 6,000 barrels of crude oil, 10,000, shortly before the plant was reported to be preparing to workmen from the fighters were hampered by heavy rain ground boggy.

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WHAT'S BECOMING OF THE PLUG HAT? SNOW BALLOON SEASON!



TORONTO, Dec. 13—(AP)—Dawson Vancouver Edmonton Regina Winnipeg Toronto Ottawa Montreal Quebec Halifax Charlottetown

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Meritime East: winds; generally calm; over Ontario districts. It has out the west with temperature.

High tide this and tonight 10.10. Sum sets this and rises tomorrow 7.31.

Full moon Dec. 13. Summerside, 11. Leaves Toronto 1.35 P.M.