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SLIGHT DAMAGE IN NAZI RAIDS

High Speed Craft Is Designed As Super-warplane

Use Of New Planes Expected To Create Surprise In Aerial Circles.

LONDON, Jan. 11—(CP)—The Air Ministry disclosed today it is producing a surprise long-range fighting plane "of very high speed."

At the same time the editor of "Jane's All The World's Aircraft," standard reference book on the air strength of 50 countries, said the British airplane factories are working night and day to turn out a "new and secret" type of warplane.

clared that British airplane engines are unsurpassed by those of any other nation, a conclusion he said "seemed to have been confirmed since the declaration of war."

He described Russian military planes, which he classified as copies of American bombers and fighters, as "unreliable" and "liable to fall to pieces when diving."

Good Fighters

The Spanish Civil War, which Grey characterized as a testing ground for Russian and German planes, taught one lesson, he asserted: That the old (1930) biplanes with modernized motors make about the best single-seat fighters because of their manoeuvrability and strength.

Both Britain and Germany, he said, have retained the biplane fighter. The Gloster Gladiator, fastest British craft of the biplane type, now is being used specifically for fighting work.

The Daily Express said today that plans smuggled to London from Germany showed that the Messerschmitt 110 is intended as a long-distance escort fighter. It is too streamlined to allow bombs to be carried.

Easy Prey

The craft is capable of conveying German bombers to any part of Britain and back, the Express said, and that its twin annons could attack bombers while remaining out of range of defensive machine-guns.

"But poor manoeuvrability and comparatively weak firepower would make them easy prey for Spitfires and Hurricanes," the Express added. It said the planes were brought to the A. M. factory near Augsburg, Bavaria.

Argentina Has Heat Wave

BUENOS AIRES, Jan. 11—(AP)—Fishes paraded ice plants from agri consumers and the death toll rose to eight today as the thermometer touched 93 degrees on the sixth day of a heat wave.

Five persons died today as a result of the high temperatures, and 17 are in serious condition.

More than a score of persons stormed one ice plant in protest against the raising of the price of 30 pounds of ice from the equivalent

Local Man Will Attend Meeting Of Entomologists

ORONO, Me., Jan. 11—(Special)—Entomologists of the state and of the Maritime provinces will meet at the University of Maine next Wednesday and Thursday to discuss problems of insect control common to the area, according to the announcement of Frank H. Lathrop, entomologist on the faculty of the University at the Maine Agricultural Experiment Station, who is in charge of arrangements.

As Maine and the Maritime provinces form a biological region quite distinct from any other areas in the rest of the United States and Canada, the scientists are meeting to consider practical problems affecting the fruit growing and general farming of like interest to both groups, Dr. Lathrop said.

From Prince Edward Island, F. M. Cannon of the entomological laboratory of the Canadian Department of Agriculture at Charlottetown will attend.

HOLLIS WOOD, (A.P.)—George Coleman, former Olympic diving champion underwent an operation Saturday for a liver ailment. Her surgeon said later "if there is no relapse she will have better than a 50-50 chance for recovery."

NEW ACTIVITY IS REPORTED ON WEST FRONT

PARIS, Jan. 11—(CP Havas)—Profiting by clear, cold weather, the western front sprang to new life today, with both sides taking to the air in a series of reconnaissance and photographic flights which resulted in the destruction of at least one German plane behind the French lines.

Tonight's war communique said: "The day was marked by increased activity by artillery on both sides and by considerable activity by opposing forces. An enemy reconnaissance plane was shot down within our lines."

The morning communique announced that two enemy planes had been brought down inside the allied lines on Wednesday. There was nothing to report during the night," the statement said.

Northwestern France was sent to cover at noon today by an air raid alarm which was ended 40 minutes later without incident.

Land operations on the western front while involving several sharp skirmishes, still were confined to local activity. In several instances French detachments came to grips with German shock troops. The German units were generally made up of from 50 to 60 men and were particularly active in the sectors directly to the east and west of the Vosges foothills, and in the zone to the west of the Saar River.

In the latter district a French patrol ran into a strong German detachment and succeeded in forcing the enemy back to the German lines.

News Briefs

MONCTON, N. B., Jan. 11—Election of officers featured this afternoon's concluding session of the New Brunswick Farmers' Association annual convention. C. C. Wilson, Manguerville, succeeded J. P. Chaisson, Lameque, as president.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 11—(AP)—A rapprochement between two mighty neutrals—the United States and Italy—is the most portentous development in recent United States foreign policy.

The increased friendliness between the two countries probably will be evidenced shortly by the lifting of countervailing duties against imports of Italian silk.

NEW YORK, Jan. 11—(AP)—In preparation for a long war, Great Britain and France are arranging for the purchase of as many as 12,000 United States warplanes in the next two years, authoritative sources said tonight.

Moreover, with steady shipments of American military planes on contracts signed since the start of hostilities last Sept. 3, the Allies expect to exceed the German production rate by the middle of the coming summer.

OTTAWA, Jan. 11—(CP)—Rapid progress is being made in preparatory work for the British Commonwealth Air Training plan and present indications are that the ambitious scheme to train some 20,000 to 30,000 air force recruits a year in Canada will be well in stride by mid-summer.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 11—(AP)—Cordell Hull, United States Secretary of State, earnestly urged Congress today to extend the life of the Trade Agreements Act, and recorded his unyielding opposition to the Senate power to ratify or kill the agreements negotiated under it.

QUEBEC, Jan. 11—(CP)—Approval of the reportedly possible nomination of Mrs. Pierre F. Casgrain, Quebec feminist leader, to the Canadian Senate, was expressed today by a meeting of the Quebec Women's Section of the permanent Committee for French survival in Canada.

N. B. Farmers Hold Banquet

MONCTON, N. B., Jan. 11—(CP)—Scientific study of present problems would lead Maritime farmers to an era of agricultural prosperity, Prof. A. B. MacDonald, of the Extension Department of St. Francis Xavier University, told members of the New Brunswick Farmer's Association at a banquet tendered them tonight by the Maritime Chamber of Agriculture.

W. J. Reid, Kinkora, P. E. I., presided at the banquet. He expressed opinion that lack of an adequate supply of grain for hog feeding purposes in the Maritimes would be offset by enormous supplies available from Western Canada.

The King On Familiar Ground



His Majesty King George VI seems to express in his face his delight at getting his feet on the hard steel deck of a destroyer. This is nothing new for His Majesty, the "Sailor King," who served in the Navy and fought in the Battle of Jutland. He is here seen inspecting his naval forces at Plymouth during a recent visit.

Sharp Shake-up Is Reported In Soviet Army Invading Finland

COPENHAGEN, Jan. 11—(AP)—Reports reaching Norwegian and Finnish sources said today that a sharp shakeup in the Soviet army has taken place, with recall of more than 100 Red officers for failure to achieve greater success in Finland.

In six weeks of warfare, Russia has made little progress in Finland and on four fronts has been thrust back across her own frontier.

The reports, said also the Soviet military preparation, had been repulsed, one in the extreme northern Petsamo region and the other near Salla on the eastern front.

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HELSINGFORS, Jan. 11—(AP)—The Bulky Bolshevik Army was still stalled today on Finland's icy frontier and Helsingfors milliners took advantage of the situation to display new spring hats.

How life goes on despite the hardships of war in this city built on a rock by its stubborn people is evidenced by the hat displays.

The Spring hats do not blossom in bright shop windows as they used to. Their existence is discreetly signalled by pictures of the new finery pasted on rough boards which protect shop windows against bomb fragments.

supply commissariat was under a scrutiny which already has led to some executions.

Displacement of Mikhail M. Kaganovich from his key post as head of the aviation industry commissariat was linked by Scandinavian observers with the reports that the Red army and allied services were being reorganized as a result of weaknesses discovered in the Finnish campaign.

Russia announced last night that Kaganovich had been "transferred to another post."

Finland today reported that two Soviet attacks, launched after ar-

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LONDON—German planes scout British coast apparently in prelude to new attack; Air Ministry reports production of new surprise long-range fighters; first vessel on west coast when latter mined; unidentified Italian ship sunk by mine off east coast.

COPENHAGEN—Scandinavian reports say Red Army shakeup started with recall 100 officers for Finnish failures; Finns repulse two artillery attacks in north.

PARIS—Allies say German plane downed in day of aerial battles and artillery duels; Parliament plans to exclude Communists from elective office.

TOKYO—Japanese Navy and press attack proposed American naval expansion and military development of Guam; speculate on possible American-Japanese Naval race.

The Quality Tea

"SALADA" TEA

Enemy Planes Over Britain In Biggest Raids

Land Objectives Not Included In Attacks — R. A. F. Fighters Drive Off Attacks On Ships

(By J. F. Anderson, Canadian Press Staff Writer)
LONDON, Jan. 11—(CP Cable)—High-flying German warplanes dodged British fighters and anti-aircraft fire today in a series of raids from the east coast of Scotland down to the Thames Estuary.

It was Germany's biggest raiding effort of the war, but no attacks were made on land objectives. At least one merchant ship and one trawler were bombed and machine-gunned but sudden appearance of Royal Air Force fighters saved them.

Improved weather conditions, making aerial photography easy, may have been the immediate reason for the raids.

Anti-aircraft guns went into action when sky raiders were spotted over the east coast of Scotland, the Firth of Forth, South Shields, Newcastle, the Humber Estuary, and the Thames Estuary.

Thousands of people ignored the danger and stood in the streets watching puffs of smoke from ground guns until pursuit planes chased the German machines out to sea.

Coinciding with the raids were two incidents which may foreshadow important developments in the war. The London tanker El Oso, 7,267 tons, struck a mine in the Irish Sea, the first vessel to be blown up by a mine off the west coast of Britain. It was probable that the mine was laid by a German submarine and it may reflect a new policy by the German Navy to cut off Britain's vital overseas connections. The El Oso's crew of 36, several of whom were injured, was landed at an unidentified port.

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Military experts pointed out that such reconnaissance in the past had preceded attempts to bomb the Firth of Forth and Scapa Flow and to sow magnetic mines from the air off the coast. Therefore they believed today's activity may have signaled a third German effort to cripple British shipping and lessen what Prime Minister Chamberlain has called "The inexorable pressure of British seapower."

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"Red" Arms From Spain For Finns

PARIS, Jan. 11—(CP-Havas)—Russian arms supplied to the Spanish Republicans during the Civil War in Spain now are en route through France to Finland to be used against the Red Army, it was learned tonight.

The Spanish Government has sent to Finland part of the vast quantity of Russian tanks, artillery, machine guns and other weapons captured from the Republican forces at the end of the Civil War, almost a year ago.

(The Rome correspondent of the London Daily Express reported that General Franco is also considering the possibility of sending to Finland Italian tanks, artillery and other war material left in Spain by Italian forces following the Civil War.)

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