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Interpreting the War News

(Press Staff Writer)

Steel-shod jaws of a carefully-prepared British trap have sprung shut to bite off the head of Italy's boasted army of attack in Egypt, and rock home anew with tidings of disaster.

A grim story of defeat, more crushing perhaps in its potential effect upon the course of the war than the Greek rout of Italian invading hosts, awaits official telling in Italy. It will test rigorously Mussolini's boast that his war bulletins to his people are "documentations of truth."

British estimates of the number of prisoners taken are soaring into high figures. Each new Cairo bulletin steps up the aggregate. Prime Minister Churchill prepared Parliament for announcement that three or more Italian divisions had been gobbled.

That would mean substantially a sixth at least of Marshal Graziani's powerful striking force. Add probable Italian casualties and stragglers and a quarter or more of his entire army seems to have been put out of action in four days.

Authoritative figures on Graziani's full strength are lacking. It has been estimated at from 150,000 to 250,000 men. The cream of it unquestionably was posted at the now-lost Sidi Barrani spearhead and has been destroyed.

Those divisions were the cutting edge of the Italian thrust at the Suez Canal. They were shock troops, native and Italian. Their loss is irreparable because replacements cannot be sent from Italy to Africa through Britain's tightened Mediterranean blockade.

British press reports of a general retreat by remnants of the Italian advance forces in Egypt sound plausible. Thousands of troops unquestionably were scattered westward from Sidi Barrani to the Libyan border along the slender but exposed 75-mile Italian supply line. The bulk of them necessarily were work troops, however, not fighters. They were there to maintain essential and difficult service for the front.

Prolonged resistance to a westward lunge by the victory-flushed British forces and their Free French allies seems impossible. The Italian retreat route probably is badly cluttered by wreckage of the shattered advance army and its supporting service. To bring up fresh shock divisions against that morale-breaking situation and under fire of British bombers and long-range naval guns would be difficult, even if Graziani has such fighting units to call upon.

There is still lacking, however, a vital piece in the picture puzzle of Italy's new defeat. There is as yet no adequate explanation of Italian surrenders mounting into big figures.

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ST. AVERDS

Mrs. Paul Coombs who recently spent a pleasant four weeks visit with her cousin, Mrs. Charles Swan, St. Avards, is at present visiting friends in Sackville, N. B., while en route to her home in Revere, Mass.

Mr. and Mrs. Wellington Dixon, Parkdale, are receiving congratulations upon the arrival of a bonnie daughter.

Mrs. T. J. Sentner, Parkdale, is recovering steadily from her recent regretable illness.

Mrs. A. E. Cannon, St. Avards is spending an enjoyable visit with her daughter, Mrs. Charles Coles, Weymouth, St., City.

Mr. Charles Jackson, St. Avards is about again following treatment in the Prince Edward Island hospital, due to injuries received in minor car accident on Hillsborough Bridge.

Among the neighborhood men now in uniform who are enjoying leave, are Private Thorne of St. Avards, Edward Dooley, of the 6th Signallers and Gordon Gallant, R. C. N., both of Charlottetown. "Gordie" has had a look in on "Merry England" since last home.

The levelling, not long since, by storm, of one of the oldest landmarks, viz the old Kensington Tannery in St. Avards must bring to many who pass this way, recollections of days when their first stop was made here to dispose of pelts and hides before going into Charlottetown. —P.

NECKLACE FOR DISTRESS

LONDON —(CP) —A diamond necklace, a gift of Lord Glentanar's on behalf of London's air raid distress fund, was sold here for $14,685.

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The Central Guardian

This column is reserved for news of local interest, but advertising of a newsy nature may be inserted at 5 cents a word, strictly payable in advance.

JUNIOR RED Cross calendar sale Saturday, December 14. L-355.

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POLICE COURT —A drunk and incapable received a 30 days suspended sentence at the Police Court yesterday morning. It was the only case on the docket.

FAMILY BEREAVEMENT —Mrs. Richard Dougan, Prince St., has received the sad news of the death of her brother, Peter Cummings, of Millinocket, Me. The late Mr. Cummings, who conducted a successful grocery business in that city, visited his sister a short time ago.

GAZETTED.—Among the list of appointments, provisions and retirements in the Canadian Militia and C.A.S.F., appear the following: Infantry: P.E.I. Highrs (Details): To be Maj., Capt. W. W. Reid, 12th April, 1940; to be acting Capts., Lts. D. E. Lidstone, 13th April, 1940, J. A. MacDonald 1st Sept., 1940. To be Lt., Prov. 2nd., Lt. J. I. Hickey, 27th Aug., 1940.

ATTENDS CONFERENCE — Mr. W. R. Shaw, Deputy Minister of Agriculture in the Provincial Government left on Tuesday morning for Ottawa to attend a two-day conference on the situation resulting from new agreements with the British Food Ministry. Representatives of the Departments of Agriculture from the five Eastern provinces and British Columbia will be in attendance at the Conferences which got underway yesterday. Agreements will deal principally with exports to the United Kingdom of Canadian bacon, cheese and evaporated milk.

MOTHER FORMERLY OF CHARLOTTETOWN.—It is interesting to learn that Flying Officer Everett Baudoux, of Stellarton, N. S., whose photograph was published in yesterday's Guardian, as credited by the British Air Ministry with a successful dive-bombing attack on a German submarine as it crept into its own harbor, was formerly Miss Bertha Large, of this city. As he attacked, the submarine opened fire with machine guns and struck his plane three times. Baudoux's uncle, a Stellarton town councillor, was the man who captained a Draegar crew which rescued Dr. D. E. Robertson and Alfred Scadding from the Moose River mine. Mrs. L. H. D. Foster, Marshfield, is also an aunt of this clever young flying officer.

FLYING OFFICER ADDRESSES CLUB — The Y's Men's Club last night was presided over by Y's Man Joe Curran. The special speaker was Flying Officer H. A. Molynaux of the R.C.A.F. Recruiting Depot in Charlottetown. Flying Officer Molynaux in his introductory remarks traced briefly the history of flying and the part it played in the last war. He paid tribute to the genius of Fokker, a Dutchman in the employ of the Germans, for his invention of a machine gun which would fire between the propeller blade. This, said the speaker, revolutionzed aerial warfare. The speaker outlined the activities of a recruiting depot and told about the training which is given to recruits before they become full-fledged airmen. In closing the speaker answered many inquiries from his interested audience. A vote of thanks was tendered the speaker for his very interesting and educational address Guests at the meeting were: Gordon Bell, and Fred Seaman. Meeting closed with National Anthem.

FUNERAL SERVICES — The remains of Mr. James D. Keenan, trainee at Beach Grove Inn, who passed away in the City Hospital Wednesday were forwarded from the A. A. Hennessey Funeral Home by motor hearse yesterday morning to Georgetown where Requiem High Mass was celebrated at St. James Church by Rev. Owen Kiggins who also conducted service at the grave. At the Funeral Home an honorary escort from the Veterans Home Guard of Canada was present, the pallbearers also being selected from this unit, as the Beach Grove unit of which the deceased was a member is under quarantine. In Georgetown, the pallbearers were Messrs. James Condon, Horace Parker, John Currie.

FLOURISHING SOCIETY — The Mermaid Red Cross working unit was organized, and, besides a number or bandages and surgical dressings prepared, knitting was commenced on August 7th, and during the past four months the following articles have been completed, by the membership of fourteen: 20 sleeveless sweaters, 4 turtle neck sweaters, 13 pairs army socks, 7 pairs seamen's socks, 9 pairs airforce mitts, 8 navy scarves, 3 airforce scarves, 6 ribbed helmets, 1 balaclava helmet and 4 aero caps; also twenty-five dollars donated to the Red Cross, the proceeds of a cake sale held at Messrs. Holman's, Ltd., Charlottetown. The members met in the different homes during the summer and will continue the same good work for the winter months.

LADIES AID P.E.I. HOSPITAL—The December meeting of the Ladies Aid of the P.E.I. Hospital met in the Cundal Home on December 9 at 3.30 p. m. with the President in the chair. In spite of widespread illness there was a fair attendance. The nominating committee brought in the names of Mrs. H. L. Sear, Mrs. Leith McLeod and Mrs. Stewart Jones to fill vacancies on the executive. The President reported that plans for the reorganization of the League of Mercy were progressing but were not complete at present. It is felt that every woman on the Island who is interested in the hospital but who may be unable to take an active part in the work of the Ladies Aid, should be given an opportunity, through the League of Mercy, to help in this work. The President also gave a most interesting report of the December meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Hospital. Tea, served by the members from Zion Church was much enjoyed.

McDONALD-DUFFY NUPTIALS —The marriage took place very quietly at 8.30 o'clock on Monday, November 11th, at St. Joseph's Church, Kelly's Cross of Mary Eileen, daughter of the late Michael and Mrs. Duffy of Maplewood and Louis McDonald, son of the late J. W. and Mrs. McDonald of Grand Tracadie. The ceremony was performed by Rev. Father Leonard McDonald, brother of the groom. Seated in the sanctuary were Rev. W. V. McDonald of Alberton, another brother of the groom and Rev. Father Keefe parish priest of Kelly's Cross. The wedding march was played by Mrs. J. H. Nantes, and during the Nuptial Mass appropriate solos were rendered by Mr. Frank Flood. The bride looked charming in a smart gray suit, made on strictly tailored lines, a French blue off-the-face hat, silver fox scarf and shoulder corsage of American beauty roses. Mrs. Vernon Curley, sister of the bride, as bridesmaid wore blue velour coat, oppossum trimmed, blue hat with touches of oppossum and shoulder corsage of roses. Her husband, Mr. Vernon Curley acted as groomsman. Immediately following the ceremony, wedding breakfast was served at the bride's home to the immediate relatives of the bridal party including Rev. Father Keefe who graciously proposed the toast to the bride and groom. In the evening a reception was held when upwards of fifty guests enjoyed the hospitality of the bride's mother. The happy couple were the recipients of many beautiful gifts including substantial cheques from relatives and friends both home and abroad. The groom's gift to the bride was a handsome jewelled wrist watch, to the bridesmaid a crystal rosary and to the groomsman gold cuff links. Mr. and Mrs. McDonald will reside in Grand Tracadie.

DWELLING DAMAGED BY FIRE.—Fire early yesterday morning, caused damage estimated at several hundred dollars at the residence of Mr. F. Walter Hyndman, on North River Road. Firemen said the blaze was centred in a corner of the attic, between the ceiling and the roof. Considerable cutting was needed to reach the blaze. One line of small hoze was used. Origin of the blaze was unknown. It was discovered about 7 o'clock.

Personals

Mr. Lloyd McPhail, Long Creek, Mr. McKinnon, St. Catherines, were business visitors to York on Wednesday.

Mr William Coady of Hazelbrook, Lot 48, P. E. I. is convalescing after being operated on for appendicitis in the City Hospital.

The many friends of Mr. J. P. Crockett, Charlottetown, regret to learn of his illness. He has been confined to his home for the past week. Last night his condition was reported to be improving and he is expected to be able to be out in a few days.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Mellish, of Union Road, and Mrs. Penna Moore and her daughter, June, of New Perth, motored to Charlottetown on Thursday. Mrs. Mellish stayed in the city, where she will spend the week-end visiting her son Harry Mellish, 57 Hillsboro Street.

The Messrs. John J. MacDonald, Clear Springs, and John Chaisson, Bear River, left recently for Truro, N. S. Miss Geneva Chaisson accompanied them to Charlottetown where she is spending some time with her brother, Mr. Joseph Chaisson, Prince St.

Kinsmen elect New slate at Annual meeting

At the regular meeting held at the Charlottetown last night President Gordon Rice was in the chair and Kin. Stew Ives was the speaker. Stew in the course of his address gave many interesting sidelights of conditions as he saw them in England while on active service. He gave illustrations of the workings of propaganda and some fifth columnist activities but said that everything was well in hand and the morale of the English people was excellent. The effects of numerous bombings in the vicinity occupied by his unit was very greatly exaggerated by the German propagandists and was a source of amusement to those in the occupied area.

Kin. Lou Turner announced that the Christmas boxes to Charlottetown Kinsmen in the services had been forwarded.

The election of officers for 1941 was held with the following being elected:—

President—Gordon Hutcheson.
Vice President —Ernest Lord.
Secretary —J. C. A. Gordon.
Treasurer —Louis Turner.
Editor —Bob Nicholson.
Assistant Secretary —George Ayers.
Directors —Earl Norrie, Bill Boyles, Roland Taylor.

Gordon Hutcheson presented a list of 15 names secured from the Dispensary and it was moved and carried that each of these be sent a Christmas basket as outlined by Miss Earle of the Dispensary. The opportunity for real personal service here was brought up by Geo. Ayers and some members expressed their willingness to contribute some necessary extras to supplement the baskets. It was moved by Stew Ives and carried that the Secretary place these names on record and after investigation at a later date some welcome help could then be given after the New Year when the persons concerned might be more in need of some little assistance. After a rollicking sing song the meeting closed in the usual manner.

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Mr. W. S. Grant Will represent P.E.I. on Board

OTTAWA, Dec. 12 —The national war services department yesterday announced the formation of an advisory board to control appeals for funds for voluntary war work.

The board to be known as the National War Charities Funds Advisory Board, is headed by C. L. Burton of Toronto, and includes a representative from each province as well as representatives of five voluntary war service organizations.

Provision is made for subsequent inclusion of representatives of other organizations which may be given authority to conduct national appeals.

Announcing formation of the board, the department said: "Since the commencement of the war public opinion has strongly developed towards the viewpoint that national appeals for funds for war purposes should . . . be in some way united.

"With this object in view a series of meetings of representatives of certain large organizations were held. . . . These attempts failed. An agreement, however, was reached recommending the setting up of a National War Charities Funds Advisory Board."

Under the chairmanship of Mr. Burton, other board representatives include: Quebec, Leon I. des Rivieres, Quebec; Nova Scotia, Henry W. Binning, Annapolis Royal; New Brunswick, Mrs. G. Heber Vroom, Rothesay; Prince Edward Island, Walter S. Grant, Charlottetown.

The five service organization representatives are: Knights of Columbus, T. d'Arcy McGee, Ottawa; Salvation Army, Lt.-Col. H. Charles Tutte, Toronto; Canadian Red Cross, Dr. Fred W. Routley, Toronto; Y. M. C. A., W. W. Southam, Montreal; Canadian Legion, Lt.-Col. E. A. Oliver, Toronto.

The announcement said the department had received notice from other organizations of their intention to conduct national appeals for funds. "If and when authority is given to these organizations, then any organization so authorized will immediately be given representation on this board," the statement added.

To Regulate Dates

The board will require production of audited statements of expenditures of all organizations and check the amounts to be asked of the public and the purpose proposed for use. It will regulate dates of appeals.

It will also have regard to the problem presented by the decision of the people of a community or a province to conduct a united appeal. "If a local community arranges for one apeal and an organization has been included, then that organization cannot go into that community and conduct a separate appeal," the statement said.

The board will be asked to consider the question of the proper distribution of funds collected in a single appeal. At present the local community decides percentages.

Members of the board will be paid expenses.

The board will not have executive powers but will be purely advisory to the department.

Vice President Of CP resigns

TORONTO, Dec. 12 — (CP) — Acceptance of the resignation of Victor Sifton, Winnipeg, as first Vice-President, director and member of the Canadian Press is announced by W. Rupert Davies, President of The Canadian Press and of the Kingston Whig-Standard Mr. Sifton's withdrawal from participation in Canadian Press affairs is due to his assumption of the post of acting Master General of the Ordnance under the Ministry of National Defence of Ottawa.

George V. Ferguson has been named to succeed Mr. Sifton as representative of The Winnipeg Free Press in membership of The Canadian Press.

REPORT EARTH TREMOR

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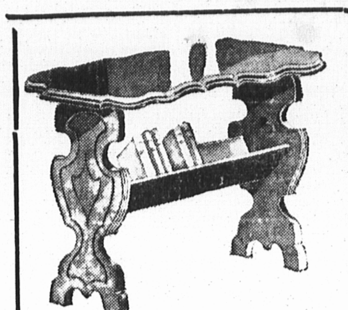

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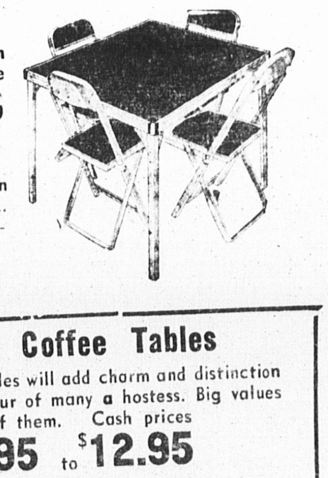

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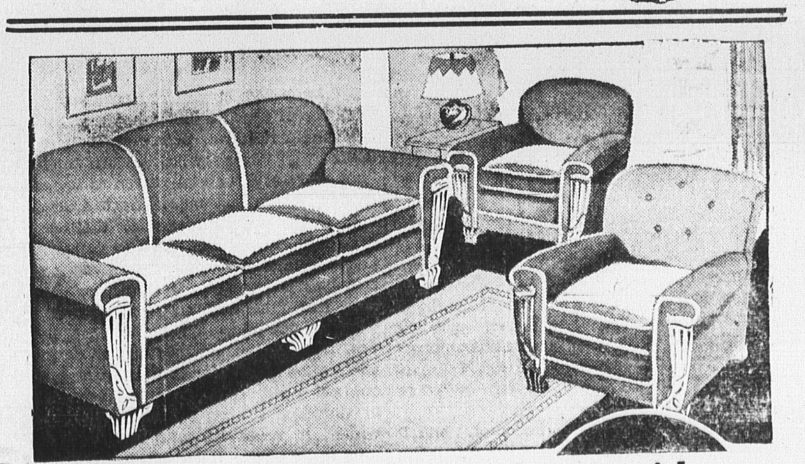

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