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BITTER COLD STALLS RED ARMY

Demand Details In Dropping Of Hore - Belisha

Prime Minister Chamberlain Quoted As Saying "Prejudice" Reason For War Secretary's Removal.

By J. F. Sanderson
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LONDON, Jan. 7.—(CP CABLE)—A rising tide of public indignation over the dismissal of Leslie Hore-Belisha from his cabinet post became apparent today. Prime Minister Chamberlain was quoted as telling the former Secretary of State for War that prejudice against him made his resignation necessary. The Press Association gave the following account of the final interview between Mr. Chamberlain and Mr. Hore-Belisha:—
"The Premier pressed him to take the presidency of the Board of Trade and could not understand why he declined. Mr. Chamberlain refused to take 'no' for an answer, praised Mr. Hore-Belisha and told him he would live in history."
"The Premier also made it plain he could have no word of criticism against him but said 'there is prejudice.'"

top, most of whom he lifted over the heads of older men in an effort to promote efficiency and industry.

Disagrees With Army

The Press Association suggested that Sir Samuel Hoare, Lord Privy Seal, who recently visited the British Expeditionary Force in France, "may have reported differences of opinion and a lack of harmony between Mr. Hore-Belisha and the war chiefs in the field... it is certainly clear there has been disagreement between Mr. Hore-Belisha and military officers. Some of these resisted his plans for acceleration of military effort, and in addition this there was a whispering campaign, which began in social, not political places."

Two points were emphasized tonight in sources close to the government. The first was that Mr. Hore-Belisha's dismissal reflected no differences within the cabinet over the policy affecting the prosecution of the war. The second was that Mr. Hore-Belisha's army reforms, including his democratization and the necessity it imposes that officers shall rise from the ranks, would be continued at the War Office in his absence.

Enamel Shihwell, labor member of the House of Commons, declared in a speech to his constituents that apparently "aristocratic influences" were at work and charged: "If generals in the British army or war office are to have their own way then all talk of democracy is strictly humbug."
Newspapers joined the clamor for an early explanation of the reasons for Hore-Belisha's retirement.

Press Statements

Typical of Sunday press statements were: "Sunday Pictorial"—"there was..."

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Contraband Control Station For Canada?

By J. F. Sanderson
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LONDON, Jan. 7.—(CP Cable)—A contraband control station on the American side of the Atlantic, probably in Canadian waters, was suggested tonight as a possible reply to United States protests over diversion of American ships into British ports for examination.
It was understood that the British government has a scheme under consideration to meet American protests, but whether it would go so far as to include a contraband station on the other side of the Atlantic could not be learned definitely.

OTTAWA, Jan. 7.—(CP)—The suggestion from London that British naval authorities might establish a Contraband Control Station on this side of the Atlantic to examine the cargoes of neutral shipping for contraband of war interested Canadian Government and naval quarters here tonight. It was pointed out, however, that no such proposal had yet been made by the British.

If it goes that far, the naval station would have to be in Canadian waters in order to observe neutral rights to neutral Norway.
The United States government has protested against the diversion of American ships to British ports which brings them within a sea zone prohibited by American neutrality legislation. The diversion has been applied particularly to ships sailing to neutral Norway.
The United States liner Manhattan, detained by the British contraband control at Gibraltar Saturday, was released today.
The liner was said to have been permitted to resume her voyage to Genoa after its owners, the United States Lines, agreed that if the British authorities found any contraband in the ship's manifest it would be placed at the disposal of British authorities in that port.
The manifest was left with authorities at Gibraltar for examination.



Hon. Vincent Massey, Canadian High Commissioner to London, recently visited the Royal Air Force squadron which has been made up of Canadian pilots and will soon be taking its place beside British squadrons in France. Mr. Massey, in civilian dress, is here seen chatting with officers of the squadron.

Mightiest Air Fleet Is Planned

Thousands Of Planes Roll From British "Shadow" Factories To Swell Aerial Power.

(By Guy Rhoades, Canadian Press Staff Writer)
SOMEWHERE IN ENGLAND, Jan. 7.—Throughout the night in this district residents can hear the spluttering and roaring of aircraft engines. They do not know it, but the noise comes from half a dozen giant Whitley bombers undergoing tests on the tarmac before the doors of a "shadow" factory.
At numerous plants throughout the country—how many only the highly placed know—bombers roll out daily to swell the strength of the Royal Air Force, bringing it swiftly toward the point where, authorities hope, it will be the world's most powerful.

The newly-achieved spurt in production lies a long story of industrial organization and plant conversion that goes back to May, 1935.
It was then the British Government realized that an arms race which it had hoped might be avoided was inevitable and that the 1935 expansion program was scheduled for completion by March 1937, but before then developments in Germany revealed that still more expansion was necessary and a larger program was announced in February, 1936, for completion by March 1939.

Absence of clarity in the international situation, simultaneously brought authorities to realize they must prepare industrial resources of Great Britain for sudden and vigorous expansion if danger threatened.
The situation in 1938 brought about an even greater degree of expansion and the output of aircraft was more than doubled. Before the outbreak of war it was four times greater than during the preceding year.

Steps in this mounting expansion are these: companies specializing in aircraft increased their productive capacity, bearing most of the expense themselves as orders increased; other engineering firms, earmarked previously by the committee of imperial defence, were called to help, particularly in manufacture of aero-engines; the Government decided to build numerous new "shadow" factories to be operated by firms already familiar with the work required of them; air-frame building was...

BRITONS DIG UP RATION BOOKS FOR USE

Butter, Ham, Bacon and Sugar Included On List.

By Harold Fair
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LONDON, Jan. 7.—(CP CABLE)—Britons tonight dug up paper-covered ration books from nooks where they put them away last fall in readiness for the start of rationing tomorrow.
The book, with their multi-colored coupons will be needed for the purchase of butter, bacon, ham and sugar, starting in the morning.

There will be a liberal allotment of these commodities. The date when other meals will be rationed is to be announced Jan. 15, when the government through the Ministry of Food takes control of all slaughtering in the United Kingdom. In the meantime the average Briton is consoled that there is no interference so far with his beer and his breakfast kipper.

Adults and children over six are entitled each week to four ounces of butter, 12 ounces of sugar. Children under six get half those amounts. Everyone has a ration book, distributed after the national registry was taken of the population, and it will be necessary to surrender a coupon when purchasing.

When the household shops tomorrow she will have as an additional encumbrance to her gas mask the family ration books. She is already registered with her merchant...

Soviet Offensive Bogs Down As Winter Rules

Russian Ski Detachment Defeated In Northern Sector - Finns Shoot Down 20 Planes.

(By Lynn Heinzerling, Associated Press Staff Writer)
HELSINGFORS, Jan. 7.—(AP)—The bitterest January weather in years, with temperatures ranging from 15 to 40 degrees below zero, stalled Russian offensives on all fronts today as the Finnish high command announced that a Soviet ski detachment had been routed at Salla and more than 300 of the invaders killed.
The weather has proved an unexpected ally to the Finns, who ordinarily look for the coldest temperatures in February and March. In Helsingfors, in southern Finland, it was 15 below.

ICE CRIPPLES FLEET

Ice, forming in the Gulf of Finland, has severely crippled the Red fleet. The Soviet air force continues to operate despite the cold, but not on the earlier scale, when 350 planes were reported over Finland in one day.
Increased resistance of Finnish fighting planes and anti-aircraft batteries has added to the hazards facing the Soviet air force. In two days the Finns have reported shooting down 20 Soviet planes—12 of them on Saturday. A Finnish communique reported significantly that Finnish aircraft carried out "bombing flights", but the targets were not mentioned.

SPEED CHAMP KILLED

An official announcement disclosed that Birger Vasenius, Finnish speed skating champion, had been killed in action while leading his platoon on the front north of Lake Ladoga.
The Salla sector, in which the Soviet ski detachment was reported defeated, is located just above the Arctic Circle.

The Russians were seeking to outflank the defence lines when they were met by Finnish fire.
"Bodies of more than 300 enemy dead remained on the field, together with 11 machine-guns and other material," the high command said in a communique.

The communique also announced in its review of Saturday's hostilities:—
1. On the Karelian front, the Russian force, after vainly attempting to crack Finland's Mannerheim line, "has begun digging in and setting up barbed wire entanglements before its positions to strengthen them."
2. At sea, ice has limited the Russian's activity "to attempts to prevent merchant shipping from entering or leaving our ports and to guarding their own sea communications."
3. Twelve Russian warplanes were shot down yesterday by Finnish fighters and anti-aircraft fire. Finnish bombers yielded Russian positions. Slight damage, the death of one person and injury of several others were the only results of the Russian attacks.

The army announced the repulse of small land attacks in various sectors from the Karelian Isthmus on to the far north in the Petsamo region.
The communique pointed to a slowing up of Russian pressure on Finland and to Finnish offensive thrusts by air.
Finnish fighters in increasing numbers are making sorties over the snow-covered battle lines to territory held by the invaders.
Two air alarms were sounded today at Abo (Turku) in southwestern Finland, but there were no reports of attacks.

Estimates made at the end of 38 days of wartime indicated that Russia's attempted blitzkrieg against a country of 3,800,000 inhabitants has netted her about 5,000 square miles or about a 4th of the 240,000 square miles she apparently set out to capture.
BACK TO THE LAND
LONDON.—(CP)—Up to the end of November more than 2,800 women's land army volunteers had been placed in employment since the outbreak of war.

Recruiting Offices To Re-open Today

OTTAWA, Jan. 7.—(CP)—Doors of recruiting offices swing open again tomorrow and the first of thousands of young Canadians who will don the King's uniforms in 1940 will be enrolled.
Over the weekend the National Defence Department announced recruiting of reinforcements for units in the Canadian Active Service Force would start Monday and that the first of three initial training schools under the British Commonwealth air training plan is being prepared for occupancy at Toronto.
This means that within the next few weeks hundreds of men will enter the service and don either the khaki of the army or the blue of the air force.

MANY A TRUE WORD HAS BEEN SPOKEN THROUGH FALSE TEETH



Murry Harbor Schooner Is Reported Safe

In Ballantynes Cove, a sheltered nook on the south side of Cape George, N. S., the schooner Senora, commanded by Captain Milton Chapman of Murray Harbor, was reported safe yesterday after being upland from for over a week.
The 125-ton auxiliary schooner left Sydney, N. S., some time ago enroute to her home port of Murray Harbor with a 40-ton cargo of coal. On board, besides the Captain, was his brother Capt. Alfred Chapman and Fred White, both of Murray Harbor. On the way home the vessel called at Port Hastings in Cape Breton. After sailing from that port shortly before the snow storm of December 30th, no word was heard from the craft, and telephone calls to the mainland by relatives at home, failed to disclose the whereabouts of the ship and her passengers. Finally Royal Canadian Mounted Police were asked to investigate and word was received yesterday through the local marine office that the craft was safe in the Nova Scotia shelter.

Sydney's Soldier Cartoonist Dies

SYDNEY, N. S., Jan. 7.—Lance Sergeant Norman J. Ross, 53 whose cartoons under the heading of "Barrack Banter" appeared frequently in the Sydney Post-Record since the outbreak of war, died last night.
A veteran of the First Great War, he was one of the first to enlist with the Royal Canadian Artillery here when the present conflict started. His cartoons dealt with humorous phases of army life.
A native of Peter's Brook, N. S., he had lived here 40 years. Mrs. W. H. Wilcox of Calgary is a sister.



Yesterday's highest and lowest thermometer readings are indicated above.

Location	Minimum	Maximum
TORONTO, Jan. 6.—(CP)—		
Dawson	25B	41
Vancouver	38	41
Edmonton	13B	14
Regina	33	41
Winnipeg	33	41
Montreal	53B	4
Quebec	43	—
Saint John	2	14
Halifax	8	14
Charlottetown	Zero	18

High tide this morning at 10:18 and tonight at 9:38.
Sun sets this afternoon at 4:36 and rises tomorrow morning at 7:3.
New moon Jan. 9, 9:45 A. M. Sunsets tide eighteen minutes later than Charlottetown.
Maritime East: Decreasing north-west winds; fair and cold.
SYNOPSIS: The weather has been generally fair and decidedly cold in Ontario and fair with slightly higher temperature in the Prairie Provinces. Snow is occurring tonight near Lake Erie.
THE CAN FERRY SAILINGS
Leaves Borden 9:45 A.M. 1:00 P.M.
Leaves Tormentine 11:00 A.M. 1:05 P.M.
SATURDAYS ONLY
Leaves Borden 4:45 P.M.
Leaves Tormentine 7:00 P.M.