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VISITING COMMISSIONER — Dr. F. W. Routley, National Commissioner for the Canadian Red Cross is expected to arrive in the city tomorrow and will be among those attending the Red Cross Bridge at the Queen Hotel.

PRIZES ON DISPLAY — Officials of the Red Cross Society said last night the prizes for the mammoth bridge at the Queen Hotel on Tuesday would be on display in the window of Foster's Drug Store today.

FUNERAL NOTICE — The remains of the late Ellen Devereaux were removed Sunday afternoon from the home of her brother, Michael Devereaux, New Haven, where the funeral will take place this Monday morning at 9 o'clock to the church at Lot 65, Interment church cemetery.

FUNERAL AT MARIE — The funeral of the late Mrs. H. D. McEwen was held on Saturday afternoon. Service in Marie United Church was conducted by Rev. E. B. S. Miller, who also officiated at the grave. The pallbearers were: Hon. H. H. Cox, Hon. J. P. McIntyre, Layton Coffin, Wendell Coffin, Edward Rossiter, George Cooper, Interment Midgell Cemetery.

SNOW MELTS RAPIDLY — At least seventy-five per cent of the more than a foot of snow which blanketed this province disappeared in a week and a half. The cold wave struck Saturday night and all day Sunday the temperature remained constant at 43 degrees above zero. Rising temperatures were ushered in with a rain fall of slightly more than half an inch. A 30-mile-per-hour wind for a time Saturday night speeded the thawing process. Yesterday the breeze was eight miles per hour. In the country bare fields were to be seen everywhere. Last week not a foot of bare ground was in sight. Travelling in rural areas was difficult except on the paved highways. Dirt roads were bare of snow in many places but deep drifts piled up last week were still blocking motor traffic.

Mr. Ambrose A. Paoli of Winnipeg arrived in the city Friday to attend the funeral of his father, the late Simon P. Paoli, Saturday morning. Mr. Paoli, who had visited his father this fall after he took ill, made the greater part of his present journey by plane.

Funeral of Mr. S. P. Paoli On Saturday

The funeral of Simon P. Paoli, which was held Saturday morning from his late residence, 2 Water Street, to St. Dunstan's Basilica, was largely attended.

Requiem High Mass was celebrated in the Basilica by the Rector, Rev. P. McMahon, D.D. The choir was assisted by Rev. B. Gillis, D.D. Occupying seats in the Sanctuary were: His Excellency Bishop O'Sullivan, Right Rev. Monsignor Maurice McDonald, Vernon River, Rev. F. McDonald, Rev. J. Sullivan, St. Dunstan's University, Rev. A. McDonald, C.S.S.R., Rector and Rev. G. McKenna, C.S.S.R., of the Church of the Most Holy Redeemer, and Rev. L. Dougan of the Basilica staff.

Service at the grave was conducted by Rev. P. McMahon, D.D. The members of the School Board and Provincial Sanatorium Commission attended a body. The honorary pall bearers were: Hon. Thane A. Campbell, Premier—Hon. J. P. MacIntyre, Hon. George D. DeBlois—Judge C. G. Duffy, Capt. T. G. Taylor—Dr. H. D. Johnson, D. B. Stewart—Col. A. E. Ings, James H. McQuaid—W. S. Newson.

The active pall bearers were: H. C. Bourke, C. F. H. Macdonald, Sidney T. Green, L. B. Macmillan, Dr. W. A. Creelman and Michael Conway.

Following was the order of the procession: Flower car, Arthur School Board, Provincial Sanatorium Commission, Honorary Pallbearers, Funeral Directors, Music, Active Pallbearers, Chief Mourners, General Public.

No change in Oyster embargo Is Considered

OTTAWA, Dec. 8.—(CP)—Indications in the capital tonight were that oysters from foreign countries would remain on the banned list as part of Canada's effort to maintain sanitary standards. Despite the protest of Governor Herbert O'Connor of Maryland, Finance Minister Isley said tonight that Governor O'Connor's protest had not come before him yet, but added that he did not think any changes would be made. Mr. Isley said he had received many messages from Canadian importers, protesting against the various import prohibitions approved by parliament last week.

BALTIMORE, Dec. 8.—(AP)—Governor Herbert O'Connor of Maryland, said today a Canadian embargo on oysters had been modified to permit importation into the Dominion of any oysters ordered prior to Dec. 2.

A statement announced in the Canadian House of Commons Dec. 2, by Finance Minister J. L. Isley, was made effective immediately, but did not apply to goods which on or before Dec. 2nd, 1940, were in transit to Canada.

O'Connor said he was informed by A. C. Williams, Chief Dominion Appraiser of the Canadian Department of National Revenue, that the modification would hold until Feb. 28. Oysters ordered after Dec. 2 will be permitted to cross the border.

Maryland oyster packers export a substantial portion of the State's catch to Britain and Canada. Last Monday, packers reported they were informed of the Canadian embargo and subsequently appealed to the governor for assistance.

O'Connor telegraphed Canadian officials and enlisted the aid of the State Department and Mayor LaGuardia of New York, a member of the Joint American-Canadian Defense Board.

The governor said he believed the modification would at least lighten the immediate effect of the embargo on Maryland oystermen.

Trinity United Church

MONDAY—7:30—Women's Christian Temperance Union, East Parlor.

Forty Island Men leave For service

Forty men from the Prince Edward Island Light Horse unit left Friday and Saturday for the mainland. They have been called to join the R.C.A. in the Canadian Live Service Force. Captain L. R. Crue, staff captain at Sydney and Canso, escorted the party which was commanded by Sgt. William Thomas Birch, Port Hill.

Before leaving the men were presented with socks and sweaters by the Red Cross Society, and with cigarettes by the Provincial Government. Following are the men: Alton J. Burdett, Rocky Point, Keith Raymond, Boulder, Victoria, Fred P. E. L. Cameron, Margate, Leonard Fenwick Court, Bedford, Peter Doyle, Charlottetown, Cyril Hayden, Wainwright, Mermaid William M. Fitzpatrick, Souris, John Gay, Montague, John Angus Jarvis, Souris, Oscar Marsha, Charlottetown, James MacAulay, Cardigan, John Dan McPhee, St. George's, John Allen McLeod, St. Peter's, Joseph McLeod, Welling, William Melourne Earl Ross, Georgetown, Arthur Roland Sherren, Crapaud, Cyril Hayden, Wainwright, William Harold C. Westaway, Albion, Gordon W. Vorston, Georgetown, Walter Joseph Arsenault, Ssido, Joseph Arsenault, Welling, Sydney Rymond Birch, Port Hill, Leslie Clifton Cameron, Kensington, Cpl. Wm. Verdon Colwill, Northam, Wainwright, Elerssle, Elerssle, John Archie Anthony Gallant, Welling, R.R. 3, Thomas Victor Julian, O'Leary, Frederick Courtney Maynard, Port Hill, Leo Charles MacKenna, Kensington Herbert Elmer MacArthur, Tyne Valley, Davia Auban MacNally, Kensington, Alexander Sinclair McCaul, Elerssle, L. Cpl. Geo. Anthony McCaul, Elerssle, Russell Leigh McLean, Arlington, Richmond, R.R., Harold William Ross, Elerssle, Arthur Steele, Misouch Point, Biddie Stanley William, Elerssle, Joseph Arthur Watson, Kensington, William James Wedge, O'Leary.

Red Cross Notes

Woolen comforts and other necessary articles for the women of the Auxiliary Territorial Service of Great Britain, over whose welfare Her Majesty the Queen has expressed her particular concern, have been added to the work program prescribed by the World War Work Committee of the Canadian Red Cross, Mrs. Wallace Campbell, national chairman, announced yesterday.

Athens to celebrate capture of this place, the last of Italy's invasion bases along the Greek-Albanian frontier. It signalled three days of mopping up around the mountain-fringed town had been completed.

Three days of celebration were ordered to mark this major success. It meant that the entire Italian line in the frontier region had collapsed. Jubilant crowds poured into the streets of this age-old capital.

A government spokesman said: "Greek troops occupied Argirocastro at 12.15 p.m. (6.15 a.m. AST). It is an important victory."

Very large quantities of materials and many prisoners were taken. They are uncounted yet. The Premier (Gen. John Metaxas) has been able to communicate by telephone with the commanding officer of the forces which occupied Argirocastro and has congratulated him.

After the occupation of the Delvino (announced Saturday night) the enemy fled northward, pursued by our troops which had been able to capture important quantities of material which was put to use immediately—this despite the enemy's efforts to destroy it.

Other villages and divisions (areas) were taken by our troops. More to the north, other Alpine units were beaten by our infantry."

Front dispatches and a communication of the Royal Air Force, which is an integral factor in the Greek advance into Albania, pictured a general withdrawal of Italian forces under aerial bombardment, or die-hard resistance by rearguard outposts, of roads jammed with refugees fleeing toward Tirana, Albanian capital, and of Italian prisoners streaming past the advancing Greeks as they slogged over mountain roads through rain and snow.

The R.A.F. announced that two days ago Greek naval units captured an Italian destroyer already badly damaged by British bombs, when they occupied Santi Quaranta (Porto Edda), 15 miles southwest of Argirocastro.

Italy's fighting retreat pivoted on

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Greeks Take Last Big Invasion Base

Advance continues with Fascist army unable to turn tide.

By MAX HARRLSON
 Associated Press Staff Writer
 ATHENS, Dec. 8.—(AP)—Fall of Argirocastro, Albania, to counter-attacking Greek forces, was announced officially late today.

Church bells pealed throughout Athens to celebrate capture of this place, the last of Italy's invasion bases along the Greek-Albanian frontier. It signalled three days of mopping up around the mountain-fringed town had been completed.

Thousands of refugees were said to be jamming roads between the retreating Italian forces on the right wing and Trana. Italian losses there were said to be severe, with the Fascist withdrawal hampered by snow and rain. In one position alone—apparently a rearguard post left to cover the withdrawal—50 Italian dead were reported by a Greek advance party.

The R.A.F. supported the Greeks' general offensive Saturday with an attack on enemy shipping off the Albanian coast.

Despite unfavorable weather the Britons raided the port of Valona, about 50 miles northwest of Santi Quaranta.

The Italian destroyer seized at Santi Quaranta was struck by two direct hits in a British bombardment two days before the port fell to the Greek land forces.

The Greeks' battle cry now is "Trana by Christmas!" (Trana, capital of Albania, is 90 miles straight north of Argirocastro but they are separated by wild mountains in almost roadless country.)

If the Greek hope of taking the city in three weeks is fulfilled, it seems likely that it will be done by mountainous troops on the northern front. A Greek spokesman said Saturday they were advancing toward Ebbasani, 25 miles from Trana, along the Pogradec-Ebbasani road and up the Devol River valley.

At least 3,000 Italian prisoners were said to have been taken Friday and many were reported being flown back to Greek camps to save time and avoid clogging roads in the mountainous frontier region.

Minard's relieves sprains.

The Eastern Guardian

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Mrs. Calvin Hillchev was a week end visitor to the city, a guest of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Preece.

Master Douglas Preece, Charlottetown, was a recent visitor to Montague.

Italy's Naval

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advanced bases which served as springboards for air raids on Palestine and Egypt. With Greece an ally, British submarines and planes also are able now to harass the vital Italian sea routes across the Adriatic by which the Albanian army must be supplied.

Altogether, since the attack on Greece six weeks ago, the Italian navy has suffered such blows and has been forced into such a perilous strategic situation that it appears to be pretty well finished as an offensive threat.

Even more than Marshal Pietro Badoglio and General Vecchi, the army leaders who resigned last week, the naval chief of staff is in a position to plead that he was a victim of circumstances beyond his control.

The Fascist fleet's tendency to stick closely to the home bases could be due to the necessity to board fuel. Because of the British blockade, oil can not now be obtained by sea. By one estimate, recent overland shipments have amounted to only 30,000 tons a month out of a required 200,000 tons.

The government also reported that in Friday night's German attacks, Bristol, the important west coast port through which supplies have been going into the industrial midlands, was hardest hit.

ST. JAMES CHURCH

Rev. Donald Boothroyd, B.A., conducted both services yesterday, and preached scholarly sermons applicable to present day needs. His morning's text was Joshua's question to the children of Israel: "Choose you this day whom ye will serve?"—(Joshua 24 and 15). Today the same question must be answered by all professing Christians. The soprano solo, "O Saviour, Hear Me (Chorus)" was rendered by Miss Annabelle Lawson.

For the evening service, Mr. Boothroyd chose as his text, the 3rd verse of the 23rd chapter of the Job. "Oh that I knew where I might find him." The anthem "Ere We Leave Thy House, O Father"—Harrison, was rendered by the choir.

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tending something a good deal worse than London has ever known.

No official comment was advanced as to the reason for the Nazi inactivity, although it was generally believed the dirty weather over Britain might have something to do with it.

Night came, the sirens began wailing, and the big guns opened up. Some Britons suggested that bad weather on the other side of the channel had kept the Nazis home; others that British raids on Nazi bases Friday night also had something to do with it.

During the day, aerial fighting was confined principally to the east and southeast coasts, the Air Ministry announced. It was said two raiding bombers were shot down.

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Accompanying the overseas airmen were Group Capt. A. Shekleton, new commanding officer of Collins Bay, and Wing Cdr. W. M. Keddle, chief technician.

BIRTHS
 BUNTAIN — At Halifax, N.S., December 8, 1940, to Lt. Commander and Mrs. G. H. Buntain, a son.
 BRADLEY — In the city, Nov. 29th, 1940, to Mr. and Mrs. Austin Bradley, a son (Richard Gerard).

MARRIAGES
 MacDONALD—MacPHEE — At Zion Mass on December 6th, 1940, by Rev. G. Carlyle Webster, Florence Ronald MacPhee of Belfast, to Private Donald Murdoch MacDonald of Dartmouth, N. S.

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