

The Central Guardian

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MAY SALVAGE CARGO—Hopes for re-floating the schooner Lorna A. ground at Salsation Cove, five miles from here with a cargo of coal, were about abandoned last night. The schooner, owned by Ray Tanton of Summerside, was about to be salvaged when a heavy storm broke her up. The schooner, owned by Ray Tanton of Summerside, was about to be salvaged when a heavy storm broke her up.

TREACHEROUS WALKING—Freezing rain last night turned Charlottetown streets and sidewalks into sheets of ice. Pedestrians performed acrobatics and motor traffic crawled along at a snail's pace. City Police announced however, they had no reports of collisions although motor vehicles were likely to go sideways as in any other direction. Rain ceased falling after about an hour although the skies remained overcast and the temperature low enough to keep the ice from melting.

BUSINESS BRISK—Christmas trade continues brisk in Charlottetown merchants said yesterday. Travelling from many country points is possible for motor vehicles following a thaw and motor traffic which made huge inroads into snow drifts from the season's first minuscule heavy rain on island lines. News was learned from Canadian National Railways officials. Last night the train from the mainland was two hours late arriving here and heavy mails, express and passenger traffic on other island lines trains were running somewhat behind schedule for the same reason.

PERSONALS

Mrs. Wm. White, formerly of York Point left to spend the winter in Boston with her sisters.

The Guardian regrets to learn that the Hon. H. J. Palmer K. C. is on the sick list.

Mr. James Rattenbury, medical student at Dalhousie, has arrived home to spend Christmas with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Rattenbury.

GRAF SPEE

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Forced to seek refuge in Montevideo harbor, the commander on orders from Adolf Hitler blew up his ship rather than face internment or run the gauntlet of allied warships off the coast.

Instead of going down with his ship the postponed execution of his design until he had seen to the safety of more than 1,000 young seamen in his crew and had informed his superiors of the fate which had befallen the Graf Spee, the embassy communique said.

An aide found his lifeless body in his arsenal quarters at 8:30 a. m. (7:30 a. m. AST).

Preparing for the end, Langsdorff called all the officers of his staff about him last night and talked with them for three hours.

Shortly after midnight he rose, circled the room for a last look at the ship and then he lay down to shake with each man. Then he retired to his room, requesting that no one disturb him as he was fatigued by the week's events.

German associates had expected the captain to take his own life. An embassy attache said he gave his camera and other personal effects to a member of the embassy staff saying: "Take them, I shall not need them any more."

Full honors due his rank will be accorded in a funeral service at the embassy tomorrow at 3 p. m. Burial will be in the German cemetery here.

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bitter resistance from her midship. foe. World opinion has branded Russia an outlaw.

In Italy, despite continued lip-service to the Fascist-Nazi rapprochement out of which was built the Rome-Berlin Axis, now all but broken, the Nazi-Communist fellowship is viewed openly with deep frowns.

An Italy prepared if necessary to march against Russia to halt Soviet encroachment in the Danube Basin and the Balkans is on the alert, already associated with the Allies in giving practical aid to Finland.

Dwindled Russian military prestige and a mounting toll of German reverses at sea are affecting the diplomatic scene. Unquestionably, Franco-British statesmen are reaching out to take quick advantage of increasing doubts among European neutrals that Germany can successfully challenge Allied sea power and economic resources.

There are hints from Paris that some now Allied diplomatic blow at Hitler is impending. It might be an understanding with Italy that would finally sever the weakened tie that holds Rome and Berlin together, for Hitler's deal with Russian Communism and Soviet aggression has stirred Italy deeply.

NEWS FOR MULTITUDE

LONDON—(CP)—Foreign language service of the British Broadcasting Corporation has doubled with the war and one department now employs 250 where 100 worked a year ago. News is broadcast in 15 languages.

Too Late to Claspify

LOST MAN'S BLACK FOUNTAIN pen. Apply Guardian. L-4-12-21-21.

EXPERIENCED GIRL WANTS housework. Apply 50 Grafton. L-3-12-21-31.

COOK WANTED. APPLY GUARDIAN. L-5-12-21-21.

LOST CHRISTMAS PARCELS between Charlottetown and Hunter River. Finder leave at North American Hotel. L-7.

Christmas At The Kindergarten

The Kindergarten had a delightful Christmas closing yesterday attended by the parents and friends of the happy little tots who are eagerly looking forward to Santa Claus. They presented a very pretty program under the direction of Miss Berna Huestis assisted by Miss Marie Walker, which was greatly enjoyed.

The children looked very winsome in their pretty dresses and the kindergarten was gayly decorated, festooned around the walls and in the centre a huge Christmas tree laden with gifts for mothers and fathers made by the children was much admired by the public and visitors.

Good Morning. Ring Merry Christmas Bells. Jingle Bells, soloist, Sonny Squarebriggs, assisted by Cyril Wheatley, Ian Gillies, Robert Jones, Junior Mahar, Junior Craig, Paul Davey.

My Kitty, soloist, Sylvia Soper, chorus, Eileen Lavers, Doris Chandler and Eileen Lavers. Jumping Jacks—Everybody. Train Music Box, Air Planes. Tap dance, Joan Tanton.

Nursery Rhymes, Miss Muffet. Barbara Wran, Wilma Taylor, Ena Engel, Spiders, Robert Jones, Paul Davey, Cyril Wheatley, Junior Craig.

Jack Be Nimble—All the children. Old King Cole—Solo Billy McCannell. Wind Thru' The Olive Trees—Jean Bentley.

Recitation—Christmas Dolly—Jean Tanton. Chorus—You Better Watch Out. Solo—The Birdie—Eileen Lavers. Marching—Gillie Leader.

Recitation, Old Jack Frost. All the children. Solo—The Swing, Tommy Denton. "The Christmas Message"—All The Children. Good-by Song. The King.

Neutrality Zone Violations Are Under Discussion

WASHINGTON, Dec. 20—(AP)—A joint declaration accusing European belligerents of repeatedly violating the western neutrality zone and warning them against future violations was being drafted tonight by the 21 American Republics in common diplomatic consultation.

The declaration, it was learned, will be a general, but strong statement of determination that the zone created at the Panama conference in October must be respected.

The declaration, which will be communicated to the belligerents by Don Augusto B.ond, President of Panama, will contain a clear-cut indication that the American Republics will be forced in future to take more than diplomatic action to see that the zone is respected. It may be issued Friday.

The document also will state that the American Republics will hold further consultations to determine a common policy in dealing with belligerent warships which will begin immediately after Christmas. Various suggestions have been advanced—one by Brazil that warships be automatically interned, and another by other American Republics that warships damaged in battle and taking refuge in such ports be refused all assistance and required to leave or be interned.

Train Service Changes For New Year

MONCTON, N. B., Dec. 20—The following changes in train service are announced by regional headquarters of the Canadian National Railways.

Commencing Monday, January 8 next, the train from the mainland for Prince Edward Island, leaving Moncton at 10:50 a. m. daily except Saturday and Sunday will be operated daily except Sunday.

This will cancel the afternoon service from the mainland to Prince Edward Island on Saturday, leaving Moncton at 3:50 p. m. Train leaving Sackville for Cape Tormentine at 1:20 p. m. Saturday only will also be withdrawn.

Between Summerside and Tignish commencing Tuesday, January 2nd, and continuing until and including Saturday, January 6, train leaving Summerside at 12:01 p. m. on Saturday and Sunday will be operated daily except Sunday.

Wednesday and Friday, leaving at 12:01 p. m. and on Saturday at 4:30 p. m. Commencing Monday, January 8, the Saturday train will revert back to departure from Summerside at 12:01 p. m.

Commencing Monday, January 8, between Charlottetown, Summerside and Tignish, train now leaving Charlottetown at 3:20 p. m. daily except Saturday and Sunday, will be operated daily except Sunday, after the Saturday service leaving Charlottetown at 7:20 p. m. will be cancelled.

Between Summerside and Borden, train leaving Summerside at 2:45 p. m. daily except Saturday and Sunday will be operated daily except Sunday. Cancelling the Saturday service leaving Summerside at 6:45 p. m.

Commencing Monday, January 8, next, train leaving Tignish for Summerside at 8:30 a. m. will be operated Monday, Wednesday and Friday instead of Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday arrival time at Summerside remaining the same, 1:50 p. m.

On Saturday December 23, train leaving Summerside for Borden at 3:20 p. m. will not leave until 6:45 p. m. In connection with the car ferry service between Cape Tormentine

Discusses Aims Of Foreign Exchange Control Board

"The Board thought that some problems, which could best be studied on the Canadian bank, have arisen in Prince Edward Island as a result of exchange control, and this is the purpose of my visit," said Mr. A. M. McEwen, Chief of the Foreign Exchange Control Board, at an informal meeting of Bank managers and staff in the Charlottetown Hotel on Tuesday night. Mr. McEwen was introduced to the gathering by Mr. W. R. Adams, manager of the Bank of Nova Scotia.

"Thanks to the co-operation which we are receiving from Canadian industrial and financial institutions and the public generally, exchange control is functioning smoothly and with a minimum of interference with normal business," he said.

Mr. McEwen paid a warm tribute to the Canadian bank. "They have a particularly difficult role to play, as our Authorized Agents, in the administration of such a highly technical measure and their co-operation from the outset has been unstinted and leaves nothing to be desired. In my visits with our American friends on the other side of the line I have also seen the complete and sympathetic understanding exists as to the necessity of exchange control as a logical and unavoidable measure of any nation at war."

Existing under the War Measures Act, Foreign Exchange Control became effective in Canada on September 16th, aimed to control foreign exchange and foreign trade. Foreign exchange comes into the hands of the Board as a result of Canada's exports, income from our foreign investments, from tourists and other sources and is used to pay for imports, many of which are of a vital nature in connection with our wartime effort. It is also used to pay non-residents the income arising from their investments in Canada. "Without control, there could be no assurance that sufficient foreign exchange would be available for these purposes."

Control in no way interferes with Canadians meeting their contractual obligations in the terms of their contracts, either at home or abroad, whether expressed in Canadian or foreign currencies," Mr. McEwen pointed out.

"Realizing the importance of tourists to Canada—and here the Maritimes have a special interest in the matter—he has taken extra precautions to avoid any interference," said Mr. McEwen. The tourists are as welcome in Canada today as they always have been and may bring in with them, as heretofore, their automobile, golf clubs, fishing tackle and other personal effects without inconvenience or hindrance, when coming in during their stay with us, or upon leaving.

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Acts Of Bravery By French Troops Revealed

LONDON, Dec. 20—(CP)—Individual acts of bravery by French soldiers at the front were described today in a ministry of information bulletin based on data furnished by the French high command. During the night of Nov. 24-25 an advance post commanded by Sergeant A. Bonis was established on the principal road leading to Saarbruecken. Towards 4 a.m. a patrol of German soldiers was sighted. Sergeant Bonis decided to let the enemy come close to try to take prisoners.

As soon as the Germans came within range they were greeted by a hail of hand grenades. They replied in kind and a lively fight developed.

Although his right hand was fractured during the fighting, Bonis continued to throw hand grenades with his left hand, pulling the pin out with his teeth, until two fingers on his left hand were smashed by an explosion.

The German attack was repulsed largely due to Bonis' courage, but his bravery cost him his right hand, while his left hand was mutilated. He was decorated with the Military Medal.

At dawn Nov. 28 a patrol commanded by sub-lieut. Boulubache left on reconnaissance. They moved back to its line before enemy observation post, taking precautions to avoid a sudden encounter with enemy patrols.

Hounds began to bay and it was decided the patrol should make a detour to avoid being detected by the dogs. This manoeuvre appeared to have succeeded when suddenly the French saw an enemy patrol composed of a sergeant and four men advance 15 yards away.

Lieut. Boulubache and Sergeant Fulget took the Germans by surprise, hurling two of them into a ditch. Then the French patrol hurled grenades and put a third German out of action.

The lieutenant, wounded in the right elbow, held back the two other Germans and his patrol got back to its line before enemy reinforcements arrived. On his return Lieut. Boulubache reported valuable information on the advanced enemy positions to his superior officers.

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- Grade VII: 1. Wing Wong, 2. Allan Noonan, 3. Lorne Macdonald.

- Grade VI: 1. Ivan Dowling, 2. Wilfred Gallant, 3. Billis Reid.

- Grade V: 1. Frank Sigsworth, 2. Earl Ranaghan, 3. Rudolph Gallant.

- Grade IV: 1. Wilfred Cullen, 2. Allison Hennessey, 3. Jackie Ready.

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- Grade II: 1. James McEachern, 2. Jack McLellan, 3. Louis Trainor.

- Grade I: 1. Mark McGuigan, 2. Donald Bruce and Edward Lund (equal), 3. Maurice Flynn.

- Grade IV: 1. Everett Beagan, 2. Augustine Flynn, 3. Frank Harley.

- Grade III: 1. Charles Cannon, 2. Basil McGuigan, 3. Billy Leonard.

- Grade II: 1. Bernard McCloskey, 2. Gordon Mahar, 3. Lorne Clinton.

- Grade I: 1. George Keefe, 2. Charles Choverts.

FATHER THEN SON

LONDON—(CP)—Ten days after the death of Vincent Cartwright Vickers, deputy-lieutenant of the City of London, came the death of his son, Flying Officer Albert Antony Vickers, in action.

King Inspects Naval Units

PORTSMOUTH, England, Dec. 20—(CP)—The King yesterday inspected British naval units in the Portsmouth zone and presented decorations to four officers and a seaman for their skill and courage in combatting Germany's mine warfare.

In rapid succession the King visited H. M. S. Vernon, headquarters of the Navy's mine and torpedo departments; the Royal Marine barracks at Tinstey; the training station for naval ratings at St. Vincent; the Royal Naval Barracks here and the naval gunnery school on H. M. S. Excellent at Whale Island.

During his inspection of the mine and torpedo headquarters the King was informed that British minesweepers already have rendered between 300 and 400 German mines harmless.

Lieut. Commander G. A. O. Duvry, Lieut. Commander R. Lewis and Lieut. John Glenn were presented with the Distinguished Service Order by the King during his visit to H. M. S. Vernon. Chief Petty Officer Charles Baldwin and Able Seaman Archibald Bearcombe received Distinguished Service medals during the same ceremonies.

The three officers and two ratings formed a volunteer party which went from the Vernon to deal with mines washed ashore. The five stood in a square formed by 800 officers and men on the parade ground when the King, accompanied by Capt. Brian Egerton, Commander-in-chief of the mine and torpedo headquarters, stepped onto a platform in the centre. The decorations, which had been kept secret even from the recipients until late last night, were presented by Admiral Thomas James.

DURBAN, South Africa—(CP)—An appeal for £250,000 (\$1,112,500) to combat enemy propaganda has been launched in South Africa.

DEATHS

BERNARD—At the Prince County Hospital, December 19, 1939. Mrs. Joseph E. Bernard, of Exmouth Bay, aged 69 years.

MACNEILL—At his residence, 20 Grafton Street, Charlottetown on December 20, 1939. William MacNeill, aged 79 years. Funeral notice later.

WHITE—At Stanchel, P. E. I., December 17, 1939. John R. White, aged 80 years.

CURRAN—At Pleasant Grove on Dec. 13, 1939. Leo Allan Curran, aged 10 years, 10 months young son of Harry and the late Mrs. Curran.

ROBERTSON—At Seattle, Washington Nov. 1st, 1939, suddenly, of heart failure. Fred A. eldest son of Mrs. E. M. and the late H. W. Robertson M. D. of Capraud.

McLEAN—At her home in Desable, Dec. 20, 1939. Mrs. Mary McLean, widow of the late Mr. Charles McLean in her 78th year. Funeral Friday at two p.m.

BLUE—At the P. E. I. Hospital, Tuesday December 19, 1939. John Blue of Belle River, aged 44 years. Funeral from his late residence today (Thursday), service starting at one o'clock. Interment Woodlands Cemetery. The remains of the late Mr. Blue were forwarded by train yesterday afternoon to his late residence at Belle River.

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