

Whatever a man's work it should
be done as a part of God's work.

Finish today and leave it; tomor-
row is another day; begin it well.

Covers Prince Edward Island Like the Dew

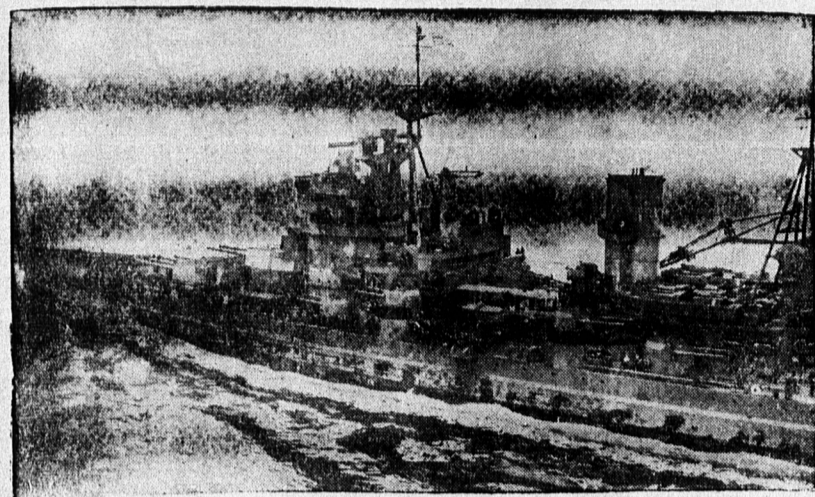
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SURVIVORS OF BRITISH WARSHIPS REACH SINGAPORE

P. E. I. In Area Of Possible Attack Number Rescued Not Revealed; Fighting Rages



A partial view of the battleship Prince of Wales, which the Japanese sank Tuesday in Pacific waters. Flagship of the British fleet in the Far East the battleship had arrived at Singapore only last week. On board this ship Prime Minister Churchill and President Roosevelt met to formulate the Atlantic Charter. The ship was launched May 3, 1939.

War Situation Last Night

(By KIRKE L. SIMPSON, Associated Press War Analyst)
The Japanese have rolled up a lop-sided first-inning score in the battle of the Pacific but it is the score in the last inning that counts. The addition of the powerful British battleship Prince of Wales and the battle cruiser Repulse to the toll of Anglo-American Pacific naval losses is a grave setback. Obviously both London and Washington had counted heavily upon their help to thwart the major purposes of a Japanese attack, isolation if not reduction of the Singapore bases, rupture of the Burma Road life-line for China and capture of Burma's natural resources, including oil.

The two ships were lost in Malayan waters. There can be no longer be much doubt as to Japanese strategy. The bombing attacks upon Pearl Harbor, Guam and other Pacific stepping stones, and recurrent attacks in the Philippines were calculated to keep American naval and air forces in the Pacific on the defensive while the main thrust centred against the British forces in Burma and Singapore. That strategy, implemented by cynical disregard of age-old concepts of international ethics, has definitely scored initial successes. There is no blinking that fact. Yet if it fails to achieve its prime objective quickly, Japan is certain to be hoist with her own petard.

The strategic design of Japan's attack is an open confession of her critical weakness in war essentials. She lacks reserves of oil and of war metals to maintain a war of the scope she has brought upon herself. Lacking, too, is Japanese industrial capacity to gloat or maintain air and sea control in the Pacific, except momentarily and locally. Sooner or later Anglo-American assembly lines will provide the weapons to deal with her by air in double or treble measure. The long-term odds are all against her grim as have been both American and British losses in the first clash. They have only served to re-double Anglo-American war efforts.

First brushes with the British forces ashore in Malaya and on the Burma border or with American-Filipino defence forces on Luzon leave the war score not completely one-sided. The British forces appear to be holding out. Repulse of one Japanese sea-borne invasion attempt on Luzon is reported from Washington.

Risk definite In Maritimes Ottawa says

Provincial Governments to be notified of desirability of developing air raid precautions.

OTTAWA, Dec. 10—(CP)—Wide extension of the Canadian areas designated as subject to the hazard of enemy attack, and consequent expansion of air raid precautions, was announced by Pensions Minister Mackenzie tonight. The Minister said the joint staff committee of the three defence services had revised its previous findings and advised the Government that the entire Atlantic coast south of Labrador and the entire Pacific coast south of Alaska were subject to the risk of enemy attack. Extension of the areas designated as subject to hazard was made by Order-in-Council approved today. The order was based on the advice of military advisers.

Mr. Mackenzie said that previously the military advice had been that certain important centres on the Atlantic and Pacific coasts were subject to risk of attack and certain important industrial centres in the interior were subject to slight risk. Under the new Order-in-Council, risk on the west coast is considered greatest at the vital rail-heads of Vancouver and Prince Rupert and on the lower end of Vancouver Island. (The Royal Canadian Navy's main west coast base is at Esquimalt, just outside Victoria on Vancouver Island's southern tip. There is a Royal Canadian Air Force operational base at Patricia Bay in the same area.)

British consolidate positions in Malaya; Japanese make some gains; Invade Philippines.

NEW YORK, Dec. 10—(CP)—The BBC reported tonight that "severe losses" were inflicted on Japanese ships taking part in the attack on Kongsong, near Hong Kong. The Broadcast heard here by NBO also reported Japanese troops in that sector "suffered reverses."

SINGAPORE, Dec. 10—(CP)—Cecil Brown of the Columbia Broadcasting System and O'Dowd Gallagher of the London Daily Express were rescued today after the sinking of the battle cruiser Repulse, on which they had embarked as correspondents.

(By C. Yates McDaniel, Associated Press Staff Writer)
SINGAPORE, Dec. 11—(Thursday)—(AP)—Several hundred survivors of the battleship Prince of Wales and battle cruiser Repulse sunk by the Japanese in the South China Sea were rescued by a destroyer and brought here today. Their number and the circumstances of the rescue were not disclosed.

British land forces meanwhile consolidated their positions along strong new lines in northern Malaya, where the Japanese had driven a wedge across the frontier.

The Japanese in their land drive apparently had captured hotly contested Kota Bharu airbase, but elsewhere on the long peninsula leading to Singapore British defences were firm. British and Indian troops reformed and reorganized south of Kota Bharu after heavy fighting in the jungles just below the Thai border, and a communique said they were in excellent spirits and their losses comparatively light. The Japanese who landed at Kuantan, on the Malay east coast about 200 miles above Singapore and 100 miles below Kota Bharu were battering vainly against strong British positions, it was announced.

HONG KONG, Dec. 10—(CP)—Two Japanese attacks on this crown colony have been beaten off and the situation has been stabilized, a British communique announced late today. Two boatloads of Japanese attempting to cross tide cove and land on the east shore were sunk by British machine-gun fire and surprised.

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Prince Of Wales, Repulse Are Sunk

No details available — Greatest naval blow of war — Premier Churchill makes announcement.

By Douglas Amaran
Canadian Press Staff Writer

LONDON, Dec. 10—(CP Cable)—Britain suffered her greatest naval loss since the battle of Jutland, sinking by the Japanese of the new pride of the fleet, the \$5,000-ton Prince of Wales, flying the flag of Admiral Sir Tom Phillips, and the battle cruiser Repulse which had been in the last naval battle of the war of 1914-18. The news, announced to a solemn House of Commons without amplification by Prime Minister Churchill, for a moment stunned a Britain long inured to the reverses of 4½ war and accustomed to taking the lead in the world.

Sinking of the two mighty ships was the worst single tragedy to befall the Royal Navy since the war began. Nevertheless, it leaves Britain with at least 19 battleships afloat or building. The full story had not yet unfolded here tonight. There was no information as to how they had been destroyed aside from Japanese claim that they had gone down under air attack—an unprecedented feat, if true, recalling reports that Japanese pilots have been making "human torpedoes" of themselves by diving headlong at the objective. The news was telephoned to the

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Report first Canuck casualties At Hong Kong

OTTAWA, Dec. 10—(CP)—The first casualties to be suffered among Canadian soldiers defending Hong Kong—the wounding of two men—were announced late today by Defence Minister Ralston.

The casualties were: Sgt. Ronald John Routledge of Forrest, Man., and Signaller John Lloyd Frederick Fairley of Port Alberni, B.C. The Defence Department announcement said the men were "slightly wounded."

Both men were members of the Royal Canadian Corps of Signals. The next of kin were notified before the names were released in the form of an army casualty list which follows.

Slightly wounded: Royal Canadian Corps of Signals: Routledge, Ronald John, Sgt., P741, Mrs. Dorothy May Belle Routledge (wife) Forrest, Man., Fairley, John Lloyd Frederick, Signaller, K34912, Jack Young Fairley (father) Port Alberni, B.C.

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U. S. plans 1,000 Four - engined Bombers monthly

War Industries will go on 7 - day week.

By J. F. Sanderson
Canadian Press Staff Writer

WASHINGTON, Dec. 10—(CP)—The United States replied to Japanese air naval successes in the Pacific today with a speed-up program in the aircraft industry with the object of producing 1,000 four-engine, long-range bombers a month.

Heralding a "work or fight" policy, William S. Knudsen, head of the Office of Production Management, said last night the aircraft, ship-building, tanks, guns and ammunition industries of the United States would go on a 168-hour, seven-day week.

His announcement followed news of the loss of two of Britain's finest capital ships, the \$5,000-ton battleship Prince of Wales and the \$3,000-ton battle cruiser Repulse, both sunk off Malaya, apparently by Japanese planes.

The O.P.M. chief told a press conference that the 168-hour seven-day week urged by President Roosevelt last night, must go into effect as rapidly as possible.

Told that appeals by the War Department and the President had previously failed to bring about the 168-hour week and asked what further step could be taken to achieve it, Knudsen said: "I think the Japs have done it for us."

He added that construction of new plant facilities was essential for heavy, long-range bombers and for the production of TNT and powder.

New bomber plants, Knudsen said, would be located far inland, out of range of Axis raiders, instead of being concentrated as most of them are now, along the Atlantic and Pacific shores.

S' side-built speed Boats in close call

MULGRAVE, N.S., Dec. 10—(CP)—Three new speed boats in a string of five under tow by a tug broke away in Northumberland Strait during heavy weather today but managed to make Bellefleur's Cove, N.S., under their own power.

Built in Summerside, P.E.I., the boats were enroute from there to Halifax. The tug brought the remaining two to Mulgrave.

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Corvette lost In collision

OTTAWA, Dec. 10—(CP)—Navy Minister Macdonald announced today that H.M.C.S. Windflower, a corvette, had been sunk in a collision and 23 members of her crew were missing and "must be considered lost at sea."

Mr. Macdonald said the vessel was lost while on convoy duty. He said the next-of-kin of casualties have been informed. The Minister issued the following statement:

"The Minister for Naval Services regrets to announce that H. M. C. S. Windflower, a corvette, has been sunk in collision while on convoy duty. Twenty-three members of her crew were missing and must be considered lost at sea. The next of kin have been informed."

(There were no Prince Edward Islanders serving on the Windflower.)

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Fifth Columnists Work near Seattle?

SEATTLE, Dec. 10—(AP)—Two brush fires seemingly pointing the way to Seattle and Bremerton were discovered by state patrolmen last night.

In Washington the war department said a search was on for fifth columnists who lit beacons to guide enemy airmen to Seattle.

Ross Cunningham, assistant to the governor, reported that identity of the persons who set the fires was known but that so far as he knew no arrests had been made. He gave this version of the incident:

Brush fires were burning on the Olympic Peninsula yesterday. Set by persons clearing land. State patrolmen W. L. Lane and Howard Hurd, in the vicinity, noticed no significance to the blazes until they burned low.

Then the fires, on opposite sides of the highway, appeared to resemble arrows, one pointing in the general direction of Bremerton navy yard, the other toward Seattle. The patrolmen extinguished them.

International At A Glance

(By The Canadian Press)

LONDON—Britain awaits details of sinking of battleship Prince of Wales and battle cruiser Repulse; Japanese claim air attacks sank them.

MANILA—Japanese gain uncertain foothold in Philippines; 200 miles north of Manila; U. S. planes smash Jap troop convoy.

SINGAPORE—Japanese believed to have captured Kota Bharu airfield in northern Malaya; British defence elsewhere holds firm.

HONG KONG—Two Japanese attacks beaten off and situation stabilized. (Ottawa issues first far east casualty list—two slightly wounded.)

WASHINGTON—Monthly output of heavy bombers to be increased from 500 to 1,000; seven-day week decreed for aircraft, gun, ammunition, tank and shipbuilding establishments.

OTTAWA—Canadian corvette Windflower lost in collision; 23 men missing.

BERNE—Hitler reported today ready to address Reichstag tomorrow; U. S. correspondents in Berlin and Rome placed under house arrest.

MORE SHOPPING DAYS

HOW FAR A LITTLE SCANDAL SHEDS ITS BEAMS?



(Canadian Press)

TORONTO, Dec. 10—Minimum and maximum temperatures:

Dawson	36B	23B
Victoria	34	45
Edmonton	4	17
Regina	26B	6
Winnipeg	9B	0
Toronto	21	20
Ottawa	7	22
Montreal	11	25
Boston	34	43

Synopsis: The weather has been cold over Ontario with light snow in many districts. It has been fair and cold in Manitoba and Saskatchewan and a little milder in Alberta.

High tide this afternoon at 4:02 and tomorrow morning at 3:54. Sun sets this afternoon at 4:16 and rises tomorrow morning at 7:20.

Last quarter moon Dec. 11, 2:48 p.m. Summerside tide 18 minutes later than Charlottetown.

Coming Events

- Wanted to buy Chicken, Fowl and Cold Storage L-219-7-9-11
- See Long River Concert 19th. L-168-12-4-11-18.
- Show—M. River Monday. L-327-12-10-31.
- Meadow Bank School concert Tuesday, Dec. 23rd. L-396.
- Concert, Lot 65 hall, Friday, Dec. 19, dance after. L-393.
- Marshfield School concert Marshfield Hall, Friday, Dec. 19. L-394.
- Buying Dressed Poultry daily. Market prices. Dillon & Co. L-367-12-10-41.
- School Concert, Canoe Cove Hall, Thursday, December 18th. L-351-12-10-41.
- Collecting Hogs every Tuesday and Friday. George Dingwell Fur Farm. L-134-9-15-M-Thur-tf
- Cake Sale in aid of Basilio Alar School Saturday afternoon, Rogers Hardware. L-351-12-10-41.
- Poxmen—Dr. Gunn will address the Fox Club on Thursday evening, December 11th at 53 Queen Street over Charlottetown Fur Sales Office. L-349-12-10-21.
- Receiving live hogs for winter months as usual. Albany Station Thursday afternoon, Emerald Friday A. M. until 11 o'clock. Signed A. C. Green, Albany, G. C. Green, Emerald.

Fog adds to B. C. blackout

VANCOUVER, Dec. 10—(CP)—Dense fog which hung over Vancouver today slowed scanty traffic to a crawl and further crippled services already hampered by wartime blackout restrictions. The fog, which helped to black out the city last night, delayed deliveries and workers who had hoped to make an early start at their jobs so they could leave work before dusk.

Many delivery vans were late in starting from their centres anyway, either slowed down by the 15-mile-an-hour speed limit imposed in the city during blackout hours or because they delayed getting away until daylight to avoid the blackout. Despite the fog which shrouded the city only seven persons were injured in traffic accidents last night compared with 20 Monday night when the blackout was instituted.

Quebec Lawyer Becomes new Justice Minister

OTTAWA, Dec. 10—(CP)—One of Canada's most prominent lawyers, 59-year-old Louis St. Laurent of Quebec, was sworn in today as minister of justice succeeding Rt. Hon. Ernest Lapointe whose death left that portfolio vacant a fortnight ago.

In making the appointment Prime Minister Mackenzie King selected for the senior portfolio in his cabinet a man who has never been in politics although a life-long supporter of the Liberal party.

"I know nothing about politics," Mr. St. Laurent said at a press conference held in his office a few hours after he was sworn in at Government House early this afternoon.

The new minister will have to find a seat in the House of Commons and probably will be asked to become a candidate in one of the two Quebec seats now vacant—Quebec east which was Mr. Lapointe's riding, or Montreal-St. Mary's left vacant by the death of Dr. Hermas Deslauriers.

There are two other seats vacant, Welland and York South, the latter vacated by Maj. Alan Cockeram who resigned to make way for Rt. Hon. Arthur Meighen, newly-selected leader of the Conservative party.

Nazi wedges in Russian front are Being withdrawn

BERLIN, Dec. 10—(AP)—German troops are withdrawing from many of the offensive wedges they have driven into the Russian front, German military spokesmen said today, but they declared the retreat was to winter positions for tactical reasons.

The spokesmen acknowledged that Tikhvin, 100 miles southeast of Leningrad which the Russians claim to have recaptured, may have been among the places vacated.

The German push is through until spring, spokesmen indicated, declaring "Germany has no strategic ambitions this winter."

Await word To stage Trial blackout

His Worship Mayor B. Roy Holman, announced last night that a practice blackout would be staged in Charlottetown "as quickly as possible" after permission from the Provincial Government had been received. It is expected that such authority will be granted at the regular meeting of the Government today.

The city has been thoroughly organized by the recently formed Air Raid Protection Committee but before going ahead authority from the Federal Government was necessary. It is understood such permission was received early this week by the Provincial Government.

The sub-committee for the city has been working in close collaboration with the Provincial A.R.P. Committee headed by Hon. H. H. Cox.

It is the desire of those in charge to have the city blackout simultaneously with practices in other parts of the province. However, last night Mayor Holman hesitated to make any definite announcement as to a possible date for the trial blackout. He expressed the opinion that "it is essential to hold a blackout right away."

U. S. Gov't seizes 2,303 enemy aliens

WASHINGTON, Dec. 10—(AP)—The United States government has seized 2,303 enemy aliens since Sunday, apparently completing its initial program for such arrests.

Attorney-General Francis Biddle, announcing the total today at a press conference, said the federal bureau of investigation had apprehended all those listed for arrest in the United States within two hours after receiving its orders. In Hawaii the job was done within three hours.

Those held include 1,291 Japanese, 865 Germans and 147 Italians.