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SYMPATHY EXTENDED — Much sympathy is extended to Mr. Keith Webb of North Carleton in the death of his wife who passed away in the Prince County Hospital on Friday evening after a short illness, at 28 years of age. Mrs. Webb was formerly Margaret Lowther and sincere sympathy is extended to her mother, Mrs. Elsie Lowther of Cavendish, as well as her grief stricken husband and young family in their sad bereavement. — S.

CHARGED WITH THEFT — Two young men were brought before Stipendiary Magistrate E. H. Strong, K.C., on Saturday on a charge of theft. The case was adjourned to Tuesday. Charges were laid following a series of breaks in the west end of Water Street. The premises of the P.E.I. Fur Pool, formerly the store of Pond and Delaney, the Summerside bag factory on the opposite side of the street and the premises of the MacFarlane Produce Co., was broken into during the night of December 5th. A flash light and pocket knife was taken from the premises of the Fur Pool and a .22 calibre rifle from the bag factory and another from the MacFarlane Produce Co. The town police have been working on the case and later arrested the young men. — S.

VERY LARGE DOCKET — At the County Court session to be held at Summerside on Dec. 17th there has been one hundred and twenty three summons issued. No seventy three of them will be settled before Court day as a large number were issued in connection with garnishee actions. This is about the same number that was issued for the same term and is the largest docket for many years. — S.

SUDDEN DEATH — Friends were shocked to learn of the death of Mrs. Olan Arsenault who passed away on Saturday morning, quite suddenly. She died in her sleep. The deceased had not been well for some time. Dr. Arsenault was all at a heart attack. Mrs. Arsenault was 32 years of age and leaves a husband and small family. — S.

FUNERAL AT BEDEQUE — The funeral services for Mrs. Keith Webb who passed away in the Prince County Hospital on Friday were held on Sunday afternoon at Bedeque. Rev. C. A. Britten conducted the services assisted by Rev. Ralph Barker. The funeral was largely attended. The pall bearers were Messrs. E. D. J. Morrison, Harry Monty, Wilbur Wright, Hudson Lowther, Russell Hallitt, and Otto Doull. Interment was in the cemetery adjoining the church. Mrs. Webb leaves two small children and one brother, Mr. Edward Lowther, Cavendish and a sister, Mrs. Charles MacFarlane, Fernwood. — S.

VARIETY CONCERT AT HAMPTON — On Monday evening, December 2, the Young People of Hampton and vicinity presented a well arranged and successful concert at the "Esther Ayers" Mission Band which was much enjoyed by those present. Rev. D. J. Morrison acted as chairman and the following program was carried out: Welcome, Elmer Campbell, Solo. E. D. J. Morrison, Solo. Roberta Cannon, Reading, Harry Ferguson, Dialogue, "The Census Taken" by Edythe and Bertin Holm, Solo, Mary Morrison, "A-Ten Water", Recitation, Grace Ferguson, Solo, Danny Boy, Clavinet, "Morning Encounters", Playette, "The Singing School Teacher" by Misses Grace Ferguson, Violet and Iva French, Recitation, Kaye Cameron. At the close of the program a collection was taken for the Red Cross. The evening's entertainment was brought to a close by the National Anthem. (Patrol please copy).

ALBERTON
Rev. S. J. Davies was a recent visitor to Tignish.

Mr. Kenneth Matthews, was a recent visitor to Summerside.

Mr. George Kinch, was a recent visitor to Summerside.

A patrol leader and seconds course was held in Alberton on Saturday November 30th with Mr. Harry Pinnow Provincial Field Comm. of Chertown in charge. He was assisted by Rev. S. J. Davies, District Comm. for Prince and John Rochford, A. S. M. of the Alberton Troop Scouts from Tignish attending were Dewey Doyle and Cyril Arsenault.

A large group of citizens of Alberton gathered in the Odette hall on Friday the 29th to bid farewell to Dr. R. H. Kennedy, His Worship Mayor J. W. Waugh in a few chosen words expressed the purpose of the gathering and expressed the regret of the people of western Prince in the departure of the Doctor for Summerside. Mrs. Vernon England read an appropriate address and Rev. S. J. Davies presented Dr. Kennedy with a token of appreciation for his kindness while practising here. In a few well chosen words Dr. Kennedy thanked all present for their kindness and expressed his regret at departing from Alberton. Brief remarks were made by Rev. S. J. Davies, V. L. Curry, Rev. M. K. Charman, S. R. Burke, Sergeant Watson of the R.C.M.P. and Dr. A. L. Purdy. After the singing of "For He's a Jolly Good Fellow" and "Auld Lang Syne" the gathering closed with the National Anthem. — A.

British bombs Reduce Nazi Output 30 p.c.

BALTIMORE, Dec. 8 (AP)—Warren Irvin, National Broadcasting Company reporter just returned from a year in Europe, estimated Saturday night that bomb damage had caused a 30-per cent reduction in German industrial output compared with a 20 per cent drop in Britain.

Stories from Britain, sent out under comparatively mild censorship, had given Americans a greatly exaggerated idea of damage done in Britain, Irvin said in an interview.

"In Germany, the correspondents are confined to what the Germans say about what they have done in England, and nothing of what happens in Germany," said Irvin, whose assignments took him to London and Berlin, as well as Copenhagen, Oslo and the Balkans.

The Royal Air Force is hitting military objectives, he said, because German cities were protected by balloon barrages and that they could aim from low altitudes. Nazi bombers, on the other hand, "must resort to hazardous bombing from altitudes of from 15,000 to 20,000 feet."

"I know that the dock areas of Hamburg are ruined," he said, "that there has been heavy damage to the industrial plants in the Ruhr and that Cologne is in ruins."

Prisoners in Germany try Staging play

BERLIN, Dec. 8 (AP)—In a caged Nazi Germany, French prisoners of war produced a play of the Christ Child Saturday in a pathetic effort to buoy their spirits as they approached Christmas.

They performed the play in German, memorized under the direction of a Berlin language master. The play was part of a demonstration for foreign newspapermen of the German army treatment of its 1,000,000 war prisoners.

The camp was at Luckenwalde, 30 miles from Berlin. It is fenced in by two walls of barbed wire and contains 45,000 French prisoners.

The language master said the Christmas play sprang from language studies offered the prisoners to take their minds off their burdensome incarceration.

The French amateur actors threw their best into the play but it was a heart-breaking effort to bring about a brighter outlook among the half full of prisoners, fresh from the mud-spattered and rain-soaked streets of the camp.

Two Fascist Generals killed In Plane crash

ROME, Dec. 8 (AP)—Death of two Italian generals, members of the Italian-French Armistice Commission, when their plane crashed Saturday near Acul, in the north, was reported today in a Rome communiqué. The generals were Pietro Pintor and Aldo Pellegrini, the latter of the air force.

The cause of the crash was reportedly undetermined.

The communiqué said all aboard the military plane, including "some members of the commission," apparently besides Pintor and Pellegrini, were killed. Only the two generals were named.

The plane was coming from Rome to Turin, Italy's northern industrial centre (which has been bombed repeatedly by the Royal Air Force).

Pellegrini, 52, was a veteran of the Libyan war and at the time of his death headed the office of the Air Traffic and Civil Aviation in Rome to Chicago. He flew from Rome to Chicago in 1933 in the good-will squadron, led by the late Italo Balbo.

Gen. Pintor, 60, a distinguished artillery officer, was a veteran of the last war, the Libyan war, 1928-1929, and the Ethiopian war, 1935-1936. He was sent to East Africa in command of the regular Cossack division when Italy mobilized it for the drive against Ethiopia.

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S'ide firm Gets contract

OTTAWA, Dec. 8 (CP)—Contracts awarded by the munitions and supply departments during the week ended Nov. 29 numbered 2,149 valued at \$77,533,421, it was announced tonight.

Contracts over \$5,000 included: Foodstuffs:—Swift Canadian Co. Ltd., Saint John, N. B., \$6,806.

Clothing:—J. A. Humphrey and Son, Ltd., Westmoreland County, N. B., \$12,031.

Gasoline, oil and fuel:—H. H. Reid Ltd., Sussex, N. B., \$17,900.

Construction and defence projects:—M. F. Schurman Co. Ltd., Summerside, P.E.I., \$17,060.

Virgin Islands As Haven for Political Refugees?

By Frank I. Weller
Associated Press Staff Writer

WASHINGTON, Dec. 8 (AP)—A proposal to offer the Virgin Islands in the West Indies as a haven for financially-independent European political refugees is under consideration, it was learned today by the State, Justice, and Interior departments of the United States.

Representatives of the departments held daily conferences last week on the diplomatic, legal and economic questions which would be involved in such an action, and asked advice from a number of private citizens interested in refugee problems. It is understood that no decision has been reached.

A joint resolution adopted last year by the St. Thomas and St. Croix public councils declared it to be the desire of the Island people that such refugees be given shelter there under protection of the United States flag.

Under the plan being considered, aliens would be received with no passport other than a "landing ticket" approved by United States consuls at their points of embarkation or by island authorities upon their arrival. They would not be eligible to apply for United States citizenship, and would not be permitted to seek employment in competition with the Islanders. Their "tickets," similar in effect to border passes, would be revocable at any time.

The Interior Department, which supervises the Islands, is understood to have approved the proposal.

Personal

—Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Hardy of Alberton were taken up their residence in Summerside on North Market Street, and are being warmly welcomed by their many friends. — S.

Sees need for Democracies Remaining armed

TORONTO, Dec. 8 (CP)—After Britain and her Allies have defeated Nazism, peace will be maintained only by the democracies policing the world, Hon. James G. Gardiner, Minister of National War Services, said here last night.

Addressing 1,100 men attending the 10th annual meeting of the Toronto Railway Club, Mr. Gardiner said the peace-loving democracies should decide now that they will not lay down their arms at the war's end but will retain a powerful navy, air force and army to prevent gangsterism gaining root in any country again.

It was just as important for the democracies to police the world in times of peace as it was for great cities to maintain police forces.

"There is no difference in the code of the city racketeer and Hitler, except that Hitler operates in a larger field. Both use force and are prepared to wipe out the disinterested bystander to gain their ends."

The large audience stood and cheered Captain Sven Olander, master of the Swedish merchant ship Sturholm which rescued the survivors of the Jervis Bay after the latter ship had engaged a German pocket battleship recently in the Atlantic.

Nazi blockade Runner is Scuttled by crew

HAVANA, Dec. 8 (AP)—The blockade-running German freighter Idrwald was intercepted in the Caribbean Sea by a British cruiser today and either scuttled by her own crew or sunk by a torpedo.

While reports conflicted, the Cuban Navy Department claimed the ship had been sunk by a torpedo.

The crew got away in their boats. The sinking occurred in waters in which President Roosevelt was sailing secretly on a United States cruiser.

How far Mr. Roosevelt's ship was from the scene of the torpedoing was not known here but he last was reported in the Caribbean Sea on December 5th. A flash light and pocket knife was taken from the premises of the Fur Pool and a .22 calibre rifle from the bag factory and another from the MacFarlane Produce Co.

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No change In relations With Eire

BELFAST, Dec. 8 (CP)—Prime Minister J. M. Andrews, successor to the late Prime Minister, Viscount Craigavon, today declared there would be no change in the government's policy towards Eire.

His suggestion was made while other Senators were insisting that the United States require adequate collateral from Eire for any future loans or credits that might be extended to her.

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New Italian Leaders Resign

Fourth major shift in top Commanders since beginning of Greek campaign.

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By Richard G. Massock
Associated Press Staff Writer

ROME, Dec. 8 (AP)—Overhauling of Italy's top command spread to the navy today when its chief of staff joined two of the army's highest commanders on the retired list.

Latest to go was Admiral Domenico Cavagnari, who also was undersecretary of the navy — Premier Mussolini himself holds the naval portfolio — and had been regarded as high in Il Duce's confidence.

Within three days now, all Italy's fighting services except the air force have changed leaders. Since the start of the Greek invasion — admittedly still in reverse — there have been four major shifts, two in the top command and two on the front.

In this order:—

1. In Albania, undersecretary of war Gen. Ubaldo Soddu went to the front to shake up the offensive against Greece (presumably superseding Gen. Visconti Prasa).

2. Chief of the Italian general staff, Marshal Pietro Badoglio, victor of Ethiopia, succeeded by Gen. Ugo Cavallero.

3. In the Dodecanese Islands, Gen. Count Cesare Maria De Vecchi Di Val Cernone, commander of the force of the original big four of Fascism, replaced by Gen. Ettore Basilio.

As with Marshal Badoglio and Gen. De Vecchi, it was announced merely that Admiral Cavagnari had resigned. No explanation was given. The official announcement simply said he was being replaced at his own request.

His successor, both as undersecretary of the navy and as chief of staff of the navy, is Admiral Arturo Riccardi.

At the same time, Mussolini elevated two more of his admirals. He made Admiral Inigo Campione vice chief of the navy staff and appointed Admiral Angelo Jacchini commander of the fleet on the sea.

Rumors of General Shakep

The third resignation in as many days caused speculation among foreign observers whether these sudden substitutions indicated that Il Duce had decided to make changes in his cabinet to strengthen Italy for a new effort against Britain and Greece.

Rumors of a general military — and perhaps political — shakeup had preceded the three resignations.

Cavagnari had been undersecretary of the navy for seven years and was one of the few leaders to resign the cabinet shakeup of October, 1939. The communiqué said Mussolini sent him a cordial letter expressing full recognition of his collaboration with the enemy.

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International At A Glance

(By The Canadian Press)

HAVANA — Blockade-running German Idrwald intercepted, in Caribbean by British cruiser, either scuttled by crew or sunk by torpedo. (Washington reported British sailors boarded flaming ship, put fire out, and hauled down Swastika.)

LONDON — Capital under heaviest air attack in two weeks, following 44 hours of complete calm; nurses' home hit; casualties believed light.

LONDON — Dusseldorf battered by R.A.F. in heavy week-end attack; "greatest fire" yet seen by airmen started; French ports, airfields in occupied territory also attacked.

ROME — Overhauling of Fascist top command spreads to navy, as chief of staff removed; government of Dodecanese Islands resigned during week-end.

LONDON — Capital hears reports of riots in key Italian centres; Italy believed "groggy."

ATHENS — Greeks take Argiro-castro, last important Italian "invasion" base in Albania.

BERNE — Report Pelain may reshape cabinet to bring in pro-German elements siding with Laval.

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Huge fires burn After R.A.F. raids

LONDON, Dec. 8 (CP)—British raiders, who rained the industrial Rhineland city of Dusseldorf for 12 hours Wednesday, roared back Saturday night, the Air Ministry said today, and bombed blast furnaces, steel works, gas works, railway yards and the quays used by heavy shipping.

When the raiders had returned home, a bomb industry report, they could see far behind them a base which experienced crews declared was the worst they had seen in Germany since Royal Air Force attacks began.

Brest, too, was given its first pounding of the war, the Air Ministry news service stated. Incendiaries fell on infantry barracks and the buildings between them and the naval barracks, and high explosives rained down on the port which to old France had been an important naval base. The dry dock area was among the targets, the news service said, and a bomb hit the dock.

There was an explosion when the station was hit, the service said, and the place resembled "a huge blacksmith's forge from which rose showers of what appeared to be metal mingled with the debris of shattered buildings."

The R.A.F. also attacked Lorient, Antwerp, Dunkerque, Calais and Boulogne.

"Dusseldorf is getting little respite from the R.A.F.," the statement said.

"Roofs caved in and explosions tore walls of the great steel works wide open and one crew, though experienced in raids over Germany, declared that the largest fire ever seen was left blazing in Dusseldorf last night."

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U. S. Senator Has plan for Getting payment

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Reports of Riots In Italy Heard

Belief held in London Mussolini faces serious internal situation.

By J. F. Sanderson
Canadian Press Staff Writer

LONDON, Dec. 8 (CP)—Reports reaching London said today that there has been rioting within the last fortnight at Naples, Padua, Venice and Milan. Whether they are serious disorders of merely spontaneous protests is not known, but observers here believe they indicate the serious domestic situation being faced by Mussolini in Italy.

It is emphasized here that Italy is not lurching toward an imminent collapse. The view held in official circles that she is "getting groggy." There appears to be growing unrest and disillusionment among the Italian people and if steady blows can be struck against her, Italy will reach the point where collapse will be unavoidable, qualified sources say.

Mussolini's purge of the Italian high command, which turned in a new direction today with the retirement of Admiral Cavagnari, chief of naval staff, is being interpreted here as direct evidence that Italy may soon reach the position where anything might happen.

Day by day Mussolini's plight is becoming more serious, with his Albanian army in full retreat before the Greeks, his Libyan forces bogged down on the edge of the sterile desert stretching into far away Egypt, and his Ethiopian garrison cut off from all outside contact and supplies.

I talked with a man during the weekend who has had long experience of Italian domestic conditions and has a full realization of the military factors confronting Mussolini. He expressed the opinion that Italy would be either out of the war or a German vassal state within three months.

Of these two possibilities he suggested the first is more likely.

It is being suggested here the reason behind Mussolini's purge of senior officers is the necessity to find men willing to carry out his

political and military policies, and the growing split between the Fascists and the Italian army.

Opposed Greek Campaign

"There is no doubt here that Marshal Badoglio, who resigned last week as chief of the army staff, opposed the Greek campaign, which turned out to be not so much a military as a political blunder. Politicians had made a false estimate of the resistance to be countered with the result that military preparations were inadequate."

What part Hitler played in the purge is unknown, but