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IS STRAFED GERMANY

Aerial Bombardment As Invasion in North Falls Into Recerse

Reds Repulsed

Finnish Victories All Along Fighting Fronts Are Claimed

HELSINGFORS, Dec. 22: (CP)-Soviet fliers, in 'terrifying raids, score of other cities and villages in southwestern Finland Thursday. machine gunning two trains. least six Russian planes were shot down, making a total of 14 in 24

Over thirty bombs were dropped AIR RAID hospital area. The Russian planes bombed a hospital dormitory and heavily damaged a school for the blind. Then struck seven of ten other hospital buildings. Two hos- Made Their Getaway From Firth Of injured and some deaths are reported to be likely.

The Helsingfors raid followd eat- ' LONDON, Dec. 22 .- German miles around the capital.

ing the Arctic Ocean had been raiders several time, previously. thrown into reverse.

bing repulsed, it was reported last graft guns on Inffolk coast. high with neavy Russian casualtits as well as loss of many tanks, machine guns and other mechaniz- ROM ed equipment, as well as arms and DUITEDAITUD ammunition, being either destroyed or captured.

Warship Sunk?

Finnish coastal batteries were draw without doing damage. The Russian war Kirov, which was reported sunk of badly damaged early in the war, is again reported sunk by the Finns in the Baltic Sea port but gave no details. The Kirov poration. is an 8500-ton vessel.

Famous Finns In War Zones

What Becomes of Noted Composer, Author and Runner

Among other things, war - torn Finland is probably best known to the rest of the world for the work of three men. Jean Julius Christian Sibelius is perhaps the greatest living composer. He has drawn on patriotic themes and

one of the greatest distance runners of all time.

Canadian Czechs

This Is Expected Following Recognition of National Council By Great Britain

OTTAWA, Dec. 22: (CP)-Following the recognition of the Czech national council by the British government, Czech recruits for the Allied forces will be sought in Canada.

SHOW UP

Terrifying French Official Paper Shows How Hitler Insisted Upon War

PARIS, Dec. 22: (CP)-A French government paper, issued officially, tells of events which led up to the war. The French government knew eight months in advance the paper says, of the negotiation of the Russo-German agreement, Desperate efforts of Count Ciano, Italian foreign minister, to stave off war are described. Chancellor Adolf bombed Helsingfors and over a Hitler insisted on carrying out his demand for Danzig and the Polish carridor although assured that aggression against Poland would most surely lead to war.

ON FIRTH

pital patients were among the Forth When British Pursuit Ships Went Aloft

tacks on other towns twenty-five planes appeared over the Firth of Forth today but escaped when Meantime from Kirkenes, Norway, British pursuit planes went aloft came reports that Russian troops and chased them, making battle. had been seen moving northward in One German plane disappeared in a the Arctic Petsamo sector, giving dive. The Firth, or which Edinrise to reports that their southward burgh and Rosyth naval bases are drive in the Finnish corridor fac- rituated, had been the objective of

Earlier today //a unidentified Soviet attacks on all fronts were plane was fired won by anti-air-

REPEATED

fereing Russian warships to with- One Person Killed By Mysterious Biast In British Steel Plant-Incidents In London, Birmingham, Wolverhampton

LONDON, Dec. 22:: (CP)- One while enroute from Tallin, Esthonia, person was killed and nine into Leningrad. The Copenhagen jured in a mysterious blast in a newspaper Politiken made the re- plant of the English Steel Cor-

Five explosions, attributed to the A Finnish plane flew over Len-joutlawed Irish Republican Army, ingrad yesterday but dropped no destroyed two hundred letters in

incendiary bombs of a type used by the Irish Repblican Army exploded in central Laddington Post!

North London post office yesterday as well as in Wolverhampton.

Spots in British Columbia This Great Britain daily for a year and Yuletide

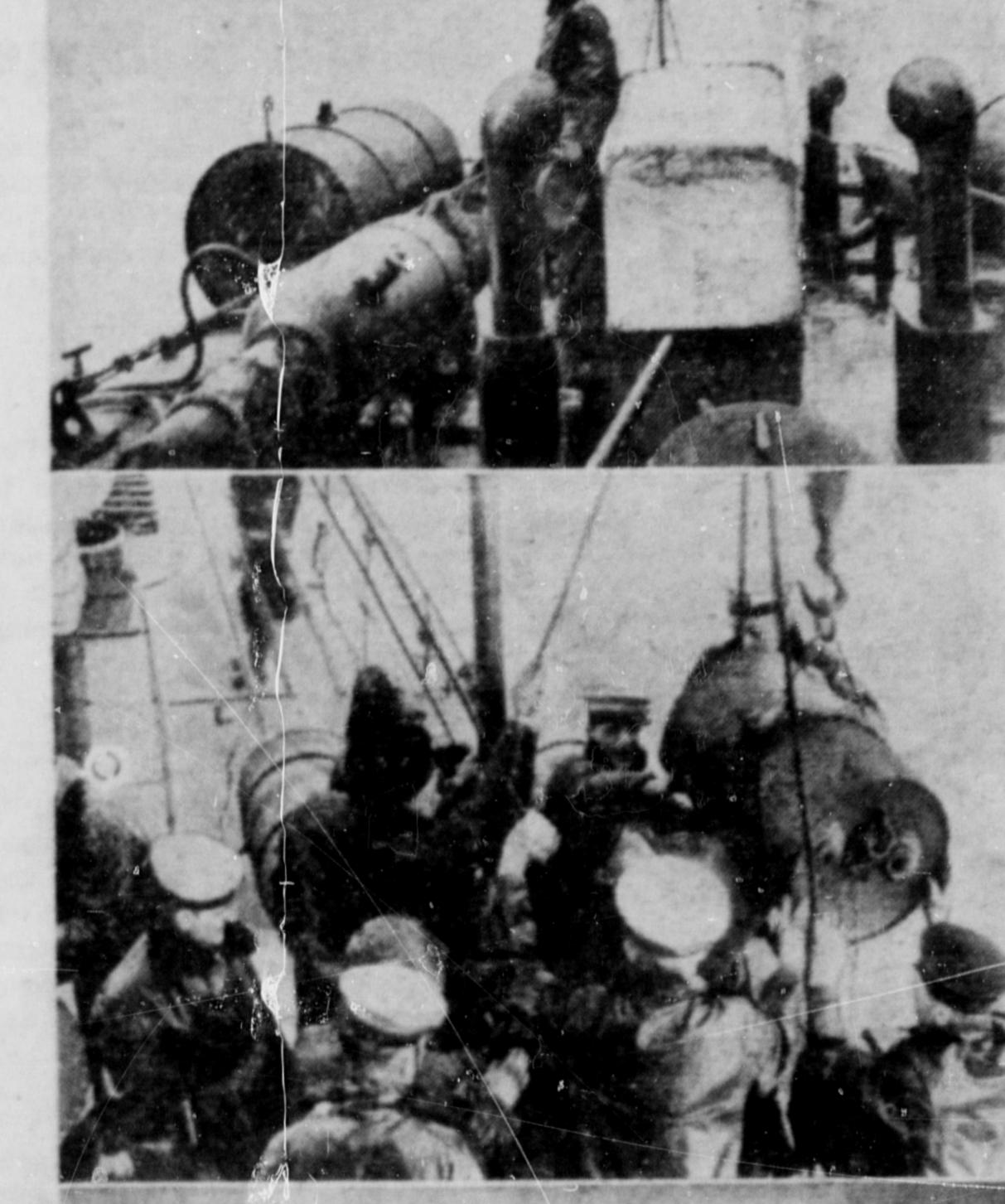
Frans Emil Sillanpaa, author of box at rapidly amptying countered 14 books, has just been awarded and abeliance the large state of the l the 1939 Nobel Prize for literature. business this year will probably SWEDEN IS turn out to have been slightly higher than last year in spite of war

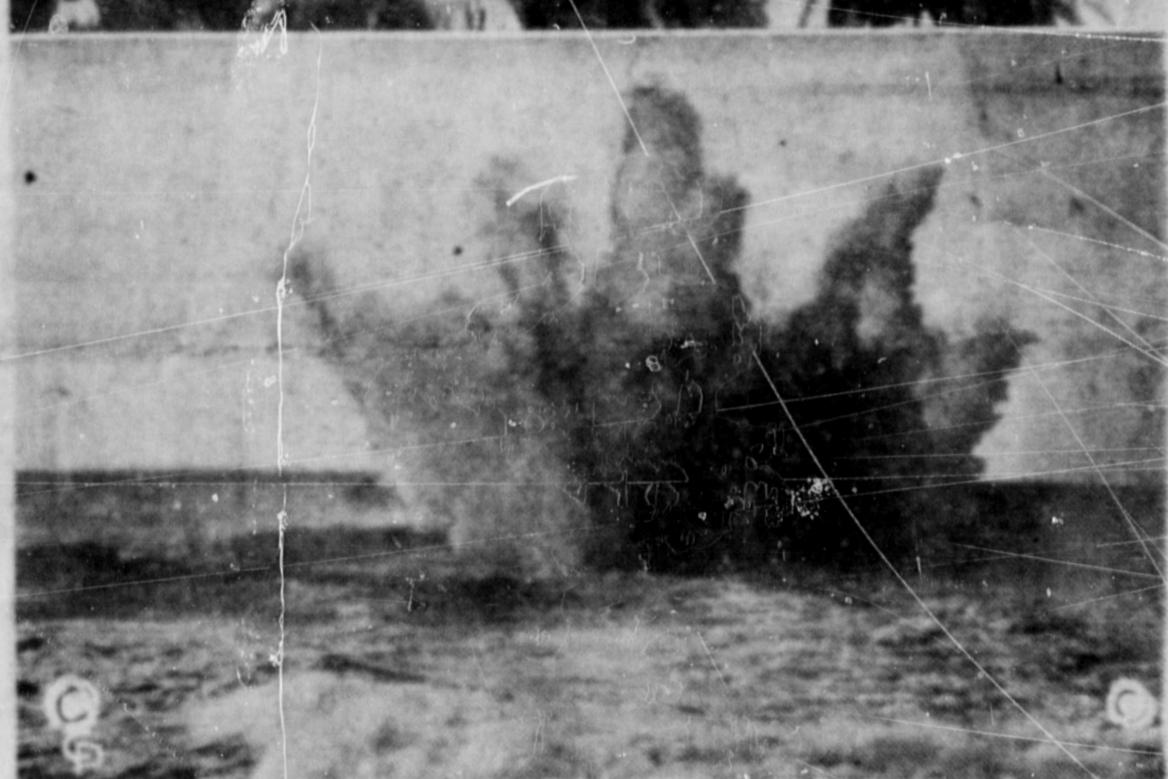
conditions. Last year a Canadian Press survey showed that Christmas business was the best since the depression. Reported To Have Lost Three This season's survey presents an Ships As Result of War At

even brighter picture. Of a score of cities and towns queried only Kamloops showed decreased business.

brightest spots of all.

Pacific Coast League Vancouver, 1; Portland, 3. ENGLAND ANSWERS SUBMARINE MENACE





In answer to the Nazi submarine menace, England is speeding up her depth-bomb production and has covered the waters around the English coast with torpedo boats, aprowl for the submersibles. Here is a series of pictures made recently during patrol duty. At the Top is a deck scene as a sailor stands by a depthbomb, ready for use upon sighting a U-boat. In Centre another bomb is loaded ready for use, while the result of an explosion of one of the death-bombs is seen, Bottom.

Ten were hurt in London when BLOCKADE HURTING

There was also a bombing in a Germany Beginning To Feel Pinch By Lack of Gasoline, Fats, Copper, Zinc and Cottons

Germany or enough to provide Prince Rupert One of Brightest power for fifty war planes to raid

The Nazis are also running i Finnish legend for much of his, VANCOUVER, Dec. 22: (CP) - short of fats, copper, zinc and cot-

Sea Yesterday

Prince Rupert is among the steemship Verge arrived have of steamship Verga arrived here af- war had been 1136 soldiers, 260 Is Given Denial ter their ship had been sunk by sailors and 42 airmen, or a total Is Given Denial mines. This was one of three of 1438. Daladier also disclosed Swedish vessels reported to have that northern fortifications ex-

been sunk yesterday. trawler River Annan by German the Swiss frontier had been comwar planes is disclosed.

COMMUNISTS

Forty-Eight Members of Party in France Charged With Subversive Activities

ernment experts emphasizing the serious effect of the Allied block- raids on the Communist party in LOST PARTY THIS YEAR ade on Germany figure that the Navy has confiscated thousands of charged in military court with sub-

GERMAN FLEET OUT PARIS-It is reported authoriheading for the North Sea and stranded party. another section for the Baltic.

CASUALTIES LOWER adier told the Chamber of Depupleted.

Unofficial Armistice Until After Christmas Appears To Have Been Reached On Western Front

sance and German pursuit planes was the only fighting activity on the western front today as both sides seemed to have tacitly; fighting until after Christmas. ing ships. Fighting ensued and the region with the Finns bounding back from defence lines dermans claimed that one French region with the Finns bounding back from defence lines to which they had withdrawn last plane was brought down in German territory. The French failed! to admit this, cuestioning if any rlane had been brought down but. if so, it might have been in, Franch territory. Reconnaissance planes of both sides were active over opposing territory. There was naterl activity on the ground! but no fighting

Negotiations Between Germany and, el overboard when the vessel hit Roumania, Froviding Reich With | rocks while Captain George Skin-Oil Supply, Concluded

BUCHAREST, Dec. 22: (CP) The is being made. new trade agreement between Germany and Roumania was signed ORDERS FOR B.C. Roumanian goods more cheaply.

Promotion and Decoration Fer matter of grain shipments. Submarine Commander Who Scored Naval Victory

Commander E. O. Bickford of the senger steamship Wind Rush is | or had fired shots across the bow submarine Salmon, which sank at ablaze in the Caribbean Sea in of the German liner Columbus German u-boat and torpedoed two circumstances indicating that la- within the American safety zone ARE RAIDED enemy cruisers after letting the bor troubles had resulted in sabo- and it was for this reason that the tage. The fire is under control. commander of the vessel decided to could not warn her before a torpedo attack, has been promoted to the rank of commander and awarded the Distinguished Service

Pilot Jack Jefford Drops Food For Use of Woman and Baby Son In Alaska

reports said that Pilot Jack Eford found the missing Nome to dropped food and other emergency German Admiral tatively here that the German Mrs. William Jefford and tiny Wants To Quit war fleet left Hamburg, part of it baby son and two men in the

PARIS-Premier Edouard Dal- Report Of German AMSTERDAM, Dec. 22: (CP)- ties today that up to November Ship Being Sunk

sunk in the Baltic.

AND LESS TO THE PARTY OF THE PA

ONLY FIGHT Reds Meeting With WAS ALOFT Catastrophic Rout In War Against Finland

PARIS, Dec. 22:—A long aerial Hardy Arctic Fighters Pursued Soviet Troops While battle between French reconnais-Snowfilled Skies Curtain Nation From Bombs Of Invaders

HELSINGFORS, December 22: (CP)—Hardy Arctic agreed that there should be no f thters pursued retreating Russians in Finland's nar-Weather was improved and Ger- row corridor in the Far North today while snow-filled man nursuit planes took to the skies curtained the nation from enemy bombs. The Rusair to drive off the French scout- sians are reported in general retreat in the Arctic Petsamo

week. Norwegian border reports said that the Russian retreat had approached "catastrophic proportions." On the eastern and Karelian fronts the Finns assert they have withstood heavy Russian attacks without yielding an inch.

Bulletins

WEST COAST WRECK

ZEBALLOS-Hagh Skinner, a Vancouver fisherman, related to-days in SURROUND bare feet over the rocky shore of Quatsino Sound after the fish packer Great Northern V. was wrecked off Vancouver Island eer of the fish packer, was wash-

last night. It provides for Ger- | VANCOUVER - G. G. McGeer, | defeat in that area. In another area many to receive 190,000 tons of oil, Liberal member of the House of four thousand Chinese have been monthly from Roumania instead of Commons for Vancouver-Bur- | killed, according to a Japanese re-80,000 tons at present. New ex- rard and former mayor of Van- Port. change rates are also set whereby couver, said British Columbia had Germany will be able to purchase received about \$50,000,000 in war orders before and since the out-break of war. He added: "Vanbreak of war. He added: "Vancouver has no justification for itself discriminated against." At the same time he denied Mayor Telford's charges that the port of Vancouver was discriminated against in the Claims British Infraction of Pan-

ABLAZE IN CARIBBEAN

NEW YORK-Officials of the LONDON, Dec. 22: (CP)- The Shephard Steamship Co. andmiralty amounces that Lieut, nounce that the freighter-pas-

> GERMAN TRAIN WRECK collided in a station at Genthin, safety zone. 158 injured.

MICKEY ROONEY POPULAR HOLLYWOOD-Mickey Rooney TY has been adjudged the best box Former Chief office screen actor of the year with Tyrone Power second, Spen- Justice Born cer Tracy third, Clark Gable fourth and Shirley Temple fifth.

To Hitler But It Is Not Accepted

to the incident of the scuttling of for six years before coming west to the pocket battleship Admiral Rossland in 1896. He wes elected Graf Spee, Admiral Erich Raeder to the provincial legislature in 1903 BERLIN, Dec. 22: (CP)—The of- has submitted his resignation to for Rossland and re-elected in 1907. tending the Maginot Line and ficial German news agency denied Chanceller Adolf Hitler. It has Since 1909, when he was appointed At Oslo sinking of the British those along Jura Mountains on reports abroad that the German not, however, been accepted chief justice of the British Columsteamship Gneisenau had been There is no German confirmation bia Court of Appeal, he had resided of the report.

west coast. Ted Bernard, engin- | Chinese Predict Major Defeat for Invaders in Nanning Area

CHUNGKING, Dec. 22: (CP)-A ner. Hugh's father, is still num- | Chinese army spokesman declares bered among the lost. A search | that Japanese holding Nanning. strategic South China centre, have been isolated and that the Japanlese army is on the eve of a major

PROTESTS

American Saftey Zone-In Spite of Presidential Statement

BERLIN, Dec. 22.—Berlin officials declare today that a British cruisscuttle her. This was new proof. the Germans claimed, of British BERLIN-Two passenger trains disregard of the Pan-American

killing seventy and injuring 100. I The German statement is in spite German authorities estimated. of an official declaration by Ste-This is the eighth train wreck of phen Early, secretary to President serious proportions in Germany | Franklin D. Roosevelt of the United since the war began, lifting the States, that British warships did casualties to 193 dead and over not engage the Columbus in naval

In Huron County

VICTORIA, Dec. 22: (CP)- The late Hon. James Alexander Mac-Donald, former chief justice of the British Columbia Court of Appeal, who is dead here, was a native of Raeder Submits His Resignation Huron County, Ontario, where he was born May 29, 1858. He was educated at the public schools, the College Institute at Stratford, University of Toronto and Osgoode COPENHAGEN, Dec. 22:-Owing | Hall. He practised law in Toronto in Victoria.