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Weather Forecast

Prince Rupert and Queen Charlotte Islands—Fresh south to southwest with occasional rain.

Tomorrow's Tides

High 8:25 a.m. 20.0 ft. 21:05 p.m. 17.6 ft. Low 1:42 a.m. 6.5 ft. 14:44 p.m. 6.9 ft.

Undersea Craft Are Losing Out

FINNS PUT UP STRONG RESISTANCE

Russians Are Having No Easy Time in Spite of Overwhelming Numbers

HELSINGFORS, Finland, Dec. 4: (CP)—Big guns continue to thunder along the Karelian front where the Finns, successful in holding their huge enemy at bay, are still reported to be standing firm after inflicting heavy losses on the invading Russian hordes.

The Finnish defence ministry, which had claimed that at least sixteen and possibly eighteen Russian planes had been shot down without any Finnish losses, claim further successes although yesterday there was a suspension of air raids on Helsingfors presumably, it is believed, because a German ship, the Dano, was there at the time picking up German refugees, the expectation being they would be renewed with increasing intensity after departure of the vessel today.

The enemy losses are described as heavy at Soularvi on the eastern frontier. Heavy casualties were also inflicted on the Russians north of Lake Ladoga where many of the invaders were drowned by going through thin ice. Thousands of Russians also were killed in mined ground on the Karelian Peninsula and elsewhere. The Finns denied that planes had set fire to Kronstadt naval base but accounted for this report by explosions caused by the detonation of land mines in the Karelian Peninsula.

A second naval battle between Finland and Russia is reported at Hangho at the mouth of the Gulf of Finland. The Finns have annihilated Russian parachute troops and have wiped out a battalion of tanks on the Karelian front. Soviet warships were driven off by heavy fire of Finnish coastal guns. Russarsa fortress had already reported the sinking of a Russian warship which was believed to have been destroyed.

The Russians failed yesterday in another attempt to recapture Petsamo, Arctic coast port. A Finnish communique, reporting the successes over the Russian invaders, declared that the soldiers of Finland will "fulfill their duty until death."

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LONDON, Dec. 4:—In a letter to the electors in the Stratford by-election, Prime Minister Neville Chamberlain appealed to the people to sink their political differences in uniting to meet the hardships and sacrifices entailed by war against "Bad faith, bullying and aggression" and towards the establishment of a new Europe founded on goodwill and mutual tolerance. Rt. Hon. Anthony Eden, in a speech, described the war as a "Crusade for international decency."

NEW YORK COPPER

NEW YORK, Dec. 4:—Copper was 03c higher on the New York metal market Saturday with March closing at 11.36c per pound.

GET READY FOR FIGHT

Sweden and Norway Arming Themselves Against Russian Bear

STOCKHOLM, Dec. 4:—Both Sweden and Norway are calling additional forces to the colors against the possibility of an over-flowing of the Russo-Finnish war into their countries.

Sweden is increasing its army at once to 100,000 men. The total possible strength is placed at 500,000. General staff is conducting the mobilization and King Gustave is keeping in close personal touch with the Finnish situation. The formation of a national union government for Sweden is being considered as a measure of protection and preparation.

Norway is moving troops to the Finnish frontier on the Arctic coast.

PACT WITH FAKE GOV'T

Mutual Assistance and Non-Aggression Treaty Latest Soviet Machination

MOSCOW, Dec. 4:—Russia's Soviet government announces the signing of a mutual assistance and non-aggression pact of friendship between Russia and the new "People's Government of the Democratic Finnish Republic," the name which the Soviet has attached to what is described as the "Insurgent Finnish regime." This is not to be confused with the new Helsingfors government which has pledged itself to a fight to the finish against Soviet domination.

The pact would provide for the exchange of Karelian Isthmus territory for naval and aerial base sites for the Soviet.

NEXT MOVE OF RUSSIA?

Not Believed Soviet Will Be Satisfied With Conquest Of Finland

LONDON, Dec. 4:—There is speculation as to Russia's next move after Finland. Some predict she will move on to Sweden and Norway with demands for military concessions in order to complete her mastery of the Baltic, others believe she will be satisfied with the security Leningrad will be given by the conquest of Finland and that Roumania will be next on the Soviet list with all the implications a move on the Balkans might involve.

Is Josef Stalin moving to bring realization of what Peter the Great dreamed of—domination from Atlantic to Pacific?

THROWS OUT BROAD HINT

United States Hopes Manufacturers Will Not Supply Planes to Countries Engaging in Civilian Bombing

WASHINGTON, D.C., Dec. 4: (CP)—Without naming the countries, President Franklin D. Roosevelt said in a formal statement that the government hopes United States manufacturers of airplanes, aeronautical equipment and materials would bear in mind the government's policy of condemning "unprovoked bombing" of civilians.

There was little doubt that the statement was intended to apply to the Russo-Finnish conflict.

Bulletins

BLOCKADE UNDER WAY LONDON—With the blockade of exports from Germany being clamped down today in addition to the blockade of imports which has been in operation ever since the war began, Nazi trade will be completely obliterated including the Reich's valuable commerce with South America.

This will add another blow to Germany's already shaky economic position and is confidently expected to be an important factor in bringing Hitler, to his knees and ending the war. Henceforth the Allies will seize all German exports be they in Nazi or neutral ships. The blockade has been imposed as a retaliation for Germany's indiscriminate mine laying which followed the failure of the Nazi submarine campaign.

APPEALING TO LEAGUE GENEVA—Finland has made a formal appeal to the League of Nations, asking the Assembly to take the necessary steps to end the Russian invasion which is described as an "unprovoked act of aggression." The League council will meet Saturday to consider what action is to be taken and the Assembly has been called for Monday next. It is thought possible that Russia, still a loyal member of the League, might yet accept arbitration. Finland, it is reported, is attempting to reopen negotiations with Russia through Sweden.

OATS KING OF WORLD CHICAGO—Bill Scledan of Andrew, Alberta, was yesterday crowned the world's oats king at the International Livestock and Grain Show here. He won with an exhibit of Victory oats weighing 49 pounds to the bushel. The reserve championship also went to Canada, the winner being Alex Stewart of Ailsa Craig, Ontario. The winner of the wheat championship will be announced today.

DEATH OF PRINCESS DUCHESS LONDON—Princess Louise, Duchess of Argyll, eldest surviving child of Queen Victoria and widow of a former Governor General of Canada, died yesterday at Kensington Palace where she had long lived in seclusion. She was ninety-one years of age and her passing followed lengthy illness. She was the great aunt of King George VI, who today ordered two weeks of court mourning on account of her passing. Yesterday the King and Queen attended a memorial service in the chapel royal soon after the death of the aged princess was announced.

Ground Squirrels With Disease Are Menace To Farms VANCOUVER, Dec. 4: (CP)—Prof. M. Y. Williams of the University of British Columbia warns farmers of the Fraser Valley and the central interior against disease-carrying ground squirrels with which some farms are becoming menaced.

Germans Fly Over Belgium Further Incursions Above Neutral Territory Reported Yesterday

BRUSSELS, Dec. 4:—There were further flights of German planes over Belgian territory yesterday.

NEW PEACE OFFENSIVE

Germany Talks of Uniting With Allies In Order To Fight Russia

BERLIN, Dec. 4:—Suggestions are heard in some quarters of German anxiety in regard to Russian territorial expansionary ambitions as indicated by the invasion of Finland. The press goes so far as to canvass the possibility of a new peace offensive on the basis of a joining of the Allies and Germany to resist the Russian menace.

SLIDE ON RAILWAY

Terra-Clondhurst Takes Line Out at Three Points at Kitsumkalum

Heavy rainfall of almost cloud-burst proportions was recorded at Terrace yesterday and the railway line was washed out at three points about two miles west of Terrace and a half a mile east of the Kabum River bridge. The total length of line affected is 250 feet to a depth of 25 feet.

Railway crews are putting in temporary bridge and it is hoped to get a train out tomorrow evening tonight's train for the East being cancelled.

Telegraph wires are down today owing to trouble in the Prince George district.

Sabotage Plot Is Suspected

Large Quantity of Explosives Found Near Plant of New Jersey Aircraft Manufacturing Plant

PATERSON, New Jersey, Dec. 4: (CP)—Possibility of a sabotage plot is seen with the discovery of a large dump of dynamite and other explosives along the Passaic River near the plant of the Wright Aircraft Manufacturing Co. which has orders for a large number of aircraft for Great Britain.

Expropriation Is Upheld

MEXICO CITY, Dec. 4:—The Supreme Court of Mexico Saturday unanimously upheld the action of the government of former Premier Cardenas in expropriation of British, United States and Netherlands oil company holdings in Mexico. The companies involved were, however, found to be entitled to compensation to be paid within the coming ten years.

Seventeen British, American and Dutch oil companies appealed against the expropriation order, their appeal being rejected.

Finns Deny Use Of Poison Gas

Charge of Russians is Officially Given Lie At Helsingfors

HELSINGFORS, Dec. 4:—Finnish authorities deny a charge of Soviet Russia that poison gas has been used by the Finns in the fighting against Russian invasion.

WHEAT PRICES Winnipeg, Dec. 4: (CP)—Wheat prices were 3/8c to 1/4c lower on the Winnipeg market Saturday with December closing at 75 3/4c. On the New York market prices were 1/4c to 3/8c lower today with May at 89 1/4c.

NAZIS LOSE FOUR SUBS

Britons Take Heavy U-boat Toll—Trawler Disposes of Two

LONDON, Dec. 4:—For the first time an armed trawler has sunk a submarine and it may have been two. A British trawler re-named "that" after it had sunk one German U-boat, it dropped depth charges in an endeavour to get another. Appearance of oil spots on the surface of the water indicated it had been successful. Royal Air Force planes sank another submarine yesterday, having found the U-boat lying on the surface. There were no survivors. Another submarine was captured by the navy, making the week-end toll four.

Forty-three members of the crew of a sunken German submarine were landed at a Scottish port today and will be interned.

TALKING OF MOVING OUT

Finland Canvasses Possibility Of Setting Up Government Seat In England

LONDON, Dec. 4:—Finland's minister to England met Viscount Halifax, British Foreign Secretary yesterday. The possibility of the Finnish government setting up a seat in England, much as the Polish government has been set up in London in the event of Russia overwhelming Finland is believed to have been discussed.

Although Finland, through sheer courage and spirit, is holding the Russian invasion off meantime, there are few but wishful thinkers who are deluded into believing that the unequal contest can have but one outcome. It may be a matter of weeks, it may only be days, but Finland, all observers admit, cannot hold out indefinitely against such overwhelming weight.

ARTILLERY OF FRENCH

German High Command Admits Harassing Activity—Patrols On Both Sides Are Active

BERLIN, Dec. 4:—The German high command admits harassing French artillery fire of increased intensity in shelling German positions in the Moselle River area. Activity on a minor scale over a wider area is reported on the western front. Patrols on both sides have been active.

Fascists Shout "Long Live Finns"

Anti-Russian Demonstration By Thousands In Rome On Saturday

ROME, Dec. 4:—Three thousand Fascists demonstrated against Russia and in sympathy with Finland on Saturday. "Long Live Finland" they shouted outside the Finnish legation. Today there was another similar demonstration by several hundred Italian students who marched to the Finnish legation and shouted "Down with Russia! Long Live Finland!" No attempt was made to interfere.

Mrs. E. T. Kenney and young son arrived in the city on Saturday night's train and are the guests of Mrs. John McRae, Smith Block. On Wednesday they will meet Mr. Kenney, coming home from the session of the Legislature at Victoria, and will return home with him Wednesday evening.

DARING AIR RAID BY BRITONS UPON NAVAL BASE OF HELIGOLAND

One German Warship is Damaged As Many Direct Hits Are Made by Heavy Bombs—Not a Single Plane Lost By Royal Air Force

LONDON, December 4: (CP)—British Royal Air Force planes made a daring and effective mass attack upon Germany's major naval base of Heligoland Sunday. Nazi warships were dealt a smashing blow with direct hits by heavy bombs. A German cruiser was badly damaged and other fighting craft were hit. German pursuit planes endeavoured unsuccessfully to drive the British planes off and suffered some losses instead, one Messerschmidt being brought down. Despite heavy anti-aircraft fire and the fact that the operation was hampered by rain, all the British planes returned safely.

Germany admitted that a daring raid had been made by the British planes but claimed that the vessel sunk was merely a trawler and that, apart from it, no serious damage had been done by the British planes which were finally driven off.

Russ Women In Bombers

HELSINGFORS, Dec. 4:—In bombing planes which have been brought down by the Finns was found a woman. It is believed that there have been women in other of the plane crews as well as in other branches of the Soviet fighting forces.

MORALE IS VERY POOR

Russians Would Be No Match For Finns on Individual Basis—Sick and Poorly Fed

ROME, Dec. 4:—Reports reach here through correspondents to Italian newspapers of poor morale of Russian troops in the war with Finland.

This is particularly so on the Arctic coast where the Red troops are badly clothed with some suffering from scurvy probably due to poor food and the fact that they have been huddled together in crude huts.

The Russians have been no match individually with the well equipped and efficient Finns.

There is a general unwillingness on the part of the Russians to fight, it is said.

University Man Is Charged With Defence Breach

HALIFAX, Dec. 4: (CP)—Allan Findlay of the staff of Dalhousie University has been charged under the Defence of Canada regulations with communicating to Denmark information regard to the movement of His Majesty's forces. Findlay has been granted \$5000 bail.

Ontario Having Civic Elections

Contests Taking Place Today In Many Cities—Suspending Of Polls During War is Question

TORONTO, Dec. 4: (CP)—Municipal elections are being held today in many Ontario cities. Several are voting on plebiscites as to whether civic elections should be suspended for two years or for the duration of the war. Mayor Stanley Lewis of Ottawa is running for re-election against two opponents.

Weather Forecast

General Synopsis—The pressure remains very low off Vancouver Island—Misty or cloudy. Strong south winds with rain.