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Red Generals

PARIS, Dec. 28 .- Three Sov-

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Raids

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PREDICTS LULLS ON LAND FRONTS THROUGH WINTER: NO LARGE OFFENSIVE NOW

expert Sees Little Chance of Major Operation on Any Front While Weather Uncertain and Armies Canny Written for The Canadian Press

By GENERAL SIR CHARLES GWYNN

LONDON, December 28: (CP)— Winter, from the ilitary standpoint, may be said to have arrived. With s arrival the chance of major offensive operations on and before next spring has undoubtedly gone. Even a absidiary or preliminary Nazi campaign in the Low Countries or Roumania with limited objectives, which

look attractive, is becoming increasingly improbable.

In the past, during the winter, armies as a rule drew apart and went into quarters in towns or villages where supplies had been collected. Under modern conditions, with good roads and railroads to maintain the immense amounts of supplies and ammunition required ! ng officers of the Red Army +| by armies many times as large as formerly, the combatants do not have been executed in Russia, + it is reported here, as a result + draw apart.

Expect Minor Raids

Fighting on a reduced scale can go on. Bickering in No-Man's-Land and minor raids take place but weather conditions are a dominant

This especially is the case when as in western Europe, the weather! is liable to change suddenly and unpredictably. There are many days; in winter when it would be impossible to launch an offensive if all preparations were ready and troops reach Holding Positions on West-| assembled within striking distance. But battles are no longer a matter! of a few hours of intensive fight-

The struggle, once begun, may go PARIS, Dec. 28; (CP)-Extensive on for days or weeks and the atrol activity on the Western Front | weather may change before it reported in a French communi-jover. Uncertainty as to weather me. The French are holding ad- conditions is, therefore, the primtance posts, repulsing heavy Ger- ary reason why winter operations are too risky to be undertaken.

Bad weather may delay and hamper preparatory operations so that, on the Western Front. when a fine spell comes, preparawhen everything may be ready, a Another United sudden change of weather may necessitate the postponement or ab- States Relief andonment of plans.

For bad weather imposes a desperate handicap on attacking Contribution Russian Reinforcements Not troops and that handicap is bound Stopping Them-Italian Volunto increase the longer the struggle I takes as we learned on the Somme and at Passchendaele.

Shells Churn Terrain

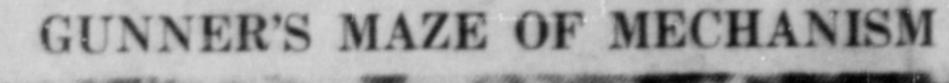
HELSINGFORS, Dec. 28: (CP) - Artillery fire turns wet ground inthe face of heavy reinforcements to a morass which limits the pace. the Red Army, the Finns are, of advance and exhausts infantry. still advancing on all fronts and Yet, without artillery support, in- Hoover, ave now entered Russia at two fantry attack in the face of auto-Deints. Finnish planes and skiiers matic weapons is impossible. Moreare attacking the Leningrad-Mur- over, shells bury themselves in soft DEMANDS mansk Railway at one point forty ground and lose much of their DEMANDS miles within Russian territory. | lethal effect. Tanks, if they can The Russian air force struck re- move at all over muddy surfaces, ratedly and vigorously at Tampere are slowed down.

ammerfors), vital Finnish muni-, They become easy targets for ons city, and other towns in a ser- anti-tank weapons and have little Hands Of Nipponese Government of bombing raids. Official re- chance of crossing obstacles. In Are Tied In Connection With orts said the result was "destruc-| fact, the use of the tank, not an on of some dwellings with one easy operation under most favorable weather conditions, becomes TOKYO, Dec. 28:-It is revealed The important seaport of Turku impossible in wet winter weather. by the Japanese government that

ost of the bombs dropped harm- sive or defensive, it is hardship the leaders in China must be obtained [Helsingfors was visited by troops fear more than actual en- before further concessions can be Larthquake At e lone plane and, apparently, no emy action. The allies are obvious- made by Japan to the United ombs were dropped. Viipuri, Ha- ly better placed to alleviate these States in connection with the ne- Los Angeles

Russian bombers again. An es- There are, however, two forms of place the one between the two mate today placed the number of warfare than can go on without in- countries which expires a month ead as a result of Russian air raids terruption in winter—air warfare hence and which United States Tremor Recorded In California and guerilla warfare. And in guer- intimated some time ago would Cities But Not Large Enough The Russo-Finnish war is now illa warfare, Germany's newly-not be renewed on the existing conquered territory may prove a terms. The Army, it is indicated,

unofficially reported to arrive QUINTUPLETS IN CUBA Finland to fight against Russia. HAVANA- A Havana woman for only a few hours.





No simple process but a complicated procedure is that of firing a modern gun and the picture gives you some idea of the maze of mechanism the operation of which must be mastered by the gunner shown here sighting his piece.

factor in prohibiting offensive op- INDIANS IN erations on a large scale. FINE 'XMAS

Gurkas and Other Native Troops Weather Splendid and Everyone Take up Positions in Western Front

PARIS, Dec. 28: (CP)-A contin- From a weather standpoint it Famous Gurkas are included among and mild and fairly bright. the Indian troops which have al- The day for most of folk appear- upon which Premier Benito Musready had experience in a sort of ed to be a happy one. There was the solini will see the Pope at the guerrilla patrol warfare in their usual round of entertaining which vatican, this also going to signify own country which will serve them commenced over the week-end. The ever closer relations between the well in the present type of fighting presence of so many soldiers and church and the Italian state.

HELSINGFORS, Dec. 28 .- The second contribution of \$100,000 by the United States to the Finnish looked. war relief fund has been made. The first contribution was made a week ago. The campaign has been organized by Former President Herbert ,

International Problems

he southwest coast was bombed. In winter warfare, whether offen-support of the Japanese military cenlina and other cities also sight- hardships than their opponents. gotiation of a new treaty to re-Two thousand Italian volunteers serious additional problem for her, is not willing to go as far with present Japanese cabinet crisis. Angeles yesterday. It rocked the Wind," is named the out- ver Island.

Enjoyed Festive Season-Militia Lends New Note

gent of troops from India has taken could not have been a more agree- which the King and Queen made up positions in the British sector of able Christmas day in Prince Ru- to him last week. the front, it is officially announced. pert. More like spring it was dry

> sailors was something new. Many citizens had interested them in their entertainment one way or an-

There was the usual observance of Christmas in the Prince Rupert General Hospital.

The Salvation Army, Canadian Legion, Daughters of the Empire and other agencies interested themselves in the cases of those who may be less fortunately situated and few, if any, it appears, were over-

Christmas church services drew out large congregations Sunday.

Boxing Day in Prince Rupert was marked with bright, sunny weather and, like Christmas, it was another day with the weather more like spring than might be expected in mid-winter. The day was a holiday for the most of people, all stores and offices being closed. Christmas calls were being continued and many took advantage of the fine weather to take a walk and get a spot of fresh air after the Yuletide celebrations. Now it is back to work and rain as usual for a few days before another break for the New Year observance festivities..

To Do Damage

and other centres.

Continued Disturbances And Intense Cold Add To Horror Of Frightful Turk Disaster

Daring British

at Victoria-Acting Commis-

sioner to be Appointed

ACREEMENT FOR TRADE

New Pact Between Great Britain and Sweden is Negotiated

the conclusion of a trade agreement between Great Britain and Sweden. It is designed to keep trade between the two countries at normal levels.

POPE PAYS

Pontiff Calls Upon Temporal Rulers

pageantry marked the occasion of + out of action in a series of an official visit today by Pope Pius + North Sea encounters. to the King and Queen of Italy. It was the first visit in seventy years 4 of a Pontiff to a temporal ruler and seen as a final cementing of the bonds between the Italian state and church and the possible fore-runner of close co-operation in connection with moves now under way to bring peace to Europe.

The Pontiff was repaying a visit

A reliable source says that January 5 has been set as the date

AIR BASE EQUIPMENT

First machinery and equipment to be used in connection with establishment of the Seal Cove air hase arrived in Prince Rupert yesterday. As announced in the proving the financial position, gov-Daily News weeks ago, the con- ernment sources said. The Prince tract for excavation and exten- Rupert city manager proposal holds Vancouver.

FINDLAY CONVICTED

HALIFAX — Allan Findlay, PUTTING UP found "technically guilty" of attempting to communicate about military, naval and air force movements in the Halifax area and was fined \$1 and ordered to pay \$6 costs. The magistrate said there was no intent to commit an offence but he had no alternative but to enter a conviction.

BULGARIA AND RUSSIA MOSCOW- A Bulgarian trade

mission has arrived in Moscow. It have been purchased, it is announcis suggested that Russia may be demanding a naval base in the Black Sea.

BEST PICTURES AND ACTORS NEW YORK-Film critics have "Mr. Smith Goes to Washington." ed showers.

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Twelve Cities and Eighty Villages Are Wiped Out-Hundreds and Thousands of People Homeless-Starving and Freezing in Open Fields

ANKHARA, December 28 .-- The death list as a result of earthquake catastrophes in northern and eastern Turkey was placed at 9000 today as continued disturbances of violent proportions lent further to the horrors. Intensely LONDON, Dec. 28: (CP)- The cold weather makes worse the fearful plight of hundreds Ministry of Information announces of thousands of homeless people, many of whom are freez-

ng and starving to death without adequate clothing and food in the empty fields to which they fled from shattered communities. Twelve cities and eighty villages are report-+ ed to be demolished. The Turkish Aerial Exploit government, in an emergency sesfor relief.

Officials announced today that forty-two thousand persons had a lone British plane attacked + been killed or injured in the region "two German destroyers and + of Erzincan alone in the Anatolian Modern History is Made Today as & eleven patrol boats, disabling + earthquake. Erizincan is on the Ar-+ one of the patrol ships with a + menian border in extreme eastern direct hit. The Air Ministry an- + Turkey.

Fierce winds increased the sufnounced that coastal aircraft + ROME, Dec. 28: (CP)-Glittering + had put three enemy bombers + fering and magnified the devastation which went with today's new + tremors and blizzards. Temperatures of 22 below zero were recorded. A heavy storm along the Black Sea coast tore ships from their moorings and destroyed seaside

> Relief brigades are fighting fires in hundreds of villages and cities as well as doing their best to dispose of I Life! the dead and alleviate the sufferings of the injured and homeless. Prince Rupert's Position Discussed Authorities expect a wave of pneumonia and other illnesses.

The destroyed communities range in population from twelve to forty VICTORIA, Dec. 28 .-- Proposal to thousand.

replace the present commission ad- At Tokat alone 953 persons were ministration of the city of Prince killed and 443 injured. Dwellings Rupert by a city manager scheme were shaken down on sleeping ochas been stood over for the present cupants. In the city of 40,000 every Municipal Affairs Minister Wells building collapsed.

Gray said here yesterday. W. J. Disrupted communications are Alder, the bresent commissioner, is slowing up reports. resigning January 31 and a new

acting commissioner will be appointed, said the minister. The city ALLIES IN ation but special legislation is needed to make this effective. Legislation cannot be passed until the next legislative session. In the meantime

a detailed plan will be worked out. Ready to Deal Blow for Blow for Of recent years, Prince Rupert Any Violence Coming From has made excellent strides in im-Germany

sive preparatory work for the special interest since, if it comes in- sage to the French people, Premier base proper has been awarded to to effect. Prince Rupert will be the Edauard Daladier said the Allies the E. J. Ryan Contracting Co. of first British Columbia city to leave were awaiting for Germany to lead the commissioner system for that in action in the war. There would form of municipal self-government. be blow for blow in any violence by Germany. The Allies would, of course, win the war but it would be their endeavour to spare all blood possible in doing so. The French WAR MONEY Premier praised Finland for its courage and success in the war against the Russians whom he des-Britons Have Bought Savings Cer- cribed as barbarians.

LONDON, Dec. 28.—During the GERMANY IS

One British Ship Failed To Return From Foray Which Was Otherwise Described As "Successfull"

LONDON, Dec. 28:: (CP)- The General Synopsis- The pressure Air Ministry announces a "succlaimed that British planes had ndinavian volunteers is being has given birth to quintuplets. Premier Abe declared categorical— Associated Press office but was standing actress while the best | West Coast of Vancouver Island— been blocked in a foray against destroyed.

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four weeks since they have been on

sale, national war saving certifi-

cates to the value of £41,000,000

in Four Weeks

adjudged "Wuthering Heights" remains low off the British Colum-'cessful reconnaissance" flight over the outstanding picture of the bia coast and relatively high over northwestern Germany from which concessions as is the home gov- LOS ANGELES, Dec. 28: (CP) - year. Vivien Leigh, for her per- the southern interior. Heavy rain one plane failed to return. In Berernment. This is a factor in the An earthquake was felt in Los formance in "Gone With the squalls have occurred over Vancou-lin a high command statement

med for the Finnish army, the They were girls. Two died at ly today that his cabinet will not large enough to do any dammed for the Finnish army, the They were girls. Two died at ly today that his cabinet will not large enough to do any dammed for the Finnish army, the They were girls. Two died at ly today that his cabinet will not large enough to do any dammed for the Finnish army, the They were girls. Two died at ly today that his cabinet will not large enough to do any dam-Twegian telegraph bureau at Os- birth and the other three lived resign in the face of Parliamentary age. It was also felt at Longbeach and been bestilities