

Is Exeter At GOES D' N Sea Still Or Crew of Columbus Being Landed

At New York Following Scuttling Of Ship

Twelfth Scuttling

Internment or Freedom is Question -Tanker to Remain at Port Everglades

BERLIN, Dec. 20: (CP)- The German luxury liner Columbus is the twelfth German vessel which has been scuttled since the beginning of the war including the pecket battleship Admiral Graf Spee. This represents a tonnage of more than 103,000.

NEW YORK, Dec. 20: (CP)-The United States Navy cruiser Tus- Bids caloosa arrived this afternoon at New York, having on board 579 of the crew of the 32,000-ton German liner Columbus which was scuttled four hundred miles off Cape Henry, Virginia, yesterday rather than to submit to capture by a British warship which had intercepted her. The crew of the Columbus were landed at the immigration detention sheds at Ellis Island where it will be decided what disposal is to be made of them. If they are found to be bona fide seamen, they may be allowed to remain sixty days in the country. Should they be naval or military men, they would be interned.

The United States government announced yesterday that the Tuscaloosa had discovered the Columbus sinking more than four hundred miles off the coast between Norfolk and New York. President Franklin D. Roosevelt's washington that presumably the TRADE IN ship had been scuttled since an unidentified British warship was nearby although there was no evidence of a fight.

The Columbus left Vera Cruz, Germany-bound, last week. She had been trailed by a British cruiser, it was believed.

The Columbus, which was on a Carribean cruise when the war broke out, put into Vera Cruz where she was interned. She was the third largest vessel of the German merchant marine fleet, only the Bremen and Europa being arger.

Last word of the Columbus last night was that she was aflame and sinking. All members of the crew except two firemen were accounted for.

Inside Neutrality Zone

State Department officials dis- | NAIVIL closed that the Columbus was scuttled almost 250 miles inside of America's neutrality zone. Immediate-1 ly they began a study to determine whether this meant an act of war, had occurred within the zone. First Major General Sir Eugene Fiset to information yesterday was that the Columbus had been scuttled outside! the zone to avoid capture by a British warship. Officials are still uncertain whether scuttling is an act of war.

Ran From H. M. S. Orion Everglades, not far north of Mia- ernor of Quebec. Prime Minister mi, Florida, where she sought William Lyon Mackenzie King anshelter yesterday morning after nounced last night. He succeeds having encountered H. M. S. Orion Hon. E. L. Patenaude who was to of the North American - West have retired last spring but whose It was not far outside the three- Royal visit. mile limit where the Orion fired General Fiset will assume the Capt. Frederick Stengler, her mast- first of the year. er, chose to run for it and got safely inside the limit, going on to Port

BAHIA BLANCA, Argentina, Dec. 20.— Unconfirmed reports persist that the British cruiser Exeter, seriously damaged in the battle a week ago off the Uruguayan coast with the German pocket battleship Admiral Graf Spee, is still lying eighty' miles off this port hardly able to navigate. It has already been stated that the Exeter safely reached the Falkland Islands.

For Naval Vessels Invited From Local Yard

The following is the text of a letter received by the Prince Rupert Chamber of Commerce from D. B. Caswell, director of shipbuilding, War Supply Board:

"We have your letter of December 6 pointing out that you have a shipbuilding plant at Prince Rupert. The Board is well aware of this fact and for your information the matter is being considered at the Montreal offices of the Canadian National Railways and also by the superintendent of the Canadian National Steamships at Vancouver.

"The Prince Rupert dry dock has been asked to tender on vessels required for the Canadian and British Navies."

Breakdown in German-Roumanian Oil Negotiations is Indicated

LONDON, Dec. 20: (CP)-Great Britain may launch a trade offensive against Germany in the

A breakdown in negotiations between Germany and Roumania for supply of oil to the Reich is reported over the German demand for a twenty-four per cent increase in supply. There has been at least delay in signing up an agreement.

TO MIARATE

be Vice-Regal Representative in

OTAWA, Dec. 20: (CP)-Major General Sir Eugena Fiscet, Member of Parliament for Rimouski and At the same time the German former minister of national defence, tanker Arauca was still at Port has been appointed Lieutenent Gov-Indies squadron of the Royal Navy. term was extended in view of the

shot over the Arauca's bows. Lieutenant Governorship after the

Everglades. If she is found to be therefore had been given official armed, she will have to leave port assurance that she might remain. in twenty-four hours or be interned. The Orion carefully did not con-Today Capt. Stengler indicated his tinue fire inside the three mile

ship would probably remain here limit. indefinitely. He said his ship had The Arauca slipped out of Vera been found by the authorities to be Cruz, Mexico, about the same time a bona fide merchantman and, as the Columbus.

Bulletins

VANCOUVER HOLDUP VANCOUVER-An armed bandit help up a woman attendant of the Imperial News Company, magazine distributors, this morning while 19 other employees in an adjoining coffee shop escaped with \$1800 cash.

FISH PACKER LOST

VICTORIA- Provincial police search on the West Coast of Vanlast week headed for Zeballos. A Amos Island near Estevan. An aerial search will be instituted.

OPPOSES SANCTIONS

VANCOUVER-The Vancouver city council has denied support to a resolution from Winnipeg urging economic sanctions on Russia. Only two of the Vancouver aldermen voted in favor of the resolution.

SEES SOVIET REVOLT

NEW YORK-The Polish minister to the United States believes that the Communist regime in Russia will soon end. The Communist party bas only three million members in Russia and he does not believe they will cont.nue to rule 180,000,000 people.

AVIATOR MISSING

NOME- Curly Martin, well known Alaska commercial flier, is missing on a flight to St. Michael's. Search has been insti-

FIRE AT PASCO

PASCO, Washington-The Hotel Pasco and an adjoining office Twenty guests fled from the hotel. There was an orderly exit from an adjoining theatre.

BIRMINGHAM BOMBING BIRMINGHAM-A bombing oc-

curred today at the entrance of a large Birmingham department store crowded with Christmas shoppers. The outlawed Irish Republican Army is blamed.

CHRISTMAS AND ADOLF ler left Berlin today, presumably of numbers. which was blown up on November | ed to return. 8 shortly after he had visited there. Whether he will go there again this Christmas is a question of speculation.

KING VISITS POPE ROME-King Victor Emmanuel and Queen Eleana will visit Pope down. Pius at the Vatican tomorrow. with due ceremonies, the mon-archs will be received by the LINER IN Pontiff, wearing his red robes, in the throne room.

RETURNED TO NEW YORK NEW YORK- Ernest Kehler, | Cunard-White Star Steamer Samalias Haas, charged with the murder of Walter Engelbert, secretary of the German consulate, to which he is said to have confessed, was brought here today to face trial.

CONSULT WITH EXPERTS VICTORIA- The British Coloil in the Peace River. The discussions will take place here after the New Year.

Russian Man-of-War Did Not Figure Range of Shore Batteries Was So Great

HELSINGFORS, Dec. 20: (CP)-A clever ruse is reported to have been responsible for the sinking by Finnish shore batteries of the big Russian battleship October Revolution in the Gulf of Finland yesterday. The range of the shore bat- ticinated in the attack, the Finns

teries was believed to have been but added. three miles and the October Revoconver Island for the fish pack- ilution approached on that assumper Great Northern No. 5 with | tion. However, the Finns had inthree men on board. The vessel stalled heavier guns of greater stared another raid vesterday on was last seen on Wednesday of 'range and, when the warship came the acrist mine foring base of within range, a salvo was fired and. Selt Island as the British flights seew which she had been towing , before she could escape, the accurhas been picked up wrecked on 'acy of the fire had put her in sinking condition.

The October Revolution had personnel of 1145 officers and men and it is believed that many of these perished.

Motorized Russian Army Said to be lost. in Pursuit

COPENHAGEN. Dec. 20: (CP)-It was reported yesterday that a motorized Soviet army was rolling south along the Finnish Arctic highway on the heels of retreating Advices at the Danish capital said

the Finns had lost a battle near Pitkajaervi, about fifty-three miles southwest of Petsamo.

The advancing motorized units of the Soviet are reported to have entirely cut off the Finns from the Arctic coast.

More Air Attacks

Hundreds of Russian planes in formation of from three to twenty building were destroyed by a attacked Helsingfors, Viipuri, Hang-\$150,000 fire here last night. oe and Turku, many civilians being killed and wounded.

Meantime, the Russians are said to have advanced to a point onethird across Finland at its narrowest point in the attempt to bisect the country.

Blinding snowstorms in northern Finland were reported today

The Soviet has resorted to mass operations in the effort to subdue tion, says the Allies are fighting the Finns, throwing division after in this war for truth, something division of troops into battle with a view to wearing down the small-BERLIN-Chancellor Adolf Hit- ier country's forces by sheer weight,

for his mountain retreat at i It was claimed by the Soviet yes-Berchtesgaden. Hitler has been terday that twelve Finish planes accustomed to spend Christmas had been brought down in one day Eve in the beer hall at Munich | while only one Russian plane fail- | landed today by a Danish flying

Heavy Russian Losses

Official Finnish quarters in Helsingfors declare that, so far in the war, thirty thousand Russians have been killed, wounded and taken, prisoner with 200 tanks destroyed and many war planes brought;

aria Returns to British Port for Russia Is Not Repairs

LONDON, Dec. 20: (CP)- With her bridge and lifeboats damaged and other injuries as a result of a collision at sea with an unidenti- Government Does Not Deny Existfied vessel the Cunard-White Star ence of Subversion and Sabotage liner Samaria, which was outbound umbia government will consult across the Atlantic with a large with Turner Valley oil engineers number of passengers, has returned MOSCOW, Dec. 20 .- The Soviet middle of November when the from Calgary in regard to the to a British port for repairs. The government does not deny the ex- massing of forty divisions caused 100ay 5 LXChange government-sponsored hunt for passengers will be transferred to istence of extensive subversive ac- great alarm that these small nawas also damaged in the collision munist regime and the fact that movement against the Allies. Crack spot, 11 percent premium. ago, it is disclosed.

GREAT RED LOSSES HELSINGFORS-Finnish officials announced tonight that scores of Russian tanks were destroyed and more than twenty enemy planes were downed when the Red Army launched a "gigantie attack" on the Karelian Isthmus. More than 200 planes par-

RATO AERIAL BASE LONDON-The Toyal Air Force continued to harass the Friesian Islands. It was denied that two German towns on the Island of Salt had been bombed by British

SEVENTY-SEVEN DEAD LONDON-It is estimated that the war at sea vesterday took a tall of seventy-seven lives. Ten Pritons and 42 Indian seamen from the British freighter City of Kobe, which was sunk vesterday, are unaccounted for and feared

JAILED FOR LISTENING REGLIN-Eight persons in Germany have been jailed for periods of from one to two-and-ahalf years for listening in with the radios to British news broadcasts. One family of five in Danzig was foolish enough to talk about what had been heard.

SOLDUERS QUARANTINED EDMONTON- Three hundred soldiers will spend Christmas in barracks here under quarantine. Two of their number have broken out with mild attacks of scarlet

KING VISITS NAVY

LONDON- King George today visited the Portsmouth naval base area and saw the steps which were being taken to combat the German mine menace.

FIGHTING FOR TRUTH

LONDON-Rt. Hon. Leslie Burgin, minister of public informawhich the Germans appear to know or care little about.

FISH BOAT BLOWN UP

OSLO-Survivors of the 606ton British trawler Trinidad were boat which reported the vessei had been "blown to pieces" by a German plane just outside Norwegian territorial waters. Two of the crew were drowned.

"OLD BILL" AT FRONT PARIS - Bruce Bairnsfather, GERMANS "Old Bill" of the Great War, is GERMANS back in France. He is to make a picture entitled "Old Bill and Son." A camera man and two technical experts accompany him.

Happy Within

tage in vital Soviet factories.

Price Range On War News New York Market Tuesday Is Narrow

NEW YORK, Dec. 20 .- Trading on the New York Stock Exchange yesterday totalled 750,000 shares. The industrial average at closing was 248.93, up 20; rails, 31.13, off .40; utilities, 24.82, up .24.

OF SUBS

Germany Believed To Have Little More Than Half Left From First Of War

PARIS, Dec. 20: (CP)-Official French estimates place at over fifty the number of German submarines which have been sunk by the Allies since the war began. The latest sinking last night was credited to the French destroyer Sirocco which last week had dis-

Naval experts said that the German submarines were being weekly which was twice as fast as Germany can replace them.

Thus, it is reckoned, Germany new has only thirty-five submersibles as compared with sixty at the outbreak of the war.

Dominion Air Training Scheme to be Important Factor in Winning War, Declares Air Secretary

LONDON, Dec. 20: (CP)-Speaking last night on the Dominion air training scheme, Sir Kingsley Wood, WIN HEARTS the scheme would soon establish the Empire in overwhelming air supremacy and would make victory for the Allies over Germany doubly

One reason for the establishment of Canada as the aviation training centre for Canada, Sir Kingsley explained, was because it was beyond reach of air attack itself. Second- SERVICE FORCE IN ENGLAND, ly, there was boundless space and Dec. 20: (CP)-Probably within range for flying practice and ex- three months the First Canadian perience under all manner of con- Division, which arrived on Sun-

Many Australians and New Zea- France but that depends on trainlanders would complete their train- ing. equipment and developments ing in their own country although on the western front. It has been many would also receive the final almost one round of cheering ever stages of training in Canada, Sir since the Canadians arrived at a Kinsley said.

ed Sir Kingsley, who revealed many "Whoopee." details of the plan.

Even Greater Numbers Concentrat- Ocean. ed Along Belgian, Dutch and Luxembourg Frontiers

five German divisions, numbering Col. Hamilton, who raised the 825,000 men, are reported to be Princess Patricias Canadian Light massed along the Belgian, Dutch Infantry of the last war and led and Luxembourg frontiers. An in-the famous regiment overseas crease of seven or eight divisions from Canada. He is now living in within a month, this is even a retirement in England. greater concentration than in the with the large number of troops. \$4.43; selling, spot, \$4.47.

Entire Personnel of German Battleship to be Detained for Duration of War and Bill Sent to Reich

Captain Suicides

Commander Takes His Own Life Rather Than Submit to Imprisonment, it is Announced

BUENOS AIRES, Dec. 20: (CP) - Capt. Hans Langsdorff, commander of the scuttled German pocket battleship Graf Spee, committed suicide today, the German embassy announced. Sorrowing over the loss of the prized battleship, Langsdorff shot himself last night at a naval arsenal where he was being held with other offi cers. The embassy said he "sacrificed his life for the Father-

BUENOS AIRES, Dec. 20: (CP)-President Robert Ortiz of Argenposed of two German U-boats. | tina Tuesday ordered internment of the 1039 personnel of the German pocket battleship Admiral Graf destroyed at the rate of four | Spee which was scuttled on Sunday in the estuary of Rio de la Plata after being refused refuge except under internment following damage suffered in the Battle of Uruguay last week. The cost of their internment will be charged to Germany. : It is expected they will be sent to interior provinces far from the sea. there to be kept for duration of the

Smoke was still issuing yesterday from the partly submarged hulk the Admiral Graf Spee in the shallow steamship channel between-Montevideo and Buenos Aires.

The German tanker Tacoma. which assisted the Admiral Graf Spee following the battle, is being detained and may also be interned.

One Continuous Round Of Cheering For England-May Go To France In Three Months

WITH THE CANADIAN ACTIVE day, will be ready to move to West Coast port.

The arrangement of the new Young Canada marched into the training scheme was a great dem- heart of war-worried England. onstration of Empire unity, declar- brandishing rifles and shouting

The enthusiastic press envisioned the First Canadian Contingent as striding right out of the stanlzas of "Our Lady of the Snows."

The Press Association described the Domonion troops as "Broncho MASSING Bills," who crossed the wild prairies, lumbermen from the backwoods, fishermen from the Newfoundland banks and men from lonely Aklavik on the Arctic

The last trainload of Canadian troops arrived at the camping ground yesterday. They were On-

BRUSSELS, Dec. 20: (CP)-Fifty- | An early visitor at the camp was

United States funds- Buying. another vessel. The other vessel tivities against the present Com- tions were to be invaded in a Nazi spot, 10 percent premium; selling, which took place a couple of days there has been considerable sabo- motorized units are in company sterling funds - Buying, spot,