

Weather Forecast

Prince Rupert and Queen Charlotte Islands—Moderate easterly gales with sleet at night.

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High 2:35 a.m. 20.8 ft. 14:24 p.m. 22.6 ft. Low 8:25 a.m. 6.6 ft. 21:04 p.m. 1.4 ft.

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STALIN THROWING NEW LEASONS INTO BATTLE UPON STUBBORN FINNS

Soviet Dictator Severs His Forces Have Been Moving Across Frontier Into

COPENHAGEN, Dec. 27.—Stung by the recent reverse dealt to his forces by the Finns, Dictator Joseph Stalin of Russia is throwing 300,000 more Russian troops into the war against Finland under the direction of his personal friends, according to reports reaching here. A new attempt will be made to cut Finland in half at the waistline and to regain ground which has been lost in the north. Meantime, the Finns still count on the bitter winter weather and military strategy to make up for their smaller numbers and they are even planning a new drive. It is claimed that 4000 Russians have died in the campaign within the last three days, many of these being frozen to death. Sweden is reported to be sending important aid to Finland in the way of volunteer troops, war supplies and credit.

AUSTRALIA AIRMEN IN OLD LAND

Another Demonstration of Imperial Solidarity Recorded Yesterday

LONDON, Dec. 27.—Another demonstration of the Empire's solidarity in the war was marked with the arrival in England yesterday of Australia's first air contingent. The reception it received rivalled that which was accorded the first Canadian division last week. The Australian aviators will be assigned for a start to the coastal command of the Royal Air Force.

PREMIER'S MESSAGE

Prime Minister's Christmas Greetings of Both Mackenzie King and Manion

OTTAWA, Dec. 27.—In a Christmas message, Prime Minister William Lyon Mackenzie King said that Canadians could rejoice that they had seen with clear vision the message to humanity and that this nation was responding to the greatest need of mankind. "Peace and goodwill is the essence of our objective," he declared. Leader of the Opposition R. J. Manion expressed the hope that 1940 would see the achievement of "lasting and honorable peace."

FIRE AT TERRACE

Marsh Home, Later Occupied by Jack Spitzel, Destroyed

TERRACE, Dec. 27.—Jack Spitzel got out to safety just in time as fire completely destroyed his residence at three o'clock yesterday morning. The house was a large square building built in 1912 to accommodate the Anglican minister, Rev. T. J. Marsh, who had been appointed to the charge of the parish in the days when the railway was in construction. The materials used in the construction were taken from the hotel which stood near the wharf landing at Kitsumkalum during the many years when Marsh and his family lived there. A fine garden was developed. Some of the ornamental trees are badly charred today and the old house there is nothing left.

Another Sub Commander Is Given Honors

LONDON, Dec. 27.—Lieut. Commander E. D. Phillips of the small British submarine Ursula which last week raided a German naval base and sank a cruiser has been awarded the Distinguished Service Order and promoted to the rank of commander. Other officers of the Ursula are also decorated for their courage and daring.

EARTHQUAKE IN OTTAWA IS SEVERE

Heavy Loss of Life and Property Damage In Turkey In Asia

ANKHARA, Turkey, Dec. 27.—(CP)—Severe earthquake shocks rocked Ankara and Eastern Anatolia today, causing heavy loss of life and property damage. In this city numerous buildings were badly damaged and meagre reports indicate even worse effects elsewhere. In Switzerland a seismograph recorded what was described as the most terrific earthquake shock in twenty years.

War News

PROTEST IS DELIVERED Twenty-one nations of the Pan-American conference have delivered their protest to Germany, Great Britain and France at violation through naval action of the Pan-American neutrality safety zone.

XMAS QUIET BROKEN PARIS—The Christmas quiet on the Western Front was broken yesterday by German patrol activity east of the Moselle River. There was little actual fighting action however, the Nazi raiders being driven off by the French.

MORE SHIPS SUNK LONDON—A 2,400 ton British ship, which had left port only two hours previous, was torpedoed and sunk without warning off the west coast of England. Fourteen members of the crew are believed to have been lost. A Norwegian ship picked up some survivors. A Swedish ship was a victim of mines off the northeast coast.

XMAS ON THE LINES LONDON—Christmas was a great day along the front lines in France. There was special fare and entertainment for both British and French forces. Holiday edibles had been shipped by virtual mountain loads.

AIR FORCE CASUALTIES LONDON—Royal Air Force casualties in the war total 512. It is announced, with 380 known dead, since the outbreak of war. This does not include casualties in the air arm of the fleet.

JAPANESE ADVANCE SHANGHAI—The Japanese army announces troops invading Chinese Kwansi Province, smashing their way to the border of French Indo-China to cut Chinese supply lines.

TACOMA IS INTERNED MONTEVIDEO—The government of Uruguay has decided, it is reported, to intern for the duration of the war the German tanker Tacoma and crew which assisted the pocket battleship Graf Spee by acting as a supply ship and picking up the crew after scuttling. Armed guards are being placed on the ship and the crew taken to camp.

AIR MIGHT IS GREAT

Officially Announced That Great Britain is Four Times More Powerful Than in 1935

LONDON, Dec. 23.—(CP)—The Air Ministry discloses that Great Britain has a large secret reserve of fighting airplanes. The strength of the Royal Air Force is four times that of 1935.

COMMISSIONER NAMED

MELBOURNE, Dec. 27.—(CP)—Sir Thomas Glasgow has been appointed Australia's first high commissioner to Canada.

CRERAR IS IN OTTAWA

Canadian Delegate to Imperial Cabinet Minister's Meeting Returns Home

OTTAWA, Dec. 26.—(CP)—Hon. T. A. Crerar, minister of mines and natural resources, returned to Canada during the Christmas week-end from England where he represented Canada at a conference of Dominion cabinet ministers in regard to war effort. He said that Great Britain and France were profoundly grateful to Canada for its contribution to the Allied cause in the war. The same gratitude was felt in regard to the other Dominions and the colonies. The United Kingdom, Mr. Crerar declared, was better organized and equipped after the first few weeks of the present war than it had been at the end of the last. Co-operation between Great Britain and France was full and complete. "A fine looking bunch of fellows," said Mr. Crerar in commenting upon the airman British Columbia, Alberta and Saskatchewan had sent to the Royal Air Force. A session of the cabinet was held today to receive Mr. Crerar's report on his trip.

PRIZE SHIP IS THROUGH

German Steamer Duesseldorf Passes Panama From Chili to England

PANAMA, Dec. 27.—In charge of a British naval prize crew, the German steamer Duesseldorf, which was captured off the coast of Chili last week, passed through the Panama Canal and continued on to sea from Cristobal. A formal protest has been made to the Canal authorities at the vessel being allowed to pass. A breach of neutrality is claimed by Germany.

Old Country Soccer

BOXING DAY South A

- Clapton Orient 2, Charlton Athletic 7. Crystal Palace 0, Arsenal 3. Millwall 6, Southend 1. Norwich 3, Watford 2. Tottenham 0, West 1. Exhibition Barnsley 5, Burnley 1. Cardiff 2, Wolverhampton 5. Coventry 8, Notts County 2. Doncaster 2, Blackburn 1. Everton 2, Liverpool 1. Huddersfield 5, Sheffield United 0. Hull 0, Grimsby 0. Leeds 4, Bury 4. Lincoln 4, Mansfield 1. Manchester United 3, Manchester City 1. Newcastle 1, Middlesbrough 1. Northampton 5, Port Vale 1. Notts Forest 3, Leicester 1. Oldham 0, Stockport 0. Preston 1, Blackpool 1. Rochdale 2, Crewe 2. Rotherham 1, Bradford City 3. Stoke 1, Carlisle 3. Tranmere 6, Chester 3. South B Aldershot 3, Fulham 3. Bournemouth 2, Reading 1. York 3, Brighton 2. Queens Park 5, Portsmouth 2. Southampton 2, Brentford 3. Southwest Bristol City 1, Newport 3. Swindon 1, Bristol Rovers 1. Plymouth 1, Torquay 1. East Midland Sheffield Wednesday 2, Chesterfield 1. Midland West Bromwich Albion 3, Birmingham 0. Northeast Bradford 3, Halifax 0. Northwest Barrow 3, Accrington 3. Representative Match Football Leagues 3, All British team 2, at Wolverhampton.

Bulletins

CAPTAIN RIPPON DIES

VANCOUVER—Captain Thomas Rippon, marine superintendent of Canadian Pacific Steamships coast fleet, died in hospital here after a brief illness. Fifty-six years of age, he became an officer with the company in 1907 and served for several years between Vancouver and Northern British Columbia and Alaska ports. In 1916 he received his first command, the old Princess Beatrice. He served mostly on the Vancouver-Victoria-Seattle run until he was made superintendent five years ago.

JAP POLITICAL CRISIS

TOKYO—Premier Abe has received a resolution signed by 250 of 462 members of the Japanese House of Representatives asking the cabinet to "give serious consideration whether it should remain in power." At political crisis is developing in Japan over the question of international rights in Japanese-occupied China and the renewal of the treaty with United States.

SEARCH PILOT KILLED

ANCHORAGE—After a mother, her baby and two men had been reported safe after three days and nights in the frozen wilderness of central Alaska, search being prosecuted out of Anchorage for pilot Hans Mirov who had been unreported since Wednesday when a search flight ended in the finding of his crashed plane containing the bodies of Mirov and a passenger, Peter Ystad.

ESPIONAGE CHARGED

HALIFAX—Preliminary hearing of Allan Findlay, charged with violating defence of Canada regulations, ended with Magistrate R. E. Inglis reserving decision until Thursday. Bail of \$25,000 was returned for the twenty-five year old university lecturer who is accused of attempting to convey outside of Canada military information which might prejudice the security of the state by assisting Germany.

KILLED AT FISH PLANT

William Roberts, Employee of Fishermen's Cold Storage, Fatally Injured in Fall

William Roberts, 34, employee of the Northern Fishermen's Cold Storage, died at 11:50 Saturday night at the Prince Rupert General Hospital as a result of a fractured skull sustained at 4:15 that afternoon while employed at that plant when he fell twenty feet through a door to the dock floor below. He is survived by a widow and child. There were no eye-witnesses of the tragedy. Deceased had been carrying on his usual duties at the plant a few minutes before he was found in an unconscious condition by fellow employees on the dock evidently following the fall.

An inquest was commenced yesterday before Coroner A. J. Lancaster with jurors in the persons of G. J. Dawes, foreman, William Lambe, Arthur Phillips, Malcolm McLeod, J. C. Gilker and J. E. Davey. After viewing the body, the inquest was adjourned until this afternoon. The late Mr. Roberts was a native of Wales but had lived in Prince Rupert for many years and was well and favorably known. His widow is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Reg Clarke. The bereaved will have the sympathy of many friends.

The funeral was held this afternoon from the chapel of the B.C. Undertakers with Rev. E. E. Brandt, pastor of First Baptist Church, officiating. Miss Lois Judge presided at the organ and accompanied the hymn "Aberystwyth." Honorary pallbearers were L. J. Dell, Eugene Fitzpatrick, Gordon Moore, George Mitchell, Meth Davies and John Basso. Active pallbearers were Lewis Wide, Jack Wide, Frank Rodcliffe, Wilfrid Gardner, Norman Trimmer and Harry Hill.

RUSSIA IS OUTSMARTED

Germany Taking Advantage Of Finnish Situation To Obtain Concessions

BERLIN, Dec. 27.—(CP)—Germany is taking advantage of Russia's preoccupation in Finland to gain a number of concessions from the Soviet which it might have been impossible to obtain if the Red military forces had stood up to expectations. One of these concessions is in regard to railway traffic through Russian-occupied Poland. The standard gauge on Polish railways will be retained instead of changing to narrow gauge of the Soviet. This will facilitate the movement of goods from Roumania to Germany through Poland under the new trade agreement.

NEW MINES BEING LAID

Great New Field Entire Length of East Coast to Protect British Shipping

LONDON, Dec. 27.—The British answer to the sowing of German mines off the British coast is a five-hundred miles charted mine field from the Orkney islands to the Straits of Dover. The Admiralty announces that the mines will be laid in a strip thirty to forty miles wide eight miles offshore to guard coastal shipping. This will be in addition to three separate mine fields already in operation near the entrance of important ports on the east coast. As a defensive measure the new mine-fields have been established by Great Britain off the east coast of England and Scotland. Neutral shipping has been duly warned.

SPEAKS TO HIS EMPIRE

King George on Air Christmas Morning

LONDON, Dec. 27.—(CP)—An address by His Majesty, King George VI, featured a special Empire radio broadcast which was carried Christmas morning by the British Broadcasting Corporation and the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation. Accompanied by the Queen, the Princesses Elizabeth and Margaret Rose and the Duke of Gloucester, His Majesty, wearing the uniform of a field marshal, attended service in the village church at Sandringham Sunday morning. The King made his radio address from Sandringham Palace.

Hockey Scores

- NATIONAL LEAGUE Saturday Detroit 1, Toronto 5. Chicago 1, Rangers 7. Sunday Boston 3, Americans 2. Monday Chicago 3, Boston 6. Canadiens 1, Detroit 3. Toronto 1, Americans 4. PACIFIC COAST LEAGUE Sunday Vancouver 2, Portland 1. Monday Portland 4, Vancouver 10.

XMAS SEES PEACE MOVE FOR EUROPE

Roosevelt And Pope Lead In Steps To Make Yuletide Truce Permanent—Gestures Well Received

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 27.—(CP)—While an unofficial truce was in effect on the western front over Christmas, powerful influences seemed to be at work to make it permanent. An important development was announcement of the appointment of Myron C. Taylor as personal representative of President Franklin D. Roosevelt to the Vatican in the capacity of a peace ambassador. Coincidentally, Pope Pius, in a Christmas message to the world, dedicated efforts towards a lasting and honorable world peace and suggested a five-point plan. His Holiness vigorously condemned the invasion of Finland by Russia. The Pope's message was addressed directly to the Cardinals in Rome. All sane statesmen, His Holiness felt confident, would hold themselves in readiness to negotiate for peace and to bring an end to the present conflict on reasonable terms. His five points were independence for the individual nations, liberation from the slavery of armaments, correction of the faults of international organizations, just consideration of the interests of minorities and observance of Christian principles by statesmen and the people generally. People should be prepared to relinquish their selfish interests and embrace the principles of divine laws.

In New York Myron C. Taylor expressed himself as feeling greatly honored at being named personal representative of the President to the Vatican. The prospect of a conference with the Holy Father with the objective of world peace was "most inspiring." The cordiality of the neutral nations to the latest peace move was illustrated in Holland. The Amsterdam press gave the appointment of Taylor front page play describing it as an "important step in the direction of the establishment of a long term peace plan."

Protestant and Jewish leaders in the United States, whom Mr. Roosevelt said he would consult, accepted the President's newest peace move with enthusiasm. Not only was the western front in a lull over Christmas but no major losses at sea were reported over Christmas.

Allied Reaction LONDON, Dec. 27.—(CP)—The Allies welcomed the latest peace move of President Franklin D. Roosevelt of the United States and Pope Pius but both British and French officials expressed conviction that Germany would have to be defeated by force of arms before Hitlerism would be overthrown and a real foundation laid for peaceful negotiations.

Duke Of Windsor In Paris At Xmas

PARIS, Dec. 26.—(CP)—The Duke of Windsor, the former King Edward VIII, spent a Christmas leave from his duties at the front in Paris with the Duchess who is also engaged in war work.

BASKETBALL TONIGHT University of B.C., (Vancouver) vs. Standard Oil, (Prince Rupert) FIRST GAME—METLAKATLA vs. BABY OILERS—8 p.m. Dance at Moose Hall After Games