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## Great Britain's Aid To Finland Will Be No Mere Formality, Says British Premier In His Speech

War So Far Has Been "Merely Preliminary" To Main Struggle Yet To Come—Britain's Mastery of Sea Is Still Unimpaired and Country is Ready To Repel Any Invader From Air

LONDON, January 9.—Britons must be prepared to sacrifice their blood and their treasure if the forces of right are to prevail, Prime Minister Neville Chamberlain declared this afternoon in a speech at a Lord Mayor's luncheon at Mansion House. France and Great Britain, asserted Mr. Chamberlain, were as determined as ever to

al prestige.

The inexorable sea power of Great

the Prime Minister. Germany had

and today one could see how the

Poles were being treated. Their

Right Behind Finland

end German aggression and, with the sympathy of every democratic all history, following by the self- it impossible to accept a pronation in the world, victory would destruction of that ship, had not posal that 100,000 unemployed ultimately be won by the Allies. Mr. only cleared the South Atlantic of British be sent to France to Chamberlain's speech was not withparable damage upon German nav-

out its note of foreboding. In opening Prime Minister Chamberlain reiterated a statement he had several times made previously that he had hoped war might have onomic difficulties of the enemy Force united with the B. E. F. been averted at least in his time. But since it had come all his efforts. to do all he could, in conjunction with the dauntless French allies, to bring the war to a successful consubordinated to that end. All relaxation, personal feelings and interests would be so sunk as long as used brute force to conquer Poland he held office or until the war was brought to a successful culmination. He would not be deflected from this food was being carried off and they responsibility to fight for what he were being shot or left to starve, felt to be right no matter what the difficulties might be. This was a. duty of all as never before because liberty and justice to all mankind Finland which was being attacked were at stake. It was a matter of by the nation with which Germany TO KEEP the King's subjects were coming which was now following its exfrom all parts of Empire on their ample. "Finland is fighting against own free will to take part in the forces as unscrupulous and as vio-

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powerful weapons of destruction, sustained more casualties than have said that farmers can help the serted here today that the British powerful weapons of destruction, sustained more casualties than have said that farmers can help the serted here today that the British powerful weapons of destruction, sustained more casualties than have said that farmers can help the serted here today that the British powerful weapons of destruction, sustained more casualties than have said that farmers can help the serted here today that the British powerful weapons of destruction, sustained more casualties than have said that farmers can help the serted here today that the British powerful weapons of destruction, sustained more casualties than have said that farmers can help the serted here today that the British powerful weapons of destruction, sustained more casualties than have said that farmers can help the serted here today that the British powerful weapons of destruction, sustained more casualties than have said that farmers can help the serted here today that the British powerful weapons of destruction. hind their defences. There has been war. Everything possible is being by fighting. the sound of guns from time to time done by us to carry relief to the Recruiting began yesterday at but no general engagement. No scene of the disaster. We are their depots throughout the Dominion. one knows how long this will last." friends and wish to give all our

## Only Sea War So Far

It was only on the sea as yet that 'ed sums of money." air where gallant and daring men Britain and France in every aspect were daily playing their part with of war-military, political, financial reconnaissances across the sea and and economic. This co-operation over the enemy's territory and wa- was proving so valuable that, even ter. They were running the gaunt- when war was over, there would be let of fire from the ground and no desire to give it up. In passing, aerial combat.

Mr. Chamberlain said he was sorry "In the air, as on land, however, to hear that Premier Daladier had we know that what is now happen-| suffered an accident this morning. ing is only preliminary to the main Everyone in this country would struggle. So far the results, I am wish him a speedy recovery. On sure, have not been unsatisfactory, several occasions now he (M. Dal-The oceans of the world have been adier) had expressed with clarity swept clear of German shipping, and eloquence the spirit of the The German fleet has lost by sink- French people and their determining or scuttling 228,000 tons and the ation to reach the aims to which Communist Deputies Expelled From rest of it is either bottled up in the Allies had set themselves no foreign ports or in the Baltic. At- matter what the sacrifices or hardtacks on our fleet have been exten- ships might be. In France, as in sive but have so far produced but Great Britain, there was complete meagre results. If we subtract the unanimity in the face of national of the enemy from danger. our own, we have lost but 122,000 Mr. Chamberlain said that the tons. Every day there are sailing to union with France may become s and fro over the world no less than valuable that "neither of us can shipping million tons of our merchant give it up," adding that "it migh shipping. True we have lost two even develop into a wider and deeplarge warships and a certain num- er union because there is nothing ber of smaller ships but our com- which could do more to precipitate mand of the sea is unimpaired.

The defeat of the Graf Spee in one of the finest naval actions in

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GORT HONORED PARIS-The French Legion d'Honneur was today conferred upon General Viscount Gort.

OFFER NOT ACCEPTED LONDON-Great Britain finds that raider but had inflicted irre- work in war industries there.

AIRFORCE COMMAND LONDON- The war cabinet recommended that Royal Air Britain was now increasing the ecand her difficulty of carrying on in France be placed under R. A. the war. These difficulties were F. command, thus forestalling had been and would continue to be very evident in the minds of Ger- any move to give control to the man leaders as indicated by their army. This was one of the is-Christmas messages to the people. | sues on which Right Hon. Hore-One could not fail to observe how Belisha is reported to have difclusion. Every thing else was being easily and rapidly evil things would fered with other ministers, prior spread if not checked, continued to his resignation.

> LULL IN FIGHTING HELSINGFORS-A high Finnish official said today that the lull prevailing on all fronts indicated that the invading Russian forces were "momentarily exhausted" and were gathering strength for a new assault. Mr. Chamberlain then turned to

# great struggle which lay ahead in lent as those against which we are

the firm conviction that an end fighting. She is fighting for the Premier Of Quebec Asks Dommust be put to the German policy same things-liberty and justice. inion To Suspend Recruiting of constant aggression. Even more We have the utmost admiration for In Rural Districts of Province valuable was the moral support and her valor. She needs our sympathy

unanimous approval of the cause. and aid and that valiant people MONTREAL, Jan. 9: (CP)—Pre- U-Boat Sinking can rely upon it that our response mier J. Adelard Godbout said yesa fateful one in the history of the to that resolution of the League at terday that he has asked the world," continued the Prime Min- Geneva will be no mere formality. Dominion authorities to suspend Great Britain, According to Paris her guns and claims to have hit ister. The course of war to date he "Another friend to whom our recruiting campaigns in Quebec considered as a "quiet before the sympathy goes out at this time," rural districts because of the storm. We are at war. Vast num- said Mr. Chamberlain, "is Turkey necessity of keeping young farbers of men, armed with the most, which, by flood and earthquake, has mers upon the land. The Premier

# sympathy and help. Great Britain

LONDON, Jan. 9: (CP)- Great, shipbuilding program is expected to Hore-Belisha To be extended soon. Provision may Hore-Belisha To be made for the carrying out

Chamber of Deputies During Uproar

paris, Jan. 9: (CP)—A fight between rightist members and First Division a handful of former Communist deputies marked a riotous Gets 'Xmas Mail beginning of the 1940 session of the French Parliament. The session was suspended during an expelled the fighters.

## BATTLE IS BOMBERS GREAT ONE ARE BUSY

Climax of Biggest Single Military Engagement Since World War

he destruction of the 44th. Russian Division by the Finns on the British Sank German Submarine, central front in the Russo- Yesterday With Some Casualties Finnish war is described as the culmination of the greatest single eas seen since the First Great War. It came as the climax of a one Danish ship bombed and six-day battle. The Finns closed in sunk as German warplanes are on the Soviet force from three reported to have attacked eleven sides and virtually wiped them out. The division consisted of Crowds on the cliffs of the some fourteen thousand men of northwest Scottish coast saw a whom one thousand were taken bomb hit the stern of an uniprisoners.

Thousands of terrified Russians, sank in about three hours. The facing death or capture, are aim- crew was rescued by nearby lessly roaming the bleak regions vessels. east of Suomassalmi in central Finland as a result of the destruc- tary sources reported that Brition of the division. The Finns are tish forces sank a submarine on reported rounding up the fleeing Monday but did not give the lo-Russians or annihilating them as cation of the action. The vessel the rout continues. Great numbers are doomed to death on account of the extreme cold and others are dying of starvation.

## Is Resumed After Quiet On Monday

little, if any, activity on the West- ships and, as far as is known, ern Front Monday. "Nothing of only one man was slightly injured. importance to report," said a A fifth ship, however, sustained French communique. Today, how- some damage. ever, there was renewal of patrol Ten men were reported injured | Vessel Gees Down In North Sea | terested in the scheme a committee FARMERS posts west of the Vosges Moun- after pursuit planes had driven the standard athough damaged the standard attribution to the standard attribution the standard of the standard o

# Paris Hears Of

Reports, Disposes of Another Nazi Undersea Craft

PARIS, Jan. 9: (CP)-It was as-

## Today's Exchange

United States funds- Buying. spot, 10 percent premium; selling, spot, 11 percent premium. Sterling funds - Buying, spot, \$4.43; selling, spot, \$4.47.

Will Speak Next Week in Regard DELAY IN

LONDON, Jan. 9: (CP)-Rt. Hon. Leslie Hore-Belisha, at the opening of the session of Parliament on January 16, is expected tomakean official statement in regard to his retirement as Secretary of War. Prime Minister Neville Chamberlain will probably make a reply.

hour-long uproar which followed first Christmas mail from home for pects without trial. President to salute the army. The ushers | ing distributed today. Parcels and measure to the Supreme Court for market was unchanged today at letters were eargerly received.

## of Russian Division Was German Aircraft More Active Today With British Ships As Their Prey

Watched Combat

LONDON, January 9: (CP)-Thirty-three men were wounded, mostly by machine gun fire and ships off Britain's coast today. dentified Danish vessel, which

At the same time French milion which casualties occurred, was a lightship which was machine-runned intermittently for half an hour. None of the attacked vessels were identified.

LONDON, Jan. 9: - German and Canadian experts on the St. bombing planes and British pur- Lawrence waterway said: "The suit ships were more active today! discussions resulted in the clarithan for some time with several, fication of various engineering British ships being attacked. Two and financial problems involved. of the British ships were attacked. off the east coast of Scotland and two off the south coast of Eng-1777 PARIS, Jan. 9: (CP)-There was land. No damage was done to these,

French military authorities said, tacked by enemy planes. The ship German patrols attacked advance was still afloat although damaged!

An unnamed British tanker has in the North Sea with a German AXIS MAY bombing plane. The tanker used the plane. The tanker itself was hit but was able to make port and there were no casualties.

ing Is Later Heard

DUNDEE, Jan. 9:-Two uniden Russia. tified aircraft flew over the Firth of Tay, on which Dundee is locat-led, today. They were driven off by British pursuit planes and later TO TRAIN firing could be heard but the re-, sult was not immediately made

Question Of Bill Passed By Dail Last Week-Question Referred To Supreme Court For Ruling

DUBLIN, Jan. 9: (CP)- The mass round-up of Irish Republican ian aviation clubs have also been "Consideration given to the at least temporarily halted through question being raised as to the constitutionality of the special bill passed by the Dail last week pro-ALDERSHOT, Jan. 9: (CP)-The viding for the internment of susja ruling as to its legality.

## Use Of Elevator, Subsidy Of Ocean Shipping, City Manager Important Points

Were Outstanding Matters Dealt With By Chamber of Commerce Last Year, Presidential Reports Shows—Progress Made By Industries

"Perhaps the three matters of greatest importance which were dealt with during the last year concerned the resumption of operations by the local grain elevator, the matter of a subsidized steamship service from this port to the United Kingdom and the question of city managership for the city," said the report of J. T. Harvey, retiring

Chamber of Commerce at the annual meeting last night. "We are glad to see the elevator again in use and we hope that this is merely the beginning of renewed and greater use to which this asset will be placed.

"A great deal of work was done by the board during the year in its efforts to obtain a subsidized steamship service from Prince Rupert to the United Kingdom. The efforts finally met with success and a subsidy was granted and a contract entered into with a Vancouver shipping company by the Dominion government to provide such a at the conclusion of a two-day service. Unfortunately just as operation was about to commence, the

JOINT MEETING

tive Magnuson announced here

that the Canadian-Alaska High-

way Commissions will be hold-

ing a joint meeting in Ottawa

ST. LAWRENCE WATERWAY

discussion between United States

OTTAWA-A statement issued

on January 24.

WASHINGTON- Representa-

And Twenty Members of Crew Believed Lost

LONDON, Jan. 9: (CP)-The Brioff the east coast but the two in the North Sea at the week-end by proposing appropriate legisla-Henkels fled when their fire was after striking a mine. Twenty mem- tion at the next sitting of the Legisreturned by the vessel which was bers of the crew are missing and lature. probably lost.

This Seen As Result of Military Desence Alliance Between Italy And Hungary

as a result of the new defensive briefly as follows: Unidentified Planes Driven Away alliance between Italy and Hung- "Inquiries made as to whether From Dundee Today and Fir ary by which Italy pledges its Prince Rupert business men were support to Hungary in the event receiving a fair proportion of purof invasion by either Germany or chases made by Canadian National

Leave England Soon For Cana- | view. da Under New Schome

number of staff officers, techni- tuarial basis. in connection with the Empire n and out of Prince Rupert. aviation training scheme in Cana- "The installation at Digby Island da. Services of instructors and of a modern wave set, radio, phone technical men of Canadian civil- and new poles. accepted by the Canadian govern- Monkman Pass Highway, under

## BAR GOLD

LONDON, (CP)—The Montreal the refusal of some Communists | the First Canadian Division was be- Douglas Hyde has referred the price of bar gold on the London \$35.54 per fine ounce.

war broke out and it was found necessary to suspend the service for the time being. I urge that this matter continue to engage the attention of the board to the end that Prince Rupert may in the near future take its rightful place as a major world port. "The plan for a city manager form of government in Prince Rupert was originally sponsored by this Chamber of Commerce. After

the provincial government was inwas formed of representatives from this board and other bodies in the city. Following considerable work on the question that the govern-

"Two committees of the board which have been meeting regularly throughout the year and quietly doling a great deal of good work are , the marine committee and the radio committee. Improvements in marine markings and in radio reception in the city are a direct result of their efforts.

## Many Matters Taken Up

"A great many questions have been before the board for consideration throughout the year and LONDON, Jan. 9: (CP)-A break in order that this report man not in the Rome-Berlin axis is seen be too lengthy I will list them

Railways.

"The fixing of certain statutory holidays on Monday of each year. "Longer stopovers by Canadian Pacific and other vessels during their calls at Prince Rupert. "Inquiries as to whether the clos-

ing of the Government Telegraph office here was warranted and nec-Large Royal Air Force Staff To essary from an economic point of

"Recommendation to the federal government that its government OTTAWA, Jan. 9: (CP)-A large annuities be placed on a sound ac-

cal men and instructors of the "Advisability of recommending Royal Air Force will shortly leave that a daily passenger train service England for Canada for service during the summer be inaugurated

course of construction, and our endorsement of the scheme given. "The advisability of recommending that a northern man be added

to the Alaska-B. C. Highway Commission.

"Recommending to the Canadian (Continued on Page Four)

war might be said to be in full op- | Mr. Chamberlain referred to the eration. There had also been in the great co-operation between Great

the start of a peaceful reconstruc (Continued on Page Two)

# sympathy and help. Great Britain Great Britain To

Britain's already large wartime shipbuilding in Canadian yards.