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ws To Soviet, Accepting Terms More Harsh Than If She Had Not Fought At All

Fighting to End

A Finnish communique

shot down since Monday.

lomatic moves associated with the

The outstanding event earlier in

Early Reports

-Finnish War Thus Ends-Widespread Concessions Are Granted to Reds by Brave But Subjugated Nation

HOW FINLAND HEARD NEWS HELSINKI-The Finnish people received their first intimation that the war with Russia was

over from Russian and German radio broadcasts. Later Foreign Minister V. I. Tanner formally announced the news to his country in a radio broadeast. His voice was breaking with emotion. It may be some days before word reaches all the fronts that the war is over.

MOSCOW, March 13: (CP)—A peace Soviet-Finnish ending the Russo-Finnish war as from noon today signs upon the Balkans. n. Pacific Standard Time) and giving Russia far enter territorial gains in the choicest portions of Fin- agreement had been reached althan she had demanded before the war started, was though no treaty had been signed mel here last night between Premier and Foreign Min- and peace terms were not made

M. Molotov of Russia and Soviet - dictated negotiations ward,

there been in progress since ek. Finland bows to harsh eds of the Soviet, granting vital territorial concession he mouth of the Gulf of Finthe Arctic Ocean. She also to sign a non-aggression thin ten days.

the peace terms Russia gets the entire Karelian Isthmus includ-Mannerheim Line, the city Thuri, all the shores of Lake a thirty-year lease on estern Hanko Islands, known andland's Gibraltar, for payment of \$750,000, for use litary and naval bases, and the day was the announcement in orthern Sredni and Rybachi the Chamber of Deputies at Paris culas and use of the Petsamo by Premier Daladier of France for transportation on a duty that an Allied expeditionary force asis. Russia will take her of fifty thousand men was ready from the Arctic Petsamo for dispatch to the war in Finouth of ceded peninsulas. land with a transport fleet standof eastern Finland also go to ing ready to carry troops immedi-Finnish troops are to be ately following a request for such from the frontiers by March aid by the Helsinki government. It the peace terms involve vir- was emphasized that Great Britain emilitarization with Finland and France could not aid Finland allowed to have no warships, unless asked directly to do so berines or fighting planes in cause of the opposition of Norway rctic Ocean. The dismember- and Sweden. Daladier warned Hartion is left wit honly Soviet ri Holma. Finnish minister to htees of security in what re- France, that the Allies could not

assume responsibility for Finland's is ends the 104-day war which post-war territorial status unless Russia casualties running into Helsinki appealed for aid. thousands of men as well as The British government, the two hundred planes and 1500 Foreign Office disclosed yesterday, Finnish losses were prin- had sent a number of communito the civilian population cations to Finland offering assisgreat damage to cities and tance on an enlarged scale. through aerial bombings. ng other things, under the A variety of reports concernin

arrangement. Russia will the status of Moscow peace negotiaa railway across Finland tions reached London from various the Leningrad-Murmansk sources last night before the offiay to the Gulf of Bothnia. cial Moscow communique announalso be other new tran- ced the signing of the treaty at 2:-

new Russo-Finnish boun- Corporation will commence thirty miles Stockholm observer stated that an

TO LAUNCH OFFENSIVE

Fascist Editor Says Germany is About to Open Up On Allies

ROME, March 13 .- Following the visit of German Foreign Minister Joachim von Ribbentrop, Virginio Gayda, authorative Italian editor, hinted that Germany intended soon to unleach a terrific offensive by land and air against the Allies. Gayda also said that he had information that Russia had no de-

public. Reuters stated that peace agreement rumors were unfound-Risto Ryti, thus culminat- west of Viipuri and run northeast- ed. Havas quoted reliable sources in Helsinki to the effect that Russia was ready to make concessions last to Finland regarding Soviet-occunight, prior to announcement of pied Finnish district of Petsamo the treaty, said that the Russians where the International Nickel Co were keeping up unrelenting pres- has large holdings.

sure on the northwest shore of Finnish officials in Helsinki said Viipuri Bay and "succeeded in ad- last night that Parliament, which vancing a little in some places." was to pass on any terms with Elsewhere the Russians were re- Russia, had not taken any action pulsed, the Finns claiming that up to early evening. It was indicafifteen Russian planes had been ted that a secret session of Parliament would be held later last The fighting continued despite night or today but officials would the various negotiations and dip- not comment on this possibility.

A "SELL-OUT"

conflict and its possible settlement ... Even after the official Moscow announcement, it was stated in official Helsinki circles that there had been no confirmation from the Finnish delegation to Moscow of the signing of the treaty. Nor would the treaty be binding upon Finland until it had been ratified by Parliament. There was talk of a "sell out" to Moscow without sanction of Parliament which might refuse to ratify the harsh terms and defy Russia, Undoubtedly some members of the Finnish cabinet will resign in protest at the arrange-

News of the peace treaty was re-

ceived with mixed feelings in London. There was gratification some quarters at the bringing to an end of an unequal contest with resentment, however, with an aggressor nation once more by virtue of sheer power getting away with spoils on terms which Great Britain had officially felt to be onerous. It was also realized that peace would allow Russia, weakened though she might be for time, by the strain of the Finnish campaign, to give economic support to Germany in the war against the Allies. A semi-official Bri-A British Broadcasting tish statement observed that it + was an instance of victory for brutal aggression against a small

ut valiant neighbor." Hitler of Germany and not Stalin of Russia was seen by many observers as the real although indirect victor, For Der Fuehrer it might be regarded as a tremendous diplomatic victory. As for Russia her military record, as result of the Finnish campaign,

had been badly tarnished. Berlin received news of the treaty with delight, seeing in it crushing reverse for Allied diplo-

In Copenhagen one Danish newspaper said that the peace conditions eventually would "bring pain; far beyond Finland's border."

Sweden, saved at least temporarily from the possibility of becoming a battleground, received news of the peace treaty gravely and quietly.

Canadian Officer Dies At Aldershot

Lieut. H. R. Cory of Woodstock, New Brunswick, Accorded Military Honors

ALDERSHOT, March 13 (Canadian Press)-A full military funeral was accorded Lieut. H. R. Cory of Woodstock, New Brunswick, yesterday. He was killed by the explossion when a rifle he was handling jammed.

GREAT BRITAIN Prime Minister Neville Chamberlain told the British House of Commons today, in announcing the termination of the Russo-Finnish war, that Finland had agreed to Russian terms because she felt it was to her best interests to do so. Great Britain and France had furnished great help to Finland during the war and had been ready to give more had it been asked. The House cheered loudly when Mr. Chamberlain said: "The people of this country will be united in their sympathy for Finns in the position in which they find themselves and in admiration of their courage." The government decision not to give large scale aid until Finland made an appeal for it was at-

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former war secretary.

tacked by Leslie Hore-Belisha,

In Berlin it was predicted that, following the outcome of the Russo-Finnish war. Turkey and other smaller nations which have been leaning towards the Allies may change their attitude. Vice-Chancellor Herman Goering declared that plans of western powers to squeeze Germany by spreading the war northwards had definitely failed.

SWEDEN

The Swedish press branded the Russo - Finnish settlement as a "peace of violence" and demanded immediate increase in the defences of that country. Some Swedish politicians felt that the peace had been forced upon Finland under threat of war of total extinction. The Russo - Finnish peace "brings no relief to Sweden. for the danger is not past." Foreign Minister Christian Guenther said in a broadcast tonight.

ITALY Virginio Gayda, authoritative Fascist editor, said that the Russo-Finnish war had ended with "honor to Finland and notable success to Russia." Nothing like it, however, could occur within the sphere of Italian influence, Gayda declared.

In Cabinet Of Ontario

+ Premier Mitchell Hepburn an- + 4 Nixon, provincial secretary, 4 executed. who resigned a couple of days ago out of protest at the Prem- + + ier's attitude on federal mat-+ + ters, had reconsidered his resignation and was returning to the cabinet.

+ inet at which other ministers + * renewed pledges of loyalty to * + Premier Hepburn.

Bulletins

ASSASSINATION IN INDIA LONDON-Sir Michael O'Dwyer, former Lieutenant Governor of the Punjab, was shot dead at a meeting of the India Association by an Indian gunman who also wounded Lord Zetland, Secretary of State for India, and

RE-ELECT MAYOR SEATTLE-Arthur B. Langlie was re-elected mayor of Seattle with 59,000 votes yesterday, a majority of 19,000 over Warren L. Cook. Robert Jones, West Seattle merchant, replaces Counci man DeLacy. Harry C. Kane was elected mayor of Tacoma in a close contest.

NAVAL BILL PASSED WASHINGTON- The Senate vesterday approved the Vinson \$600.000,000 naval expansion bill providing for an eleven percent increase in naval strength. The pregram includes twenty-one new cruisers and 1000 new naval airplanes.

WESTERN FRONT PARIS-Sperdy German pursuit planes again flew low over the Maginot Line yesterday. There was reconna ssance activi'y both on land and air by both

STOP GOODS BY PACIFIC LONDON-Hon, Ronald Cross, min's'er of economic warfare, announces that the government is considering measures to prevent shipments of supplies to Germany from United States v'a Vladivostok and Tokyo.

IRISHMEN SENTENCED for participation in the ammunition raids here last December.

RETURNING MONEY TORONTO-Now that the Russo-Finnish war is over. Senator Arthur Meighen announces that some \$60,000 raised by the Finnish Aid Committees, of which he is chairman, to finance sending 2000 volunteers to Finland will be returned to the donors as it is not needed.

MAPLE LEAFS WIN VANCOUVER- Maple Leafs defeated Tookes 47 to 36 in senior basketball last night and won the city title.

HOCKEY EVENED UP TRAIL-Nelson Maple Leafs evened up the West Kootenay Hockey League Final series with Trail Smoke Eaters last evening by winning 4 to 2. Each team has now won a game.

MEDIATE MAJOR WAR WASHINGTON-It is suggested that settlement of the Russo-Finnish war may lead to renewed efforts by President Franklin D. Roosevelt of the United States to mediate the war between the Allies and Germany.

ANOTHER PURGE STARTS MOSCOW-The Premier and all members of the puppet government for Finland which was set up by Russia at the frontier at the start of the Russo-Finnish + nounced last night that Harry + | war are reported to have been

> ITALO-GERMAN AGREEMENT ROME - Italy and Germany signed an agreement today whereby the Reich agrees to supply Italian coal needs by rail on account of the Allied sea blockade against boat shipments. Details of the agreement are with-

Judge W. E. Fisher returned to the city on the Prince George this morning from a trip to Vancouver.

Fighting Stops But News Of Peace Brings No Joy To Finland Women Weep And Crowds Silent

HELSINKI, March 13.— Weary Finland, lacking weapons and skeptical of foreign offers of help, ended the bitter struggle against Russia by yielding more soil and economic and military independence than was demanded before the war. At 11 a.m. today the army stopped fighting, gloomy silence settling over the battlefields. Beginning Friday the Finnish troops will retreat at the rate of seven kilometres a day to the narrow-'ed frontiers fixed by the treaty, a pact that is still to be ratified by the Finnish Diet within three

It was officially announced that War Minister Juho Niuukanen and Education Minister Uuno Hannula had resigned from the government because they were opposed to accepting the Russian terms.

News of the peace brought no joy to the Finnish people. Crowds huddled around the public radios and many women wept. Vaino Tanner disclosed the terms to the Finnish people in a radio address today declaring that the Finns were forced to capitulate because, though the Allies offered assistance, the "only possible route was through Norway and Sweden who refused to let the troops through."

Louisiana City Tornado Swept

Eight Persons Killed and Widespread Damage Done in Shreveport

SHREVEPORT, Louisiana, March 13-Eight persons were killed, homes were wrecked and wide-DUBLIN-Three Irishmen have spread damage done by a sudden been sentenced to terms of 80 mile tornado which virtually twelve years' imprisenment each wrecked the Ingleside suburban Rupert. The names are arranged portion of this city yesterday. There were also fatalities and damage elsewhere in Louisiana and Texas, the death list totalling at leas' ten.

WEATHER FORECAST

General Synopsis-The pressure appears low over the British Columbia coast and relatively high over Southern British Columbia. The weather has been unsettled and showery on the coast.

West Coast of Vancouver Island-Fresh to strong south to southeast winds, cloudy and mild with occasional rain.

Music Students Pass In Exams

Toronto Conservatory of Music Announces Results of Theory Tests

The following is a list of successful candidates in theory examinations held recently by the Toronto Conservatory of Music in Prince in order of merit:

> GRADE IV. Harmony

Pass-Patricia McClymont. Counterpoint Pass—Jean M. Derry

> GRADE III. Harmony

Pass-Joyce Gawthorne; William

GRADE II.

First Class Honors-Marie Nickerson; Dorothy Kergin; Audrey

GRADE I.

First Class Honors-Ruth M. Wal-

Hon. T. D. Pattullo Senator J. H. King



Speaking in Support of

Olof Hanson

And The

Liberal Party

Chairman: DR. W. T. KERGIN.

Moose Hall 8:00 -

Consistency—Thou Art a Jewel!

N the last provincial election the Conservatives made a strong point of the fact that the Honorable T. D. Pattullo, the Liberal andidate, resided in Victoria. He had in fact lived in Prince Supert for years, was a member of the first City Council and ily removed to Victoria when he was taken into the Cabinet.

These same Conservatives have nominated and are solicitour support for a Vancouver lawyer, known to very few of us.

Has the Conservative party changed its principles as well

VOTE FOR HANSON

Skeena Federal Liberal Association of Prince Rupert, B.C.