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Weather Forecast

Prince Rupert and Queen Charlotte Islands—Fresh to strong southeast winds, unsettled and mild with rain.

C.N.R. TRAINS	
For the East—	
Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays	6 p.m.
For the West—	
Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays	11 p.m.

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Spread of Finnish War Now Looms

MANY ARE ARRESTED IN PRAGUE

Thousands of Czechs Are Taken Into Custody On Espionage Charges

PRAGUE, Jan. 3: (CP)—Arrests of nearly one thousand former Czechoslovak army officers, two journalists and several members of the Skoda munitions works central office are disclosed. Authorities said that the arrests had been made on suspicion of having given Poland information on the movement of German troops during the invasion. Skoda employees are suspected of stealing plans for munitions manufacture.

MORE RAIN IN TURKEY

Floods In Earthquake Zone Become Even Worse With 1200 Persons Losing Lives

FURTHER QUAKES

ANKHARA—A new earthquake is reported to have levelled ten villages in the Yozgad area, adding to Turkey's earthquake damage of last week as the River Euphrates broke its banks, spreading terror in that region of southern Anatolia. There is panic in the Yozgad area owing to the shocks. Hundreds of buildings have collapsed. The death toll, however, is expected to be slight. The Euphrates floods are expected to increase the estimated dead to 46,200 in the combined disasters.

ANKHARA, Turkey, Jan. 3: (CP)—Further torrential rains Monday caused new havoc in earthquake-stricken Turkey, swelling flood waters which are believed to have caused at least 1200 deaths in addition to earthquake casualties. Meantime latest estimates from the Anatolia earthquake disaster of last week place the dead at 45,000, the injured at 100,000 and the homeless at 500,000.

CANADIANS DECORATED

Distinguished Flying Crosses For Pair In Recognition of Valor In War Action

LONDON, Jan. 3: (CP)—The Air Ministry announces that the Distinguished Flying Cross has been awarded to two Canadian fliers in recognition of valorous services in aerial warfare. One is Squadron Leader John Griffiths of Welland, Ontario, and the other Pilot Officer Selby Henderson of Winnipeg. Both participated in daring action against the enemy.

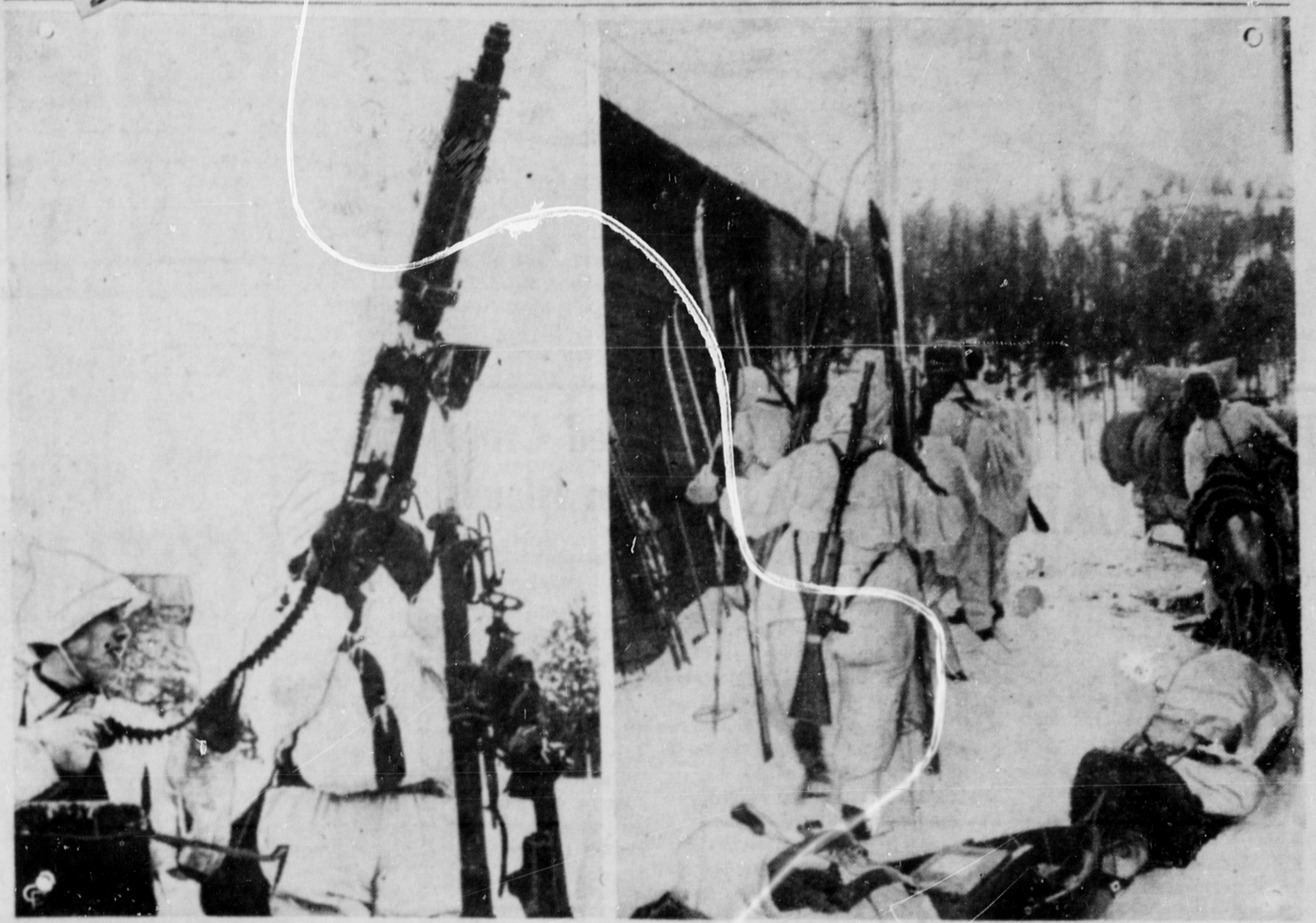
NAVAL MEN PROMOTED

Lieut. Commander H. W. S. Soulsby, At Present Here, Becomes Commander

OTTAWA, Jan. 3: (CP)—Lieut. Commander W. B. L. Holmes of H. M. S. Restigouche has been promoted to the rank of commander and has been placed in charge of naval instruction at the Royal Military College at Kingston, it is announced.

Lieut. Commander H. W. S. Soulsby of the mine-sweeper Comox, based at Esquimalt and at present at Prince Rupert, has also been promoted to the rank of Commander.

DARING FINNISH SKI PATROLS SMASH RED INVADERS



One of the Finnish flying columns that have made life anything but pleasant for Soviet invaders in Northern Finland is shown, right, taking time out from a long ski trek. The light machine-gun man in the foreground carries on his back a standard equipment with the white-clad patrols that swoop down in surprise attacks on the Red troops. These ski troops are credited with the rout of the Red forces in Northern Finland this week. White-clad machine-gunners of the Finnish army, left, are shown operating an anti-aircraft gun in the Petsamo region, where the Finnish troops staged an amazing come-back, hurling the invading Russians back on all fronts.

Germany Is Talking Of Jumping In Actively On The Side of Russia

Suggests That Action of France and Great Britain May Spread Conflict—Norway and Sweden May Also Pile In

BERLIN, January 3: (CP)—The Russo-Finnish war gives evidence of spreading to other nations. Authoritative Nazis said today that Germany would be forced to take an active part in the war if France sends Alpine troops to Finland's aid. They declared that this was a military matter but did not say what form the assistance would take. Landing of French or British troops, it is argued here, would mean that the Allies are establishing a foothold in Finland, "thus spreading the war."

FINNS KILL MORE REDS

Another Russian Division is Threatened With Destruction

Huge Red Losses

Red Efforts To Cross Finland's Waistline Definitely Halted

LAKE KIANTI, Jan. 3: (CP)—Army lumberjacks on skis are pursuing hungry and freezing remnants of a scattered Soviet division into a wilderness of forest and snow near the central Finnish-Russian border following the battle near Lake Kianti which the Finns won. Thousands of Russians were left dead following the greatest single battle of the war.

SUBMARINE WAS SEEN

But No Attack Was Made on First Canadian Division Transport

LONDON, Jan. 3: (CP)—During the transport of the second contingent of the First Canadian Division of troops for overseas service from Canada to England, a submarine was sighted, it was disclosed yesterday, but there was no attack. A destroyer in the convoy, on sighting the submarine, dropped a depth charge but there was no indication whether or not it took effect on the U-boat.

CABINET SHUFFLE

Changes Expected in French War Administration—Daladier Meets Gamelin

PARIS, Jan. 3: (CP)—Premier Edouard Daladier of France conferred yesterday with General Maurice Gamelin, commander-in-chief of the Allied forces. In French political circles the possibility of a cabinet shuffle is being discussed. A major debate in the Chamber of Deputies next week is expected.

EIRE HAS ROUND UP

Active Steps Against I.R.A. Expected to Follow Special Session of Dail Today

DUBLIN, Jan. 3: (CP)—A mass round-up of the outlawed Irish Republican Army is expected to follow a special session of the Dail which opened today for the express purpose of considering the taking of measures to repress the organization whose activities in the way of demonstrations were taken to guard against disorders during the session of the Dail.

Seven alleged members of the Irish Republican Army were arrested yesterday in connection with the theft of munitions from a magazine in Phoenix Park just before Christmas. A considerable quantity of the stolen arms and ammunition has by now been recovered.

Western Front Is More Active

Artillery, Patrols and Aircraft Were Busy Today

PARIS, Jan. 3: (CP)—There was renewed artillery activity by both sides on the Western Front today. There was also patrol and aerial activity.

War News

U-BOAT ATTACKS SWEDES

NEW YORK—Mackay radio has picked up an "S.O.S." message from the Swedish steamship Kiruna saying that she had "been fired upon by a U-boat, sinking slowly and require assistance." She gave her position as about five hundred miles north of the Azores. Meantime another Swedish ship, Svarton, 2475 tons, is reported torpedoed by a submarine off the northeast coast of Scotland with twenty of the crew missing.

ITALY WATCHING

ROME—Italy is watching carefully any move on the part of either Russia or Germany to move into the Balkans. Such a movement would possibly bring Italy into the conflict.

NAZIS DRIVEN OFF

PARIS—There was anti-aircraft fire in Paris last night as Nazis planes were reported attempting to reach the French capital. However, they were driven off.

TACOMA TAKEN OVER

MONTEVIDEO—The German freighter Tacoma, which sailed a few miles down the River Plate from here on New Year's Day after having been given an ultimatum to leave or submit to internment, has had her Nazi battle flag taken down and a Uruguayan guard crew has taken charge of the vessel. She must remain here for the duration of the war.

ACHILLES AT BUENOS AIRES

MONTEVIDEO—The British cruiser Ajax, flagship of Rear Admiral Sir Henry Harwood, entered Montevideo today under special permission from Uruguay for a 48-hour visit. The Achilles has entered Buenos Aires for a similar stay for refuelling and provisioning.

Bulletins

PATTULLO GOING EAST

VICTORIA—Premier T. D. Pattullo plans to leave next Monday for Ottawa. He will discuss land settlement with federal authorities and will also be in the Dominion capital at the time of a meeting on January 11 of both Canadian and American sections of the Alaska Highway Commission.

BEAUTY RETURNS

FOLKESTONE, Eng.—Soldiers are today guarding the return of Unity Valkyrie Freeman-Mitford, Lord Redesdale's daughter, whose Nordic beauty is said to have charmed Hitler. Unity became ill in Munich before the outbreak of war. The London Evening News asserted she is to be operated on for a gunshot wound in the throat. Other reports say Hitler personally arranged the return of the girl.

UN-AMERICAN REPORT

WASHINGTON—The Congressional un-American activities committee delivered a fifteen hundred word report on a fifty-two year investigation today. The report declared that not more than a million Americans were seriously affected by subversive activities which were now declining because of the international situation.

SMALLER U-BOATS

Important Change in German Naval Policy is Reported

BERLIN, Jan. 3: (CP)—Havas News Agency reports that Germany is abandoning the building of large submarines and is now building a fleet of small U-boats of from 150 to 200 tons. It will be possible to turn the small undersea craft out much more quickly but they will have the disadvantage of being able to stay at sea no longer than five days at a time.

MINNEAPOLIS APARTMENT HOUSE FIRE FATAL FOR EIGHTEEN EARLY TODAY

Holocaust in Prairie Metropolis This Morning—Caused By Boiler Explosion—Flames Appeared Simultaneously in Three Places

MINNEAPOLIS, January 3: (CP)—At least eighteen persons were killed when an early morning fire ravaged the Marlborough Apartment Hotel here today. Morgue-keeper John Anderson said that four hours after the fire seventeen bodies were in his morgue and there was at least one more in hospital. Only a few of the victims were identified.

Relations Strained

STOCKHOLM, Jan. 3: (CP)—Diplomatic strain between Soviet Russia and Estonia is reported here. Estonia, it is said, is reluctant to be drawn into war against Finland, her neighbor across the Baltic Sea.

SABOTAGE AT TRAIL

This Was Allegedly Plan of Three Enemy Aliens Now Being Held At Nelson

NELSON, Jan. 3: (CP)—Sergeant C. W. A. Barwis of the provincial police said last night that three enemy aliens, whose identity was not divulged, were being held by the authorities following seizure of correspondence aimed at sabotage of the Consolidated Mining & Smelting Co. plant at nearby Trail.

NORWAY HAS LOST MOST

Twenty-Four Ships Have Been Sunk in War at Sea With Loss of 99 Lives

OSLO, Jan. 3: (CP)—Norway is believed to be the heaviest loser of the neutral nations from the war at sea. She has lost twenty-four ships since the war began and 99 of her sailors have been drowned or killed. Loss of the Norwegian freighter Lappen, 500 tons, on Christmas Day has been disclosed. She is believed to have been the victim of sabotage. A 1900-ton Swedish ship was also lost during the last few days, her crew of nineteen being rescued.

A Canadian soldiers' leave centre to be known as the Beaver Club is being organized in London by a special committee under chairmanship of Hon. Vincent Massey, Canadian High Commissioner. A reading room is being provided for the use of the troops. The Daily News will be on file there for the use of service men from this district who are in London.