G BACK ON VALONA

ned reports from the Albanian battlen forces had withdrawn from the and Tepelini. Another dispatch d that Greek occ. imminent. The Italians were fire to villages and war supplies lling back on Valona, eeks are, apparently, following the mal practice of delaying entrance until surrounding areas are opped up. Fascist troops, however, are said to dominate hights around Tepelini and Kilsura in position to fire on the reeks attempting entry. There is heavy snowfall all along Albanian front.

BRITAIN IS STILL QUIET

LONDON-The British Isles have had their longest perof rest from Nazi air raids since the major attacks comenced late in August. For forty-eight hours there have been alarms. There is speculation as to the cause—whether it because air bases on the French coast have been completely torganized by Royal Air Force pounding or whether some other eve is being prepared for. One Nazi bomber appeared in the einity of Dover yesterday and was shot down.

MAY EVACUATE TORBRUK NEXT

CAIRO-There were indications today that the Italians ight be preparing to abandon Torbruk. Their position at dly pounded Bardia has become untenable and withdrawal there is expected hourly. British airmen have brought on 100 Italian planes in Libya and Egypt within the last en days with loss of only five British planes.

GERMAN TROOPS IN ITALY

BELGRADE-Despite denials in Berlin and Rome of Gerin troop movements in Italy, the Columbia Broadcasting Co. respondent here says that Nazi troops have arrived at Tarto Turin and Trieste, ostensibly to be used to reinforce the dians in Egyptian and Libyan campaigns.

MANNHEIM BOMBED AGAIN

LONDON-With fires from previous raids still burning the important German industrial centre, the Royal Air Force nin bombed Mannheim for the third successive night. Milan Genoa in Italy were also attacked by the British. It apus now that the British move is to smash German-Italian mmunications.

BRITISH ORDERS O.K.'D

WASHINGTON-Secretary of the Treasury Henry Morgentoday revealed that President Franklin D. Roosevelt had therized the British purchasing mission in United States to go and with orders estimated at three billion dollars worth of r requirements. They could go up to the point of actual ming of contracts pending Congress' approval.

VICHY NOT DEVIATING

said today that France will not

deviate from its present policy

ever, that France will not re-

sign itself to having its vast

CAPTAIN LOST LIFE

LONDON - Capt. John Reid

went down with his ship, the

Western Prince, when it was

Sixteen lives in all were lost.

Fifty passengers and ninety-nine

members of the crew were saved.

GOT MERCHANTMAN

torpedo boat has sunk a 7,000-

ton armed German merchant-

dent to Hasten to Posts at

Rome and Vichy

WASHINGTON D.C., December 19

-President Franklin D. Roosevelt

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William D. Leahy, new ambassa-

dor to France, to proceed quickly

to Vichy in view of impending in-

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LONDON- A British motor

VICHY-An official spokesman

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Auction at Success

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xander And clair Are Discussed

DON, December 19: - The of Rt. Hon. A. V. Alexander, Ouilt For Queen Lord of the Admiralty, and for Air, are now being pro- Mary Accepted mentioned in connection he British ambassadorship United States.

CHICAGO WHEAT

With December closing at Mrs. Mercer of Petty Harbour, Nfld., throughout this province.

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Veto of Bill by Chief Executive Is Backed Up Overwhemingly By Congress

WASHINGTON D. C., December 19-United States Congress yesterday sustained, by overwhelming measure, President Franklin D. Roosevelt's veto of the Walter Logan bill. This is taken as a favorable omen for endorsation of the President's aid for Britain, pro-

Italian Crown Prince Is Free

Reports That Humbert Is In Custody Described As Grotesque

ROME, December 19 - Reports that Crown Prince Humbert of Italy is in custody are described here as grotesque.

War Secretary Anthony Eden Admits Arduousness of Waiting Away From Home

LONDON, Dec. 19: (CP)-- War Secretary Anthony Eden, emphasizing the importance of training to Canadian troops, told a luncheon that "Canadian forces in England have had to undergo a harder ordeal than any other troops in the British Commonwealth with this long period of waiting away from

Capt. Eden added: "I feel sure the Canadians will have their chance in battle but it would be foolish to speculate upon where and when.

western Prince, when it was torpedoed and sunk last week. ENVOY IS

Ambassador Grew Makes it Plain No More Trifling by Japan Will be Tolerated

TOKYO, Dec. 19 .- At a farewell luncheon here to the new ambassador to the United States on the eve of his departure for America, United States Ambassador Joseph C. Grew sounded a blunt warning to Japan that United States was prepared to back up her obligations and rights in the Orient, particularly in China, with decisive action. Mr. Grew assured Foreign Minister Matsuoko, after whom he spoke, that Japan would no longer be bothered with protests against violation of her interests in the Orient. He also made it clear that the United States was not satisfied with Japanese policy in the

Matsuoko had warned United States to keep out of the European war and not to interfere with Japan in the Orient, giving assurance that Japan would be loyal to the Axis obligations with Germany and Italy.

General Synopsis— A moderate disturbance appears to be ap- Reds Have Been Endeavoring To Gift From Newfoundland for Red proaching the Queen Charlotte Islands and the pressure is relative-Vero de West 19— Wheat LONDON, Dec. 19: (CP)— Queen ly high over the State of Utah. With D. Wheat Mary has accepted a quilt from a The weather is unsettled and mild

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NAZI AID TO ITALY

PROVINCIAL

Forces Moving Into Land of Fascists-German Transport Planes Carrying Reinforcements

BASLE, Switzerland, Dec. 19: (CP)—The newspaper Le Democrat reported "from good source in Zurich" that freight and civilian traffic had been suspended on the Brenner railway line to permit passage of German divisions on the way to Italy. This was, however, denied by Rome and Ber-

Meanwhile from Struga, YugoSlavia, came reports that a fleet of German transport planes was shuttling Italian reinforcements across the Adriatic to the Albanian frontier in an effort to halt the Greek counter-invasion. German pilots were said to be flying the huge Junkers machines sent after urgent pleas from Mussolini.

TODAY'S STOCKS

Vancouver Big Missouri, .05. Bralorne, 10.25. Cariboo Quartz, 2.25. Dentonio, .001/2A. Fairview, .58. Gold Belt. .28. Hedley Mascot, .56. Minto, .01. Noble Five, .001/4. Pend Oreille, 1.70. Pioneer, 2.10. Premier, .90. Privateer, .52. Reeves Macdonald, .15. Reno. .12. Relief Arlington, .023/4. Salmon Gold, .021/4. Sheep Creek, .85.

Cariboo Hudson, .021/2A. A. P. Con., .081/2. Calmont, .23. C. & E., 1.35. Home, 2.40A. Pacalta, .04. Royal Canadian, .08. Okalta, .70.

Mercury, .06A. Prairie Royalties, .07. Toronto

Aldermac, .15.

Beattie, 1.15. Central Pat., 1.88B. Con. Smelters, 38.00 7-8. East Malartic, 2.67. Fernland, .041/2. Francoeur, .401/2. Gods Lake, .381/2. Hardrock, 1.05. Int. Nickel, 33.001/2. Kerr Addison, 3.60. Little Long Lac, 2.07. McLeod Cockshutt, 2.30. Medsen Red Lake, .62. McKenzie Red Lake, 1.21. Noranda, 59.00. Pickle Crow, 2.76. Preston East Dome, 3.40. San Antonio, 2.60. Sherritt Gordon, .81. Uchi, .35. Bouscadillac, .023/4. Mosher, .07. Oklend, .08. Smelters Gold, .001/2. Dominion Bridge, 26.001/4.

Sabotage British Defences, Beven Charges

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Situation In Egypt Developing Satisfactorily; Vigilance Given As Watchword For Britons

SHIPS TO BRITAIN

Sale of Sixteen by United States Consummated - Twenty-Four More Shortly

WASHINGTON D.C., December 19 -Sale was announced last night by the United States Maritime Commission of sixteen United States freighters to Great Britain for \$3.295,800. The total tonnage of the sixteen versels is 147,000. A deal is about to be consummated with Great Britain for another twenty-four shims.

Delivery of these ships to Great Britain will act as a stop gap pending the implementation of President Roosevelt's plan for leasing of shirs and arms to Great Britain. The New York Herald Tribune reported yesterday that the United States government planned to take over thirty Danish ships interned in United States ports and turn them over to Great Britain.

SHIPS ARE TORPEDOED

Three Vessels Believed to Have Been Sent to Bottom by Nazis Yesterday

LONDON, December 19-Torpedoing of the 10,000-ton Dutch tanker Hendrick, the 9,860 ton Norwegian tanker Dalfjord and the 10,699 ton British freighter Napier Star, all to the north of Scotland, is reported.

Crown Princess At White House

Juliana is Guest at Washington of Wife of United States President

WASHINGTON D.C., December 19 -Crown Princess Juliana of Holland has arrived here from Canada for a three-day visit at the White House as the guest of Mrs. Franklin D. Ronosevelt.

Woman's Energies Re-Opened Church

Incident In Connection With Domesday Book Edifice

WINDSOR, England, Dec. 19 (C) P)-Doors of Boveney Church were! closed at the outbreak of war and the historic building, mention of which is made in the Domesday, Book, was abandoned until Miss Joan Wing decided to act.

All by herself she scrubbed the floors, cleaned the brass, dusted the pews and even booked a preacher. The church was unable to Stock Market hold the congregation which turned out for the re-opening. So Miss Is Weak Again Wing, wh lives at Bovney, near Is Weak Again Windsor, hopes now to have services at least once a month.

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SUGGESTS SUSPENSION OF AIR RAIDS MAY BE PRELUDE TO INVASION ATTEMPT—ADMITS SERIOUSNESS OF LOSSES OF SHIPPING

LONDON, December 19: (CP)—Prime Minister Winston Churchill told the House of Commons today that British losses up to December 16 in the Battle of Libya and Egypt were "less than a thousand killed and wounded in all ranks." At the same time the Prime Minister issued a renewed warning against the danger of invasion. He suggested that the Nazis might already have called off the air attack on Britain in favor of an invasion. While winter offered some advantages to invaders, the Premier asserted that a well-defended Britain was unafraid of any blow. At the same time vigilance must be unceasing. The Premier hinted at a British land offensive against Germany in 1941. He admitted that Britain, only a half-armed nation, was fighting a fully armed Germany but "in 1941 we shall be fully armed too." He said: "We are not making the mistake made by the French general staff when they thought that holding the Maginot Line was all that was necessary. Our watchword must be unceasing vigilance."

Britain was already striking hard at the enemy in occupied territory as well as in the Reich itself. Mr. Churchill declared. British air raids on Germany had barely begun, he asserted.

The Prime Minister cautioned against undue optimism. The losses of shipping at the hands of enemy U-boats were a disquieting factor, he said.

Mr. Churchill, speaking of the success of the campaign in Egypt and Libya, said there was every reason to believe the situation was developing satisfactorily. Italian prisoners captured could be conservatively placed at 30,000. One hundred field guns and fifty tanks had been taken. Up to December 16 British casualties had amounted to 72 killed and 738 wounded. At least one whole Italian division had been wiped out. Although outnumbered, Royal Air Force successes over the Italians were four or five to one.

The Christmas recess could be faced, the Prime Minister said, with some composure and satisfaction but there was still "supreme and mortal danger" and there could be no relaxation. There was not the slightest justification to feel that there should not be the greatest of vigilance every moment. Defences were rapidly becoming complete and Britain could face the future without fear.

Hitler must do something within the next few months in the way of an invasion of Great Britain, the Prime Minister said. This was to be expected. If air attacks had now slackened, it was probably with some other move in view.

A strong army must be maintained not only for the defence of Great Britain but for action in other areas. He had every confidence of Britain's ability to defeat the enemy should "they set foot on these shores."

To keep open the Atlantic trade route was a major and vital task, said the Premier.

Some gratification might be felt at the progress that had already been achieved since the time when even some of Britain's best friends had despaired of her ability to resist the enemy.

Had Downward Day Yesterday This is What United States Is To With Values Down Generally

New York silver price was un- NEW YORK, December 19-After changed yesterday at 34%c. per a firm performance in the morn- Secretary of War H. L. Stimson

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Washington WASHINGTON D.C., December 19 ing, New York Stock Exchange and Secretary of War Frank Knox