

SHEFF. SINGLED OUT

LONDON-Nazi air raids on the British Isles during last night centred on parts of the east Midlands and northeast England industrial areas which had heretofore been largely free from bombing attack. The world's greatest steel production centre of Sheffield was singled out. Heavy damage was done and casualties were inflicted. London was again under alarm during the night and there was intermittent fire. The alarm ended before dawn. The raids on London were sporadic and few bombs were dropped. Other parts of the British Isles were also attacked. During Thursday four Nazi planes, intercepted by British fighters, were brought down, three off the Kent coast and one in southwest England.

TOO MANY PRISONERS

CAIRO-With Italian prisoners falling into the hands of the British by the thousands as the Fascist forces continue to collapse in western Egypt, the matter of feeding and transporting them is now becoming a troublesome problem. The number of Italian prisoners is moderately estimated at 20,000. Driven away from the coast by Naval bombardment and harassed from planes in the air, the Italians, retreating pell mell, are being pursued right into Libya. Rome itself admits the loss of Sidi Barrani. The fall of Saloum into British hands appears immin-

COUNTER-ATTACKS FAIL

ATHENS-Two desperate counter-attacks by crack Italian mountain troops in Albania failed yesterday, the Fascist forces losing their original bases. Meantime, the Greeks continue to move steadily up the Adriatic Coast. The Italian port of Valona on the Albania coast has been rendered completely useless as a result of aerial bombardment. The Italians have abandoned their airdromes at Durazzo and Tirana which were two of their principal bases.

REPAIRING DAMAGE

BERLIN-So extensive is the damage that the Royal Air Force has done to the port of Hamburg that it has become necesary for Danish labor to be conscripted in order to institute repairs.

GERMAN SUPPLY SHIP SUNK

LONDON-The Admiralty announced today that the submarine Sunfish had sunk a German supply ship of about four thousand tons close to the Norwegian coast.

SECRET HOUSE SESSION

LONDON-The British House of Commons has been in secret session to consider the question of shipping losses at the hands of enemy U-boats.

WARNS AGAINST PEACE TALK

LONDON-Military authorities warn against talk of Italy suing for peace or about the imminence of revolution in Italy. It is regarded in informed quarters here that II Duce still has his country well in hand and, in spite of the defeats of his forces in Albania and Egypt, he still has great military forces which constitute a menace. No appeal for peace from Italy would be entertained unless it came from King Victor Emmanuel and Mussolini was "out."

PURGE IN ITALY

ROME-A sweeping purge of dissident middle classes is being advocated by the authoritative Italian press. Virginio Gayda talks of a merciless clean-up of traitors, defeatists and slackers and warns gossipers and skeptics. A working class organ says that "the middle class has again shown its vile face as an enemy to the Fatherland." Italians are warned against listening to British and American radio broadcasts recording Italian military reverses.

POPE'S PEACE PLAN VATICAN- Pope Pius is considering a new approach to the belligerent nations for a compromise peace.

LOTHIAN'S SUCCESSOR + Oslofjord

Will Be No Delay in Appointing New 14 British Ambassador to United States

vitally important post of British + day that the 18,000-ton ambassador to the United States | passenger liner Oslo-will be filled without delay, it is learned reliably following the death | fjord, Norway's largest | in Washington of the Marquess of | and finest ship, sank Lothian. An informed British source + two days ago off Newdescribed Lord Lothian's death as a castle in the North Sea. a heavy blow. A spokesman added that "possibly a cabinet minister" that "possibly a cabinet minister" that "possibly a cabinet minister" to refer the North Sea.

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ian cancelled an appearance in Bal- war.) timore but an aide read the speech which he was to have delivered and in which he reiterated his stand that Great Britain would triumph; in the war if given American aid.

PREMIER KING'S MESSAGE

OTTAWA-Premier King yesterday sent a message to King expressing regret at the death of Regular Army," uniforms of George at Buckingham Palace Lord Lothian.

Goes Down

NEW York, Dec. 13: (CP) — Authoritative * (CP) - The shipping circles said to-On Wednesday night Lord Loth- homeland before the

STOUT HOME GUARDERS

LONDON, Dec. 13: (CP)- The throughout this province. tion of the Home Guard are greater than those customary in the larger size will be provided.

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HAS HEARD FROM HOME IN NARVIK

Local Lutheran Pastor Hears From Relatives After Long Silence

Rev. J. H. Myrwang, whose 37 year-old mother, brothers and sisters have their homes at Narvik and immediate vicinity, received letter from the old home yesterday. He had heard nothing from his relatives since the invasion last spring and naturally had been deeply concerned about them since that time.

The letter that now arrived was written by one of the brothers who for many years has been in the service of the state railroad system with station at Narvik, but having his home at Ankenes, which is on the south shore of the harbor, where six hundred houses were destroyed during the conflict.

The letter states that the aged mother, who lived in her own family home and most of the family group exacuated from place to place three times during the active warfare. First they went from Narvik and Ankenes to Haakvikdalen, a valley running inland between two mountain ranges close to Narvik, to the south. In a short time, however, the small inland lakes in the valley were used as operating bases for the war planes and were the scene of fearful bombardments. So all local people were evacuated into another fjord. Sjomen, still farther south, where another brother of the local pastor is in charge of the public school system and also cantor at the local church. There they remained until the struggle was over.

Now the old mother, who is in good health and full mental vigor is back to the old home place, where the houses are being rebult. So are also most of the other immediate relatives.

The Narvik harbor ends in a one (Norwegian) mile long narrow fjord, called Beisfjorden, running inland between Narvik and Ankeness. At the end of the fjord, the mountains separate, forming a beautiful valley where a great deal of farming is done. The community is also dotted with summer homes belonging to residents in Narvik.

Whole Family Killed

One of the oldest and most substantial farm homes at the end of that fjord belonged to the oldest living aunt of Pastor Myrwang. She was now 96 years of age, still in good health and mentally alert, still being able to read, without glasses. One day she and her grandson and his family were gathered in the house while an air battle was going on. A bomb fell right on the house. The old lady and the members of the family gathered there were killed.

The letter to Rev. Myrwang is censored and marked "Gepruft," The Marquess of Lothian died known to many Prince the Norwegian pastage stamps. It early Thursday from uremic poison- Rupert Norwegians who ing marked by the

been fine and moderately cold for the instrument would have to

er with showers towards night.

Italian Unable to Check Greeks Who Are Approaching Chimara and Tepelini

ATHENS, December 13 (Canadian Press)-Fresh Italian troops thrown into the battle in Albania, are reported to be unable to halt the Greek advance against the heights surrounding the coastal town of Chimara, north of captured Porto Edda.

The Exchange Telegraph News Agency says that Italian forces, reported to be suffering losses, have started withdrawing from Tepelini, another important base point in Albania.

TODAY'S STOCKS (Courtesy S. D. Johnston Co.)

Vancouver Big Missouri, .05. Bralorne, 10.50A. Cariboo Quart. 2.20. Den enio, .0012A. Fairview. .0058. Gold Belt. 32. Hedley Mascot, .55. Minto..011/4. Pend Oreille, 1,90. Pioneer, 2.10. Premier, .90. Privateer, 54. Reeves Macdonald, .17. Reno. .13. Relief Arling on. .021/2. Salmon Gold. .021/4. Sheen Creek. .85. Cariboo Hudson, .021/2A.

A. P. Con., .08. Calmont, .25. C. & E., 1.40. Home. 2.42. Pacalta, .041/2. Royal Canadian, .08. Okalta, .70. Mercury, .0. Prairie Royalties, .071/2. Toronto

Aldermac. .15. Beattie, 1.16. Central Pat., 1.95. Con. Smelters, 40.00. East Malartic, 2.78. Fernland, .03. Francoeur, .42. Gods Lake, 39. Hardrock, 1.08. Int. Nickel, 34.001/2. Kerr Addison, 3.70. Little Long Lac, 2.05. McLeod Cockshutt, 2.31. Madsen Red Lake, .67. McKenzie Red Lake, 1.31. Moneta. .57. Noranda, 60.00. Pickle Crow, 2.92B XD. Preston East Dome, 3.35. San Antonio, 2.75. Sherritt Gordon, .85. Bouscadillac, .03. Mosher, .07. Oklend, .091/2. Dominion Bridge, 26.00.

Doctors

The question of setting up of an John V. Walker, well known Weather Forecast iron lung, gift of Lord Nuffield, rentals manager, and W. J. Bart-English manufacturer, which re- lett, former president of the cently arrived here, was discussed Vancouver Trades and Labor General Synopsis-The pressure at the meeting of the hospital Council, comprise the Vancouis low over Southwestern Alaska board last night. There will be a ver rental tribunal. and is relatively high over central conference with the medical men British Columbia. The weather has of the city on the matter. A room

be found. Its operation would be McGillivray of the appellate War Office announced that, as "the West Coast of Vancouver Island very costly as it requires, when in division of the Alberta Supreme physical dimensions of a propor- - Moderate to fresh east winds, use, a nurse in constant attend- Court died suddenly yesterday mostly fair and becoming milder. ance and an engineer always on from a heart attack. Former pro-Prince Rupert and Queen Char-call. A letter from the Brantford minent Edmonton barrister and lotte Islands- Moderate to fresh Hospital in Ontario told of two one time leader of the Conservasouthwest winds, cloudy and mild- iron lungs there both of which live party in Alberta, he had operated very satisfactorily.

LASTING FRIENDSHIP

BELGRADE—Foreign ministers of Hungary and YugoSlavia signed a treaty of friendship here yesterday. It will become effective on ratification in Budapest This ratification is expected to be given immediately. The pact provides for "lasting and eternal friendship" between the two countries and consultation on all questions of mutual interest. Now it is reported a similar pact may be negotiated between YugoSlavia and Bulgaria.

HERTZOG QUITS HOUSE CAPETOWN-General J. B. M. Hertzog, who advocated at the outset that South Africa stay neutral in the war and later urged withdrawal from the conflict, yesterday resigned his seat in South African Parliament. He had previously given up the leadership of the Nationalist party with other members of which he had disagreed on the war issue. Hertzog had been acting as Leader of the Opposition.

EARTHQUAKE IN WALES CARDIFF-North Wales was shaken for thirteen minutes by an earthquake during the night. No damage was done.

BUTTER RATION RIDICULOUS OTTAWA - Commerce Department authorities today branded as ridiculous reports that butter rationing in Canada was being discussed. There is a shortage at present but this can readily be made up by increased preduction by the farmers or importations from Australia.

REGRETS STATEMENT OTTAWA- Hon Ian Mackenzie, minister of pensions and national health, has sent a message to Alex Walker, Dominion president of the Canadian Legion, expressing regret that statement should have been made in regard to the rehabilitation of men discharged from military service as medically unfit at a time when the government was taking steps to rectify the situation.

WINDSOR ON MYSTERY FLIGHT MIAMI-The Duke of Windsor flew from Miami in a naval plane today for an undisclosed destination amid reports that he would confer with President Franklin D. Roosevelt and might become British ambassador to the United States. The Duke declined to make a statement, remarking: "I am in the hands of save democracy must and will sucthe Navy now and I think they | ceed. will take good care of me." Prethe United embassy yesterday and, sident Roosevelt is reported to be at the Bahamas in the course of his Caribbean cruise.

NAVIGATION CLOSED

FORT WILLIAM - Navigation season during which 210,000,000 bushels of grain was shipped. Sixteen ships are now loading at Fort William for winter stor-

RENT BOARD VANCOUVER-Judge J. N. Ellis

JUDGE IS DEAD EDMONTON-Mr. Justice A. A. been on the bench since 1931.

Bulletins Possibility of Follow-Through From Egypt ls Seen In London

by the Hungarian government. Number of Prisoners Increasing by Thousands With Numerous Dead and Wounded-Five Generals Taken-Booty is Heavy

ALL SUPPLIES SEIZED

LONDON, December 13: (CP)—British forces in Egypt's western desert were reported tonight by Reuters to have seized the entire stock of fuel and food which the Italians had for the invasion of Egypt.

LONDON, December 13: (CP)—With British sea, air and land forces combining in an attempt to blast the Italian expeditionary force off Egyptian soil, British sources said today that the offensive might be turned into a counter-invasion of Italian Libya. . The British appear to be turning their victory into a complete rout of the

States

tish government.

The President said he was shock-

ed beyond measure. "If he had

been allowed to give a last mes-

sage," said the President, it would

have been: "The great effort to

Secretary of State Hull called at

in extending condolences, offered

all the facilities of the government

in connection with the funeral. In

peacetime this would include the

to President Roosevelt. What is to

upon the wishes of Lord Lothian's

relatives, including three sisters, in

WOLVES ATTACK DOGS

THE PAS - Arctic wolves,

starving to death because cari-

bou have changed the route of

their trek, have attacked sleigh

dogs on the trails north of here

enroute to Churchill, The wolves

NOT RECOGNIZING VICHY

are hunting in packs.

fairs, announces.

England.

the remains home but, in view

Fascists. Some authorities said there was a good chance he drive would not stop "while the Fascists are on the run." Having Sidi Barrani behind them, the British are

now menacing Saloum. The number of Italian troops captured by the British in the cam-Passing of Lord Lothian Unani- paign on the western desert of mously Regretted in United

Egypt has been increased by several thousands to well over twenty thousand previously announced, a communique today said. It was dis-NEW YORK, December 13 (Can-|closed that five generals, including adian Press)-Regret at the un- two more since yesterday, were timely death of the British amamong the captives. There is no bassador, Loid Lothian, is wideindication as to how far the British spread in the United States and command intends to press home the the press is unanimous in praising advantage but British forces are his skill in handling Anglo-Ameri- still progressing, taking an ever can relations. The newspapers growing amount of material and agreed that the vacancy would be difficult to fill. Most newspapers,

More than one-third of Italy's in paying editorial tribute, touched Libyan army is now estimated to be on Lothian's tact and diplomacy in out of action. Six thousand Italian placing Great Britain's position betroops have been either killed or fore the Americans. As the Boston seriously wounded. One 'No Man's Herald put it "No other English! Land" was found filled with dead. ambassador has ever understood us

General R. N. O'Connor, who is so well." The newspapers of New directing the British campaign in York were unanimous in praise of Egypt, is the holder of an Italian Lord Lothian as "man and ambassilver medal for valor in the last President Franklin D. Roosevelt at present cruising the Caribbean

Sea, and Secretary of State Cordell DICTATOR

solini at Munich is Reported

NEW YORK, Dec. 13 (Canadian Press) - Chancellor Adolf Hitler and Foreign Minister Joachim von Ribbentrop have left Berlin for an unknown lestination, the Columbia Breadcasting Co. reported from Berlin. providing of a warship to convey | Earlier dispatches from Berlin closed last night after an active wartime conditions, a decision in had reported rumors of an imthis regard may be left personally cellor Hitler and Premier Benito Mussolini in regard to the Italbe done will, of course, depend ian campaign against Greece and Egypt and the possibility of Germany giving Italy direct help. The meeting place, it was suggested, was to be Munich.

> First reports of the rendezvous between Hitler and Mussolini came from Berne, Switzer-

> > CHANGE HORSES

BALTIMORE, December 13 (CP) A pair of binoculars belonging to German officer in the First Great War-and used in the in-CANBERRA-The government tervening years by a Ealtimore of Australia has withdrawn re- man-may be scanning English cognition from the Vichy gov- skies for German raiding sirplanes. ernment of France, Sir Frederick It was one contribution to a com-Stewart, minister of external af- mittee collecting weapons for "defence of British homes."