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Weather Forecast

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

Tomorrow's Tides

High	7:00 a.m.	13.2 ft.
	1:58 p.m.	16.3 ft.
Low	0:08 p.m.	6.3 ft.
	12:55 p.m.	9.1 ft.

British House Spurns Peace Move

ALBANIA CONTROL BALANCE

Possibility of Greece Obtaining Complete Upper Hand in View of Continued Advances Is Seen

LAUNCH DAWN ATTACKS

ATHENS, Dec. 5: (CP)—Greek forces launched dawn attacks today on Porto Edda and Argirocastro, Italy's last remaining big bases in southern Albania, and Greek reports said the cities were about to fall. The Greeks had earlier announced the capture of Premet on the central front.

ATHENS, Dec. 5.—The town of Premetzi in south central Albania was captured by the spectacularly captured last night by the spectacularly advancing Greeks who expected to take Santa Caranta, important coastal port also known as Porto Edda, and Argirocastro, in the interior, by tonight. Already thousands of Fascist forces are falling back from these two vital points which are being heavily pounded.

Before Greek bayonet charges and artillery fire, the Italians are steadily withdrawing in a general retreat. No less than 1800 were reported captured yesterday to say nothing of those killed.

Further north in the mountain passes and hills around Elkasanni, the Italians are also in full retreat. Denial is given here of Italian statements in Rome yesterday that the Fascists had succeeded in repelling the Greeks by counter-attacks. Such statements, it is believed here, were merely for home consumption in Italy. The fact of the matter is that the Italian position is becoming more and more difficult. It appears likely that the Greeks may soon be in complete control of Albania.

The Greeks are advancing in various directions toward the capital city of Tirana.

Over the Italian battlefield, the British Royal Air Force has shot down a large number of Italian planes.

ARE SAFE AT LISBON

Two British Vessels Arrive After Arduous Voyage Across Atlantic Ocean

LISBON, Dec. 5.—The British freighters Finland and Belge have arrived at Lisbon after adventurous transatlantic voyages during which both vessels were repeatedly attacked by Nazi bombing planes and submarines.

Widow Of Shipping Magnate Is Dead

Mrs. J. Harold Dollar Passes Away In San Francisco

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 5.—Mrs. Harold Dollar, widow of one of the members of the prominent San Francisco shipping families, is dead here.

Argentine Loan Is Approved By United States

WASHINGTON, D.C., Dec. 5.—The Federal Import and Export Bank has approved the making of a \$100,000,000 loan to Argentina.

War News

BATTLE OF BRITAIN

LONDON—After a period of quiet since midnight last night, London had its first air raid alarm of the day this afternoon. It was the 397th of the war. No planes appeared, however, and no bombs were dropped. Last evening's raid spread out over a wide area including Birmingham in the Midlands.

ITALIANS IN RETREAT

ANTHENS—The Italians are reported today to be abandoning the strategic Albanian towns of Porto Edda, on the Adriatic coast, and Argirocastro in the interior. The Greeks are still advancing all along the line.

NOT MAKING PEACE

BERLIN—The German government is making no reply to Pope Pius' appeal for a Christmas armistice. Such would be impracticable, it is said. In any case, Prime Minister Churchill of Great Britain has "torpedoed the peace idea."

BRITISH SEAMEN ARRIVE AT AN EASTERN CANADIAN PORT

Hundreds of British merchant seamen, survivors of vessels which have been sunk by enemy U-boat and air attacks, landed here yesterday on their way to United States to man merchant vessels which are being turned over to Great Britain by that country.

BRITISH AIRMEN ARRIVE AT AN EASTERN CANADIAN PORT

Several hundred Royal Air Force officers and men landed here yesterday enroute to flying schools under the Empire training plan in Ontario and Manitoba. There were sufficient to completely fill two such schools.

GERMANY AND RUMANIA

BERLIN—Germany and Rumania have concluded a trade pact designed to give Germany more Rumanian oil. British and American oil holdings in Rumania would be expropriated.

EDMONTON FLIER HONORED

EDMONTON—Cited for "magnificent leadership and outstanding courage," Flying Officer Howard Peter Blatchford has been awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross for gallantry in action.

BOMBING OF CIVILIANS

LONDON—The London Express advocates that there be no further delay in the bombing of German civilian population.

ONLY A MIRACLE

SAN FRANCISCO—In view of influences at present at work, Senator Hiram Johnson says that "only a miracle" will keep United States out of the war. The noted isolationist will, however, continue his fight to keep the country out of war, he says. He believes, however, that British propaganda will have the effect of repealing the laws in order to assist Great Britain.

GUARD AGAINST INVASION

LONDON—Great Britain is keeping on guard against a possible invasion attempt before Christmas in view of the bogging down of the Axis campaign in the Balkans and North Africa.

DONATE OLD GUN

PLATTSBURG, New York—The branch of the American Legion here is turning over an old 12-ton German gun, captured in the last war and kept as a memento, to the Canadian government for use as scrap. Its value is estimated at \$1000.

MORALE HIGH IN LONDON



Still smiling, these survivors of the Nazi's latest raid leave shattered ruins of their homes with what they managed to salvage. A family pet, right, finds something soft among the debris on which to nap.

LONDON IS HIT AGAIN SOUNDNESS OF BRITAIN

East and West Midlands Also Singled Out for German Attack Last Night

THIRTEEN NAZIS DOWN

LONDON, December 5 (Canadian Press)—Thirteen enemy planes were shot down over Great Britain today with loss of one Royal Air Force fighter, the Ministry of information announced today. It is the highest number of enemy planes destroyed in a single day for some time.

LONDON, Dec. 5: (CP)—London and east and west Midlands were subjected to more intensified aerial attack by Nazi bombers last night after a day of little activity over Great Britain. This afternoon London had its first air raid alarm of the day and the 397th of the war. Twenty bombs were dropped on a southeast town and the west coast was also visited by bombers.

Air raid sirens screamed in London in the early evening of the all clear coming about midnight. Two schools were among places hit.

An East Anglian town was attacked twice by low flying Junkers bombers during the afternoon yesterday but damage was reported negligible although the enemy ranged over a wide area last night, casualties and damage throughout Britain last night.

Birmingham had shared with London the brunt of Tuesday night's attacks but adverse weather was credited with blunting the Nazi's striking power.

Bristol has resumed normal business and activity after the heavy Nazi raids of a few days ago.

Food Shortage In Martinique

Disorders Reported Breaking Out In French West Indies Island

VICHY, France, Dec. 5:—According to reports received here there is a serious food shortage in the blockaded French West Indies island of Martinique and disorders are breaking out among the population.

U.S. Secretary of Treasury Agrees She Is "Good Risk"—"Never Stronger," Says Envoy From London

WASHINGTON D.C., December 5 (Canadian Press)—Secretary of the Treasury Henry Morgenthau said today that he, like Jesse H. Jones, federal loan administrator, believed the British government was a "good risk" for loans.

Meanwhile, Sir Frederick Phillips, Under Secretary of the British Treasury, arrived last night from London and, in an interview, said that Great Britain's financial position was "never stronger than it is today." He said that Britain was spending at the rate of \$45,000,000 per day on the war and all purchases were being paid for ahead of delivery. Sir Frederick is here to confer with Secretary of the Treasury Henry Morgenthau.

Senator Gerald P. Nye of North Dakota urged and Senator W. F. George chairman of the Senate foreign relations committee, approves the suggestion that Sir Frederick should appear before a Senate committee to tell his plan for financial relations between Great Britain and the United States.

DESTROYER SURVIVOR

Surgeon Lieutenant McLean On Holiday at Jasper

JASPER, Dec. 5—Survivor of both the Fraser and Margaree disasters, Surgeon Lieutenant T. Blair McLean of Edmonton believes in taking his furlough well above sea level. With Major Fred Brewster, noted Rocky Mountain guide, he left today for the towering ranges of Maligne Lake for a week of skiing on Alpland slopes of 8500 feet altitude. The skiers will also visit Trappers Valley, the newly-discovered skiing terrain in a previously unmapped area of Jasper National Park.

Bulletins

BRITAIN AND TURKEY

LONDON—An important financial and trade agreement has been signed between Great Britain and Turkey further strengthening the relations of the two nations in the face of Axis overtures to Turkey.

MUNICH CONFERENCE

BERLIN—It is reported that another conference is to be held in a few days at Munich between German and Italian foreign ministers with Vice-Premier Pierre Laval of France also in attendance. In view of the failure of her military campaigns in Albania and North Africa, it is suggested that Italy may give up some of her territorial demands upon France.

CRASH KILLS EIGHT

CHICAGO—Eight persons were killed when a United Air Lines transport plane from Cleveland crashed in from muskeg skies near the airport last night. The wings were found to be covered with ice. The plane hit a house and wires.

FORD FOR BRITAIN

DETROIT—Henry Ford expresses himself as being in favor of giving Great Britain all the financial aid she needs in the war. By doing this, Ford believes, United States could help to end the war in a hurry. "We did it before and we can do it again," he says.

WILHELMINA IN ENGLAND

LONDON—Reports that Queen Wilhelmina of Holland had left for Lisbon and would fly to the United States are denied. She is still in London and has no intention of leaving.

HIS SPEECH BANNED

TORONTO—Canon H. J. Cody, President of Toronto University, today banned a speech which was to have been made to the students of the University by the C. C. F. leader for Ontario on "Hepburn Must Go."

TAP IDLE WEALTH

OTTAWA—M. J. Coldwell, C.C.F. leader, urged yesterday that all resources of idle money in Canada be tapped. He would make purchase of non-interest bearing bonds by such capital compulsory for the duration and a year after the war.

TURN IN PLATES

TORONTO—Premier Hepburn suggests that all Ontario motorists turn in their old 1940 license plates for war use. Thus 300 tons of steel would be salvaged.

PIONEER NUN DIES

FORT SMITH, N.W.T.—Sister Clare, well known Roman Catholic nun, is dead here. Born in France 89 years ago, she came to the Northwest Territories in 1875 and had not been outside since.

PROBING CRASHES

LOS ANGELES—Investigation of two more crashes of United States Army bombing planes on test flights is to be carried out. Sabotage is suspected.

FLU IS RAMPANT

VANCOUVER—An epidemic of influenza, said in the most of cases to be of a light type, is sweeping through southern British Columbia. There have been at least five deaths. Dr. Stewart Murray, medical health officer, warns that precautions be taken. In Regina public and social gatherings have been banned. Three San Francisco schools have been closed.

Amendment Is Voted Down 341 To 4; Policy Of Churchill Endorsed

Scornful Parliament Rejects Move of Independent Socialists—Latter Would Have Made Compromise Peace

LONDON, December 5: (CP)—A silent disapproving House of Commons rejected by an overwhelming vote of 341 to 4 today a motion by three members of the Independent Labor Party that Great Britain state its war aims and seek peace "if necessary in a spirit of compromise" because "there is no certainty of a great military victory."

AIR RAIDS EFFECTIVE

R.A.F. Continues Its Campaign To Cripple Industries of Enemy—Turin and Dusseldorf

LONDON, December 5 (Canadian Press)—Turin, centre of Italian war industry in Northern Italy, was attacked by long range Royal Air Force bombers last night, the Air Ministry announced. Considerable damage was done to selected targets.

A sustained raid was also made on the German industrial centre of Dusseldorf and raids were made on Calais, Antwerp and several enemy airdromes.

An official statement issued yesterday estimated that eighty percent of Germany's synthetic oil plants had been damaged by systematic bombing operations of the Royal Air Force and that fifty percent of delivery facilities—railways and canal barges—for delivery of coal had been crippled. With the supply of coal fuel to the synthetic oil plants being thus cut off, Germany's oil production is becoming seriously contracted.

In addition to the heavy attacks on oil supplies, night after night attacks have been made by the Royal Air Force on the Ruhr industrial area and many plants have been rendered idle.

Prime Minister Winston Churchill was not present during the debate.

BATTLING IS FIERCE

Thailand and French Indo-China Reported in Heavy Conflict—Warship is Blown Up

BANGKOK, Dec. 5.—Fierce fighting between Thailand (Siam) and French Indo-China is reported. A French warship is reported to have been blown up.

TIME IN SHELTERS

Londoners Have Been Underground 1056 Hours Since August

LONDON, Dec. 5.—The Home Ministry estimates that Londoners have spent 1056 hours in shelters since the blitzkrieg on Great Britain began in August. There have been 396 alarms up to today.

United States Food Shipments

Systematic Plan For Relief Of German-Occupied Countries Being Organized

NEW YORK, Dec. 5.—A systematic plan of food shipments to German-occupied countries of Europe is being organized by the American Red Cross. The need of the subjugated countries is becoming ever more acute.

Gyro Governor Is Coming Here

Will Conduct Installation Of Officers For Year 1941

The Prince Rupert Gyro Club was advised at its regular weekly luncheon yesterday that the district governor, Gregory T. Yorke, of Vancouver, will be here on January 8 to conduct the installation of 1941 officers. It was referred to the entertainment committee, of which C. C. Mills is chairman, to draw up a program in connection with Mr. Yorke's visit.

The program at yesterday's Gyro luncheon consisted of the presentation by Dr. R. G. Large of moving pictures on surgical subjects. President G. A. Hunter was in the chair and guests were Dr. J. P. Cade and Dr. J. Munthe.

Weather Forecast

General Synopsis—The pressure appears low northwest of the Queen Charlotte Islands and is relatively high over the state of Utah. The weather has been mild throughout this province with heavy rains on the coast.

West Coast of Vancouver Island—Strong southwest winds, shifting to southeast. Unsettled and mild with rain.