ITALY EXECUTES SPIES

ring in Italy has been smashed.

OTTAWA LAUGHS

are amused over an Italian claim.

that a Fascist submarine has sunk

WEEK'S LOSSES LOWER

ment announces that shipping

losses at the hands of enemy ac-

tion for the week ending Decem-

ber 15 amounted to 41,476 tons

including five British ships, 30,-

930 tons, and two Allied, 10.646

000 tons but does not, it is offi-

cially pointed out, represent a

lessening of the menace of enemy

submarines, mines and long range

BRITISH VICTORY HAILED

CAIRO-Moslem leaders, in-

cluding the Premier and former

Premier of Egypt, hail the Bri-

tish victories over the Italians in

North Africa as a great triumph

for democratic freedom. Egypt-

mier, while the former Premier

said that Moslem'sympathies are

CHIMARA IS TAKEN

captured the important town of

Chimara near the Adriatic coast

of Albania between Porto Edda

(Santa Caranta) and Valona. An

entire Fascist battalion consisting

of thirty officers and 800 men was

taken prisoner. More Italians are

in flight towards Valona. A major

battle is in progress, losing of

which by the Fascists would mean

the collapse of Italian resistance

ATHENS- Greek forces today

entirely with the democracies.

LONDON-An Admiralty state-

a Canadian destroyer.

OTTAWA-Naval officials here

ROME—Two alleged spies have

with rain.

NORTHERN AND CENTRAL BRITISH COLUMBIA'S NEWSPAPER

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## WHY FASCIST British Prime Minister Tells War News FORCE LOST Italians To Rid Themselves Of

Failure to Keep Forces in North Africa Supplied One Main Reason

been executed by the Fascist au-ROME, December 23- Marshal thorities. Twenty others were Rodolfo Graziani, in a report to given prison terms. Three were Premier Mussolini on the failure acquitted. It is claimed here that, of Italian operations in North Afas a result, a great foreign spy rica, said that British forces were far superior to the Italians.

Graziani's report said it centainly would be premature to forecast developments at this time while the titanic fight was still in

Lack of proper water, failure of tributing to the collapse of the who are in any way opposed to army had never been consulted. progress Kilpatrick said.

# tons. This was considerably less was shot down over Southeast . than the weekly average of 67,-

Loss of H. M. S. Swordfish is Announced by British Authorities

LONDON, December 23 (Cana-

dian Press) - Official announcement is made that the British SENSATIONAL STATEMENT ians are overjoyed, said the Pre- submarine, H. M. S. Swordfish, is WASHINGTON D. C. - In a long overdue and must be considered lost The vescel has a crew of forty men and was completed in Last October H. M. S. Swordfish tion board, was outspoken aga- had dwelt in Italy. They had got LALITALIN sank a German torpedo boat off inst anything in the way of ap- along well together and had liked the French coast. Lieut. Langley of peasement and told the Ameri- each other. Now they were at war, the Swordfish had only two weeks can people that they had better | condemned to the attempt to ruin | ago been awarded the Distingui- roll up their sleeves and prepare to fight for American security and in defence of Democratic

principles.

the last war.

STATION AGENT KILLED Pacific Railway was killed in an the British Empire. automobile crash near the city

Bulletins

PETAIN ON SPOT

ened to tear up the armistice

with France unless the Vichy

POPE'S XMAS PLEA

VICHY- Germany has threat-

hospital here. BIG STORM IN SOUTH VANCOUVER-Portland, Seat-

tle and Tacoma suffered much damage as a result of a howling had delivered honored Rome to the! Canadian government to decide. storm which lashed the Pacific Northwest and spread into Van-

when a power line fell on their C.N.R. OFFICIAL DIES

denly Saturday evening. SUPPLIES FOR BRITAIN WASHINGTON-Among other proposals, the United States government is considering partial restoration of United States transAtlantic shipping in order to expedite movement of supplies to beicagured Britain. It is pos-

MORE NAZI TROOPS

sible such supplies may be de-

livered by way of Eire.

accompanied by full equipment including guns and tanks. It is mania.

War With Great Britain Was Caused by One Man and One Man Alone-People of Fascist State and Army Were Never Consulted

Duce or Have Empire Smashed

LONDON, December 23: (CP)-Prime Minister Winston Churchill broadcast an appeal to the Italian people tonight to rid themselves of Premier Benito Mussolini and threatened to rip their African Empire to shreds and tanks and mechanized equipment government places itself under tatters if they continued the war. He declared that the when it was needed were among full German control, removing war between Great Britain and Italy was because of one factors. Major Strong said. con- cabinet members and officials man and the Italian people and

Italians in North Africa: Graziani collaboration with the Nazis. It Who would have conceived not asserted. A titanic fight is now in is considered likely by many that so long ago that Italy and Great Marshal Henri Phillippe Petain, Britain would ever be trying to des- + French Chief of State, may re- troy each other as they were today, ject the demands of Germany asked Mr. Churchill who reminded which include the removal of the Italians that Great Britain in the capital from Vichy to Paris. past years had been their champon and had supported movements for their unity and honor. "Our!" VATICAN CITY - Pope Pius fathers and grandfathers helped to for sufferers of war. Particularly Mr. Churchill declared, "so that the

> that he had met far greater Europe. Mr. Churchill. Even though Great known. Britain and Italy may not have what of a sensation, William F. | they had marched together in peace Knudsen, chairman of the new and goodwill. Italian people had United States defence product dwelt in England and British people ANADIANG

leach other. It was only the beginning of the Unlikely That Soldiers of This war, the British Premier said. Who could say where it would end? Undoubtedly, the two nations would be forced to even closer grips. It was ! CHILLIWACK-R. J. Burdette, all because of one man that Italy station agent for the Canadian had been placed in a struggle with

Mr. Churchill did not deny that, limits of Chilliwack yesterday. Mussolini was a great man. But, Five companions were more or after eighteen years of unbridled less seriously injured and are in power, he had led his nation to the verge of ruin—against the counsel of the Crown of Italy, the authority of the Vatican and the Church, the advice of the Army and the wishes of the people. He were, it would be a matter for the

incient barbarian. The British Premier admitted couver which had wind velocity that, as a result of Abyssinia, and Freighter of 50 to 60 miles per hour. The sanctions, old friendships had Freighter West Coast of Vancouver Island been forgotten even if there was Is Torpedoed no bloodshed between Great Bri- Is Torpedoed Five cities were blacked out when tain and Italy. However, there had power lines went down. The been nothing in the Abyssinian Washington sawmill town of quarrel to justify the struggle Longview was probably the most | which had broken out. Where was heavily hit point of all. Two the need to declare war on Great, men were killed in Washington Britain, to invade Egypt or Greece?

No Place For Italy

France would rise again." de advise that the steamer was being clared Mr. Churchill. Meantime torpedoed off the coast of Portu-WINNIPEG-John Henry Par- the British people, the British gal. kinson, chief claims agent West- Commonwealth across the sea, yes. ern Region, Canadian National all English speaking people had would go on against Germany even Railways, Winnipeg, died sud- been aroused and were on the if left to do so quite alone although move. Forces of progress and cul he had reminded Mussolini that ture were ranged together. Why the aid of the people of the United had Italy placed itself with this States might be expected. animal which now menaced Eu- Why should Great Britain and

the same question." One man and Premier Mussolini. they had no heart.

BUCHARIST - Thousands of had done his best to prevent this dern Attilla and his hordes of more Nazi troops are crossing by war between Great Britain and ravenous soldiers and Gestapo way of Hungary into Rumania, Italy. He read communications be- gangs to "protest the Italian peotween himself and Premier Musso- ple."
He left the Italian people. Mr. Mussolini then that Great Britain destinies.

Explosion On Island pleaded for Christmas prayers free Italy from the Austrian yoke," Three coal miners were killed +

• yesterday morning when an• children. In his efforts to re- Italian people might take their + explosion was followed by a + store peace, His Holiness said place among the leading nations of \* rockslide in the air shaft of \* \* South Wellington mine. The \* difficulties than had existed in | "We were your comrades in the dead are James Earing, James + last war and, fifteen year after, & Gava and Chris Mills. .. The & were still your friends," continued | cause of the disaster is not + statement which caused some- agreed upon systems of government + + + + + + +

Dominion Will See Service in Mediterranean Theatre

LONDON. Dec. 23: (CP)-Chances of overseas formation of the Canadian Army moving into the Mediterranean war theatre are understood to have dimished if not disappeared.

Hon. J. L. Ralston, Canadian minister of national defence, says that such employment of Canadians has not been requested by the British government and, if it

Distress Calls Sent From off the Coast of Portugal by Steamer Farristone

NEW YORK, December 23-Radio messages from H. M. S. Farristone

Italy-joint heirs of Christian civ-"I ask this question," said Mr. lilization-be ranged against each Churchill, "and well may you ask other, Mr. Churchill had asked

one man alone had ordered out; "What is the position of Italy tothe Italian armies. No doubt the day?" asked Mr. Churchill in con-Italian people would some day clusion. There was the hard choice, have a word to say in regard to he decalred, of standing up to being led into a task for which battery of the whole British Empire and its Allies or calling in Mr. Churchill declared that he through Brenner Pass of the mo-

estimated that 100,000 German lini just before Italy had declared Churchill said, to once again take troops have now moved into Ru- war. He (Churchill) had assured a hand in shaping of their own

## DRIVE IN LIBYA IS GOING ON

MERSEY HIT AGAIN

hit heavily with big bombs at

Liverpool and Merseyside Sa-

ond and third consecutive nights.

They also struck both nights at

London. Among other buildings

Saturday night a tenement was

hit. In the tenement were 150

persons, most of whom were

gathered singing Christmas car-

ols. Many were believed to have

been killed. Damage was done

to commercial and residential

buildings in Liverpool. During

Saturday three German planes

were brought down over Eng-

land. Last night the Nais rang-

ed over many points of England

including London, the northwest

east and lea, the Midlands and

Wales. Manchester was most

BARDIA'S FALL IMMINENT

land and air-continue their

drive on Bardia, important Ital-

ian port of Libya, and its fall

appears to be imminent. The

land forces have penetrated

northwest of Libya. Forty thou-

sand Italians have been taken

prisoners. Bardia has been un-

der seige for seven days and is

MANY ITALIANS DOWNED

Italian planes have been brought

down during the last twelve

days in the African and Alban-

ian wars with loss of but thir-

teen British planes, the pilots of

five of which were saved. Eigh-

ty-eight of the Italian planes

were brought down over Egypt

WHAT TOKYO SAYS

ment spokesman said today that,

if the United States lends ships

to Great Britain for delivering

war supplies, Axis powers will

have to consult to decide what

constitutes an act of war.

TOKYO-A Japanese govern-

and eighty-six over Albania.

LONDON-No less than 144

surrounded by land and sea.

CAIRO-British forces-naval,

England.

heavily hit. One German plane

LONDON-German air raiders

attered Bardia is Still Under Heavy Siege-Looks Like British Plan Deeper Drive turday and Sunday for the sec-

CAIRO, Dec. 23: (CP)-A gener-1 headquarters communique said oday that 35,949 Italian prisoners ad been removed from the Sidi Barrani battle area and several housands more were still in camps near the front.

Steady streams of British reinorcements are moving up to the jege line around battered Bardia or an assault against 20,000 surivors of Italy's tenth army reportd to have been trapped in the libyan port. The Royal Air Force ombed Italian troop concentraions at Bardia today. It now apears that the British are preparng for a drive even deeper into

ancashire Industrial City Subjected to Night-Long Assault by Nazi Air Raiders

MANCHESTER, Eng., Dec. 23: (CP)—Heavy bombs which hit two public air raid shelters, one housng almost 500 persons, left an undisclosed number of casualties toay after a night-long German air

Bombs also wrecked a moving picture theatre and set fire to

cores of buildings. Daylight raids today were conined to one-plane forays.

anadian National Railways' Employees Respond to Lord Mayor's Appeal

WINNIPEG, Dec. 23-A Christas present amounting to more han \$13,600 was the answer of t mployees of the Western Region, anadian National Railways, to a suggestion sent out a short time go that something special be done o help the work of the Lord Mayor of London's General Fund. his money was raised in a quick cabled to the Old Country so that se may be made of it at once. Employees of the C.N.R. in the! est felt that, although many denands had been made on them; hrough various money raising ampaigns for war work, the people in the bombed areas of the Old country should have some special ttention at the Christmas season organization was quickly set up nd the response of the employees from the head of the lakes to Vanouver Island was quick and

The campaign was divided into Istricts with the General Superinendent of each district in charge I the organization of his indivimal territory. In addition to this, he Transcona and Fort Rouge rops were set up as special disricts. The response to supply exra funds as a Christmas present as so intense that practically on undred percent, contribution was

In cabling the money it was cointed out that it was sent in eep appreciation of the magnifient fortitude and courage of the in the Old Country.

KEEP OUT OF WAR NEW YORK -- A national adertising campaign to "keep Amrica out of war" was instituted n fifty American cities today. the campaign has been instituted by an Iowa editor.

Announced-Eden New Foreign Secretary

LONDON, Dec. 23 .- The apficially announced by the British government last night. He succeeds the late Lord Lothian who

died recently. It was also announced officially that War Secretary Anthony Eden would succeed Lord Halifax as Foreign Secretary, returning to the post from which he resigned following the break with the late Prime Minister Neville Chamberlain after Munich two years ago.

Eden's successor as Secretary of War is Capt David Margison, chief government whip.

government spokesman in the House of Lords in succession to Lord Halifax.

tary Lord Halifax as ambassador to the United States is acclaimed | the air for part of the week-end. by an influential section of the British press todoy. The London Times says it could conceive of no one "better fitted for this import-

ant post." The Daily Mail had predicted that, if Halifax was appointed, War Minister Anthony Eden would move up to the foreign secretaryship.

campaign and already has been Goes to Washington, it is Officially Royal Air Force Delivers Telling Blows on Enemy From Norway to Deep in Adriatic

> LONDON, December 23-Strikpointment of Foreign Secretary ing new and telling blows the Ro-Lord Halifax as British ambassa- yal Air Force ranged against the dor to the United States was of- enemy from Norway to the Adriatic Sea over the week-end with telling results, only one British plane being lost in all the wide-

spread operations. Probably the most spectacular was a 16-hour trip to Venice where a large oil refinery was the princi-1 pal object of the attack. It was the first raid on Venice and the longest foray to be made by the Royal Air Force from a base in the British Isles.

In Norway the Olso-Bergen railway line was bombed again.

Other bombing attacks were made at Cologne and on the in-Viscount Cranborne becomes dustrial area of the Ruhr, naval bases at Wilhelmshafen, Brest and Lorient and objectives at such coast points at Rotterdam, Amster-Appointment of Foreign Secre- dam, Calais and Ostend.

Bremner radio station was off

WEATHER FORECAST

General Synopsis- A deep disturbance is approaching Vancouver Island from the southwest. The weather continues unsettled and mild throughout British Columbia.

West Coast of Vancouver Island-Southeast winds reaching gale force and shifting to south.

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

Vancouver Big Missouri, .041/2. Bralorne, 10.25. Cariboo Quart, 2.27. Dentonio, .001/2A. Fairview, .0058. Gold Belt, .30. Hedley Mascot, .56. Minto, .011/4. Pend Oreille, 1.70. Pioneer, 2.10. Premier, .87XD. Privateer, .54. Reno, .14. Salmon Gold, .021/4.

Cariboo Hudson, .021/2A. Pacalta, .04. Royal Canadian, .08.

Terento Aldermac: .15. Beattie, 1.15. Central Pat., 1.86. Cons. Smelters, 39.00. East Malartic, 2.71. Fernland, .04%. Francoeur, .41. Gods Lake, .39. Hardrock, 1.05. Int. Nickel, 33.001/4. Kerr Addison, 3.85. Little Long Lac, 2.10. McLeod Cockshutt, 2.27. Medsen Red Lake, .63. McKenzie Red Lake, 1.22. Moneta, .581/2. Noranda, 57.001/2. Pickle Crow, 2.85. Preston East Dome, 3.55. San Antonio, 2.50. Sherritt Gordon, .82. Uchi, .303/4. Bouscadillac, .023/4. Mosher, .07. Oklend, .08½.

Dominion Bridge, 26.001/2.

# shed Service Order.

Reeves Macdonald, .15. Relief Arlington, .023/4. Sheep Creek, .85.

A. P. Con., .081/2. Calmont, .24. C. & E., 1.36. Home, 2.35. Okalta, .70A. Mercury, .06A. Prairie Royalties, .071/2.

## in southern Albania. There is fierce hand to hand fighting on the heights overlooking the Adri-