FINAL BULLETINS

FAR EAST COUNTER-OFFENSIVE

CANBERRA—Premier John Curtin - stralia yesterday hinted at something in the way of a so offensive against the Japanese. He said that he was reinforcements of the Allied force

LONDON-The Royal Air Force Christmas Eve and Christmas night, incendiary bombs on the east coast damage or casualties.

from Germany raiders dropped causing little

PETAIN BROADO

VICHY-Marshal Henri Phillippe P an broadcast a Christmas message to the people of France. He gave no hint of the resignation as chief of state which had been rumored.

FREE FRENCH TAKE OVER

OTTAWA-Free French forces have taken over the islands of St. Pierre and Miquelon south of Newfoundland. A plebiscite of the inhabitants was taken and went 98 percent in favor of Free French taking over, only ten voting for Vichy control. The British and United States governments are not pleased at the move in view of possibility of disturbing relations with Vichy.

MANY AIRMEN LAND

AT A BRITISH PORT-The biggest contingent of Empire airmen ever to cross the Atlantic arrived in Great Britain yesterday. They included Canadians, Australians and others. There were also members of other services in the convoy.

NEW CREDIT RESTRICTIONS

OTTAWA--Further restrictions on consumer credit buying affecting installment purchases, charge accounts, lay away plans, financing charges and advertising were announced yesterday by the Wartime Prices and Trade Board, effective December 29. A new provision is that trade-in value of an article can no longer be considered as part of a down payment.

DISPOSE OF

SUBMARINE

No Further Torpedoing Off Coast

of California Since Wed-

nesday.

the California coast, it is an-

ifornia coast.

given for her delay.

Nazis in Reverse-

RUSSIANS MOVE ON STEADILY

Red Army Continues to Make Crushing Successes in Great Counter-Offensive.

MOSCOW, Dec. 27:- New successes are reported by the Russians all along the Russo-German battlefront. Crawling across the river ice by night, the Reds smashed a new Nazi defensive line across the Oka River and captured a large town on the western bank. This is believed to have been Heluga. In addition to overrunning Heluga, the Reds spread out widely on the Leningrad front and were attacking along the Concentrations. whole Finnish front.

Although Moscow admits meeting with stiffer German resistance the Red Army continues to advance all along the line on the Russo-German front. One hundred more villages have been captured by the Russians west of Moscow and the Soviet forces are approaching Orel. There is forty below zero weather and the snow covered fields are littered with Nazi dead and booty. Bitter fighting continues in Crimea where Sebastapol is still holding out.

A large German force near Len- Status of Open City Is Completely Disregarded By ingrad is now in danger of being trapped by the Russians. In the Moscow sector and elsewhere the Germans are still being thrown back by the Nazi counter-offena set was being made on Sebas- regard of the city's newly proclaimed status as an open sive. Even in the Crimea, where tapol, the Nazis have suffered a and undefended community, killing many persons with setback.

fifty more villages around Talinin | not be counted, the raiders at-October 29.

City Is Now

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Tomorrow's Tides

trategy is Being Planned

GERMANS SHOCKED

Of Hospital Train

BERLIN, Dec. 27:-There was a serious disturbance here on the the people.

ARRIVES IN WASHINGTON

Canadian Premier Reaches United States Capital to Meet Roosevelt and Churchill.

ington yesterday afternoon and completely out of North Africa. Churchill.

nounced. No further torpedo Christmas day for Washington to plete rout, the Axis force was attacks on the west coast have been reported since Wednesday. take part in conferences between fighting a desperate rearguard Prime Minister Winston Churchill action. A 5700-ton steamer of the Mc-Franklin D. Roosevelt. ing Wednesday night of the Cal-

bank has arrived safely at a Cal- tional defence; Hon. C. G. Power, south of captured Bengasi, British and killed 300 persons, said a Brit-Macdonald, navy minister.

Manila; Defenders of

Enemy-Invasion Reinforcements Being

Poured Ashore.

death and terror through Manila today in complete dis-

MANILA, Dec. 27: (CP.)—Japanese bombers blasted

CLEANING UP LIBYA

Disturbance In Berlin On Arrival British Campaign Meeting With Swift Success-Out of Cirenaica Into Tripolitania.

CAIRO, Dec. 27: (P)-Axis forces arrival of a hospital train with are still being pursued by the wounded from the Russian front. British west of Bengasi with fight-The German people are becoming ing now centred around Barce. shocked over the enormous casu- Thirteen thousand Axis prisoners alties and the condition in which have been sent to the rear. The DARK BUT the wounded arrive. No longer threat to Egypt has now been recan such matters be kept from moved, a Cairo communique said yesterday and British troops can now be released for mopping up purposes.

> British forces have occupied Bengasi, most important port between Egypt and Tripoli, thus the campaign in Cirenaisa, the eastern section of Libya. Bengasi is 250 miles west of Tobruk and its capture marks an advance of 300 miles west of Egypt for the British.

campaign are now completing a Minister William Lyon Mackenzie across Libya to the Tripoli border King of Canada arrived in Wash- with a view to knocking Italy

immediately went into conference British forces by last night had WASHINGTON, Dec. 27: - A with Secretary of State Cordell chased the Axis remnants to a United States army bomber has Hull. Later he met President point ninety miles south of Bensunk a Japanese submarine off Roosevelt and Prime Minister gasi and only eighty miles from the border of Tripolitania. To The prime minister left Ottawa effect a retreat and escape com-

ported today.

Britain and United States Map Out Program Expected To Bring Victory Into Sight Next Year

GLORIOUS

Defence Comment On Fall Of Hong Kong

OTTAWA, Dec. 27:-Hong Kong vill go down as "a sombre but dorious page in the record of the * * * * * * * Janadian army," declared Hon. J. + L. Ralston, minister of national & Churchill tefence, in commenting on the British forces in the Libyan fall of the British stronghold of the Orient in the valiant defence WASHINGTON, Dec. 27:-Prime swift four hundred mile drive clear of which the Canadian forces played a prominent part.

Prime Minister William Lyon & OTTAWA, Dec. 27: -- Prime Mackenzie King said the stand at & Minister Winston Churchill of & continue to threaten invasion of Hong Kong might have an im- & Great Britain will spend two & Great Britain in order to keep the portant bearing on the whole & days in Ottawa early next & island from dispatching men or war issue in the Far East through & week, punctuating his visit to & material to other theatres. having held up the enemy for a & Washington with the stay in 4 valuable two weeks.

NAZI REPRISALS

Cormick Line was reported sink- of Great Britain and President Several hundred more Axis pris- DOVER, Eng., Dec. 27: (P)-After oners have been captured and a British bombers raided le Havre fornia coast.

The Vancouver steamer RoseHon. J. L. Ralston, minister of naBritish mopping up operations German planes bombed the town HAD FIRE ifornia port. No reason was minister of air, and Hon. Angus general headquarters at Cairo re- ish soldier just returned from occupied France.

Joint Conference of Major Anti-Axis Powers to Be Next Step Following Washington Meet-Prime Minister Churchill Speaks.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 27: (CP)—Great Britain and rrime Minister and Minister of the United States were believed today to have reached preliminary agreement on broad strategy for land, air and sea campaigns calculated to put the Allies on the high road to victory in 1943. The next step is to work out details and responsibility for execution of the strategy and expectation is that this will

mons and Senate.

ult of Pipe Thawing.

The residence of Lee Dell, 304 Eighth Avenue West, suffered considerable damage from fire and governor of Hong Kong, took water at 1:50 Christmas afternoon and for a while it was quite

Mr. Dell's water pipes had become frozen and he was using a blow torch to thaw them out. Oil Hong Kong held out valiantly for from a defective outside tank contwo weeks until Christmas Eve. nection had, evidently, seeped into the ground, the torch setting

> Fire went up through partitions and they had to be cut into by the firemen, causing further damage to the property.

> The furniture to a large extent was removed before it suffered

There was insurance.

Interior Weather Clear and Cold damage.

Lowest Thermometer Reading Of Victoria Boy's Ten Below Zero Is Recorded At Smithers

Weather in the interior has been clear and cold over the Christmas holiday season, according to reports received at railway offices. Smithers reports the lowest thermometer reading with ten below

Passes Suddenly

Victoria Man, Employed At Seal Cove Air Base, Died Yesterday

Patrick Finnerty, who was em-Japanese forces on Sarawak, North ployed by the E. J. Ryan Contract-Borneo, on Christmas Day. The ing Co. at Seal Cove, died yesterday at the Prince Rupert Gen-The Japanese are reported to eral Hospital after a brief illness. have landed at Kuching, capital of Deceased had been a resident of Prince Rupert for two years and nerty was a son-in-law of F. Ham- tires will be cut down. New cars litton Harrison of Victoria, purch- will be allowed four tires but no asing agent for the provincial spares. Golf and tennis balls will to the United States, addressed

Fate Unknown

Private Harvey J. Perry Got There By Stowing Away On Troopship

VICTORIA, Dec. 27:-The fate of Private Harvey J. Perry of the Royal Canadian Army Medical Corps who reached Hong Kong by was that the two great Englishstowing away on a transport ship speaking nations were now united is not yet known. Perry hailed as never before in drawing the from Victoria. He had been or- sword for freedom which, he predered returned home from Hong dicted, would lead the subjugated Kong but whether or not he left people of Europe to lift up their

Rubber Goods In

Drastic Curtailment To Be Effected forget. After First of Year

lied powers. In working out broad allied strategy Prime Minister Winston Churchill is understood to have proceeded on the probability that Germany would "The end of 1942, I think I can & Canada. Next Tuesday Mr. & quiet definitely say, will see us in

get under way almost immediately

in a joint conference attended by

representatives of the major Al-

+ Churchill will address a joint + a much better position than we * session of the House of Com- * are now and 1943 will enable us to assume the initiative upon an ample scale." So stated Prime Minister Winston Churchill in speaking yesterday at Washington, D.C., before a cheering joint session of the United States Senate and House of Representatives. There might be reverses and disappointments which would cause temporary depression but it was Home of Lee Dell on Eighth Aven- better to know the truth sombre ue Suffered Damage As Re- as it might be. The task which faced the Allies was not beyond their strength and endurance.

> Mr. Churchill told of mighty strokes that had already been delivered against the enemy — the rout of the Germans in Russia, the crumbling of the Axis forces in Libya. For the first time in the Battle of Libya the British, equipped with British and American aircraft and tanks, had met the enemy on even terms and made them feel the sharp edge of tools with which they had enslaved others. The aim was to completely destroy Axis forces in North Africa and there was good reason to believe this would be done. "With proper weapons and with proper organization, we have been able to show that we can beat the life out of the savage Nazis. What Hitler has got in Lioya is only a sample of what we shall have to give him in every quarter of the globe to which the war may

The life line was steadily growing in the Atlantic in spite of all the enemy could do, Mr. Churchill said. The British Empire was now incomparably stronger and was growing stronger every month.

The best tidings of all, however, there before the siege began is not heads in hope instead of resigning themselves to the conqueror's

As for the war in the Far East, Mr. Churchill predicted the ulti-Canada Being Cut mate invasion of Japan and the inflicting of a defeat on that nation such as the world would never

Prime Minister Churchill's OTTAWA, Dec. 27:-There will speech before United States con-

Paying Back.

The city of Prince Rupert + Although Manila had been de-* is making its first repayment * clared an open and defenceless vaders on southern Luzon Island * to the provincial government * city under international law, Japon account of moneys bor- anese bombers continued to pound reorganizing and strengthening rowed on account of unem- it and there were seven alarms his defences at Lingayen Bay. * a city council this morning, * twenty-four hours. Military and The position of the Philippine The United States Navy and came here from Victoria where a ♣ ployment relief. In session as ♣ and seven bombings inside of * City Commissioner D. J. * naval forces have been removed Islands is still serious with fierce nounced yesterday that forces of widow and family reside. The re- be drastic curtailment of rubber gress Friday was broadcast. Such * Matheson authorized a bylaw * and anti-aircraft batteries silenced fighting continuing. There have marines were forwarded last night goods in Canada after January 1. an address was not without pre-Matheson authorized a bylaw was a son-in-law of F Ham- time will be out down New care and bicycle cedent. The late Prime Minister was a son-in-law of F Ham- time will be out down New care * 496.22 which was borrowed in * States High Commissioner Francis attacks by the defending forces Wake Island. **4** 1932.

on the Moscow front. Elsewhere tacked without opposition for two south on Luzon Island a late Unithe Red counter-offensive contin- and a half hours, sinking two ted States Army communique said The Russians estimate that freighters in the bay area and yesterday that "things were go-852 German planes have been then turning their attention to ing well for the American and Malaya had stemmed the Japanese brought down in combat and by the helpless and disarmed city. Filipino forces on all sectors." No advance Christmas Eve and have anti-aircraft batteries since the Brilliant flames shot up from the mention was made of fresh land- since been giving blow for blow zero. assault on Moscow commenced. famous old walled city close to ings or advances. It is admitted, against the Japanese invaders. The biggest day's bag was 47 on Fort Santiago which had not been however, that the defending forces used for military purposes for the enemy for the time being at three hundred miles north of Patrick Finnerty least have air supremacy. The United States War Depart-

ment reported today that fleets of Manila, the capital of the Philippine Islands, was declared an lowing the loss of Hong Kong. ♣ Japanese troopships were pouring invasion reinforcements ashore open and undefended city Christmas Day but Japan would not re- gapore have promised to give full north and southeast of Manila and very heavy fighting was in procognize the claim and continued gress southwest of the Philippine bombing it. The United States forces are engaged in a furious assault with tanks against the inand General Douglas McArthur is landings were made at Kuching.

B. Sayre have left, taking the ad- against the invaders who are beministrative offices with them. ing reinforced. Seven spearheads As for the fighting north and have been started by the Japan- despite a position which was ad- government.

who are also continuing a mittedly hopeless, Sir Mark Young fierce air assault.

The military situation in the steps Christmas Day to capitulate, Philippine was made still more the British Colonial Office ancritical after one hundred Japan- nounced. Military and civilian spectacular blaze. ese transports had landed invasion casualties had been heavy but deforces supported by strong naval tails are not yet available. and aerial co-operation. There has The besieged British garrison at been heavy bombing.

Malay and East

Island Hard Pressed There is little news from the Artillery from Ameron Hill set oil fighting in the Malay Peninsula tanks in Japanese-controlled Kow- it afire. but the Dutch air and naval forces loon afire. There was a spectacuare carrying on strongly, sinking lar conflagration Wednesday night. another Japanese destroyer and . transport off the Borneo coast.

Batavia reported today that the largest ship in a Japanese concentration was sunk by direct hits from Netherlands army bombers off Kuching, the capital of Sarawak, Island of Borneo, and a lighter ship also was sunk. direct hits on the government buildings, a church, fire A Netherlands comunique made The Red army has recaptured station and college. In numbers so great that they could this announcement today. Fifalready been accounted for by

British defenders in northern

Although the Japanese drive in Singapore, a stronger offensive by the enemy is expected there fol-One million Chinese around Sinaid as auxiliary troops to the Bri-

Landings were effected by the

Sarawak.

Hong Kong Capitulates After a week's valiant resistance