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# Alaska Highway Report

## Further Information Being Awaited Prior To Making Findings

Announcement Made Today By Hon. Charles Stewart, Chairman of Canadian Section of Commission

OTTAWA, January 17: (CP)—Further information on possible routes of the proposed Alaska Highway is required before a formal report can be presented by the commission investigating the feasibility of the project, Hon. Charles Stewart, chairman of the Canadian section of the international commission, stated today. He said that a report of engineers on the far northern section is still being awaited. Following its receipt, a meeting will be held to prepare for final presentation of a report.

### TODAY'S STOCKS

(Courtesy S. D. Johnson Co.)

Vancouver	
Big Missouri	.04 1/2
Bralorne	10.10
Cariboo Quartz	2.50
Dentonio	.01A
Fairview	.01 1/4
Gold Belt	.30A
Hedley Mascot	.57
Noble Five	.00 3/8
Pend Oreille	1.85
Pioneer	2.10
Premier	.93
Privateer	.58
Reeves Macdonald	.15
Reno	10 1/2
Relief Arlington	.03
Salmon Gold	.02 1/4
Sheep Creek	.85
Oils	
A. P. Con.	.08 1/2
Calmont	.24
C. & E.	1.40
Home	2.50A
Pacalta	.04
Royal Canadian	.13
Okalta	.70
Mercury	.06 1/4A
Prairie Royalties	.08
Toronto	
Aldermac	.14
Beattie	1.18
Central Pat.	1.90
Cons. Smelters	38.00
East Malartic	2.82
Penland	.06 3/8
Prairie Royalties	.48
Gods Lake	.6 1/2
Hardrock	1.03
Int. Nickel	35.00 3/4
Kerr Addison	3.65
Little Long Lac	2.00
McLeod Cockshutt	2.25
Medsen Red Lake	.59
Moneta	.52
Noranda	56.00
Pickle Crow	2.87
Preston East Dome	3.30
San Antonio	2.55
Sherritt Gordon	.81
Uchi	.36
Bouscadiillac	.03 1/4
Mosher	.07
Oklend	.08 1/2
Smelters Gold	.01 1/4
Dominion Bridge	27.00A

## RED RADIO SET FOUND

Outfit in Toronto Believed to Have Been Used for Anti-British Propaganda

TORONTO, Jan. 17: (CP)—Police, in an early morning raid Tuesday, seized a mobile short-wave radio transmitting unit said to have been used for carrying anti-British and Communist propaganda, it was learned today. Arrest was made of Allan B. Parsons, aged 26, alias James Carlyle, shortly after the transmitter was found built into an old automobile in an East End garage.

## NAVY BASE BADLY HIT

War Activities of Wilhelmshafen Will Be Handicapped for Months as Result of Attack

LONDON, Jan. 17: (CP)—The blasting by the Royal Air Force of the German naval base at Wilhelmshafen lasted "throughout the night" Wednesday and the raid, the fortieth since the outbreak of the war, was described as the heaviest and most successful yet. The attack was renewed last night—"highly concentrated and highly successful."

In addition to Wilhelmshafen, the Royal Air Force bombed docks at Emden, Bremerhaven and Flushing and enemy airdromes were also attacked, the Air Ministry announced. As a result of the Wilhelmshafen attacks, which have left much of the place in ruins, the base will be seriously handicapped for months as far as war activities are concerned, the Air Ministry said.

C.P.R. steamer Princess Adelaide, Capt. William Hughes, is due in port at 4:30 this afternoon from Vancouver and waypoints and will sail at 10 p.m. on her return south.

## Joseph Sirois Dies Suddenly

QUEBEC, Jan. 17: (CP)—Joseph Sirois, aged 59, chairman of the Dominion Unemployment Insurance Commission and former chairman of the Rowell-Sirois Commission, reported of which led to an abortive conference at Ottawa this week, died here today.

## Trainees Are Drafted Into Various Units

Nearly Two Hundred at Victoria Taken for Canadian Scottish

VICTORIA, Jan. 17.—Something like two hundred local men who trained for a month at Gordon Head before Christmas have been ordered to join the Canadian Scottish Regiment, Non-Permanent Active Militia. Most of them reported for service yesterday.

It is said here that a number of the new men who recently went to Gordon Head for training as well as others who have already trained for a month will be drafted into various units, some choice being allowed as to what units they wish to join. Various British Columbia units are being weakened by men going overseas from them and these places have to be filled.

James Asselstine, son of Hon. W. J. Asselstine, formerly of Premier has gone east to join the Air Force.

## ANTI-JEW DRIVE ON

Businesses Are Being Taken Over From Non-Aryans in Paris

PARIS, January 17.—Measures against non-Aryans are being taken by the Nazis in German-occupied France. Businesses of 11,000 Jews in Paris are being taken over by commissars.

## Election In B.C. Mooted

VICTORIA, Jan. 17.—The possibility of an early provincial election on the issue of Dominion-provincial relations is being discussed. The C.C.F. has challenged Premier T. D. Pattullo to go to the country in defence of his actions at Ottawa in connection with the collapse of the conference on the Rowell-Sirois report.

## BE CAREFUL OF BRITAIN

Propaganda Ministry of France Suggests That South America Be Careful

VICHY, Jan. 17.—Replying to a message of Capt. Alfred Duff Cooper to Latin America, the propaganda ministry of France has turned its guns against Great Britain. It warned South America to beware of Britain which had been hostile to Latin America for several generations. France was on the side of Italy, Spain and Portugal, the ministry declared.

## Bulletins

**ANOTHER R.C.A.F. CRASH**  
PINCHER CREEK, Alberta—Three occupants were injured when a Royal Canadian Air Force plane struck a tree near here late yesterday.

**NO APPEAL POSSIBLE**  
CALGARY—Judge W. A. McDonald ruled here yesterday that there can be no appeal against judgments of local rental boards after they have been approved by Ottawa.

**PREMIERS CONFERRED**  
OTTAWA—Prime Minister William Lyon Mackenzie King conferred yesterday with provincial Premiers who had not opposed the Rowell-Sirois Commission report.

**SACRAMENTO PLANE CRASH**  
SACRAMENTO — A United States Army bomber, twenty hours overdue after leaving here with seven men on board, is the object of widespread search today.

**COLD WAVE IN EAST**  
HALIFAX—Two persons are dead here as a result of a cold wave which is sweeping the Atlantic seaboard. Several deaths are also reported from such points as New York and Philadelphia.

**HANDWRITING ON WALL**  
LONDON—The handwriting is on the wall for the Axis, declares Sir Archibald Sinclair. Fascism in Italy is doomed although Nazism still holds in Germany.

## CATANIA IS UNDER FIRE ONCE MORE

R. A. F. Still Hitting Hard at Sicilian Base for German and Italian Bombing Planes

AMSTERDAM, Jan. 17.—Nazi authorities announced that measures of reprisal are to be taken against all Dutch people guilty of hostile acts against the Reich control. It has been found necessary by the Nazis to take drastic measures, so numerous have such acts become. The decree is retroactive to the time of the occupation of the Netherlands by Germany.

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Ten Planes Downed

British authorities admitted an attack by Italian and German bombers on Malta but did not disclose whether or not the Illustrious was there and denied that any military damage had been done. The British did, however, announce that ten enemy planes had been brought down in this attack, five by Royal Air Force fighting planes and five by anti-aircraft fire.

An Associated Press correspondent on the Illustrious has given a graphic description of how the aircraft carrier withstood an almost continuous dive-bombing attack for seven hours, bringing down twelve German planes.

## BRISTOL IS HIT AGAIN

West Coast Port Once Again Main Objective of Nazi Bombers Last Night

LONDON, January 17 (Canadian Press)—The important shipping centre of Bristol bore the brunt of German air attacks on England during the night and serious fires were started by incendiary bombs. The raiders also struck at London and towns in the south.

Sixty fires were started in Bristol but they were quickly quelled. There was considerable damage and a number of casualties in the concentrated attack.

## HARD RULE FOR DUTCH

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## SUBMARINES BUSY AGAIN

British Vessels Almeda Star and Delandic Are Reported Victims of U-boat Campaign

NEW YORK, January 17.—Mackay Radio reports submarine attacks and torpedo attacks on and sinking of the 15,000 ton British ship Almeda Star and the 10,000-ton British motorship Delandic in the Atlantic.

Berlin claims to have sunk six ships of tonnage totalling 40,500.

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Robert Smurthwaite arrived in the city on the Prince Rupert last night from Premier.

## TWO WARSHIPS SUNK

SAIGON, French Indo-China—The French Asiatic squadron was said by French sources today to have sunk two Thai warships and severely damaged a third in the first important naval engagement in fighting between French Indo-China and Thailand.

ATHENS—New gains in the region north of Klisura are reported in dispatches while the Greek press stated that one of the Italian forces in Albania have been knocked out of the line. It is estimated that Italian losses so far were 70,000 killed and taken prisoner.

## RESIST AT ANY COST

CAIRO—According to reports reaching here the Italian garrison at Tobruk has been ordered to resist at any cost. Meanwhile the siege by the British continues. An Air Ministry news service statement in London says that the remains of eighty-seven Italian planes are rotting on El Adem airdrome fifteen miles south of Tobruk. The Royal Air Force delivered a heavy blow at Bengazi, another important Italian base in Libya, yesterday, setting large fires. Fall of Tobruk is expected within a week.

## ILLUSTRIOUS ATTACKED AGAIN

LONDON—Berlin and Rome yesterday claimed another attack had been made on the British aircraft carrier Illustrious at Valetta, Malta. It was officially stated here that German Stukas had visited Valetta but it was not admitted that the Illustrious was there. It was suggested that the reports might have been in the way of kites to secure information as to the whereabouts of the Illustrious which is a military secret.

## RUMANIA VS. RUSSIA

BELGRADE—There are reports of recent nightly clashes on the frontier between Russia and Rumania. It is said that five or so soldiers are being killed there every night.

## PROPAGANDA MACHINE BUSY

VICHY—The German-controlled French propaganda machine continues to emit anti-British propaganda. The latest statements are that Great Britain stole Canada and Egypt from France. It is even said that "God Save the King" was stolen from France, it having been written by Louis XIV.

## WITHDRAW FROM HAWAII

TOKYO—A Japanese newspaper advises the United States to withdraw its fleet from Hawaii where it is but a "challenge and a threat."

## CONCENTRATE ON BRISTOL

LONDON—The west coast port of Bristol was again singled out last night for a concentrated Nazi air attack. Wave after wave of German bombers came over in relays to drop incendiaries and high explosive bombs. It was stated that considerable damage was done to commercial and other buildings but casualties were comparatively light. There were some serious fires. Elsewhere in England and Wales the Nazi bombers appeared but their attacks were not heavy. Southeast and southwest England saw the raiders. In London there were two alarms during the night but "nothing much happened," it was stated. Rescue workers were today still engaged in digging bodies out of a men's hostel which was struck direct by a bomb Wednesday night. Forty-five bodies have been already taken out.

## UNITED STATES AT WAR

ROME—Premier Mussolini's newspaper today declared that, for all intents and purposes, President Roosevelt of the United States was "openly and actively at war" although without the consent and, possibly, the knowledge of the people of the United States. His statements were "offensive and provocative" and he was exercising an "uncontrolled and unchecked dictatorship."

## SHOULD BRITISH NAVY FALL

WASHINGTON—Should the British Navy fall, the United States would be outnumbered two to one on the high seas. Secretary of War Henry L. Stimson told the congressional foreign relations committee today in advocating immediate passage of the "lease-lend" all aid to Britain bill. Now was the time, Stimson said, by aiding Britain to prevent Germany from getting a foothold in South America. Roosevelt should be given full power without restriction to help Britain.

## PATTULLO ITALIANS MOVE OUT

Evacuation of Albanian Cities Going On as Greeks Continue Pressure

OTTAWA, Jan. 17: (CP)—The Royal Commission's report on Dominion-provincial relations was indefinitely shelved yesterday in face of opposition from British Columbia, Ontario and Alberta to consideration of its recommendations in wartime.

In a statement yesterday, Premier T. D. Pattullo of British Columbia said main objection taken to the implementation of the report was that its result would be centralization and control in federal authority which would not only prevent expansion but would make it almost impossible to retain existing standards. Premier Pattullo said that proposals submitted would be irretrievable because, once a province surrendered its rights, it would never be able to get them back. British Columbia was prepared to discuss questions of mutual concern between the province and

WASHINGTON—President Roosevelt asked Congress yesterday for authorization of \$350,000,000 with which to build cargo ships. Building of 400 light naval craft is also planned.

Dominion, especially war measures, but we were not prepared to place ourselves in a position which would be in perpetuity detrimental to the welfare of British Columbia.