DEFENC. FFECTIVE

LONDON—Growing of the British defences against Nazi air raiders was last night when two of the enemy planes were bro d the general effectiveness of the attack was spe my failed to get over the metropolitan section in a. d there were only a few insignificant fires which w put out. High overhead there were intensive dogfights, raid commenced late and did not last long. Some fire bom s were dropped into the city about midnight. It was the first night raid on London since Sunday. The enemy also visited other parts of the country including the Liverpool area, the east and west Midlands. Kent, southeast England and west Scotland. However, casualties were light and damage was not heavy.

WILHELMSHAFEN HEAVILY HIT

LONDON-The Royal Air Force dealt a heavy blow at the great German naval base of Wilhelmshafen last night. First planes going over with incendiary bombs to light up the area set such huge and extensive fires that the bombers later had some difficulty in accurately finding their targets. A huge area was set ablaze and, doubtless, large damages was done in this the fortieth and probably the most successful raid of the war on Wilhelmshafen. The attack was carried out in bright moonlight. The Royal Air Force last night also carried out raids on docks, airdromes and concentration points in other sections of Germany as well as on the occupied areas of France and Belgium including Emden, Bremerhaven, Flushing and invasion bases.

GREEKS STILL WINNING

ATHENS-The Greeks, in spite of snow and rain, have staged further successful surprise attacks against the Italians in central Albania particularly on mountain heights in the vicinity of Klisura. "Manna from heaven" was the way Greeks described it yesterday when Italian supply planes dropped food on them, evidently mistaking them for Italians. Farmers and truck drivers are using all manner of old vehicles to keep supply lines open to the Greek troops in the mountains. Italian warships shelled Chimara yesterday but sped away when Greek land guns returned the fire.

SUCCESSFUL BRITISH ACTION

CAIRO-British big guns are still pounding away in the siege of Tobruk in Libya while land forces moved westward towards Bengazi, this in spite of a sandstorm on the desert. A terse British communique says: "On all fronts successful patrol action continues."

H.M.S. SOUTHAMPTON LOST

LONDON-The British Admiralty announces the loss of the 9,000-ton cruiser Southampton as a result of an attack by German and Italian bombers in the battle of last Friday in the Straits of Sicily. The blazing Southampton was so badly damaged that it was found impracticable to tow her to port so she was sunk by her own crew. The great majority of the crew was saved. The aircraft carrier Illustrious has reached the comparative safety of a Mediterranean port where repairs are being carried out to damage which she sustained including a jagged hole in her side. The Illustrious withstood a tremendous sevenhour assault and there were many deeds of valor and heroism. Twelve enemy planes were brought down. The dead have been taken out for burial at sea. The wounded have been placed in hospital.

CALLED AS FIRE GUARDS

LONDON-Minister of Home Security Herbert Morrison has ordered that all Britons, women as well as men, between the ages of 16 and 60, register for service as fire guards. The men will be required to serve at least 48 hours per month. The women will be called upon only under exceptional circumstances.

NEW BRITISH MINISTER

LONDON-Sir Gerald Campbel. High Commissioner to Canada, has been appointed British minister to United States and will take up his duties at Washington at the same time as the new British ambassador, Viscount Halifax.

MENDOZA BEING PURSUED

MONTEVIDEO-The 8199-ton French steamer Mendoza, endeavouring to run the British blockade without navacert and return to France, was carefully following the shoreline two miles off the coast 120 miles north of here today. Five miles outside H.M.S. Asturia was keeping pace. H.M.S. Enterprise is also believed to be nearby.

INDO-CHINESE HURLED BACK

BANGKOK-French Indo-China troops, supported by natives, attempted to enter Thailand in a counter-offensive and were hurled back by the Thai forces, an official communique declares.

# 40 PLANES

Heavy Toll Taken by Royal Air Russia's New Ship Plan is Signifi-Force in Attack on Catania

CAIRO, Jan. 16: (CP)—Between thirty and forty aircraft were the Royal Air Force announced

tish naval units last Friday.

that one hangar on the airdrome was wrecked, another was badly short. damaged and a third was hit.

Photographic reconnaissance showed many bomb craters on the airdrome field.

POUND STERLING exchange market.

## BRITAIN IS CONCERNED

cant to England

LONDON, January 16 (Canadian either burned or severely damaged | Press) -The reported intention of in a British raid on the Catania Moscow to form a 200-vessel merairdrome in Sicily Sunday night, chant fleet to carry produce from the America's to Russia, is seen Catania is believed to be the here as fcf great significance to base from which German dive Great Britain's attempt to stranbombers operated to attack Bri- gle Germany by blockade as Russia's trade obligations with the The official communique said Reich cannot be met from her own resources unless the Russians go

GREET OWLET TRAINER

LONDON, Jan. 16 (CP)—Designed to provide initial instruction in NEW YORK, January 16— The night flying, the Owlet light, all-British pound sterling is quoted at metal monoplane has appeared and \$4.03½ on the New York foreign authorities believe it should prove a useful trainer,

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### Plane Smash At Steveston-One Is Killed

VANCOUVER, Jan. 16: (CP) - Temporary Sergeant R. M. + \* Setters of Portland, Oregon, in- \* structor, was killed and Lead- + Steveston today.

Disaster, This Time Near Windsor

(Canadian Press)-Flight Lieuten- work." ant A. H. Fairweather of Vancouwhen a training plane crashed.

# Non-Agression

Bolivia and Chili Get Together at La Paz and Enter Into Friendly Treaty

LA PAZ, Bolivia, January 16 Bolivia and Chili are to sign non-agression pact here today.

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

Vancouver Big Missouri, .041/2. Bralorne, 10.10. Cariboo Quartz, 2.65A. Dentonia, .01A. Fairview, .011/4. Gold Belt, .29. Hedley Mascot, .58. Noble Five, .003/8. Pend Oreille, 1.90. Pioneer, 2.10. Permier, .92. Privateer, .58. Reeves Macdonald, .15. Reno, .101/2. Relief Arlington, .03. Salmon Gold, .021/4. Sheep Creek, .86. Cariboo Hudson, .01A.

Oils A. P. Con., .09. Calmont, .24. C. & E., 1.35. Home, 2.40. Pacalta, .031/2. Royal Canadian, .11. Okalta, .70. Mercury, .06A. Prairie Royalties, .081/2.

Toronto

Aldermac, .141/2. Beattie, 1.20. Central Pat., 1.90. Con. Smelters, 38.1/2. East Malartic, 2.85. Fernland, .06. Francoeur, .50. Golds Lake, .37. Hardrock, 1.08. Int. Nickel, 36.1/2. Kerr Addison, 3.70. Little Long Lac, 2.00. McLeod Cockshutt, 2.23. Madsen Red Lake, .58. McKenzie Red Lake, 1.29. Moneta, .52. Noranda, 56.1/2. Pickle Crow, 2.89. Preston East Dome, 3.35. San Antonio, 2.60. Sherritt Gordon, .83. Uchi, .38. Bouscadillac, .03. Mosher, .07.

Oklend, .08½.

Smelters Gold, .011/4.

Dominion Bridge, 26.00.

Irreconciliable Differences Lead to Breaking Up

OTTAWA, Jan. 16: (CP)- Hot ing Aircraftsman L. O. H. + words preceded the declaration by \* Voucher of Calgary, student \* Prime Minister William Lyon Mac-+ flier, was injured when a train- + kenzie King late yesterday aftering plane of the Royal Canad- + noon by which the Dominion-proian Air Force crashed nearby + vincial conference on the Rowell-\* Sirois intergovernmental relations! report was brought to a precipitate · close. It had previously been evident that there could be no hope of for five years. any unanimous results in view of irreconcilable fundamental di'ferences of opinion.

Wreckers of Confederation

Premier M. F. Hepburn of Ontario had told the conference that, if it Royal Air Force Suffers Another was insisted further discussions were to be based on the Rowell Sirc's commission report. "we wil leave you wreckers of Confedera WINDSOR. Ont., January 16 tion to carry on your nefarious

Mr. Hepburn followed the Ontarver and Leading Aircraftsman D. io highways minister, Hon. T. B. R. Axler of Brantford, Ontario, stu- McQuesten, who a few minutes dent pilot, were killed yesterday earlier declared "our association with this so-called conference

The Ontario Premier said the reasons put forward by Finance Minister J. L. Ilsley for implementing the report, referring to one of its framers as "a Winnipeg newspaperman who had had his knife into Ontario ever since he started to write edi

Premier T. D. Pattullo of British Columbia, one of the three premliers who opposed the adoption of the report, is reported to have said that the savings proposed in the the war for thirty days. He de. CHILDREN clared his province did not intend to be hogtied or hamstrung by terms of the report.

Pending a report from a conference sub-committee on procedure Compulsory Removal of Those Likethe conference had adjurned yesterday from morning until afternoon. Among other matters discussed was whether sessions of the conference should be open to the public or held in camera.

Outstanding Figures session with Premier Hepburn of capital. Ontario the chief exponent of leaving Dominion-provincial relations unchanged.

Premier William Aberhart and dations of the Commission.

supported the report.

committal. the conference that the meeting of the conference but it would have William Robb. the procedure committee had es- been an even greater responsibility tablished that six Premiers were not to call it. The government ready to proceed with formation would be ready to reopen consider- Weather Forecast of committees but three had reg- ation of the report at any time, feistered refusal to sit on such com- fore the war was over or after.

mittees. adoption of the Sirois report or a fully in the war effort. equitably distributed. If this was sumed provincial debts but not throughout British Columbia. vincial fields of taxation including for the employable and would dis- unsettled and mild with rain. tax, discontinue provincial grants the provinces. for unemployment relief and ration, Premier King entertained gasoline. The war was costing Can- delegates at dinner last night.

CARRYING NO PASSENGERS BUDAPEST- No passengers will be carried on Hungarian state railways for the next few days, it is announced. Bad weather is given as the reason. The order does not apply to internaional trains or busses.

HEADS MINES CHAMBER

VANCOUVER-Homer P. Jones was elected president of the British Columbia Chamber of Mines yesterday succeeding Dr. W. B. Burnett who has been president

TRAINING JAPANESE VANCOUVER- Japanese students at the University are being trained in the use of arms at the Canadian Officers Training Corps of the University of British Columbia and will continue to receive the training, President L. M. Klink announces. Some of the Japanese would enlist in the Canadian Active Service Force if they

ITALIAN PLANE DOWN

could.

Bahia-An Italian transAtlantic mail plane, eastward bound from Brazil, sent out an "S.O.S." from a point 300 miles off the Brazilian coast. Aboard were eleven persons. German and Italian planes are searching.

ANTONESCU TO BERLIN BUCHAREST-Premier Ion Antonescu is about to leave for Berlin to consult with Nazi leaders, it is reported.

ly to Suffer From London Air Raids Ordered

LONDON, Jan. 16: (CP)-Rt. Hon. Malcolm MacDonald, minister of health, today ordered compulsory removal from the Greater London! Premier John Bracken of Mani- area of all children under the age T toba emerged from the conference of fourteen considered likely to suf- Keeping Record as the principal champion of con- fer in mind or body from air atstitutional changes after Tuesday's tacks if they remain in or near the Of Naval Unit

> ada \$850,000,000 a year, said Ilsley. Prevent Bad Impression

Premier T. D. Pattullo of British | The government decided not to Columbia were also outspoken in continue the conference after the

Meantime, Mr. King expressed grat-

### United States Soldiers Are Going Abroad

WASHINGTON D.C., Janu-+ ary 16 - The first American + + force to leave United States + fifty over age destroyers.

Lord Wakefield Was Known as Oil the foreign relations committee Magnate and Philanthropist-Once Lord Mayor

pist, died at his home in Beacons- would be no major problem for a field today at the age of eighty-one major European nation to cross don in 1915-16.

H.M.S. Pandora Bags Couple of Italian Supply Ships In Central Mediterranean

LONDON, Jan. 16: (CP)-The Admiralty announced today that a British submarine, H.M.S. Pandora, had sunk two Italian supply ships of about 5,000 tons each in the central Mediterranean.

Both of the Italian ships were southbound, apparently for Africa, and one was seen to have a deck cargo of motor transport.

Historical Committee of Local Ro- Navy in the war. yal Canadian Naval Volunteer Reserve in Session

The historical committee of the their opposition to the recommen- Premiers of three provinces said local unit of the Royal Canadian they would not act on committees. Naval Volunteer Reserve, formed Campaign Gets Premier W. J. Patterson of Sas- The decision was announced after a to keep the war record of the unit katchewan and Premier Thane A. fifteen minute meeting of the cab- whose original members are now Under Way Now Campbell of Prince Edward Island inet. The Prime Minister said that abroad on active service in various, undesirable impressions might get parts of the world, was in session Premier J. Adelard Godbout of abroad if the conference proceeded this week. In view of the death | A committee consisting of George Quebec, Premier A. S. MacMillan of with three delegations absent. of one member of the commit- L. Rorie, T. W. Brown and Dr. H. N.

Nova Scotia and Premier J. B. Mc- Mr. King said that personally he tee. Ben Ferguson, and the de- Brocklesby was appointed at the Nair of New Brunswick were non- was not surprised at the opposi- parture from the city of another, luncheon of the Prince Rupert Gyro tion to some parts of the report F. A. MacCallum, a new member Club yesterday to proceed immed-Prime Minister King's announce- which he had not at first been in has been added in the person of lately with the institution of a ment that it was useless to pro- favor of advocating but Mr. Ilsley, Frank Dibb. Certain property of campaign whereby the Gyro Clubs ceed with the formation of confer-the minister of finance, had con-the unit will be looked after by of Canada and the United States ence committees came after Rt. vinced him of the importance of the the committee which consists now would purchase a Spitfire plane for Hon. Ernest Lapointe, minister of report being implemented. It had of C. H. Elkins. chairman, G. A. the British war effort. The matter justice, had told a plenary session of been a great responsibility to call Hunter, secretary, Frank Dibb and will be taken up with Gyro Interna-

General Synopsis—A deep depres- paign. Finance Minister Ilsley had sub- lification at the unanimous deter- sion is slowly approaching the In the course of informal discussequently told the conference that mination expressed to co-operate Queen Charlottes from the west and sion at yesterday's luncheon various the pressure is relatively high over views as to the line of procedure similar plan was necessary if the Under the report of the commis- the Peace River district. The weath- were presented with a view to guidburden of war effort was to be sion, the Dominion would have as- ther continues unsettled and mild ing the committee on the line of ac-

strong. Cloudy and mild with rain. Capt. E. A. Ferguson was a guest.

Impressive Statements Made Before Committee by Secretaries of State and Treasury

WASHINGTON D. C., January 16 (Canadian Press)—Secretary of War Henry L. Stimson, ap-+ for a foreign country since +' pearing before congressional + the last war on military duty + foreign relations committee to-+ departed yesterday from New + day in connection with the stu-+ York aboard the old liner Am- + dying of the Roosevelt "lease-+ erica. They are destined for + lend" bill. declared: "I think \* Newfoundland there to assist \* we are in very great danger of + in watching over construction + invasion by air in the contin-+ work on bases being establish- + gency that the British Navy + ed there by the United States + should be destroyed or surren-+ under the rlan where defence + dered." The United States, Stim-+ sites abroad were given by + son asserted, faced a more cri-+ Great Britain in return for + tical period than it did in 1917. • It was essential that everything + be done to carry out the war needs of this country as well as those whose defence was of vital importance to the United States. The bill implied a "fortright and clear grant of power to the Pres-

WASHINGTON D.C., January 16 -Speaking before the session of yesterday on the "lease-lend" aid to Britain bill, Secretary of State Cordell Hull declared yesterday LONDON, Jan: 16: (CP)- Vis- that defence of Great Britain was count Charles Cheers Wakefield, defence of the United States. Once noted oil magnate and philanthro- Great Britain was defeated, there years. He was Lord Mayor of Lon- the Atlantic Ocean by way of South America and menace the United States. Mr. Hull, in no uncertain terms, condemned the Axis nations' ambitions to conquer the world and establish tyrannical rule TWO CLIDE over their victims. He condemned I VV U DITTED the expansionary tendencies of

Secretary of the Treasury Henry Morgenthau declared that Great Britain did not have enough money to pay for this year's war needs. Its orders for purchases in the United States now amounted to \$5,000,000,000. Under the "leaselend" plan, if approved, British contracts for war materials in the United States would be handled by

the United States government. Secretary of Navy Knox said that much better progress than expected was being made in the program of construction of new United States destroyers.

Rear Admiral W. R. Furlong told the committee that fifty overlage destroyers which had recently been turned over by the United States to Great Britain were getting along nicely with the British

tional by wire at the outset but, if there is not immediate and satisfactory response from that quarter, the idea is to proceed with the campaign anyway. The committee will lose no time in instituting the cam-

tion which is considered desirable.

not done the federal government municipal, it would undertake res- West Coast of Vancouver Island- Enthusiasm was displayed by a would likely have to invade pro- ponsibility of finding employment Fresh to strong southeast winds, full attendance of members and Past President G. A. Hunter was in succession duties, increased income continue granting of subsidies to Prince Rupert and Queen Char-the chair in the absence of Presilotte Islands-Fresh easterly winds dent W. F. Stone. The meeting was the shifting to southeast, becoming devoted entirely to the Spitfire idea.