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# Threatening

### Rommel is Still Retreating In Libya Great German Army Is

### Axis Forces Falling Back on Tripoli and May Not Stand There

Sirte Falls to British Eighth Army Which is Continuing bus Lake in the Chilliwack district To Rush Westward From There

MANY AXIS PLANES DESTROYED

WASHINGTON, D.C., Dec. 28 (CP) — Allied air and ground forces in North Africa have destroyed 277 enemy planes since the beginning of the campaign sidered that the lost plane may be against a loss of 114 Allied craft, fifty-nine being covered by snow. American, the United States war department reported.

LONDON, Dec. 28 (CP)—Marshal Erwin Rommel's CALIFORNIA retreating Afrikan Korps was rapidly approaching CALIFORNIA Misurata today and there it must decide either to make a stand or give up all of Benito Mussolini's Tripolitania and join the Axis forces in Tunisia where pelting rains are keeping Allied and Axis armies at a standstill. Cairo communiques reported that the,

Entry from India in Addition

To That on Akyab

district of Burma has been occu-

pied by British forces crossing from

India. This is in addition to the

The Royal Ar Force attacked La-

shio, Burma, at the week-end

while Japanese planes made an-

little success, one of the raiders be-

Canadian Administrator Non-Com-

mittall About Canada Following

United States Lead

OTTAWA, Dec. 28 (P-Food Ad-

possible to predict whether canned

and dried fruits and vegetables

will be rationed in Canada al-

though it is possible it may become

be set up. Wickard said the reason

was increased requirements for

zens are Not Inclined to Agree

CHRISTMAS

military purposes.

disorderly conduct.

money in the cash drawer.

recovered undamaged nearby.

An automobile belonging to J. E.

necessary.

ministrator Taggart says it is im-

move against Akyab.

British Eighth Army had engaged Rommel's rearguard in the region of Wadi Bei El Chebir, forty miles west of captured Sirte and only about fifteen miles east of Buerat el Haun. The Libyan shore bends northward there toward Misurata and forms a huge hump in the coastline. If Rommel abandons Misurata positions he has no place to stop short of Tripcli and even there he, perhaps, cannot make a prolonged stand.

Allied patrol forces have held recently-made gains but the real Battle of Tunisia has not yet been joined. Reinforcements for sides are being gathered in might and a large Allied drive on Tunis and Bizerte is soon anticipated.

Meanwhile Allied forces are ing shot down. continuing to advance upon the approaches of Tunis and Bizerte, key points in Tunisia still in Axis RATIONING hands.

Yesterday is was reported there had been further Allied advances in Tunisia although the Germans regained some lost ground.

The British Eighth Army has captured Sirte in Libya where General Erwin Rommel's Afrika Korps is endeavouring to protect his remaining army of 45,000 men from the British advance by rearguard action and planting of land mines.

## SUBS HIT

Three Merchant Ships and Possibly Destroyer Sunk

LONDON, Dec. 28—The Axis supply line in the Mediterranean toward Tunisia has suffered another heavy blow. Three Axis merchant ships were sunk by British submarines and a destroyer probably destroyed.

#### Hockey Scores

SATURDAY Toronto 7, Boston 2. SUNDAY Rangers 3, Toronto 1. Montreal 4, Boston 2.

Detroit 6, Chicago 1.

OFFENCELESS PRISONERS BERNE, Dec. 28 (P)—Between 1 000 and 1,200 Norwegians are at present interned in concentration camps in Germany, says a Stockholm paper, adding that the majority of these are imprisoned without having been convicted of any offense.

#### BRITAIN FOR SHORT

Britain is the anglicized form of Morris was removed from in front the classical name of England, of the residence of Peter DeJong Wales and Scotland - Britannicae on Fifth Avenue but was later Insulae.

## OIL FILM

Search for Missing Plane Concentrated on Cultus Lake Area

VANCOUVER, Dec. 28 (P-A thin | film of oil on a snow-covered mountain by a farmer beyond Culsouthwest of that town, has led the search for the Canadian Pacific Air Lines plane, missing since Dec- Guinea have driven further against ember 20 on a flight from Prince the Japanese who are pocketed George with thirteen persons on near Buna Mission but General board, to that area. Otherwise Douglas MacArthur warned that there is still no trace of the missing plane. The possibility is con- area was to be expected before the

Two Dead as Result of Trouble At Vallejo Between Negro Sailors And White Servicemen

VALLEJO, Cal., Dec. 28 (P - Two by Allied bombers. negro sailors were shot by marine and military police. The negroes, ome waving knifes, charged marines who opened fire with tommy guns. Order was restored by service British Forces Have Made Fresh and military police.

# N. GUINEA

MacArthur Sees Heavy Fighting Ahead Although His Forces Are Still Closing On Japs

MELBOURNE, Dec. 28-The Americans and Australians on New much more heavy fighting in this enemy are driven out.

Flying fortresses from Gaudalcanal attacked Rabaul, New Britan and scored a direct hit on a large Japanese transport. The pocket containing entrapped Japanese forces is becoming gradually smaller as Australian and American forces close further in.

Two Japanese planes were shot down over New Guinea on Saturday and three over New Britain. Timor has also been raided again

An enemy destroyer has been sunk off Salamana, New Guinea, while off New Britain, a mediumsized freighter and a 5,000-ton transport was sunk.

### NFW DELHI, Dec. 28 - A new CHANGING PICTURE IN POLITICS OF CANADA

New Faces in Dominion Cabinet, New Senators and New other raid on Calcutta but with Party Leaders Shown in Review of Year's Developments

> By C. R. BLACKBURN Canadian Press Staff Writer

OTTAWA, Dec. 28 (CP)—Deaths, resignations and transfers have brought changes each year in the cabinet with which Prime Minister Mackenzie King started his present regime in 1935 but 1942 saw more than the usual number of new ministers come to the council table.

Only three of the 15 portfolios existing when Mr. King took office in October, 1935, remain in the hands of the minis- the death of Justice Minister Laters to which they were then en- pointe, transfer of Labor Minister trusted. They are External Affairs McLarty to the department of secheld by the prime minister, Mines retary of state, appointment of and Resources held by Hon. T. A. War Services Min ter Thorson to

Taggart made the statement folowing the announcement in Washington of Agriculture Secretothers entered at the end of 1941 tor Dandurand. ary Wickard that all canned, dried and frozen fruits and vegetables in and obtained their House of Com-United States will be rationed as mons seats in February of this transferred to the transport portsoon as the ration machinery can year.

Hon. James Gardiner.

Louis St. Laurent, Justice; Hon. full strength. Humphrey Mitchell, Labor; Hon. | Two members of the House of Alphonse Fournier, Public Works: Commons died in 1942-James S. Maj.-Gen. L. R. LaFleche, War Services; Hon. Ernest Bertrand. Fisheries; and Senator J. H. King, minister without portfolio and government leader in the Senate.

Premier Mitchell F. Hepburn's resignation from leadership of the So Say Police Although Some Citi-Ontario government was the outstanding change in provincial administrations during the year. Af-Although some citizens were not ter holding office since July 10, inclined to agree, the city police 1934, Mr. Hepburn dramatically said that the Christmas season was handed in his resignation to Lieutsurprisingly more quiet than might enant - governor Albert Matthews have been expected here. Some on October 21 and, on his nominapeople complained of maudlin and tion, Attorney General Gordon Conant succeeded to the premier-Early Christmas morning the ship.

window of the door in McArthur's But Mr. Hepburn did not resign Shoe Hospital on Second Avenue his leadership of the provincial was smashed and entrance made. Liberal party and the situation his The place was ransacked and shoes resignation as premier created is to strewn in the street. There was no be decided at a convention planned for early spring.

#### New Appointments

were to fill vacancies created by slightly damaged.

Crerar, and Agriculture held by presidency of the exchequer court, resignation of Hon. P. J. A. Cardin This year alone brought four from the portfolios of Public Works new faces into the cabinet. Two and Tansport, and death of Sena-

Fisheries Minister Michaud was folio when changes were made late The six newcomers were Hon. this year to bring the cabinet to

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Naples and Crete Hit During Holiday Season

CAIRO, Dec. 28—Operating across he Mediterranean from bases in orth Africa, the Allied forces devered smashing attacks on southern Italy and Greece, including Naples and Crete. From Britain there were further raids over western Germany.

NEW COMMISSIONER-

### TA TOT A BITTO DAKLAN IS SUCCEEDED BY GIRAUD

Famous French Soldier Takes Place Of Assassinated Admiral

DeGAULLE ACCORD LONDON, Dec. 28 — General Charles DeGaulle and General Henri Giraud have been in communication for the past 48 hours and are reported to have reached an agreement on co-operation. DeGaulle, it is understood, desires a new French government in Algiers with himself as a military member. He would repudiate 'he A mistice with Germany.

ALGIERS, Dec. 28-General Heni Giraud, noted French soldier, who escaped from German imprisonment in two wars, has been apsioner in North Africa in succession to the assassinated Admiral tics, Giraud has always been outspoken in his dislike of the Nazis. It is expected he will be able to do much toward further unifying difficult to follow Darlan.

glad he did it, was executed by a peak year of 1928: firing squad Saturday. The execution almost coincided in time with the funeral of Darlan which was attended by General Dwight Eisenhower who negotiated the deal with Darlan by means of which North Africa went over to the Allied side. The French council of North Af-

rica met to name a successor to inated in Algiers on Thursday af- closely estimated. ernoon. Three bullets were fired into his body by a twenty-two year old youth who was taken into custody. Darlan died in ambulance on

the way to hospital. has gone definitely anti-Axis.

### Gravely Imperilled By OF ITALY Converging Red Forces

Situation Becoming Gradually Worse for Enemy in Soviet Territory—Huns in Retreat on Four Fronts

MOSCOW, Dec. 28 (CP)—Russian troops advancing southward in the Middle Don sector, were reported today as being only forty-five miles from those striking southwestward from Stalingrad and thus a second trap threatened German forces in the Stalingrad area. Should these two forces join somewhere on the lower Don - and the

in great peril. Capture of Biriukov by armies of the Middle Don brought the two massive forces near a juncture. Russian armies, engaged in four winter offensives. are pursuing every advantage night and day while Soviet dispatches picture the Germans as wasting hundreds of lives in fruitless counter-attacks at some points and abandoning great stores of equipment in their haste to retreat at

The Red Army has advanced to within one hundred miles of Rostov. Southwest of Stalingrad seven

noon Soviet communique reported In eleven days of fighting on the they were moving forward—strong control front 60,000 Germans have German forces at Kotelnikoviski in central front 60,000 Germans have the upper Caucasus would also be been killed and 55,000 taken pris-

> Further gains have been made by the Russians over the Germans in the central front area and in the Caucasus. Premier Joseph Stalin Christmas

> Day promised the early and complete liberation of the Ukraine. Within Stalingrad another in-

dustrial stronghold has been recaptured by the Soviet, five hundred Germans being killed. With the Red Army continuing to smash forward on four fronts,

the principal drive is that in the middle Don although the Soviet forces have made a twelve mile ad-Nazi divisions have been routed, vance in the Caucasus.

### RECORD YEAR FOR CANADIAN NATIONAL RAILWAY SYSTEM IS REVIEWED BY PRESIDENT

The upward trend of the industrial activity, which began with the outbreak of war and which was so strong-Jean Darlan. Never active in poli- by marked in 1941, continued throughout 1942 says a review for the year by R. C. Vaughan, president of Canadian National Railways. New traffic records were created for each month and the traffic volume for the year

anti-Nazi Frenchmen who found it exceeds by a wide margin any previous experience. The following Moreover, the fuel consumption in The twenty-two year old assassin tabulation shows the growth of of Admiral Jean Darlan, who ad- traffic since the outbreak of war mitted the killing and said he was as contrasted with the pre-war

in millions of ton miles 21,532 17.084 23,041 The traffic figures for 1942 are.

Financial Results

The financial results for 1942 reflect the record volume of traffic handled. Operating revenues in The assassination is believed to 1942 will exceed \$370 millions. Afhave been Nazi-inspired in revenge ter meeting all operating expenses, for Darlan's going over to the Al- including equipment depreciation lied side or as an act to confuse and appropriate charges for deferthe situation in North Africa which red maintenance and renewals, net revenue will exceed \$85 millios, an all-time record. This net revenue will be sufficient to pay taxes and all other charges, including interest due to the public and to the Government, and leave a substantial surplus to be paid to the Government. The following tabulation gives a comparison of 1942 indicated revenues with the actual results of the year 1941:

Indicated \$ 66,608,341

fewer locomotives than in 1928.

1942 was less by 45,000 tons than

The improvements to the property and the additions to its railway rolling stock have been con-Freight Traffic Pass'r Traffic | fined to improving facilities to in millions of handle war traffic. Deliveries of pass'r miles new equipment have been slower than anticipated. During the year 70 new locomotives, 46 passenger, baggage and mail cars and 1,040 freight cars were acquired, and there are on order, undelivered, 53 locomotives and 5.250 freight cars. Admiral Jean Darlan was assas- of course, not final figures, but are The experience of the Canadian National in that regard parallels the experience of the railway industry. It has become abundantly clear that the railways are the only agency capable of furnishing land transportation on the scale necessary to support the war effort. So far the railway industry in Canada and the United States has met the ever increasing demands for transportation, despite increasing difficulties in obtaining railway supplies and equipment. This, however, can only be continued if the railways are afforded priorities which will enable them to secure the necessary supplies and equip-

> One of the special wartime services rendered by the railway is the movement of workers to and from industrial plants in special workmen's trains. These services have been worked out co-operatively with the industries in cases where other means of transportation have proved incapable of handling the movements. The Canadian National operates seven services of this nature, and each day transports to and from work 20,000 workers in such special train

> The railway itself is actively engaged in the manufacture of mu-

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### Thirty-four Killed as Trains Collide at Almonte, Ontario-Trooper Strikes Passenger

ALMONTE, Ontario, Dec. 28 (CP) - Death struck last night at a happy throng returning home by rail from Christmas gatherings and today at least thirty-four bodies Reveunes lay in this town and at Ottawa, thirty-five miles distant, Expenses while scores of others received medical attention, some being in a critical condition. A Canadian Pacific Railway Net rev'ue \$ 85,000,000 train from Pembroke to Ottawa,

train were shattered. Virtually all which took almost one hundred or cent less staff, 25 percent fewer New federal cabinet appoint- the dead and injured were in these more seriously injured to hospital freight cars, 14.2 percent fewer nitions of war, including guns, gun ments during the past 13 months coaches. The troop train was only in a critical condition early this passenger cars and 6.0 percent carriages and several secret de-

Op'ng ratio 77.02% loading at Almonte station, was In the basement of Almonte struck from the rear by a fast troop Town Hall were twenty-eight It is interesting to note that, train from Petawawa military bodies while undertakers in Ot- while the 1942 volume of traffic tawa said three bodies were taken exceeded that of 1928 by 44 per-Three cars of the stationary to Ottawa mortuary from a train cent, it was handled with 8.6 per-