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BATTLE OF RUSSIA—

RED ARMY ADVANCES ON NAZIS

Situation Improves For Soviet on Central Front as Winter Deepens—White Tanks Employed

MOSCOW, Dec. 10 (CP)—The Red Army has speared seven miles deeper into enemy lines on the central front near Veluki Luki, recapturing thirteen settlements, while the Germans have still failed in a six-day effort to regain the initiative on the Stalingrad front, Soviet dispatches reported today.

Attacking with ski troops supported by tanks painted white to blend with the snow, the Russians are stabbing at Nazi communications on the central front which extends northwest of Moscow roughly from Rzhev to Velikie Luki.

On the Stalingrad front, although slowed down by violent German counter-attacks, the Russians are reported still pushing gradually forward as the offensive there enters the fourth week.

Milk Price Reduction

OTTAWA, Dec. 10 (CP)—The order of the Wartime Prices and Trade Board reducing the price of milk to consumers by two cents a quart will go into effect Dec. 16, it was announced today.

CONTRACT CHANGED

Northern Construction Co. Takes Over Local Job From E. J. Ryan Contracting Co.

The Northern Construction Co. has taken over the road building contract on the Skeena River Highway from this end just beyond Prudhomme Lake from the E. J. Ryan Contracting Co., it is announced.

City Ambulance Is Kept Running

Injured Men on Local Construction Jobs Make Several Calls

The city ambulance, operated by the fire department of the hospital board, has been called on no less than fifteen times during the last nine days. Many of the calls have been to handle men injured in connection with local construction jobs.

Yesterday Daniel Campbell, employed by the British Columbia Bridge and Dredging Co., fell into the harbor from the ocean dock, sustaining back and leg injuries. J. Purse and D. McAuley were hurt in falling from a scaffold while employed by the B.C. Bridge and Dredging Co.

A. B. Erickson, suffering from pneumonia, was taken from the Central Hotel to the Prince Rupert General Hospital.

SKIPPERS 45-TONNER

LONDON, Dec. 10 (CP)—Ten years ago Rear-Admiral Fischer Watson commanded the 33,500-ton battleship Nelson. He retired in 1933. Recently he stepped ashore from his latest command since he came back into service—a 45-ton motor vessel of the naval ferry command.

OFFICERS INSTALLED

Three Features at Fine Dinner Dance by Gyro Club Last Evening

Installation of 1943 offices, initiation of five new members and a welcome home and presentation to Lieut. Orme Stuart R.C.N.V.R. who is back in Prince Rupert after two years abroad on service with the Royal Navy were features of a fine dinner dance held last night by the Prince Rupert Gyro Club with the district governor, Dr. George Froom of Kamloops, in attendance. There were upwards of sixty persons present at the affair which was quite up to the usual standard of Gyro jollity and hospitality.

In the address of the evening in connection with the installation of officers, Dr. Froom pointed out that Gyro, although based on the precept of friendship, was not primarily a "good time" organization. It was founded upon definite ideals and purposes designed to make it worthy of the time, effort and expense that was put to it by its memoers. It was a compact brotherhood based on earnest and strong understanding, confidence and friendship.

Dr. Froom also referred to the part that Gyros were playing in the war. Members were in active service offering their lives in "friendly service" in every branch of the service and in every theatre of war. He admonished Gyros to strive to do the utmost in their power in the war effort, at the same time maintaining the Gyro spirit and activity. He paid tribute to the work of the retiring president and executive on Gyro's behalf in Prince Rupert and bespoke a full measure of support and cooperation by the member for the new executive.

The new officers are: President, W. J. Scott; secretary, Dr. John Gibson; treasurer, H. S. Meadows, directors, Frank Skinner and Dr. John MacDonald. Continuing directors are Dr. Jens Munthe and L. B. Lambly.

The retiring president, George Rorie, made a brief report on the activities of the past year and, after being duly installed, the new preesident, W. J. Scott, made brief remarks on taking over the gavel of office.

During the evening a past president's pin was presented to Mr. Rorie by the district governor.

Official greetings of the Prince Rupert Rotary Club were conveyed by George Mitchell while W. R. McAfee spoke on behalf of the Senior Chamber of Commerce and Robert Parker for the Junior Chamber of Commerce.

The ceremony of initiation of the five new candidates in the persons of Robert Gibson, Gordon Bryant, Jack Ray, W. D. Lambie and Harry Brooks was impressively carried out by the district governor.

The presentation of a handsome pipe to Lieut. Orme Stuart was made on behalf of the club by Dr. R. G. Large whose remarks were appropriate to the occasion. Lieut. Stuart replied in humorous vein, referring to the great pleasure it was for him to be back home in Prince Rupert.

The attendance cup for the year 1942 was presented to W. J. Scott who won on a draw with G. A. Hunter, H. S. Meadows, W. F. Stone and Dr. R. G. Large, each of whom had perfect attendance records for the year. The attendance cup presentation was made by John Morse, past Gyro president of Kamloops.

Following the dinner and various ceremonies of the evening, dancing was enjoyed until midnight with excellent music by a naval orchestra.

Those present at the affair included District Governor George Froom, Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Scott, Mr. and Mrs. G. L. Rorie, Mr. and Mrs. G. C. Mitchell, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Parker, Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Stone, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Burnett, Dr. and Mrs. John MacDonald, Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Lambie, Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Mills, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Skinner, Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Dieldal, Mr. and Mrs. William Cruickshank, Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Flaten, Mr. and Mrs. F. T. Skeije, Mr. and Mrs. T. W. Brown, Dr. and Mrs. R. G. Large, Mr. and Mrs. L. M. Asemissen, Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Hunter, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Trotter, Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Bryant, Mr. and Mrs. D. G. Borland, Dr. and Mrs. John Gibson, Mrs. Catt, Miss Margaret McCaffery, Mrs. L. M. Gordon, Miss Mena Johnson, C. H. Orme, Lieut. O. G. Stuart, H. S. Meadows, Jack Ray and C. P. Balagno, Don Millerd, Lieut. Roberts, Alex Armstrong, J. H. Brooks, R. G. Gibson.

POISED FOR BIG BATTLE

Allies Appear Ready to Launch Another Offensive Against Axis In Both Tunisia and Libya

LONDON, Dec. 10 (CP)— Allied forces were apparently set today to launch a mighty new drive against the Axis at any moment both in Libya and Tunisia under formidable and ever growing air power. Reports by Morocco radio that the British First Army and American troops had sprung a new attack on both sides of the Axis' narrowing last foothold appeared to be premature. Advices from Tunisia, however, indicated that the Allies were no longer hampered by the pinch for air support and that a crucial battle for the last twenty-mile approach to Bizerte and Tunis might explode at any moment.

On the opposite side of the North African battlefront a Cairo communique said the British Eighth Army was "allowing the enemy no rest in the El Agheila area."

TURIN IS HIT AGAIN

Important Italian Arsenal City Gets Further Heavy Blow From Royal Air Force

LONDON, Dec. 10 (CP)—Royal Air Force bombers flew last night into smoke still rising from destruction wrought Tuesday night at Turin, battered Italian arsenal city, and loosed explosives ranging up to four-ton "block busters" in a one-hour assault which left large new fires spreading in the industrial areas. Great damage was acknowledged by the Italian High Command.

Air Ministry said that three bombers failed to complete the round trip from Great Britain across the Alps but said that a "strong force" participated, suggesting 200 or 300 planes.

The flight of British bombers took one hour and fifteen minutes to pass over the English coast in starting the 1,200-mile flight over the Alps to Turin and back again.

Battered Turin is the battered home of the Royal Italian Arsenal and Fiat Motor Works. It was the sixth raid on Turin in a month.

The Italians admitted heavy damage in the raids of both Tuesday and Wednesday nights. Only one plane was lost from the large force which delivered Tuesday night's attack which by both British accounts and admissions of the Italian High Command was one of the heaviest yet made in the campaign to blast Italy out of the war.

The strength of the Royal Canadian Air Force participating was not disclosed.

YES, THEY HAD 'EM THEN

LONDON, Dec. 10 (CP) — During river dragging at Hornsey workmen brought up an old aerial bomb of the 1914-18 war.

SPIDER FISH NETS

Natives of New Guinea twist large spider webs together and use them as fish nets.

Shackling To Be Abandoned

OTTAWA, Dec. 10 (CP)—Prime Minister William Lyon Mackenzie King announced today in response to a proposal from the Swiss government that Canada will tomorrow night abandon policy of shackling a number of German prisoners of war adopted early in October as a reprisal against similar treatment by Germany of a number of Canadian and British prisoners.

RE-ELECTED AS MAYOR

Jack Cornett is Again Choice of People of Vancouver

VANCOUVER, Dec. 10 (CP)—Mayor J. W. Cornett was re-elected in the civic election here yesterday. The vote was 17,212 for Cornett and 7,998 for Donald Brown.

Aldermen Bennett, Miller and Worthington were re-elected with A. D. Greyell chosen to the fourth vacancy on the city council.

The Non-Partizan slate with Jack Henderson were chosen to the school board.

The one-man street car idea was rejected 18,000 to 6,000.

Many Attend His Funeral

Large Congregation at Mass Yesterday for Late Angus D. Gillies

Many friends congregated yesterday morning at the Church of the Annunciation when high requiem mass for the late Angus D. Gillies, esteemed pioneer resident of the city, was celebrated by Rev. Father Carroll with Rt. Rev. E. M. Bunoz, Bishop Northern British Columbia and the Yukon, assisting with prayer. Gillis Couture was soloist in the choir. Following the celebration of mass, interment was made in the Roman Catholic section of Fairview Cemetery.

The pallbearers were Henri Letourneau, Louis Amadio, George Holmes, Peter McCormick, Alex McIntyre and Angelo Astori.

Bulletins

PETAIN POWERLESS

VICHY — Marshal Petain has been stripped of all power. He cannot leave his home now unless escorted by a Nazi soldier.

SHORTAGE OF POTATOES

VANCOUVER — The situation as regards potato supply here is described as serious.

OTTAWA—Sunday, January 3, is designated by the Canada Gazette as a day of prayer and intercession.

GROWING TEETH AT 75

BENTLEY, Eng., Dec. 10 (CP)—Thomas Morris, 75, former mineworker of this Yorkshire village, wrapped up his false teeth and put them away in a drawer saying he wouldn't need them any more—he is growing a third set of natural teeth.

SUCCEEDS FINUCANE

LONDON, Dec. 10 (CP)—Sqdn. Ldr. Rhys H. Thomas, 25, D.S.O., D.F.C., whose low-elevel attacks won the admiration of the attack force at Dieppe has taken over command of the Spitfire wing which the late Wing Commander Paddy Finucane led

NOMINATING OF LEADER BY TORIES

This to be Done at Winnipeg Tomorrow—Situation Over Bracken Becomes Complicated

WINNIPEG, Dec. 9 (CP) — Candidates for the Dominion leadership of the Conservative party will be nominated tomorrow. When Rt. Hon. Arthur Meighen, the present national leader told the convention yesterday that "when this convention closes my days of leadership are over," his renunciation left the field clear for the convention to choose a new chieftain from among the candidates who will be nominated.

In his parting address, Mr. Meighen criticized the Mackenzie King government for establishing a "radio monopoly" and for its military policy which he contended had resulted in the maintenance of an unnecessarily large home defence army while Canada did less than other countries in giving fighting men for service in war theatres.

The first order of business at today's session of the convention was a proposal to change the party's name to incorporate in it the word "progressive."

Premier John Bracken of Manitoba said yesterday that he would be a candidate for the leadership if a change were made. He is a staunch advocate of a national government and would not be content to lead a party government. The first reaction was hostile and some thought that the "Bracken for leader" boom had received a setback because of his stipulations. Even before Bracken's relationship to the party was settled, the possibility of his coming Conservative leadership had repercussions on his government with Hon. S. J. Farmer, minister of public works and labor and only co-operative Commonwealth Federation member of the Manitoba coalition government, resigning.

WORKING ON MINE

Construction at Telkwa to Cost About $23,400

An expenditure of about $23,500 is to be made in connection with construction work and installation of equipment at the Aveling Coal Mines property at Telkwa, according to information reaching here. The program of work includes construction of compressor, steam driven compressor, boiler plant 200 h.p.; small tools; hoist for mine slope; second hand steam driven generator set 15 k.w.; fan and motor for mine ventilation; new coal cutter; and a number of miscellaneous small items.

Stores Close On Evenings

The Prince Rupert Retail Merchants' Association, at a meeting this morning, decided that stores of the city will close each evening at 6 o'clock right up to Christmas instead of remaining open evenings as has been the case in the past. The weekly half-holiday on Christmas Eve will be cancelled. There will be a meeting of the Prince Rupert Retail Merchants' Association for reorganization between Christmas and New Year.

Residences Cannot Be Sold Over Tenants' Heads After Today

Drastic New Regulations Are Announced in Regard to Housing in Dominion of Canada

OTTAWA, Dec. 10 (CP) — New rentals regulations aimed at relieving tenents of fear of having their homes "sold over their heads" and of having to find other accommodation on relatively short notice were announced last night by the Wartime Prices and Trade Board rentals administrator. Effective today the regulations provide that the tenant of a home which has been sold must be given twelve months' notice to vacate by the new owner and that, even then, the owner must prove he will need the property for his own residence when the tenant leaves. The regulation applies to all houses purchased after December 9.

In the past a landlord could evict a tenant on three months' notice by declaring he required the accommodation for himself or relative or employees. Under the new regulation he may evict the tenant with three months' notice only if he actually "needs" the home as a residence for himself.

Also after December 9 the rental of any housing accommodation not previously rented must be fixed by the rentals committee. This applies to houses, flats, apartments and other dwellings whether newly constructed or created by conversion of old property into new accommodation.

Rents will be fixed at the "going rates" of a given locality as of October 11, 1941.

Consideration of cost, value or operating expenses are ruled out and rentals will be efixed at levels generally prevailing for similar accommodation in the same neighborhood as of that date.

Gona Taken By Allies

CANBERRA, Dec. 10 (CP) — Complete occupation of the Gona area of New Guinea by Allied forces directed in the field by General Douglas MacArthur is announced today by Prime Minister John Curtin. The Japanese thus lost the northern anchor of a stubbornly defended but ever narrowing beachhead in Papua, their foothold already cut into segments by Australian and American jungle fighters.

CIGAR STORE BROKEN INTO

Premises of John Bulzak Disturbed Early Yesterday—Goods and Cash Taken

Early yesterday morning Miller's Cigar Store at the corner of Second Ave. and Sixth Street was broken into and a quantity of cigarettes taken as well as cushion covers and 70c in coppers from the till. Larger money was left in the till, indicating that the intruder must have been frightened off and left in a hurry.

Entry was made by prying off a padlock.

The proprietor, John Bulzak, on opening up in the morning, discovered that his place had been broken into. He thereupon advised the police.

More Recruits Are Enlisted

Smithers and Pacific Men Join up In Army and Leaving Tonight For South

Craig Miller, 33-year-old mechanic of Smithers, and Donald Archie Disher, 19-year-old bridge worker of Pacific, are latest recruits at Prince Rupert for the Canadian Army. They leave tonight for Vancouver. Another local recruit is George Dumas of Falher, Alberta, who will leave next week for Vancouver.

ESSENTIALS IN BRITAIN

LONDON, Dec. 10 (CP)—More than 6,500,000 people in Britain now are engaged in undertakings scheduled as essential war work including merchant navy, shipbuilding, railways, engineering, coal, iron, steel, dock, chemical and quarry workers.

BRITAIN'S DOGS

LONDON, Dec. 10 (CP)— Britain's dog population is declining. The Post Office reveals that 222, 445 fewer dogs were licensed last year, than in the previous year. Number of dogs in the country is now 2,403,241.

Churchill On Darlan

LONDON, Dec. 10 (CP) — The House of Commons went into secret session today to hear from Prime Minister Winston Churchill an account of the British government's attitude in a controversy aroused by the Allied arrangement with Admiral Jean Darlan in regard to French co-operation in North Africa.

Minneapolis and St. Paul Active In War Industry

The twin cities of Minneapolis and St. Paul, under wartime conditions, are also becoming greatly industrialized and, with greatly increased population, housing is a serious problem there like in many other cities of the country, said Len Johnston of the mechanical staff of the St. Paul Dispatch who was here yesterday on his way to Whitehorse in the Yukon Territory where he is to be engaged in war construction work.

Grain crops have been very fine in his part of the country, said Mr. Johnston, but there is a large carryover and storage facilities are taxed to the limit, everything in the country being full up including new accommodation which has been rushed up.

STEPNEY'S RED CROSS

LONDON, Dec. 10 (CP)— Stepney, one of London's most blitzed boroughs, has contributed nearly $42,000 in pennies to the Red Cross.