Australians Have Success in Malaya

Bronzed jungle-trained Australian troops were officially credited today with smashing a column of Japanese tanks and infantry in their first engagement with the Mikado's invasion hordes and Britons in Singapore thrilled to the hope that the Malayan retreat was now finally ended. British Far East headquarters said that heavy casualties were inflicted on the Japanese advance and described the situation as unchanged, indicating that the Japanese had been checked at least temporarily. Evidence that Singapore's aerial defences had been strongly reinforced was reflected in a British communique's renort that large forces of aircraft were slashing at the invaders.

Russians Are mashing On

Masses of Russian tanks were reported smashing today at the gates of German-held Taganrog, forty miles west of Rostov-on-Don, as Marshal Timoshenko's Red armies pressed a general counteroffensive through the Ukraine and tightened the trap on 100,000 Germans and Rumanians in the Crimea. Russian troops were reported fighting the invaders also a few miles from Simferopol, the German capital, forty miles north of Sebastapol on the railroad to the Russian mainland. On the basis of previous reports from the Soviet, German forces at Taganrog had long since been isolated by Russian columns which bypassed the city in pursuit of the main Axis armies retreating along the Sea of Azov toward Mariupol. In the northeast Ukraine Red Army troops were reported heavily assaulting German forces at Kharkov while on the central front Red Army spearheads threatened half a dozen anchor points in Chancellor Adolf Hitler's winter defence line.

ree French Help ritish in Libya

Free French forces have arrived to support British troops in the attack on Axis hold-out positions in the rocky highlands of Halfaya on the Libyan-Egyptian border, it was disclosed today at Cairo.

Hamburg and Emden Are Attacked Again . . .

London reports that the German ports of Hamburg and Emden were attacked last night by the Royal Air Force for the second night in a row.

COMPENSATE CANADIAN PROVINCES ACE DEAD

awa for Surrender of Income Tax Rights.

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Brunswick Scotia 2,900,000 ce Edward Island askatchewan, Manitoba, New mswick, Nova Scotia and Prince

cial subsidies.

tudent Pilot Fell 500 Feet;

student pilot from York-Eng., fell 500 feet from a He lived to tell about it

Details of Arrangement With Ot- Italians Confirm Wing Commander Mark Henry Brown Killed in Action.

OTTAWA, Jan. 16:-It is cost- CAIRO, Jan. 16: - A message the federal government \$100,- dropped from an Italian plane annually to compensate over British-held territory in Libnine provinces for taking over ya confirms the death in action personal income and corpor- of one of Canada's most distintaxes for the duration of guished airmen, Wing Commandwar. It is believed that every er Henry Brown of Manitoba, who lince will sign the agreements had been reported missing. The wing approval by their legis- message says Brown was killed in An indefinite period is a crash while fighting. He was by the agreement-the buried by the Italians with full'

ion of the war and one year military honors. Brown went from Canada to llowing are the amounts that England in 1936 and joined the province will receive in re- Royal Air Force. Early in the war for the surrender of their he distinguished himself with exne and corporation tax rights: ploits in fighting over western \$12,048,000 Europe and in the Battle of Brit-

REICH IS CONCERNED : Five Japanese

Some Anxiety in Reich, Berne Reports

BERNE, Switzerland, Jan. 16:- 4 A labor shortage is causing grave concern in Germany, according to + 16 ()—The Asiatic fleet has + reports here.

are showing more and more re- + vessels in the Far East, it was + enemy submarines, the final deluctance to go to Germany. The greatest shortage

highly skilled labor. war workers employed in the + ships and non-combatant + Reich outside of war prisoners. Germany expects to benefit somewhat from the use of Russian prisoners.

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CLOSE ON HALFAYA

Axis Forces Are in Danger of Being Trapped in Last Frontier Outpost.

CAIRO, Jan. 16:-British desert army forces are closing in on Halfaya Pass, last hold-out outpost of the Axis in the Libya - Egypt frontier area, and are threatening to entrap from 5,000 to 10,000 Axis troops.

There is little change in the situation in the western Cirenaica region towards Tripolitania.

WELLES IS OUTSPOKEN

Urges All Western Hemisphere to Cast Off Shibboleth of Illusory Neutrality.

RIO DE JANEIRO, Jan. 16:- At the opening of the conference of Pan - American foreign ministers here yesterday Under Secretary of State Sumner Welles of the United States urged all nations of the western hemisphere to cast aside the shibboleth—the illusory fiction—of neutrality and to unite against the Axis nations. It was an issue. Welles declared, of the power of evil against the rights and independence of free peoples. Neutrality only meant suicide.

It was not necessary, Welles said, to engage in actual warfare but certainly steps should be taken to drive out Axis agents who were carrying on under the guise of diplomatic activity. There was not a Japanese or German consul or WARIS Axis who was not reporting to his superiors all ships that left port, the object being to sink them.

Ten Pan-American nations have already broken with the Axis and of the ten remaining but one-Argentina-shows any disposition to retain a position of neutrality.

TODAY'S STOCKS

(Courtesy S. D. Johnston Co.)

Vancouver

Grandview

Bralorne

Cariboo Quartz	1.70
Hedley Mascot	.34
Pend Oreille	1.60
Pioneer	2.00
Premier	.58
Privateer	.42
Reno	.14
Sheep Creek	.79
Oils	
Calmont	.16
C. & E.	1.15
Home	2.61
Royal Canadian	.03
Toronto	
Beattie	.90
Central Pat.	1.21
Cons. Smelters	.38
Hardrock	.48
Kerr Addison	4.00
Little Long Lac	1.30
McLeod Cockshutt	1.60
Madsen Red Lake	.45
McKenzie Red Lake	.95
Moneta	.25
Pickle Crow	2.25
Preston East Dome	
San Antonio	
Sherritt Gordon	.93

vard Island will also receive Shortage of Workers Is Causing + Ships Go Down

WASHINGTON, D.C., Jan. + now, MacDonald admitted. + sunk three enemy transports + is in | ings announced today by the inavy he was firmly convinced of. * Navy brought to twenty-four * There are twenty-four million + the number of Japanese war- + * vessels sunk by United States * * Navy and marine forces.



Two natives of Malaya, ratings in the British navy, are shown manning an anti-aircraft machine-gun aboard a minesweeper near vital Cingapore. This great British fortress and naval base at the cross roads of the world is now menaced by the Japanese driving down the peninsula from Thailand

REDS MAKE CLOSER

Another Tanker Is Sunk Off Long Further Progress Being Made by Island—Only 23 Miles Off Shore.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 16: (P)—The south shore of Long Island.

First word of the sinking came Moscow. and seventy-five miles east of cow. New York.

At first the Navy Department said it had no information but later it confirmed the sinking. This attack brings the Battle of the Atlantic fifty miles closer to the east coast of the United States than the sinking the day previous of the Panamanian tanker Nor-

Capt. Harold Hanson, reporting | Little Finland is now being bufon the sinking of his ship, the feted by a new Russian offensive first British prince to hold an Norness, said it was struck by from the Karelian Isthmus, the overseas post of this calibre. three torpedoes which were fired object being once and for all to Shortly after his tenure began, without warning.

SUBS WILL BE BEATEN

British Convoys Will Continue To Sail Atlantic, Says Canadian Minister of Navy

OTTAWA, Jan. 16:-Hon. Angus MacDonald, minister of the navy, says that convoys will keep on sailing the Atlantic supply route to Great Britain in spite of enemy submarines. There might be sevral u-boats off the Atlantic coast of Canada and the United States

The minister reiterated the necessity of holding back informa-Workers from occupied countries * and two large Japanese cargo * tion in regard to successes against announced today. The sink- feat of which by the Canadian

> resort at Minaki in Ontario, ar- near Terrace, arrived in the city pine Islands against the Japanese rived in the city on the Princess on the Princess Adelaide this af- invaders is "as inspiring as To-Adelaide this afternoon in the course of a trip to the Pacific ternoon following a trip to Van-Herald newspaper. The delaying Coast and will proceed east on the couver and will proceed to the in- action there is proving of great + evening train.

HELPING TO HOLD SINGAPORE

ADVANCES

United States Navy confirmed to- MOSCOW, Jan. 16: — The Red Bonaporte held him in his arms day that another merchant vessel Army is making further advances as sponsor. The infant prince was

Russian Forces in Crimea,

Ukraine and West of

Moscow.

In the Ukraine, Soviet forces have taken a number of towns just outside of important Karkov. Additional landings of Russian forces have been made from the Sea of Azov on both sides of Perikop Isthmus, thus threatening to the Crimea.

knock the Finns out of the war.

BULLETINS

EXPECTS LONG WAR

HALIFAX—Speaking to a service club here, M. J. Coldwell, C.C.F. leader, said leading British public men expected the war would last from two to five years longer. He suggested that Canada restrict its consumption of concentrated goods so that more might be sent to Britain.

LANDINGS IN PHILIPPINES

TOKYO - The Japanese fleet is reported to have been in action off Batan Peninsula of the Philippine Islands where fresh Japanese troops are said to have been landed.

Mr. and Mrs. W. Hagen, who L. Holst, manager of a summer operate a sawmill at Copper River fight being waged on the Philipterior by the evening train.

BLAME PUT ON LONDON MALAY NOW

sible For Lack of Air Power in Far East, Menzies Asserts.

CANBERRA, Jan. 16: - Former Premier R. G. Menzies of Australia holds London military leaders responsible for present lack of air cower in the Far East theatre of war. Menzies says that Air Mar- on the Burma-Thailand fronshal Sir Robert Brooke-Popham, tier. since removed as commander-inchief at Singapore, a year ago pointed out to the London authorities the need of more air power against the Japanese in Malay here.

CONNAUGHT PASSES AT

Former Governor General Of Canada and Last Son Of Queen Victoria Dies

of Connaught, who was Governor make operations and transport of General of Canada during part equipment very difficult for both of the first Great War from 1911 sides. to 1916, died this morning at his He passed peacefully away after and several were brought down, Atkins, announced. The last sur- on the east of the Netherlands viving son of Queen Victoria, he East Indies was subjected to a was ninety-one years of age. His heavy enemy air attack yesterday. last official act was the inspection of two Canadian regiments in RAATTA IC England two years ago.

naught and Strathearn spanned four generations of British royalty and touched five reigns.

At the first of the many ceremonies of his long life—his christening—the same Duke of Wellington who conquered Napoleon had been sunk yesterday off the on three fronts-Crimea, Ukraine baptised "Arthur" in honor of and the central sector west of the victor of Waterloo.

The babe, born to a queen, on from the United States coastguard The Russians have driven their May 1, 1850, lived to see his elder ing such as a few square miles which said that an unidentified deepest wedge yet into the Nazi brother become Edward VII, his tanker had been sunk by enemy lines by capturing an important nephew take the throne as George principal stumbling block to the V and his great-nephews reign as Axis powers in that important Edward VIII and George VI.

> children. To her he was always in the last twenty-four hours. "darling Arthur."

Americans had several opportunities to see him at close range SHIP LOSS trap Germans and Rumanians in between October 14, 1911, and Oc-

tober 16, 1916 when he served as governor general of Canada, the

at Ottawa, he made his only visit to the United States, coming unofficially and unaccredited to "see the sights of New York." He was accompanied by the duchess and their popular daughter "Princess Pat" and after several days in Manhattan went to Washington and called on President Taft While the United States later became accustomed to royal visitors, they were compartively rare in Continued on Page Two

MCARTHUR

Fight on Philippines "As Inspiring as Tobruk," Says Melbourne Newspaper.

MELBOURNE, Jan. 16: - The ships for a total of 300,000 tons. value, the newspaper says.

AUSSIES IN

Military Leaders at Home Respon- Their Presence May Mean End of Defensive and Start of Offensive Tactics—Singapore Attacked Again.

> NEW CONTACT MADE RANGOON, Jan. 16: (P-British combined headquarters announced tonight that British troops had "met" the Japanese

SINGAPORE, Jan. 16: - Australian troops are now in action Peninsula after having been held for the past five weeks in reserve. This was made known here yesterday. The entry of the Australians will, it is hoped, mark a change from defensive rearguard fighting to offensive tactics against the enemy.

The Singapore radio tells of plans for a "grand new offensive" GREAT AGE by the Allies against the Japanese in a huge circle with Burma as the western segment. "A great concentration of man and air power will sweep aside all opposi-

tion," it is declared. Yesterday there was only light fighting due largely to weather conditions, recent rains having LONDON, Jan. 16:-The Duke washed out roads and bridges to

Singapore was subjected again home at Bagshot Park in Surrey to a heavy air raid attempt but an illness of several hours, his Amboyna, air and naval base, physician-in-ordinary, Sir John between the Celebes and Sumatra

The career of the Duke of Con- MALIA 15 HEAVY HIT

Never Before in History Have a Few Square Miles Taken Such Heavy Pounding.

LONDON, Dec. 16: — The great British naval and air base of Malta has been subjected to a poundnever in history before sustained theatre of war.

He was Queen Victoria's third Since the war began Malta has son and the seventh of her nine had 1285 air raid alarms, fourteen

Naturally Allies Have Been Heavier Hit Than Axis Since War Began

NEW YORK, Jan. 16: - Allied shipping losses for the whole war to date have been three times those of the Axis, according to a compilation which takes into account only verified losses and not unconfirmed claims of either side. The Allies have lost nearly six million tons of naval and merchant vessels in two and a quarter years of war and the Axis about

two million tons. Of course, it should be taken into account that the Allies have a great many more ships at sea than the Axis powers which are to large extent bottled up.

The year 1941 was the heaviest in losses owing to the destruction of several major war vessels on both sides.

Sweden has been the heaviest loser among neutral nations--127

Maximum 49. Minimum 41.