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Tomorrow's Tides (Standard Time) 6:39 a.m. 18.1 feet 18:50 p.m. 16.2 feet 0:06 a.m. 6.8 feet 12:50 p.m. 9.0 feet

PRICE FIVE CENTS

22 Nazi Divisions Are Surrounded

POST-WAR PROBLEMS

Maximum Home Rule and Minimum Centralized Authority Advocated by United States Vice-president

WASHINGTON, D.C., Dec. 29 (P) -A world council to settle postwar problems as part of international machinery to keep peace and rehabilitate the world was proposed here last night by Vicepresident Henry A. Wallace. He laid down the guiding principle for international organization after the war as the maximum degree of home rule that can be obtained along with minimized central authority that must come into existence to give necessary protection.

GIRAUD IS APPROVED

General Eisenhower and British Government Are Well Satisfied

LONDON, Dec. 29 (P) - General Dwight Eisenhower, commander of the Allied forces in North Africa. expressed delight at the selection of General Henri Giraud is French High Commissioner of North Africa and an authoritative quarter says the appointment of Giraud by the French Imperial Council as successor to the assassinated Admiral Jean Darlan with full military and civil powers is entirely satisfactory to the British government.

In a radio broadcast from London, General Charles deGaulle, leader of the Fighting French, paid | + + + + tribute to General Giraud and suggested that he might make a trip 4 to Washington D.C. soon. This trip . Approach would supposedly be in connection with the new French colonial government which deGaulle is understood to be in favor of setting up in Algiers.

Meanwhile in Vichy, Marshal, Henri Phillippe Petain criticized French leaders who had collaborated wth the Allies. The French citizenship of Giraud in Vichy had been cancelled.

The reason for the slaying of Darlan is still officially unexplain- + + + + ed althought Darlan's assassin was executed by a firing squad a few hours before the naming of Giraud as his successor was made by the French Imperial Council.

SWEARING IN HELD

New Mayor, Aldermen and School Trustees Given Oaths of Office by Police Magistrate

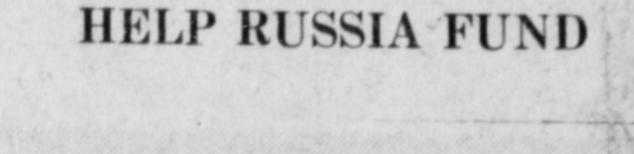
Swearing in of the new mayor, was now flying over the capital aldermanic board and board of city of Djibuti which is of straschool trustees took place yester- tegic importance as a commandday afternoon in the city council chamber, the ceremony being con- was a minimum of resistance ducted with the taking of the statutory oaths by Police Magis-

rate W. D. Vance. Actually, Mayor W. M. Watts and the new aldermen and school trustees will not take over their new duties until January 1 when the retirement of City Commisloner D. J. Matheson becomes effective.

The first meeting of the new ity council will take place on Monday evening of next week at which time announcement of the standing committees of the year

will be made by the mayor. On Tuesday night the initial meeting of the new school board will be held when the chairman will be elected and other initial formalities gone through.

GUERRILLA DRUGS





driven. The enemy left it in ruins, but to the staunch women it to the Canadian Aid to Russia Fund. remains home, and they have courageously set about making

"HOME AGAIN" these Russians have come, to the site of themselves as comfortable as possible. This is the kind and the their prosperous collective farm from which the Nazis had been calibre of people who are helped when contributions are sent

To Akyab

NEW DELHI, Dec. 29 (P)-Ad- 4 *vance elements of British forces * + lashing into western Burma, + + have reached the vicinity of + + Rathedaung, about twenty- + + five miles northwest of Akyab, + * a British communique report- * + ed today.

SOMALILAND TURNS OVER

Important East African Colony of France Joins Up With Fighting French

LONDON, Dec. 29 (CP)—Fighting French headquarters announced today that French Somaliland has aligned itself officially with the Fighting French and that the flag of Lorraine ing point on the Red Sea. There from Vichy France elements against the taking over.

The governor of French Somaliland says everything possible will be done to assist the Allies.

Impact Near Lake Nipissing

NORTH BAY, Dec. 29-Five persons were killed in the head-on collision of two Canadian National Railways freight trains yesterday afternoon on the North Bay-Ottawa line just east of nearby Nipissing Junction. All five victims were One new Chinese drug laboratory members of the train crew. Only Unsuccessful attempts have been ing 1942 having been Arthur Klatt, ines, a communique said, did the tried to break out. erated for guerrilla bands, em- one of the six members of the two made by the Japanese to land sup- Harry van Birkel, James Hamilton, shooting, adding that no damage Meanwhile, Allied bombers are 200 trained technicians and engine crews escaped with his life plies by parachute for harassed Irvine Smith, Donald Llewellyn was inflicted. Allied troops drove a reported to have sunk a Japanese when he jumped.

* * * * * FIRE CALLS HERE MANY : Blow At

This Year Has Had Greatest Number so Far-Nothing Serious Over Christmas

Prince Rupert has had 117 fire alarms so far this year, the largest number for any year in the city's history and considered at the Fire Hall as to be quite expected in view of the increased population and congested living conditions. 'In fact,' remarked Fire Chief H. T. Lock this morning, "we are fortunthat we have had no more serious fires than there have been. The total of 117 alarms so far this year compares with 84 in the same period of last year and fifty-five

During the Christmas week-end there was only one fire that might be described as having been in any way serious. This was at 4:50 Sunday afternoon when an upstairs room in a house on Water Street was gutted with its contents largely destroyed. Children had been playing upstairs and the fire is bestuffed chair. Damage amounting the first of the year to about \$200 or \$300 is covered by insurance.

Day was a false alarm at 10:45 p.m. to the Canadian National Railways vice of the United States governgeneral offices.

At 4:23 a.m. Boxing Day fire the home of A. H. Hill-Tout, Fourth IN WRECK to the basement, slight damage being done.

Two Canadian National Trains in PARACHUTE

Unsuccessful Attempt Made by Japanese to Succor Forces on Guadalcanal Island

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Bangkok *

NEW DELHI, Dec. 29 (₱) — * + Large forces of United States + four-motored bombers dealt a 4 * second destructive blow at * * Bangkok, Japanese-occupied * night, smashing the naval + * powder factory and airfield, a * * All bombers returned safely.

FIREHALL STAFF NEW

Three Veterans Retired During Past Year While Six New Men Joined Force

Three veteran members and one newer member of the city fire department retired during the year 1941 while no less than six new men were added to the staff which now consists of nine, including the lieved to have started in a large chief, whereas there were seven at

The retiring members of the department were Alex Macdonald, The only fire call on Christmas who became city sanitary inspector for a time but is now in the serment here as a fire protection officer; James Parks, who took his started from an open fireplace at superannuation and is now in business at McNicholl Creek across Avenue East, and burned through the harbor, and Hugh Smith, who also was superannuated and is now understood to be engaged in war work in Vancouver. The newer member of the department to leave was Jack Mowatt who resigned a few months ago to take up other

Senior member of the fire department now next to Chief H. T. and-a-half years. Eric Jackson is Buna village for five hours before "booked" far ahead. the only other fireman who has daylight as Allied troops drove been in the service for over a year, deeper into enemy holdings there. and Robert Hutchings.

* * * * * AIR LINES CILLIATION

President of TransCanada Felicittates Employees

MONTREAL, Dec. 29-In a seasonal message of seasonal greeting to all employees, J. H. Symington, * Thailand capital, Saturday * K. C., president of TransCanada Air Lines, expressed appreciation + dock area, a large arsenal and + for their excellent work in maintaining T. C. A. fine service repu-+ communique announced today. + tation. He also emphasized the importance of Canada's national air line in wartime by providing speedy transportation and thereby accelerating the nation's war effort.

In the message made public Mr Symington writes 'It is again my privilege to extend warm seasonal greetings to all members of the T. C. A. staff and to express to them the appreciation of the board of directors and myself for their concientous work and their loyalty and co-operation during a difficult

"1942 has been marked by the continuous growth and expansion All of "Terrible" Tuohy's Men Have noon with the intention of going of the service in becoming ever more vital to the national effort as the war goes on with the consequences that the daily task of each and every one of us is assuming increasing importance.

"Eternal vigilance and careful our good reputation and I am confident that you will all do your maintain but enhance the reputation of T. C. A."

Buna Village Subjected to Bombardment But no Damage Done

deep wedge into Japanese troops in cruiser in Rabaul harbor.

Steel Drawn Tighter

Further Strategic Points on Central Front Captured by Russians in Their Big Winter Offensive

MOSCOW, Dec. 29 (CP) - Russian armies of the south thrust forward today along a 300-mile front and spread fanwise from Nobaya Kalitva, just south of Rossosh at the edge of the Ukraine, to Kichkino, deep in the windswept Kalmyck steppes. Where this front cuts across the Stalingrad-Tikhoretsk Railway, the Russians reported

Collision Toll

ALMONTE, Ont., Dec. 29 - In- Locked far behind this Russian has been set for January 7.

SHOWDOWN FOR TUNIS is supplied by air only. It is estimated that 2

Due-Allied Blows by Sea And Air

LONDON, Dec. 29 (CP)—Sharp clashes by Allied patrols probing Axis positions and continued air assaults on enemy bases indicated today that the hour might be approaching for a military showdown in Tunisia. Torrential tor. rains which have held up large scale actions are reported to be easing up although the ground is still slippery and muddy.

Meanwhile to the east the Britich Eighth Army is advancing well beyond Sirte in the chase of Marshal Erwin Rommel's Libyan

Allied fighters, driving far into enemy territory, are disclosed today to have destroyed twenty-one German trucks in a motor convoy thirty miles west of Tripoli.

The Admiralty announces that British submarines have sunk at least two more /- xis supply ships in the Mediterranean and have probably destroyed two others.

Now Been Accounted For-Two Are Slain

CHICAGO, Dec. 29 (P)-All seven of "Terrible" Tuohy's long-term had occurred a few hours previous. of the five others, J. Edgar Hoover, engaged in farming. chief of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, announced today. The are the widow, two sons, Arthur gang was rounded up in raids on and Howard Toftager, and one North Side apartments eartly to-

POPULAR PARSONS

NORWICH, England, Dec. 29 Rev. Ernest Hardy, Methodist, and Rev. Stanley Baker, Baptist, ALLIED HEADQUARTERS IN "factory padres," visit war factories Lock is Harry Hill, who has been AUSTRALIA, Dec. 29 (P)—On Tues- and chat with workers; they sing with the department for three- day Japanese warships shelled a hymn duet. Their visits are

Great Arc of Soviet But Battle Expected

smashing through the Nazi outer

defences to capture Nagolny, three miles south of Kotelnikovski where the Germans are braced for a ter-In Ontario Now the Germans are braced for a tersurge closed in from three sides Placed at 35 of Kotelnikovski, important rail line citadel, and stood astride some highways of escape at the rear.

quest into the deaths of thirty-five arc of steel, some twenty-two Nazi persons who lost their lives in the divisions remain surrounded before train collision here at the week-end Stalingrad within encirclement which the Russians" daily report said was drawing tighter. This huge force is still capable of furious resistance and Russian dispatches indicated that it showed no signs of weakening although it

It is estimated that 21,000 Germans have been killed in the Indications Are That Big Battle Is area southwest of Stalingrad since December 12.

The Red Army has now reached a point within 100 miles of Rostov.

For the first time in weeks there has been activity on the Russo-Finnish front, the Soviet forces having made an attack on Finnish positions in the Lake Ladoga sec-

FOUND DEAD LAST NIGHT

Halvar Toftager Succumbs to Natural Causes at His Home On Ninth Avenue West

Halvar Toftager was found dead slumped on the floor in an outbuilding at his home, 209 Ninth Avenue West, about 9 o'clock last night by his son-in-law, John Valderhaug, and a boarder, Ernest Artidies. Death was due to natural causes, obviously a heart attack.

Mr. Toftager had complained of feeling unwell for some days but no particular alarm was felt in regard to his condition. He left the house at 40'clock yesterday after-

Following the finding of the body, Dr. C. H. Hankinson was called and intimated that death

gangsters who shot their way to Mr. Toftager was seventy-two attention to detail is the price of freedom from the state penitenti- years of age and a native of Norary at Joliet, Illinois, October 9, way. He came here two-and-ahave now been accounted for with half years ago from Handon, Sasutmost to carry on and so not only the slaying of two and the capture katchewan, where he had been

Members of the surviving family daughter, Mrs. Stella Valderhaug. There is a sister in Norway.

Funeral arrangements are in the hands of the B.C. Undertakers.

Spokane Mining Man Inspecting Interior Ground

Dewey Bullock, prominent Spo-WASHINGTON, D.C., Dec. 29 — the new members of the staff dur- Enemy warcraft, probably submar- counter-attack when the enemy kane mining man, who has been examining mining properties in the Stikine River country for several months, is now inspecting ground in the Smithers district.