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**Tomorrow's Tides**
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# Large Fleet Reported Off Coast

ADMIRALTY STATEMENT—

## REPORT ON EXPEDITION TO AFRICA

**Britain Lost Some Naval Vessels And United States Some Transports in Important Action**

LONDON, Dec. 3 (CP)—Simultaneous with an Admiralty announcement of another British naval victory over the Axis in the Mediterranean, Rt. Hon. A. V. Alexander, First Lord of the Admiralty, told the House of Commons today that naval losses in opening the African campaign were much smaller than had been expected. Mr. Alexander named eleven warships as being lost, the largest of which was the small aircraft carrier Avenger, otherwise unidentified but possibly a converted merchantman. Other Allied losses were three destroyers and smaller ships including an anti-aircraft escort ship, corvettes and minesweepers. At the same time in Washington the United States Navy announced the sinking of five transports in the operation, five others being damaged. These transports were former United States liners.

Mr. Alexander gave details of how the expeditions to North Africa had been arranged. They had been a complete surprise to the enemy.

Canadian corvettes, Mr. Alexander said, had played a prominent part in connection with the expedition.

## JAPS LOSE MORE SHIPS

**Another Batch of Five Vessels, Including Destroyer and Cargo Vessels, Bagged by U.S. Subs**

WASHINGTON, D.C., Dec. 3 — Five more Japanese vessels—additional to any already announced—have been sunk by United States submarines. One was a destroyer and the others nine, eight, six and three-ton cargo ships. In addition at least two other enemy vessels were damaged.

## Committee On Farm Manpower

**New Federal Advisory Body Being Set Up at Ottawa**

OTTAWA, Dec. 3—A special farm manpower advisory committee is to be set up, the Department of Labor announces. Already there are advisory committees on newsprint, mining, steel, jewelry and clothing industries.

## Funeral Of Mrs. Menzies

**Chapel at Grenville Court Crowded Yesterday Afternoon**

The chapel of the B.C. Undertakers at Grenville Court was filled with friends and sympathizers yesterday afternoon when the funeral of the late Mrs. Harry Menzies was held. Rt. Rev. G. A. Rix, Bishop of Caledonia, officiated, speaking fittingly with words of comfort and respect. The hymns were "Lead Kindly Light" and "Abide With Me."

Following the service interment was made in Fairview Cemetery. Pallbearers were Ben Peterson, Ernest Warren, Richard Long, James Bacon, William Lambie and S. E. Parker.

There were many beautiful floral offerings.

## CANADA'S YEAR OF ADVENTURES IN DIPLOMACY ON WIDER SCALE

**Dominion Broke New Ground in Foreign Ministries; Appointed Men to Vital Allied Nation Boards**

By C. R. BLACKBURN
Canadian Press Staff Writer

OTTAWA, Dec. 3 (CP) — War has expedited Canada's growth as a factor in international affairs and this year has brought greater increase in diplomatic activites abroad than any previous year in the Dominion's history. Three important new legations were opened in 1942, completing an exchange of ministers with Russia, China wwof famfwytc mfwyamfw yyacm fwyyaf cmfwaRRR and Chile, all breaking new diplomatic ground. In addition the Dominion appointed a minister-at-large in London, accredited to governments located there because their own countries have been occupied by the aggressor nations The war brought closure of legations in France, Belgium, Holland and Japan but with new ones opened in 1941 in the Argentine and Brazil, and addition of three more this year, more Canadian ministers now are serving abroad than ever.

Of similar importance in time of war are instances in which Canada has been asked to serve this year on bodies directing the armed and economic war effort for the United Nations.

**Washington Boards**

Munitions Minister Howe was appointed to serve with representatives from the United Kingdom and United States on the Combined Resources and Materials Board in Washington. Earlier this year

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## United States Gets Liberian Air Base Right

WASHINGTON, D.C., Dec. 3 — Liberia, on the strategic west coast of Africa, has granted air base rights to the United States for the duration of the war, it was disclosed today.

## JAPS IN BAD WAY

**Unable to Land Reinforcements On New Guinea Because of Allied Bombing**

ALLIED HEADQUARTERS IN AUSTRALIA, Dec. 3 (CP)—Allied air forces, supporting ground troops closing in on the Buna-Gona area of New Guinea coast, have smashed new Japanese attempts to land reinforcements in a twelve-hour running battle with four Japanese destroyers and a screen of fighter planes.

Allied planes shot down twenty-three enemy fighters as they forced the destroyers to withdraw without materially aiding hard-pressed enemy forces on a shallow beach head about one mile wide and ten miles long ringed by Allied ground troops.

It is admitted that there might have been a few Japanese landings from this latest Japanese naval convoy to be driven off but such numbers as there were would be small and disorganized.

## FRANKFURT IS TARGET

**Royal Air Force Resumes Attacks On Reich After Lapse of Ten Days**

LONDON, Dec. 3 (CP)—The Royal Air Force, renewing night assaults on the Reich after a lapse of ten days, struck last night at Frankfurt and several other objectives in western Germany, the Air Ministry announced. Six aircraft were lost in the assault, indicating, on the basis of previous losses, that about 120 bombers were employed.

## No Specific Claims About U-Boat Damage

OTTAWA, Dec. 3 (CP)—In a statement issued yesterday on behalf of Hon. C. G. Power, minister of national defence for air, no specific claim of kill by Royal Canadian Air Force planes attacking enemy submarines in Canadian coastal waters since October 1 was made but a large number of attacks were presumed to have been "successful in "varying degree." The number of submarines attacked and damaged was not announced.

## Putting In New X-Ray

The new X-ray plant for Prince Rupert General Hospital has arrived and is being installed under the direction of C. C. MacKenzie, Vancouver, representative of the Victor X-Ray Corporation. The new plant, which will be a valuable new service asset for the hospital, is being put in at cost of some $8,000.

## Bulletins

**EXTRA XMAS HOURS**

**VICTORIA—It will be permissible for employees in retail stores to work an extra two hours on December 19 and 24 during the Christmas rush but the weekly half holiday before Christmas will be observed. Offices and stores are expected to close on Boxing Day but industries will work that day.**

**MAY CLOSE SCHOOLS**

**VANCOUVER—Coal is becoming so short that it may be necessary to close some Vancouver schools. There is a possibility that some schools on Vancouver Island may be forced to close after the New Year should there be a cold snap with no further supplies of coal.**

**WILKINS AT EDMONTON**

**EDMONTON—Sir George Hubert Wilkins passed through Edmonton yesterday on his way to Alaska to advise with United States Army forces on matters concerning weather in the north.**

**DeGAULLISTS ARRESTED**

**LYON — Some sixty arrests of active supporters of General Charles DeGaulle, Free French leader, have been made here.**

**U.S. WAGE FIXING**

**WASHINGTON — The new wage fixing regulations are now effective in the United States. There may be increases under promotion classifications but bonuses, gifts, loans, commissions and fees are out. There may be no salaries of more than $25,000 a year.**

**NEW SPEED RECORD**

**WASHINGTON—A new United States bombing plane, in tests at Fresno, California, achieved a new diving record of 725 miles per hour.**

**PATROL WHILE FISHING**

**SEATTLE — The International Fishermen's Association, in session here, decided to offer services of its boats and members for coast patrol work during fishing operations.**

## POUNDING AT BURMA

**Royal Air Force Is Still Hitting at Such Ports as Tangoo and Akyab**

NEW DELHI, Dec. 3—Royal Air Force bombers have smashed again at ports of Burma held by the Japanese—Tangoo, 170 miles north of Rangoon, and Akyab, beyond Tangoo. Enemy shore and military installations were hit.

## IS FLYING ON COAST

**Major Bert Wemp, Former Mayor Of Toronto and Well Known Newspaperman, Here**

Major Bert Wemp, well known newspaperman and former mayor of Toronto, was a visitor in the city overnight in the course of tour of coast bases on behalf of the Toronto Telegram and the Canadian Press. His trip by air had taken him into Alaska and he saw many interesting things which, in due course, will form the basis of special articles appearing in the Telegram. He was more particularly interested in the activities of Toronto people in coast defences. Recently Major Wemp was on a two months' editors' tour of Britain.

Accompanying Major Wemp as representatives of the services on his coast flight are Lieut. A. O. Tate of the Navy, Lieut. Mickey Dean of the Army and Flight Lieutenant Bert Cannings of the Royal Canadian Air Force.

## Not Committed To Darlan As French Leader

LONDON, Dec. 3— Foreign Secretary Anthony Eden informed the House of Commons today that the British government was not definitely committed to Admiral Jean Darlan as the permanent head of any French governmental regime.

## ALL OUT ATTACK

**Allies Expected to Start Tunisian Drive Soon—Round-clock Air Raids**

LONDON, December 3—Presaging the early commencement of an all-out land attack, British and American bombing planes are carrying out round-the-clock raids on the strategic Tunisian ports of Bizerte and Tunis. Land pressure is being kept up by the Allies as the Axis forces endeavour to consolidate in Tunisia.

An Axis supply ship was sunk off the east coast of Tunisia Tuesday.

**IN NEUTRAL SWEDEN**

The 100th anniversary of Swedish public schools is being celebrated this year.

WINTER WAR ON—

## RUSSIANS CLOSE IN ON NAZIS

**Germans Are Dying at Rate of One Thousand a Day South of Leningrad and West of Moscow**

MOSCOW, Dec 3 (CP) —White-clad Russian ski troops pressed the Nazis back on blizzard-swept battlefields west of Moscow today while between the Don and the Volga Rivers the Red Army steadily closed the trap on Stalingrad's besiegers from recaptured heights northwest and southwest of the city.

Battlefront dispatches, giving an account of the steadily mounting Russian winter drive, said that south of Leningrad and west of Moscow Germans were dying at the rate of a thousand a day.

In the Leningrad area Russian ski troops, armed with tommy guns, clashed with Nazi Alpinist reinforcements in some of the fiercest fighting of the past two weeks.

On the Stalingrad front the Germans are resisting savagely and the Russian onslaught went into its third week slowed up but not stopped. A communique said that Soviet troops stormed and held another strategic height northwest of the city which, with a southwestern height reported yesterday as having been captured, gave the Russians a field of fire over at least a part of the German corridor to Stalingrad. Germans rushed reinforcements into at least three key salients in a desperate effort to halt the Russian advance. Most of the new troops are airborne but they are finding it impossible to stop the Red drive.

Three radio stations and more ammunition and supply dumps west of Rzhev have been captured by the Russians from the Germans.

## Mussolini Tells Of Fascist Loss

**Il Duce Makes His Longest Speech So Far in War**

ROME, Dec. 3 — In an eight-minute speech, the longest of the war, Premier Benito Mussolini announced that Italy has lost 40,419 men killed and 242,000 captured since the war started.

## TO REOPEN ESPERANZA

**Famous Alice Arm Mining Property May Become Tungsten Producer**

Plans are being made for the reopening next spring as a tungsten producer the famous old Esperanza mine near Alice Arm which has been inactive for the past few years. To make an inspection with that end in view the property was visited during the past week by Angus Macdonald, who has long been identified with Esperanza Mines Ltd., and John Swanson, former superintendent of the Granby mine at Anyox. Mr. Macdonald is at present visiting for a few days in the city on business, Mr. Swanson having returned to Vancouver on Tuesday. Mr. MacDonald is showing some interesting specimens of scheelite which he took out of the mine on the recent visit.

Mr. Swanson will be in personal charge of the renewed operations which are planned at Esperanza next spring. The property is developed and equipped to resume production without preliminaries once it is established that the ore justifies such being done.

## Unidentified Vessels 450 Miles Away From California Not Found

**United States Fleet Personnel at San Francisco is Ordered to Return to Ships, Presumably Because of This**

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 3 (CP) — The Twelfth United States Navy District said today that a "large number of unidentified surface vessels" had been reported 450 miles off the California coast but a thorough search of the area failed to confirm their presence. Presumably an order broadcast early today in San Francisco for fleet personnel to return to their ships was based on this report.

## GOOD NEWS COMING UP

**Minister of Finance to Speak to People of Canada Over Air Tonight**

**OTTAWA, Dec. 3 (CP)—When Hon. J. L. Ilsley, minister of finance, makes an address to the nation tonight he will bring 'good news" to Canadian consumers, the Canadian Press was reliably informed today.**

**Tonight's announcement over the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation will have the effect of reducing the cost of living, it was said.**

## SAVINGS OF RAIL FOLK

**Have Done Extremely Well in Victory Loan and War Savings Certificates**

MONTREAL, Dec. 3—"Wartime conditions and the serious situation imposed on all Canadian wage earners by these conditions are serving to restore thrift to a place of greater esteem," says D. C. Grant, vice-president of finance and accounting, Canadian National Railways. Mr. Grant, in announcing that in the third victory loan employees' subscriptions approached the five million dollar mark, the actual value of bonds purchased being $4,899,500.

"It should be remembered that in the second victory loan of last February their bond purchases amounted to $4,578,500 so that within approximately ten months our employees have pledged their financial support of Canada's war effort of $9,478,000.

"Nor is that all. In addition our employees have been buying war savings certificates during the year 1942 to the extent of over $200,000 monthly through the medium of payroll deductions. Their subscriptions in this manner will have added well over two million dollars to Canada's war finance.

"A sum approximating twelve million dollars subscribed during a twelve months period by workers of the company is a valuable contribution in these days when war expenditures reaches figures which are really colossal."

## NEW SHIP TONNAGE

**President Roosevelt Sets Eight Million Tons as Objective for 1943**

WASHINGTON, D.C., Dec. 3 — President Franklin D. Roosevelt has set a new objective of eight million tons in new cargo vessel construction for the United States next year.

So far in 1942 625 vessels have been built to a total tonnage of almost seven million.

BATTLE OF TUNISIA—

## AXIS HAS SUFFERED SHIP LOSS

**Enemy Deprived of Reinforcements As Decisive Battle Gets Under Way in North Africa**

LONDON, Dec. 3 (CP) — British naval guns have sunk four more enemy merchantmen and two destroyers bound for Tunisia with reinforcements for the Axis in a decisive battle for Bizerte and Tunis in which opening shots were apparently already fired, it was announced today.

The timely naval blow was struck on the night of Tuesday and deprived the enemy of sorely needed fresh strength to face Allied troops converging on the bomb-battered Axis strongholds after smashing a German counter-attack which touched off the heaviest fighting so far in the Tunisian campaign.

No British ship suffered damage in the convoy battle but the destroyer Quentin was sunk later under the air attack on the way to its base.

## RATIONING REACTIONS

**Individual Liquor Sales are Increased—Flurry in Issuing Of Permits**

It is a little early to ascertain definite reactions to the new liquor rationing regulations whereby hard liquor purchases are limited to one bottle per day with endorsation of permits for each purchase made, says A. E. Deildal, local vendor, but there appears to be an increase in the number of individual liquor sales. There has also been quite a flurry in the issuing of individual permits.

Mr. Deildal said it was impossible as yet to form an estimate as to whether or not the new rationing plan was actually causing a diminition in the amount of liquor sold.

Of course, the new system whereby there can be only one bottle purchased per day on one permit rules out the possibility of group purchases being made. For instance such things as taxi deliveries are no longer practicable.

A visit to the liquor store indicates that there is no decrease in the number of purchasers.

**ISMAY PROMOTED**

LONDON, Dec. 3 (CP)—Sir Hastings L. Ismay, deputy secretary (military) to the war cabinet, has been promoted Lieutenant General. He has often been called Prime Minister Churchill's "right hand man."