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INCREASE PRESSURE

Allies Keep Up Assault on Jap Forces on New Guinea—Nine Planes Downed in South Pacific

ALLIED HEADQUARTERS IN AUSTRALIA, Dec. 17—Pressure of Australian and American forces under General Douglas MacArthur in the Buna area of New Guinea is steadily increasing. There has been stiff fighting around Buna mission.

Nine Japanese planes were brought down in the South Pacific yesterday, eight of them off New Britain.

Settlement Of Strike Ordered

Regional Labor Board Will Not Allow Vancouver Street Cars To be Tied Up

VANCOUVER, Dec. 17—The regional labor office has ordered that an agreement be drawn up forthwith to obviate the street railway workers' strike which was to commence here this Friday. Representatives of the company and employees met yesterday to discuss the issue of the cost of living bonus but no statement was made. The strike threat is not yet withdrawn.

WAR AT GLANCE

Allied air pressure on Axis is increasing both in Libya and Tunisia. Marshal Edwin Rommel's forces are reported to have been split in two 65 miles west of El Aghelia, a large portion being trapped and the rest continuing in headlong flight. Tunis has been bombed again.

The Red Army has resumed its drive against the Nazi invaders following a brief interruption due to increased enemy resistance. Five more strongholds have been captured by the Russians and two Nazi battalions have been wiped out.

The Japanese are finding themselves harder pressed by the Americans and Australians in the Buna area of New Guinea. Twelve Japanese Zeros have been shot down in the Solomons and nine in New Britain.

The Japanese garrison on Kiska Island in the Aleutians is reported by United States Air Force observers to be running short of supplies which can only be landed in fog or by darkness. The only planes the Japs have there are two battered Zeros.

Northwest Germany today had its first air raid by the British Royal Air Force since December 6. Mines were sewn in enemy waters by British aircraft.

MISTAKE OF BONDHOLDER

Michigan Man Thought City Clerk Was Old Man Rather Than Charming Young Lady

I. B. Richardson, a city bondholder, who lives in Bay City, Michigan, had thought when he addressed letters to "A. A. Wrathall" as city clerk that he was writing to a man too old to go to war, not a charming young lady. Having learned his mistake, he has written again saying "I want to take my hat off to you."

In his latest letter, Mr. Richardson expressed thanks for a suggestion that a quantity of bearer bonds of the city which he has been holding be registered.

TELLS OF BRITAIN—

LOCAL NAVY OFFICER IN CLUB TALK

Lieut. Orme Stuart Impressed by Control of Production—Talks Of Many Things "Over There

The control of production so that the sinews of war might be provided by industry at the same time as the needs of the civilian population were being met to the fullest possible degree was something he had been greatly impressed with in Britain, Lieut. Orme Stuart told the Prince Rupert Gyro Club in a highly interesting talk yesterday at luncheon. He spoke on impressions of the Old Land such as he had been able to gain in the course of more than two years naval service abroad. Liuet. Stuart chose to speak informally and undertook to answer a number of questions which he had been asked by people here — what he thought of the Old Country and the people there, how badly had the place suffered from the blitz, were the people starving, what were the best things to send them?

The people of Britain, Lieut. Stuart said, were very fine. They were generous and courageous — fast friends once they became. They had been hard hit, many of them, during the days of the blitz but they never lacked courage. It would take a great deal more than they had received in the way of bombing before they would ever be seriously affected. If a big bomb fell behind a Londoner, he might look behind him, and remark: "Well, that's a big hole!" and nonchalantly move along. He had become so accustomed to bombing that he took it philosophically. Many of them had been bombed out of their homes but the next day would find them calmly in residence somewhere else. During the worst days of the blitz they took to the undergrounds not because they were afraid of the bombing but because they wished to preserve themselves and their families.

Lieut. Stuart told how he himself had spent a week in London during the height of the bombing. He had had the personal experience of the wall of the room of the hotel where he was staying falling in on him. London, of course, showed many marks of the bombing. Around St. Paul's and in

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PASSING OF JOE ROGERS

Early Day Steamship Agent in Prince Rupert Dies in Seattle

Joseph H. Rogers, who in the very early days was agent in Prince Rupert for the Union Steamship Co. and the Pacific Steamship Co., for many years later was superintendent for the White Pass & Yukon Route at Skagway and more recently had been living in retirement in Seattle, died in the Puget Sound city a few days ago. His son, Cliff Rogers, general manager of the White Pass and Yukon Route, was here this morning going through to Seattle to attend the funeral.

The late Mr. Rogers is well remembered by many early residents of Prince Rupert who will learn with regrets of his passing.

$40,000 Reward For Capture Of Marshal Rommel

LONDON, Dec. 17 — Charles E. Lee, grandfather of an officer of a British regiment in Libya, has posted by cable an offer of $40,000 for the capture of Marshal Erwin Rommel dead or alive.

NAZIS GOT FEW SHIPS

French Admiral Disputes Statement of Navy Secretary Knox

LONDON, Dec. 17—A leading admiral of the Free French disputes the statement of United States Secretary of the Navy Frank Knox that twenty warships of the French navy fell into the hands of the Germans at Toulon. Only a few small boats, if any, are capable of use by the enemy.

BATTLE OF N. AFRICA

Clashes Between Eighth Army and Afrika Korps—Air Action In Tunisia

CAIRO, Dec. 17— While British Eighth Army advance units and Marshal Erwin Rommel's Afrika Korps are, generally speaking, about fifty miles apart, there are occasional clashes. In one of these clashes late yesterday, several prisoners were taken. One report is that the Axis army, in its flight, has now reached a point two hunded miles west of El Aghelia. Allied planes continue to pace the British advance.

There is little change in the situation in Tunisia where the Allies are gradually building up their air strength to cover the anticipated and operations. Land fighting is still on a small scale. Allied aircraf bombed Tunis again yesterday.

Will Control Potato Price

Will be no More Than $2.60 Per Hundred Pounds on Vancouver Market

OTTAWA, Dec. 17—The price of potatoes is to be controlled with $2.60 per hundred expected to be the basic rate on the Vancouver market. In Alberta and Saskatchewan the price will be from $1.50 to $1.85.

CHILDREN NO EXCUSE

This Will Not Exempt Young Married Men From Compulsory Military Service

OTTAWA, Dec. 17—The fact that they have children will not exempt married men between the ages of 19 and 25 from compulsory military service under the new federal call-up regulations which have been announced. However, local draft boards will be empowered to deal with the advisability of postponement in the cases of men with large families.

The first call for married men is expected to be issued late in January.

MISSING IN AIR FORCE

"Morty" Vineburg, For Some Years Located Here, Lost Over Malta

News has just been received in Prince Rupert that Sergeant Pilot Marcus (Morty) Vineberg, son of Mr. and Mrs. S. A. Vineberg of Sherbrooke, Quebec, has been reported missing in air operations over Malta, as from November 22.

Sergeant Pilot Vineberg was located in PrinceRupert for several years prior to the war and is the nephew of Mrs. L. M. Felsenthal of Prince Rupert. He was identified with the Peoples Store organization and was active in Boy Scout work while here.

Twenty-two years of age and born in Montreal, Morty Vineberg enlisted two years ago and had been overseas a year and a half.

Labor Heads

A. R. MOSHER

TOM MOORE

Both appeal for aid to Russia

RED ARMY MOVING ON

Drive West of Don Bend Resumed —Stalingrad Area Breaches Closed—Much Booty Taken

MOSCOW, Dec. 17 — The Red Army has resumed its temporarily interrupted drive west of the Don River bend. Breaches in the Stalingrad area have now been closed and a town seventy-five miles west of Stalingrad has been recaptured. All new attacks of the Germas on the central front have been held. In the Caucasus area there is only small scale fighting.

Announcement was made in a communique last night of the capture of three hundred guns, 1,500 motor vehicles and two enemy trains laden with war materials.

PASSING OF POWER MAN

John Reid McKenzie, Well Known Here For Thirty Years, Dies

John Reid McKenzie, line foreman for the Northern British Columbia Power Co., who had been identified with the Prince Rupert electric light utility services for thirty years, died suddenly at 9 o'clock this morning as a result of a heart attack. He passed away at the home of his old friends, Mr. and Mrs. D. Orchard McLeod, Borden Street.

At 7:30 this morning, soon after going to work, Mr. McKenzie who had been feeling unwell last night, had a fainting spell in the Fraser Street storeroom of the power company, was seized with a fainting spell and was taken to the home of Mr. and Mrs. McLeod. The doctor who attended ordered him to bed. He expired in the bathroom when seized with a second attack.

Mr. McKenzie, who came to Prince Rupert at the age of seventeen from Dawson where he had been for a couple of years, started as a helper with the old city electric light department, becoming foreman and going over to the Northern British Columbia Power Co. when it took over the electric utility. He was very well known and highly regarded. He resided on Eighth Avenue West.

Mr. McKenzie was born in Mulengalie, Stirlingshire, Scotland, fifty-eight years ago on April 3. He has an aunt, Mrs. H. Moorland, in Vancouver and there are other relatives in the Old Country.

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

United States Plane Missing

Naval Aircraft With Nine Men on Board Believed Lost Out of San Diego

SAN DIEGO, Dec. 17—A United States Navy patrol plane, with nine men on board, has been missing out of here since December 9 and is feared lost.

NOW IT IS BEING TOLD

Full Extent of Britain's Hurts From Blitzkreig Being Revealed

LONDON, Dec. 17—Only now are full details of the extent of loss of life and damage from the Nazi blitz of Britain in 1940 and 1941 were being made known.

On May 10, 1941, for instance, some three hundred enemy planes came over London, 1,400 persons were killed and 1,800 injured.

In each of three raids on a single day 1,000 persons were killed.

Axis Still Has Air Superiority

But Elmer Davis Thinks Allies Will Soon Get Best of it in North Africa

WASHINGTON, D.C., Dec. 17 — Elmer Davis of the United States Bureau of Information says that the Axis still has air superiority in North Africa but predicted that the Allies would soon achieve it.

Seven-Day Week Vote Is Coming

Another Ballot to be Taken of Workers in Vancouver Shipyards

VANCOUVER, Dec. 17 — Boilermakers and steel workers of Vancouver shipyards are to vote again on the issue of the seven-day week which they previously rejected.

Darlan Urges Big Effort To Overthrow Nazis

LONDON, Dec. 17 — Reactions vary in London to a statement made yesterday by Admiral Jean Darlan that "French Africa must make the maximum effort to defeat Germany and Italy."

CONDEMN GERMANY

Harsh Treatment of Jews Denounced in London, Washington and Ottawa

LONDON, Dec. 17 — The Nazis were condemned in London, Washington and Ottawa today for their treatment of the Jews. A declaration was read in the British House of Commons by Foreign Secretary Anthony Eden and was promply endorsed officially by United States and Canada.

T. F. Fitch is leaving tonight for Vancouver to spend the Christmas and New Year holiday season.

CITY BONDS MOVING UP

Improvement in Price Continues And 94 Has Now Been Reached

Prince Rupert city bonds are still improving in price. They are now selling at 94, it was stated at the City Hall this morning. Only two or three weeks ago they were at 91.

MRS. LOVE WAS FIRST

Well Known Local Lady Opened First Municipal Voting in Ten Years

Mrs. Bruce Love, promptly at 8 o'clock this morning when the polls opened, had the distinction of being the first person in ten years to cast a ballot at a municipal election in Prince Rupert She was followed by her husband and other early voters were Arthur Silversides, H. M. Daggett, Murdo MacArthur and J. A. Curtis. Voting during the morning was not particularly rapid but steady. Up to 1 p.m. 220 ballots had been cast, indicating that the total vote may run over 500. There are 1,535 registered voters.

The election, at which eight aldermen out of a field of thirteen and five school trustees from six candidates are to be elected, is in charge of D. V. Smith as returning officers with clerks Mrs. Mary R. Carson, Mrs. Alex McRae, Mrs. S. A. Keilback, Mrs. W. Barbe and Mrs. J. Martin.

The polls will close at 8 o'clock this evening at which time Arthur Brooksbank, Miss Mary Astori, Miss Noreen Gibson, Miss Audrey Wrathall, Miss Hazel Toombs, W.D. Vance and D. C. Stevenson will be on hand to assist with counting and tabulating of the returns.

Scrutineers on hand this morning included Ex-Ald. Oscar Larsen and H. M. Daggett.

BAD TIME ON KISKA

Japanese Are Not Doing So Well There, Washington Is Informed

WASHINGTON, D.C., Dec. 17 — The heavy attacks which the Japanese garrison on Kiska Island at the tip of the Aleutians have been subjected to by repeated bombings of both American and Canadian air forces have been having their effect, it is indicated in word received officially from that quarter.

The garrison at Kiska is believed to be running short of supplies. Anti-aircraft fire has become exceedingly light. Only two enemy Zero fighter planes have been encountered and they refused to engage in combat.

An old ship which had been damaged by the bombing is being patched up, observers report.

Few supply ships have been able to reach Kiska and they had little chance to discharge their cargoes as the Japanese have been unable to build docks.

To Speed Up Chlorination

VICTORIA, Dec. 17 — The Victoria city council has received an order to proceed with the chlorination of the water supply system here as speedily as possible. The work will be carried out at federal expense.

Trucks Rolling To Alaska Over New Built Road

EDMONTON, Dec. 17 — Trucks are now moving with their freights over the entire 1,600-mile length of the new Alaska Highway.

CUT DOWN ON LIQUOR

Important Measures Announced by Prime Minister William Lyon Mackenzie King

OTTAWA, Dec. 17—Prime Minister William Lyon Mackenzie King last night announced important measures designed to reduce the consumption of liquor in Canada.

There will be a substantial reduction in the amount of liquor released from bond—ten percent on beer, 20 percent on wines and 30 percent on spirits.

Liquor advertising will be banned for the duration of the war, six weeks being given to adjust advertising commitments with no more liquor advertisements to appear after February 1.

No combination of wines and spirits will, in future, be permitted to be offered for sale and distilled spirits may not be stronger than 30 percent under proof.

The provincial governments will be asked to cut the hours of sale of liquor and beer, including beer parlors, to eight hours a day.

Prime Minister King said that, due to increased purchasing power of the people, sales of wines had increased by twenty-five percent, spirits by 37½ percent and beer by sixty percent.

It was necessary to cut down on consumption of liquor to maintain the total war effort.

BORN HERE, IS KILLED

Flight Sergeant Ian Dougall McLean Loses Life With Royal Air Force

Flight Sergeant Ian Dougall McLean of Glasgow, Scotland, who was born in Prince Rupert 21 years ago, has been killed on active service with the Royal Air Force, according to word received by his uncle, D. R. Barclay, Sixth Avenue East. Flight Sergeant McLean had lived in Prince Rupert, attending school here, until, with his family, he returned to the Old Country in 1933. Many young friends who remember him will regret to learn of the casualty.

Less than a month before he was killed Flight Sergeant McLean received the Distinguished Flying Medal from the King at an investiture in Buckingham Palace. He had taken part in attacks on Berlin, Kiel, Mannheim, Brest, Wilhelmshaven and other highly defended areas.

BOMBING ENGLAND

Ten Towns on South and Southeast Coasts Attacked by Enemy Planes

LONDON, Dec. 17—Ten towns on the south and southeast coasts of England were attacked by German bombing planes yesterday and in London there was a brief alarm when an enemy plane came over one of the counties.

A few deaths were caused and four persons were killed when a train was machine gunned.

Two enemy planes were brought down.

New Alberta Railway Chief

J. A. Rogers is Named General Superintendent for Province

WINNIPEG, Dec. 17—Announcement is made by W. R. Devenish, vice-president and general manager, Canadian National Railways, western region, of the appointment of J. A. Rogers as general superintendent of the Alberta district. Mr. Rogers succeeds the late J. H. McKinnon in this position. The appointment is effective from December 15.