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KILLING DETAILS

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VERDICT OF JURY

VANCOUVER, Dec. 16 (CP)-

A coroner's jury on Wednesday

found that Charles Hawken

fired shots which killed Fran-

cis Andrew Boiand, former

provincial policeman, early

Monday while "Hawken was

under definite threat of his

own life at the hands of de-

ceased." The jury decided that

Boland lost his life from the

bullet wounds while attempt-

Hawken was questioned by

police following the shooting

but was released within a few

hours. He (Hawken) testified

that he shot Boland when Bo-

tand attempted to hold him

up at a Vancouver house

three hours after Boland had

robbed him of \$80 in front of

the same house. Hawken said

he was visiting a friend at

the house when two men

came to the door, one of them

being masked and armed. Vic-

tor Mayer, Boland's brother-

in-law, has been charged with

Further particulars have been

received from Vancouver of the

hold-up incident in Vancouver

land, former local police officer

robbery with violence.

obbery with violence.

but was later released.

Hawken told police that he

had been held up and robbed

of \$80 two hours before the

shooting by two masked men

and that he recognized them

when they came to 1431 Howe.

Detectives Walter Mulligan,

Lawrence McCulloch, John Hor-

ton and Edward Morris, who in-

vestigated the shooting said

that Hawken reported that two

masked men got into his auto

at 10:30 p.m. Sunday as he

drove up to 1431 Howe, where

he planned to visit Bert Wood

The men each armied with

revolvers, forced him at gun

more than \$80 from him.

Then they escaped.

who resides there.

ing an armed robbery.

PRICE FIVE CENTS

6.0 feet

Bulletins

CHURCHILL HAS PNEUMONIA

ONDON -- Prime Minister Winston Churchill is suffering another attack of pneumonia, his second within a year, announced. The condition of the sixty-nine year old Minister, who is now somewhere in the Middle East, is orted to be "as satisfactory as can be expected." The pilet.

Sania developed from a cold caused, it is believed, by overwork

Oliceman

BRITISH COAL STRIKE LOOMS

ONDON -- With 690,000 miners of union membership deding an immediate increase in wages, a general strike of be workers in Britain is looming. Increases up to \$6 per week being sought with a basic wage rate of \$27 per week for ederground men. The government warns that coal supplies, a rationing of which was cut recently, may become even borter if the strike actually goes into effect.

FLU EPIDEMIC WORSE

LONDON-The influenze epidemic in this country shows no us of jessening. During the past week the number of deaths are increased, being estimated at one thousand.

GOVERNMENT WINS BY-ELECTIONS

LONDON - The British government won two by-elections sesterday, one with a greatly decreased majority, the government candidate having a margin of only seventy votes over an Independent Liberal.

and ans in Thick of Hard Fighting With Eighth Army North of Moro River.

TERS, Dec. 16-In exely hard fighting between a and San Leonardo, the hitish Eighth Army, with Cangans and Indians in the var have extended the

chead on the north bank he Moro Rive: to the width five miles and depth of one itwo miles.

inother Canadian regiment-Princess Louise Dragoon hards to indentified as takpart in the fighting. Eight ter Canadian regiments serng in Italy include the Seawh Highlanders of Vancouver ad the Royal Edmontons of

NEW GYROS MITIATED

Initiation of seven new mem-Buffiths, Richard Burnett, C. Martin LeBelle, proprietor Ham, Maurice Brydges and C. the Knox Hotel, were sent

Camber of Commerce proposal Cooper. at \$250 of an old Port Day | The charges are being held

President W. J. Scott was in Mendance of members. W. D. lambie was winner of the weekraffle of a war savings cer-

COMMEND OFFICERS

Captain George Goold and selves.

OTTAWA, Dec. 16 (9)—Hon. J. E. Michaud, minister of transport, announces that two officers of a Canadian Pacific passenger liner now on war transport duty have been commended for services when the ship was

attacked by the enemy. Goold of Vancouver and Chie Officer John Clark of London,

Canadians May Send Tea and

Coffee Over

CTTAWA, Dec. 16-Canadians who send small amounts of tea and coffee overseas may now do so without special permits, has been announced.

A.R.P. Keeps Up Activity

OTTAWA, Dec. 16 - Areas There still appears to be some which have been designated as mystery in connection with the of the affair. the Maritimes, Quebec and Brit- The affray occurred at 1431 ish Columbia-will keep up their Howe Street during a hold-up R. P organizations at full aftempt at 12:30 a.m. Monday efficiency with detailed division Boland who lived at 1040 West

of duties. Brigadier Ross, dir- Georgia, fell under a fusilade actor of Civilian Protection for lof five shots, four of the bullets

Canada, announces.

Wounding Case Being Heard

William Samuel Cooper to Appear Charged With Wounding Patrick Keogh.

Scheduled to appear today in of the Frince Rupert Gyro city police court is a case against ub was carried out at yester- William Samuel Cooper, charged ay's weekly luncheon of the with unlawfully wounding Patby Past President W. F. rick Keogh. The charge is laid one acting as installing offi- in connection with a stabbing The initiates were J. R affair in the Knox Hotel on No-Sackburn, A. J. Dominato, L. C. vember 20 in which Keogh and hospital suffering from knife The club approved of a Junior | wounds allegedly inflicted by

and be donated to the cam- separately against Cooper owing algn for a new abulance and to the fact that LaBelle, serihat a balance of some \$450 be ously wounded, is still in hosurned over to the civic centre pital and is in an unfit condition to appear in court.

he chair and there was a good GENERAL HOSPITAL CLOSED TO VISITORS

Announcement was made today that, in interests of the patients of the institution, it had been decided to close the Prince Rupert General Hospital to visitors during the current epidemic of influenza and colds.

JAP OVERSIGHT

ALLIED HEADQUARTERS. the knock on the door, and rec- ing. C.P.R. Distinguish Them- ful souvenir hunter when the door in their face while he ran and I followed him. rett. Rummaging among ruins was opened and the armed men holdup men. of a shop once occupied by a entered, and the shooting took The other man got into the years. Chinese merchant, the Austral- place. house and was shot and lay ian discovered a tin containing Dowsett told investigating of- dead in the hallway." 230 in Australian, English and ficers that Hawken came into When he re-entered the place, Dutch currency.

ching, which is being under- two men wore a leather-covered were four bullet wounds in The officers are Capt. George taken in South Africa chiefly sweater and the other had a Boland's body—one in the lowfor the vitamin-bearing oil re- hat turned down. Both wore er abdomen; one in the lower covered from the shark's liver. masks that came down to their right chest another in the upis rapidly gaining in importance chests. as an industry.

CITY VOTE

Ald. Daggett has Edge by Being First to Cast Ballot-More Interest Shown.

NORTHERN AND CENTRAL BRITISH COLUMBIA'S NEWSPAPER

PRINCE RUPERT, B.C., THURSDAY, DECEMBER 16, 1943

Ald. Harry Daggett, Civic Labor Federation candidate for the mayoralty, had at least one advantage in the polling at the civic election today. He was he first voter to cast his balot, sharing honors with Mrs. Bruce Love who was the first the first to vote. Ald. Robert McKay hopeful of the principle that "the first shall be last and the last first," said he would reserve his vote until the last

With a mayorality contest on this occasion, thre appears to o more general interest in the voting than there was last year. The total number of ballots cast last year was 651 and it was anticipated by observers at the polls this morning that this figure would probably be exceeded by the time polls close at 8 o'clock this evening. Up to 10:30 this morning sixty-one persons had voted, at 11 o'clock 108 ballots had been cast and at 12 o'clock, 196. Last year up to noon 164 ballots had been cast.

Weather up to 11 o'clock was cloudy and cool, showers starting at that time.

on Monday of this week which On clasing of the polls toculminated in the shooting to night, the mayoralty votes will death of Francis Andrew Bohe the first to be counted and the result should be known in half an hour or so. Then will follow the counting of aldermanic and school board voters

striking him. His brother-in-law Victor Fred Mayer, 1040 West Georgia, has been charged with Charles Hawken, 36, of 303 East Forty-seventh, was being is Near held for investigation for the part he played in the shooting.

LONDON, Dec. 16 (CP)-Foreign Secretary Anthony Eden gave the House of Commons a broad hint Wednesday that a grand assault on the continent is "very near" and asserted that the Allies would throw everything they had into it. "Allied military plans will demand every resource and all energy in the near future," Eden asserted.

Capt. Eden said that no secret agreements or treaties were made at either the Teheran or Cairo conferences.

point to drive to a lane off Beach Avenue, where they took men searched the district for katoon.

traces of the hold-up men. "I answered the door," Dow-About 12:30 a.m., two men selt told investigating officers. Xmas Holidays knocked at the door at 1431 "Somebody looked through the Howe, and police are not as yet window and somebody said

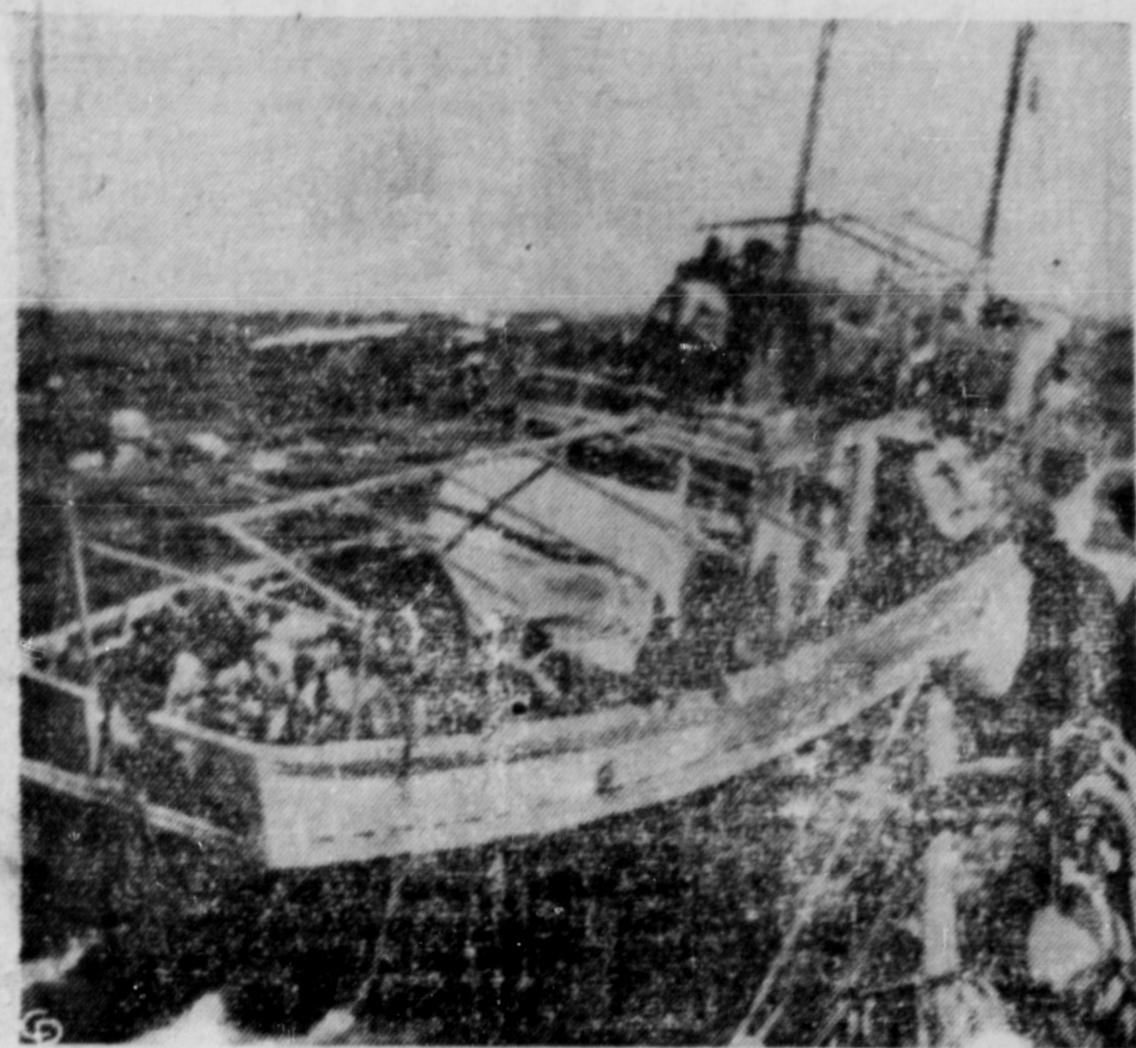
ord Dowsee, New Westminster, ing began. In a statement to police. ne. He just frisked me, run- the Ministry of War Transport.

the place about 11:30 and said he said he saw Mayer on the "I've been held up," and quoted chesterfield badly beaten up

CAPE TOWN (Shark cat- him as saying that one of the Police reported that there Instead of reporting it to the in the ment the

MINESWEEPERS WEATHER THE ATLANTIC

New Britain Being Invaded



Above is shown one of the smallest H.M. ships ever to cross the Atlantic. She is a Nova Scotian built minesweeper and is pictured here as she passes a tow-line to a disabled sister ship during a mid-Atlantic gale. Shortly after leaving Canada, these little ships were caught in the tail end of what was known as "the Halifax Hurricane" and throughout their 3,300-mile trip across the Atlantic, encountered some of the worst weather experienced this year. But they arrived safely in a British port.

WAR NEWS

REDS ADVANCE 65 MILES

MOSCOW-The linking up of the two Russian armies, driving from Cherkasy and Kremenchug, has enabled the Red Army, in its new bridgehead, to take over sixty-five miles of new territory in the Dnieper area from the Nazis.

BARI BOMBED BY NAZIS

ALGIERS-Some thirty Nazi bombing planes made a surprise raid on the Allied supply port of Beri on the Adriatic coast of Italy. Hits were made on vessels which had completed uploading or were partially unloaded and damage is admitted. Seventeen United Nations vessels were sunk within a few minutes.

TITO'S LINES CRUMBLE

LONDON - Marshal Tito, YugoSlav partizan leader, announces that a portion of his lines has been crumbled by superior weight of Nazi attacking forces and that he has been forced to retreat.

GERMANY

ATTACKED

many Last Night.

SUCCUMBS IN POST OFFICE

. Roy Argue Collapsed When Standing in Line-up.

Apparently overtaken by heart seizure while standing in this morning, A. Roy Argue, age 50, collapsed and died before he could be given attention.

A resident of the city for about nine months, it was believed that the deceased had been in a condition of health which had not permitted him to do work for some time before his death.

police, Hawken said: "Let's go His family resides in Prince out and look for them." The two Rupert, coming here from Sas-

the Howe Street address, and the knock then came to the Workers plan

sure whether Hawken, or Rich- stand aside and then the shoot- DUBLIN, Dec. 16 (P) - There will be some big family reone of 10 persons who were in "When I opened the door, I unions in Eire this year as a he house, answered the door. was ordered outside, and one result of a victory by 250,000 RECOGNIZED BANDITS of the men started to search Eire workers in Britain over

Tawken said that he answered ning his hands over my cloth- The ministry, after pressure. consented to restore two ser-Chief Officer John Clark of Australia . The most success- ognizing them, he slammed the "Then Mayer ducked inside vices on the Irish run and it is expected about 100,000 will Allied troops captured Lae, New into the kitchen to get a gun. | "While out on the porch, I journey across the Irish Sea to Guinea, was Pte. "Shorty" Bar- In the meantime, the door rabbed a gun from one of the see their folks. For many it will be the first time home in four

COMPULSORY BOOK-KEEPING

PRETORIA (P)-Revised price regulations gazetted in South Africa during the week give the union price controller power to compel industrialists and commercial men throughout the country to keep proper costing

American Landings Are Reported to Have Been Made on Strategic Isle

PHOENIX, Arizona, Dec. 16 (CP)-L. D. Brewer, radio amateur, said today that he heard two broadcasts from Tokyo this morning of a Japanese communique saying that the United States forces have invaded New Britain Island.

American landings on New Britain, strategic island in the South Pacific of

trol early in the war, have been | expected for some time, the recent heavy bombings of such 100 Dead In important ports of Rabaul and Gasmata being considered prelude to such landings.

BRENNER PASS BOMB TARGET

ALGIERS, Dec. 16 (CP) -American heavy bombers, striking with as great force as on Tuesday when three hundred aircraft blasted air fields in Athens area, hit telling +++++++++++ blows at enemy communications on both sides of Brenner Pass yesterday.

The new blows were directed at rail facilities at Innesbruk IS BURNED at in Austria and at Bolzano and Trento regions in northern Italy.

All planes returned safely.

The British Eighth Army, it as announced today, has cut lateral read between Ortona and Orsogna in three places and captured the village of Berardi, three miles from the port Ortona, Allied headuarters announced today.

Passed Away This Morning

The death occurred in the Prince Rupert General Hospital Again Over Western Ger- almost two months.

LONDON, Dec. 16 (P) - Royal months ago and, until he enter- year. line before a wicket in the post Air Force Mosquitoes attacked ed the hospital in October, was A letter of explanation read: office shortly after 11 o'clock targets in western Germany for employed as a reamer at the "In answer to your letter, dated the fifth time in six nights last dry dock.

disclose specific objectives but by only one relative, Robert meetings." said the raid was without loss. Bryk, now in Winnipeg.

Train Wreck

LUMBERTON, North Carolina, Dec. 16 ()-Two crack * passenger trains of the At- * + lantic Coast Line piled up + + in double wreck at Buie. + + hamlet in southeastern + 4 North Carolina, early today 4 and witnesses at the scene * said "scores" were killed. * + It was feared the death toll + * might reach one hundred. *

WAR PLANT

DALLAS, Texas, Dec. 160-Magnesium stocks valued at several million dollars were destroyed as the incendiary bomb casing plant of the Austin Bridge Co. was burned last night, causing a glow which could be seen for seventy miles away. There were no reports of

Councilman Is Absent, Turns Up in Italy

HEDGERLEY, Eng., Dec 16 (7) this morning of Mike Bryk, 62 - Eton Rural District Council Royal Air Force Bombers Out years of age after an illness of now knows why Major D. G. N. Lloyd-Lowles hasn't attended Born in Poland, the deceased meetings in this Buckinghamcame to Prince Rupert ten shire village in more than a

April 29, regret it may be some night. The Air Ministry did not He is believed to be survived time before I can attend council

The letter was posted in Italy.

WHAT R.A.F. IS DOING TO BERLIN-THIS IS HAMBURG



This official British photo, radioed from London, shows some of the terrific destruction wrought in the great German port and industrial city of Hamburg, Germany, by Allied bombs. The same thing has been happening to Berlin, heart of Nazi Europe.