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# German Army Is In Full Retreat

### CANADIANS IN AFRICA

Officers and N.C.O.'s Sent to Tunisia to Gain Experience

ALLIED HEADQUARTERS IN NORTH AFRICA. Jan. 6 (P)-A detachment of officers and non commissioned officers from the Canadian Army in England landed recently in North Africa to gain battle experience with the British First Army in Tunisia.

to join the Allied force here inand some medical officers.

The voyage from England was uneventful.

# ATTACK

First Activity in Some Time on Tunisian Front is Reported-Britons Capture Hills

ALLIED HEADQUARTERS NORTH AFRICA, Jan. 6 (P)-British troops attacking fifteen miles west of Mateur have driven the enemy from strategic hills and now are mopping up in the first activity on the northern Tunisian front in some time, an official spokesman announ od today.

Mateur is twenty miles southwest of Bizerte.

The attack was supported by Royal Air Force fighters and bombers which downed five German planes for the loss of one.

Allied planes from Malta bombed Sousse last night.

Objectives in Sicily were also bombed by the Royal Air Force.

### Pool Resources Of Agriculture

Hon. J. G. Gardiner in United States to Discuss Plan Along These Lines

WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 6 Hon. J. G. Gardiner, minister of agriculture for Canada, is on a visit to Washington to discuss with the Secretary of Agriculture for the United States the possibility of merging the agricultural resources of both countries to assist more effectively in the prosecuting of the war. A joint agricultural board may be formed.

BISHOP DIES

MONTREAL — Rt. Rev. Arthur Carlisle, Anglican Bishop of Montreal, died yesterday.

Passengers leaving for Vancouver included Clyde Morais, George Dunsare, G. W. More, O. C. Brown, John Logan and F. D. Clark.

### Major Ball To Open April 21 ÷

CHICAGO, Jan. 6 (P)—Major + baseball leagues decided yes-\* terday to set back the open- \* \* ing of the 1943 season eight \* \* days to April 21 but voted for an extended playing period of \* one week closing October 3. . \* Spring training is also curtail- \* \* tailed with no clubs going to \* \* southern haunts but remain- \* \* ing closer to their home cities. \*

### SOLDIERS ONLEAVE

Were Prominent Among Recent

SMITHERS, Jan. 6-The holiday season at Smithers passed off very quietly with ideal winter weather in which to celebrate both Christmas and New Years.

military camps spent their holidays in Smithers. One lot of these had the Christmas holidays here and upon their return to camp, another While comparatively small, the lot was released for New Year. The first group of the Canadian Army citizens of Smithers opened their doors to these visitors and practicluded representatives of practi- cally everyone enjoyed a Christcally every type of unit-armored mas or a New Year dinner in local regiments, infantry, artillery, sup- homes while many of them who ply and communications services were unable to find hotel accommodation in town, were billeted in

> The men took advantage of their visit here to get in some skating and skiing and also some curling as these are sports that they have not been able to enjoy in their mlitary camp life.

> are stationed in the military forces ill through the country were able to get back home for a few days holiday, many of them coming from as far away as Ontario. Among those being able to get home were Lieut. J. Graham, Lieut. Chapman and a number of others.

Prince Rupert

These are quiet days for legal action in Prince Rupert. There is only one case on the calendar for hearing before Judge W. E. Fisher County Court this month. It is a long standing action originating at Terrace in which Helen Brookes ert Braun of a contract for sale of Braun for the defendant.

Holiday Visitors at Smithers

A large number of soldiers from Smithers homes during their few days visit here. The Canadian Legion was active in getting these men located so that everyone was able to enjoy his short visit in

A great many Smithers boys who

## Quiet Days for Legal Action in Flying Fortresses

United States Bombers Get Best of German Fighters Over St.

fortresses failed to return.

### WORLD LEADERS' WIVES SPEAK FOR RUSSIA





The wives of two great Allied leaders are stressing aid for Russia in speeches. Mrs. Winston Churchill broadcast to North America New Year's Day. Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt will address a mass rally in Montreal on the evening of Tuesday, Jan. 19. Both speakers, who have studied war conditions at first hand, tell of the need for supplies for stricken women and children in war-ravaged Russia.

### SOVIETS WAGE WAR



Brave Russian soldiers man anti-aircraft guns to rout Nazis

## YANKS GAIN

Americans Capture Strategic Positions on Guadalcanal Island

WASHINGTON, D.C., Jan. 6 (P)-American troops on Guadalcanal Mike O'Neill, Corp. Don Collison, A. have gained strategic high ground 7. 2 Ken Collison, LAC Doug. Kerr, overlooking their air field from AC Mel Kerr, LAC Fred Watson, the south and have repulsed six Able Seaman Middleton, Pte. Jack enemy counter-attacks. killing a total of 150 Japanese. Occupation of the new positions southwest of the air field constituted what appeared to be the first important advance of the American ground Case On List forces on the island in weeks.

## Shot Down Nazis

Nazaire

LONDON, Jan. 6 (P) - United seeks specific performance by Rob- States flying fortresses which raided St. Nazaire in German Ocland. Hearing has been set for Jan- cupied France Sunday shot down uary 28. W. O. Fulton is acting as thirty-eight Nazi fighters, the counsel for the plaintiff and Robert Daily Express said yesterday. Seven

SHACKLED PRISONERS LONDUN-Germany, it is stated here, has not yet unshackled British prisoners of war although Britain and Canada did some time ago. A statement is expected to be made to Parliament at an early date by Prime Minister.

LEBRUN TO NORTH AFRICA? VICHY-Reports in New York that Former President Albert Lebrun of France has arrived in North Africa are denied here.

Winston Churchill on the subject.

BOWLING ALLEY BLAST CHICAGO- Five persons were killed and more than one hundred injured when fire swept a south side bowling alley last night. Explosion preceded the fire and there was panic.

MEAT SHORTAGE TORONTO - Meat shortage is developing in many parts of Eastern Canada. There is little beef and pork has disappeared entirely at many places.

NO REGULATION PLANNED OTTAWA-The Wartime Prices and Trade Board announces that there will be no regulating of hours of retail stores in Canada. Anything they do will be voluntary on the part of the retailers themselves.

HENRY ARMSTRONG WINS LOS ANGELES - Henry Armstrong won a ten-round decision from Jim McDaniels here last

TO MAKE STATEMENT MONTREAL-Pat Conroy, secretary of the Canadian Congress of Labor, will make a statement Friday in regard to the dispute among C.C.F. factions at Vancouver over the ousting of the local executive.

### Seventeen Year Old Boys May Now Join Army

Authority has been received at the local recruiting office of the the near future. Canadian Army to enlist boys seventeen years of age with the written consent of both parents or guardian. The boys will be paid 70c per-day until they are seventeen and a half years of age after purpose.

### BULLETINS RED CROSS CAMPAIGN KILLED IN

Annual Meeting Here Set For January 21—Local Executive Meeting

At a meeting of local Red Cross executives held last evening in the City Hall, with President W. R. place of meeting is yet to be se-

Provincial Commissioner that the quest is to be held. fourth National Red Cross financial campaign is set to begin on March 1. The time is chosen to synchronize with the campaign of the American Red Cross to make a continent wide appeal for a united cause. The selection of a campaign committee was placed in the hands of the president, treasurer and sec-

Further information was received regarding prisoner-of-war parcels. National Red Cross reported that the prison camp where many of the Dieppe prisoners are confined is described as very comfortable with indoor sanitation, excellent provision for sport and in very pleasant country.

In connection with prisoner-ofwar matters Rev. C. A. Wright was named to act as next-of-kin appointee on behalf of the Red Cross. Mrs. J. B. Gibson reported that the hospital visiting committee was greatly enlarging its work in the military hospitals. At Christmas this committee, with the assistance of the work-room committee, made up 223 gift parcels, each containing eight articles, and these were distributed to all patients in this area. Reports received from the forces showed this remembrance was much appreciated.

The secretary reported that the British Columbia division had also sent a quantity of hospital supplies and indoor games for the local hos-

Mrs. S. D. Johnston stated that the Red Cross Corps had recently been inspected by the Provincial Burial At Sea Commandant who expressed satisfaction with the work the Corps was doing. It is hoped the strength of the Corps will be increased in

The treasurer's report showed receipts for the month of \$452.61.

### EIGHT AMBULANCE CALLS

day.

### and Mine Roads Before Advancing Russ Forces Many Important Places Are Liberated by Victorious Soviets-One Entire Province is Won Back

Nazis Blow Up Bridges

MOSCOW, Jan. 6 (CP)-The German army was reported in full retreat in the Caucasus today, blowing up bridges and mining roads in a desperate effort to check the surging advance of Russian forces driving hard at its heels. The Red Star, Army newspaper, said that Russian forces which had already stormed and won important towns of Mozdok, Nalchik, Pro-

Maiskoye continued their advance along a wide front, winning back a number of additional towns. Chili-Axis The entire province of North Osetia, lying between Ordshonik- .

idze and Nalchik, had been won back under the Red banner by Soviet forces operating along the west bank of the Terek River while other Russian troops rolled the Germans back to the north, Red

Star asserted.

Civilian Employee of United States & Japan. Engineers Loses His Life

A civilian employee of the United States Engineering Department NO BLAME McAfee in the chair, the date of mas day was killed during the the annual general meeting of the night when crushed by a fall of branch was set for January 21. The rock in a quarry near Galloway Rapids. The remains were brought into the city and placed in charge Notice was received from the of the B. C. Undertakers. An in-

# HARD BLOW

Nine and Probably Ten Vessels of Convoy Sunk or Set Afire at Rabaul

AUSTRALIAN ALLIED HEAD-QUARTERS, Jan. 6 (CP)-Allied heavy bombers, including flying fortresses and liberators, struck at a formidable Japanese naval concentration on Tuesday at Rabaul, New Britain, sinking or setting afire at least nine and probably ten vessels totalling more than fifty thousand tons. Direct hits were scored on eight merchantmen and a destroyer tender.

Six Japanese planes were brought down during the raid. Three Japanese vessels are re-

ported to have been sunk and others damaged by Allied bombing of Burmese ports. British and United States planes have been raiding Mandalay and numerous other points in Burma. Gasmata, objectives on New Guinea and Timor Island have also been bombed since yester-

Marine Obsequies for Capt. Arthur Sheret Taking Place This Afternoon

Burial at sea is taking place today of Capt. Arthur Sheret, master Since the first of the year the of the Pacific Coyle Navigation Robert Murray, for damaging a which they will receive standard Prince Rupert General Hospital Co.'s tug Pacific Coyle No. 2, who holly tree at Fairview Cemetery, rates of pay. They will not be sent ambulance, operated by men of the was killed last week when struck appeared before Magistrate W. D. overseas until they have reached fire department, has had eight by a train in the local railway Vance in city police court yesterthe full age established for this calls. The average is two calls per yards. All the ceremonial of burial day for sentence and was given is being conducted.

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On Friday

BUENOS AIRES, Jan. 6 (P)-A High Foreign Office source \* said last night that the Argen- \* + tine government has been in- + formed Chili will break off \* \* relations with the Axis next \* Friday. Such a break would + + leave Argentina as the lone + • western hemisphere country • \* maintaining normal diplomat- \* ic connections with the Axis \* nations—Germany, Italy and

# FOR JAPS

Mass Hysteria Not Nipponese Menace Described by Official as Cause for Evacuation

TORONTO, Jan. 6 (P) - G. E. Trueman, representative of the UPON JAPS British Columbia placement commission for the Japanese, said in an address here yesterday that "the reason for the mass evacuation of Japanese from Pacific coastal areas was not because of the Japanese but of the white residents. The problem was one of mass hysteria and race prejudice."

Mr. Trueman quoted Assistant Commissioner J. F. Mead of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police as saying that ther had been no known act of sabotage or attempted sabotage by Japanese in Canada.

## DETAILS OF

Wartime Powers of Chemical Controller Upheld by Supreme Court of Canada

Lingue Mark

OTTAWA, Jan. 6 (P)-One of the test references in which the Supreme Court of Canada yesterday upheld powers of the federal government on wartime economic control asked if regulations in relation to chemicals in order-in-council of July 10, 1941, were ultra vires. The answer was "No" except for Para-Taking Place graph 4 dealing with compensagraph 4 dealing with compensathe chemical controller.

> The second question, answered with an unqualified "No," asked if an order-in-council of January 16, 1942, by the chemicals controller was ultra vires.

a three months' suspended term.