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ROME, Dec. 9 (CP)-The sitution in Greece is becoming raver by the hour. In a disatch from Athens, Associated ress war correspondent Stehen Barber says elements of he leftist National Liberation ront Militia are believed assing 15 miles northwest of he port of Pireaus. The AP th troops are prepared to ingreept this force and other effist troops deploying to the east of the Greek apital. One leftist battalion known to be equipped with 5-millimetre guns. During eavy highting yesterday, Libration Front forces employed nertars and heavier bombs gainst British tanks without success. British troops and armor continue to clear out snipers in Athens and British riflemen are digging out leftist forces that entered the city during Thursday night to take up strong positions. The Cairo radio quotes an Athens dispatch as saying that a member of the leftist E.A.M. is meeting with a Greek government representative to discuss cessation

of fighting. ATHENS, Dec. 9 9-Shots are till being exchanged between he British and leftists in Athens ind there is no slackening of reistance by the leftists although t was reported late yesterday hat leftist and government representatives had met with a view o reaching a settlement.

Yesterday, it was reported hat snipers were giving considerable trouble in some residential warters. Nearly one thousand tists had surrendered to the titish. Six hundred of the 3000 Greek police in the Athens area were reported to be casualties. Two leftist divisions are reported massing 13 miles from

.Paris radio has reported.withconfirmation that leftist forces were in control of the provinces of Thrace and Macedonia.

New Council At Kincolith

George L. Stewart has been losen chief councillor of the ative village of Kincolith on he Naas River following the nnual election of councillors ols week when others elected were Arthur Nelson, Geoffrey Benson, Richard Watts, Solomon Doolan, Abel Stewart and Willlam Stephens. The election was conducted by Indian Agent James Gillett. Constables for the year at Kincolith are John Moore, Louis Stewart, Isaac Anus, Reuben Morgan, Henry ddie Nelson.

900 YEARS OLD The Swiss Confederation has been in existence 900 years.

although Steps Reported to be INIERVENIE IS CRITICIZED

C.C.F. Club Opposed to Lac of Action Being Followed in

The Co-operative Commonwealth Federation Industrial lub, at a meeting Thursday night, endorsed a resolution of the Prince Rupert C.C.F. Club protesting at the use of Allied troops as armies of intervention in liberated countries, particularly condemning the action of the Churchill government in Greece. There was spirited general debate on the resolution.

President George Stanton was in the chair. The meeting heard reports from the federal election campaign committee.

H.D.'s Being Sent Overseas to Other Postings in Canada

OTTAWA, Dec. 9 (P)—The Sixth Division, stationed on the Pacific Coast, is being reorganized and reduced in size, Department of National Defence headquarters announced yesterday. The reorganization follows the passage of the order-in-council making 16,000 Home Defence troops available for service overseas.

The division includes a large number of draftees and a great portion of them already have been withdrawn and sent to concentration areas in Eastern Canada. Some of the infantry units will be sent overseas and others will be sent to new postings in Canada. Division headquarters at Prince George have been closed and General H. N. Ganong of St. Stephen, N.B., has been transferred from command of Sixth Division to command Newfound-

China Does Better-

Japanese are Being Thrown Out of Kwiechow Province

CHUNGKING, Dec. 9 (CP)— For the first time in many weeks, the Chinese are rejoicing over good news from their home battle front. A series of smashing counter-attacks has thrown the Japanese out of almost all of Kwiechow province. The new success follows closely the recapture of the Creighton, Sydney Morrison and key rail city of Tuhshan. Driving on from Tuhshan, the Chinese forces have pushed the Japanese back to a mountain pass close to the southern border of Kwiechow province.



Include . . .

STORE IN YOUR CHRISTMAS SHOPPING TOUR



WINTER COMES TO THE FRONT LINE IN FRANCE - Through a postcard-like scene of snow-laden greenery these Allied machine-gun men are pushing their way forward on the front line in France. Peaceful though the scene is, their mission is far from peaceful. They are on their way to a concealed position to set up their "chopper" to fire on the Nazis not far away.

Local Chinese Girl Won Race With Japs

BERNICE MAH BACK FROM CHINA; WAS FLOWN OUT BY HER BROTHER

Tells Story of War Stricken Country—Forgot to Speak

It isn't every brother who has Travelled by the opportunity to do as much for his sister as did Albert Mah, 14-year old Bernice Mah was able Rupert after escaping from ravthe Japanese armies.

February, Albert travelled several hundreds of miles by primitive methods from Chungking to a village less than 50 miles from the occupied seaport of Canton. There he snatched his dister from the path of the invaders and started her journeying alone half way across the world to

Bernice arrived here Wednesday with her sister, Violet, who had met her at the border town of Blaine, Washington. The young girl came there from San Pedro, California, where her ship docked on November 10, 50 days after leaving Bombay, India. She had been flown out of China over the Himalaya

Territory in which she had been forced to leave her mother, another brother and two sisters nine months ago was overrun a few weeks later by the Japanese.

Family Went Back to China

It was after their father's death here in 1935 that the nine Mah children accompanied their Tokyo Bombed Again mother back to her ancestral village near Canton. Subsequently, before the war, five of them returned to Canada. They were Albert, Cedric, Alex, Earl and Violet. But Bernice, who was five 13 Jap Admirals Perish years old when she left Canada, remained in China with her mother, brother Edward, and her sisters, Lucy and Phyllis.

Albert and Cedric became fliers, Earl and Alex operate a retail store in the city and Violet is proprietor of a beauty parlor. Now that she too, is back in Canada, Bernice looks forward to going to school. After months of good food in India and on board ship, she is in good health and spirits and will probably be able to hold her own among the other children when she starts in Jan-, uary. However, she will have one scholastic handicap. In her nine years in China she forgot how to speak English.

But that does not worry Violet, who told her sister's story in her beauty parlor on Fulton St.

"Bernice is young and she will pick up the language quickly. She was in Grade Six at school in China. Besides, she may surprise us by remembering the English that she knew before she left

Prince Rupert. She was born here, you know."

Bicycle, Sampan

On the first leg of her journey formerly of Prince Rupert and out of China Bernice travelled now a transport pilot with the westward by bicycle for 52 miles China National Aviation Corpor- with her brother. Then, leaving ation. Because of her brother, their bicycles, they boarded a sampan river boat and sailed to return this week to her sister slowly up the Si-Kiang river for and two other brothers in Prince three days before disembarking and travelling overland by variaged China a few steps ahead of ous methods to Chungking. At the capital city, where her broth-Leaving his flying job last er left her to return to duty, she awaiting air transport.

An indication of economic man's hideout.

conditions in China is a cloth coat that Bernice bought while in Chungking. This threadbare garment with a torn lining cost her \$2,000 Chinese money. A permanent wave in her hair cost \$500. For two small plastic brooches, worth possibly 10 cents in Canada, she was charged \$800. An apple was vorth \$90.

Amid the starvation of the country, Bernice has seen grue-(Continued on Page 5)

BOMBS REVEAL HIDEOUT

OLD MAIDEN, Surrey, Eng., @ A seven-foot square secre and staircase revealed by omb damage repairs in a cotremained for over two months tage here are believed to have been an 18th century highway-

WAR NEWS

Russians Crashing On

MOSCOW - Russian forces in Hungary have smashed ahead below Lake Balaton to capture a rail station on the way to Austria but, according to the German radio, the biggest news in Hungary is being made north of the capital city of Budapest. The Nazis declare that Red Army columns have broken through to the Danube above the city to extend Russian slege lines half way around the capital.

Advance On Western Front

PARIS-On the Western Front in Europe, the Third and Seventh Armies are battering German defences on a sixty-mile front from Saarbrucken to the Rhine. Both armies have scored limited advances, and Third Army troops have forced two new crossings on the Saar River near Saareguimines. On the Cologne Plain to the north, the Germans are evidently withdrawing from the west bank of the Roer River. First Army troops advancing towards the river during the past 24 hours found the going comparatively easy, but the Germans are pounding Ninth Army lines with multiple-barrelled mortars.

SAN FRANCISCO-A Tokyo broadcast declares that a single superfortress bombed the Japanese capital today. Other targets in the Japanese homeland are also reported to have been attacked.

TOKYO-The Pacific War Command seems to have been hard on Japanese admirals. Tokyo has released a list of thirteen admirals who have died or have been killed recently.



CANUCKS ADVANCE IN SCHELDT AREA-Prior to making water crossing, smoke machines are loaded up, then under cover of the smoke screen laid down, the Canadians make their advance in the Scheldt area.

yards in Germany were the principal target of Royal Air Force bombers yesterday.

LETITIA ARRIVES

HALIFAX—The hospital ship Letitia, of which Col. Cornish is medical officer in charge, has arrived from overseas with 700 casualties on board. It is the Letitia's first trip here as a hospital ship.

TURKEYS SCARCE CALGARY - Owing to bad weather and shortage of help, turkeys will be scarcer this Christmas. The supply is 1 percent less than last year.

REGIMENTS LEAVING

NANAIMO - The Winnipeg Light Infantry and First Oxford Rifles left here Thursday for the East enroute to the combat zone. They cheered Major G. R. Pearkes, V.C., who came here to farewell them.

WAR SITUATION SERIOUS OTTAWA - Prime Minister Mackenzie King said early Friday in Commons that the war situation is "more serious than could be imagined."

GOV'T NOT RESIGNED

PARIS-The Spanish envoy categorically denied reports published in Paris newspeper Liberation that all or some members of the Franco government had resigned.

BRITISH BLACK-OUT OVER LONDON- The day of German bomber plane attacks on Britain was officially declared over with the lifting of regulations requiring quick shift from dim-out to black-out whenever air raid sirens sound. Permanent dim-out will mean a brighter Britain starting

TO DEMOBILIZE A.R.P.

VANCOUVER- The Province said in a newspage story that the A.R.P. in British Columbia is to be ordered demobilized within a matter of days. Signal to demobilize the organization must come from Ottawa and has been made possible by changed war conditions in the Pacific, the newspaper added.

NEW AIR PARLEY

MONTREAL The International Air Conference in Chicago has ended but aviation spokesmen for the British Empire will reopen commonwealth air discussions in Montreal today. Montreal is expected to be the Canadian site for headquarters of the International Air Committee. The two-day commonwealth convention will discuss the all-Empire post-war air services, bases, radio location centres and landing fields, as well as priority landing rights in certain foreign countries.

NO PERMITS FOR WOMEN

Regulations for Women Cross-Border to Work Relaxed-For Men Unchanged

exit permits for women apply- inspection of track in the in- ert, ing to go to the United States terest of the general safety. are being issued at the local Sel- | The C.N.R. was the first railective Service office under new way in Canada to employ detecand simplified procedure by tor cars over its lines and since which it is no longer necessary to 1930 a total of 144,007 miles of apply to Ottawa for approval.

Horace Keetch, Selective Service and unemployment officer, announced that labor exit per- the world's coffee. mits for men must still be submitted to Ottawa and only in rare cases are men permitted to cross the border to work for long

PIONEER DIES JOHANNESBURG, (P) - The death occurred in Johannesburg of Samuel Weil, who organized the first transport into Mafeking after its release and was a pioneer of transport between the

Rand and the North.

Bulletins Bombers Assist Forces LONDON—Duisburg railway On Land to Smash Great Nazi Industrial Areas

Snow Falling On Shivering Canadian

PARIS, Dec. 9 (CP)—The American Third Army beating against eight Saar Valley steel towns smouldering from fighter-bomber attacks and field guns ripped the provincial capital of Saarbrucken to the north. Both sides maintained thunderous artillery fire but a relative lull in ground activity sug-

Local Regiment to Observe Retreat

The traditional sundown ceremony of retreat will be observed by First ReservFe Battalion, Prince Rupert Regiment, Major C. J. Toombs, officer commanding, at 4 o'clock Sunday afternoon at the Post Office flag pole, providing weather permits. Officers, non-commissioned officers and the band will participate, having been training for some time for the ceremony under the direction of Regimental Sergeant Major E. R. Macdonald.

Retreat is a time-honored ceremony and with some regiments is still regarded as of much importance. The ceremony developed from an old military custom when bugles and drums would sound the signal that battle was over for the day, opposing forces then retiring into bivouac to resume the battle on the morrow.

The lowering of the flag while a picket stands at attention, the band beats retreat and the officers stand at salute is the form of observance now.

SAFETY ON RAILWAYS

Rail Detector Cars to be Used Again on C.N.R.

MONTREAL, Dec. 9 - N. B. Walton, executive vice-president, Canadian National Railways, announced today the Canadian National Railways will renew its contract with the Sperry Company to have their rail detector cars travel over 14,372 miles of track during 1945. This is 866 miles of C.N.R. line more than were inspected this year.

The work of these cars, which contain electrically operated mechanisms, is to discover faults in steel rail which are not discernible by the human eye. In operation they move slowly along the track and when a flaw is discovered the mechanism records it on a chart and marks the rail with a dab of white paint. The defective rail is immediately re-

phasize, "is in addition to the daily inspection of rails in every Here in Girlhood section of roadbed operated and is one of the many safety meas- Comer, who has passed away at ures practiced on the Canadian White Rock after a lengthy ill-National Railways. Through im- ness, was Miss Vieno Lehto of provements in rail manufacture Prince Rupert. She went to the number of defective rails has school here and later moved to decreased considerably in recent Stewart. Four years ago the famyears. However, due to the heavy ily took up residence in White amount of wartime traffic being Rock. Mrs. Comer is survived by handled it has been thought de- her husband and daughter, Bev-VANCOUVER, Dec. 9 (P)-Labor sirable to continue this scientific erly at present in Prince Rup-

track have been examined.

Brazil produces three-fifths of

and British Soldiers On Northern Flank

gested the American First and

Ninth Armies were gathering strength to smash the last German hopes of holding the flooded Roer River before Cologne. The Third Army fought from house to house in the eastern part of Saarekuemines today after a new crossing of the Saar. No activity is reported from the extreme northern flank where snow is falling on shivering soldiers of the Canadian

On the southern section of the front the American Seventh Army drove within four and one half niles of erman bor-American bombers snowered

First and British Second armies.

Stuttgart's rail yards with 1500 tons of bombs roday. Royal Air Force Lancasters yesterday made a concentrated attack on marshalling yards at Duisburg.

GEN. FOULKES IN COMMAND

Takes Over in Italy-General Burns to Western Front

OTTAWA, Dec. 9 (P)—The Defence Department announced on Friday that Lt. Gen. Charles Foulkes, of London, Ontario, has succeeded Maj. Gen. E. L. M. Burns of Ottawa and Westmount as commander of the First Canadian Corps in Italy. Gen. Burns relinquishes the acting rank of Lieut. General he held while corps commander and becomes General Officer Commanding Canadian lines of communication and officer in charge of Canadian section, first eschelon, British 21st Army group in

northwest Europe.

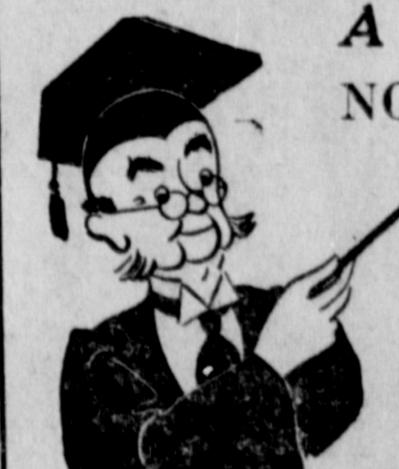
On Wednesday the French government conferred the decoration of Officer of the Legion of Honor on General Burns. Some unofficial sources believe that the growing importance of reinforcement, eschelons has made necessary the creation of what seems to be a new post and its administration by a senior officer. This was the only indication of the significance of the move for Burns.

"This work," Mr. Walton em- Mrs. Comer Lived

Before her marriage, Mrs. John

IRISH MILK HELD UP EDINBURGH, (P)—Severe gale:

interrupted shipping between Northern Ireland and Scotland and caused a temporary mill shortage in some parts of Scotland which depend upon Ulster herds for their supplies.



A Slate Worth Noting . . . NON-PARTISAN CANDIDATES

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