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### Local Tides

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Low	12:00	9.3 feet



## GEN. PATTON BADLY HURT

Famous American Soldier Suffers Broken Neck When Car Struck by Truck

HEIDELBURG, Germany, Dec. 10—General George S. Patton, noted United States Army commander, lies in serious condition in hospital here today with neck vertebrae broken and largely paralyzed. His wife and Dr. Glenn Spurling of Louisville, Kentucky, are being rushed by special plane to his bedside and are due to arrive tomorrow.

General Patton sustained serious injuries Saturday morning when the car in which he was driving was struck by an Army truck near Mannheim.

## In Java—Batavia Attack

More Indonesians Mobilizing—Heaviest Fight Yet in Interior

BATAVIA, Dec. 10—Several thousand armed Indonesians were reported mobilizing in villages around Batavia today, possibly for an attack on the city, while British planes blasted the mountain village of Tjibadak, 50 miles south of the capital. Large concentrations of natives were reported in Batavia's suburbs and British troops were reported on the alert.

There was a fierce new battle in central Java today when a band of 1000 Indonesians ambushed a British motor convoy. There were 50 British and 40 Indonesian casualties. The incident was followed by the heaviest British bombing raid to date.

General Sir Philip Christensen, commander-in-chief of Allied forces on Java, has summoned the Javanese premier to his headquarters.

## EISENHOWER IS GREAT LEADER

Extolled by German General—British Excelled in Counter-Espionage

NUERNBERG, Dec. 10—German Army intelligence officers regarded General Eisenhower as "a great military leader," above even the German generals because of his skillful military planning and his ability to "override feelings and objections on political grounds in the interests of achieving the one thing that was important—accomplishment of military operations."

The author of that statement was Major Erwin Lahousen, star prosecution witness and German Army intelligence chief, who evaluated the fighting qualities of the various Allied armies from the German viewpoint in an exclusive interview with the Associated Press.

The British excelled all others in counter-espionage, Lahousen said.

## AUSSIE STRIKE EFFECT DRASTIC

SYDNEY AUSTRALIA, Dec. 10—The New South Wales cabinet approved today further drastic cuts in power consumption to meet the fuel shortages caused by a strike of coal miners, steel workers and merchant seamen in the state.

The Melbourne radio said that the number of workers left idle as a result of enforced rationing of gas and electricity is expected to rise from 300,000 to 600,000 within a short time. Although only 36,000 men are actually on strike, the industrial dispute has rapidly affected other industries.

ASKS EVACUATION TEHRAN—The Premier of Iran today asked for immediate evacuation of all Allied forces from Iran.

## Bulletins

### PEARL HARBOR PROBE

WASHINGTON — General George C. Marshall told the Pearl Harbor inquiry today that late in 1941 he believed hostilities in the Far East, particularly the possibility of Singapore's fall, would lead the United States into war as a "catastrophic situation" would have arisen as far as this country was concerned.

GETS 17 YEARS VICTORIA—Charles Kinney, 17, has been sentenced to seventeen years' imprisonment following conviction on a charge of manslaughter in the killing of Phyllis Stroud.

FOUR CHILDREN BURNED MONTREAL—Four children lost their lives today in a fire in a suburban home. Four Cloutier children—Robert, 16; Jean Guy, 14; Leo, 8, and Marc, two—were reported to have been asphyxiated in a fire which did not seriously damage the house.

C.C.F. INVITATION OTTAWA—The C.C.F. national executive today invited Labor parties of the British Commonwealth of Nations to meet in conference in Canada in September.

AGAINST XMAS TRAVEL OTTAWA — Minister of Transport Lionel Chevrier appealed to the public of Canada today to refrain from unnecessary railway travel between December 21 and January 3 owing to a heavy home-ward movement of returning overseas men. During that period the Queen Elizabeth will be landing at New York and the Mauretania, Duchess of Bedford, Puncher and Lady Rodney at Halifax.

TO EXTEND HOURS OTTAWA—In an effort to clean up Parliamentary business in time for a Christmas prorogation, Acting House Leader Ian Mackenzie suggested today that the Commons sit in continuous daily session from 11 a.m. to 11 p.m. At present there are recesses between 1 and 3 and 6 and 8 p.m.

ABSOLUTELY RIDICULOUS VANCOUVER — Selective Service Superintendent William Horrobin today dubbed as "absolutely ridiculous" charges of French-Canadian workers from Quebec had not been treated fairly. Robert Girvin, secretary of the Trades and Labor Council, said the charges were groundless.

MAURETANIA ARRIVES HALIFAX — The troopship Mauretania with 4700 war veterans is expected to arrive in Halifax tonight. The only complete unit of the Canadian Army on the trooper is the Cameron Highlanders of Ottawa, a Third Division unit, but shipping officials say it has been learned the vessel will dock two days ahead of schedule.

USE OF AIRFIELDS WASHINGTON — The United States has proposed commercial use of the airfields she leased from Britain in Newfoundland, Bermuda and the Caribbean. An American state department official says a reply from London is expected shortly.

## LABOR CHIEF AT DETROIT

DETROIT, Dec. 10—United States Secretary of Labor Lewis Schwelbensch is paying an official visit to Detroit today to make a speech. Leaders of the C. I. O. auto workers hope to meet him formally and persuade him to act in the General Motors strike. The conference between General Motors and the union was resumed today.

### JAVANESE SITUATION

LONDON — Radio newsman Edward R. Murrow has broadcast that British commanders in Java are facing increasing problems of discipline with both British and Indian troops. Murrow also declares that the British people have not been told the facts about the situation in Java.

### HOMMA TO BE TRIED

TOKYO—Informer sources in Tokyo say the Japanese commander on Bataan during the infamous "Death March"—Lieutenant-General Masaharu Homma—will be taken from Tokyo to Manila shortly to stand trial as a war criminal. Homma was arrested in Japan last September.

### ITALIAN CRISIS ENDED

ROME—The Italian premier-designate, Alcide De Gasperi, has announced the formation of a new Italian cabinet. The list of new ministers has been sent to Crown Prince Umberto for approval. Although an Allied commission must okay the list, it is believed the 16-day government crisis in Italy is all but over.

### MORE JAPS ARRESTED

TOKYO — General Douglas MacArthur has ordered the arrest of 57 Japanese accused of committing atrocities against Allied nationals in prisoner of war camps. In another action, the supreme Allied commander has ordered that Japanese farmers be freed from economic bondage caused by a feudal system of land owners.

### LOUIS IN VICTORIA

VICTORIA—Joe Louis, world heavyweight boxing champion, is in Victoria today. He meets Bob Fraser, United States Navy champion, in an exhibition bout tonight.

### WORST ATROCITY

SYDNEY—One of the worst atrocities of the Pacific War has been disclosed with the finding of the bodies of 400 British artillery men, prisoners of war from Singapore, on an island south of Bougainville. They were put to death by a Japanese construction force.

## TRIAL OF NAZI GENERAL OPENS

AURICH, Germany, Dec. 10—Lieut. Col. Bruce Macdonald of Windsor, Ont., today opened the prosecution's case against Major General Kurt Meyer, charged with crimes against Canadian soldiers at the Caen beachhead a year and a half ago.

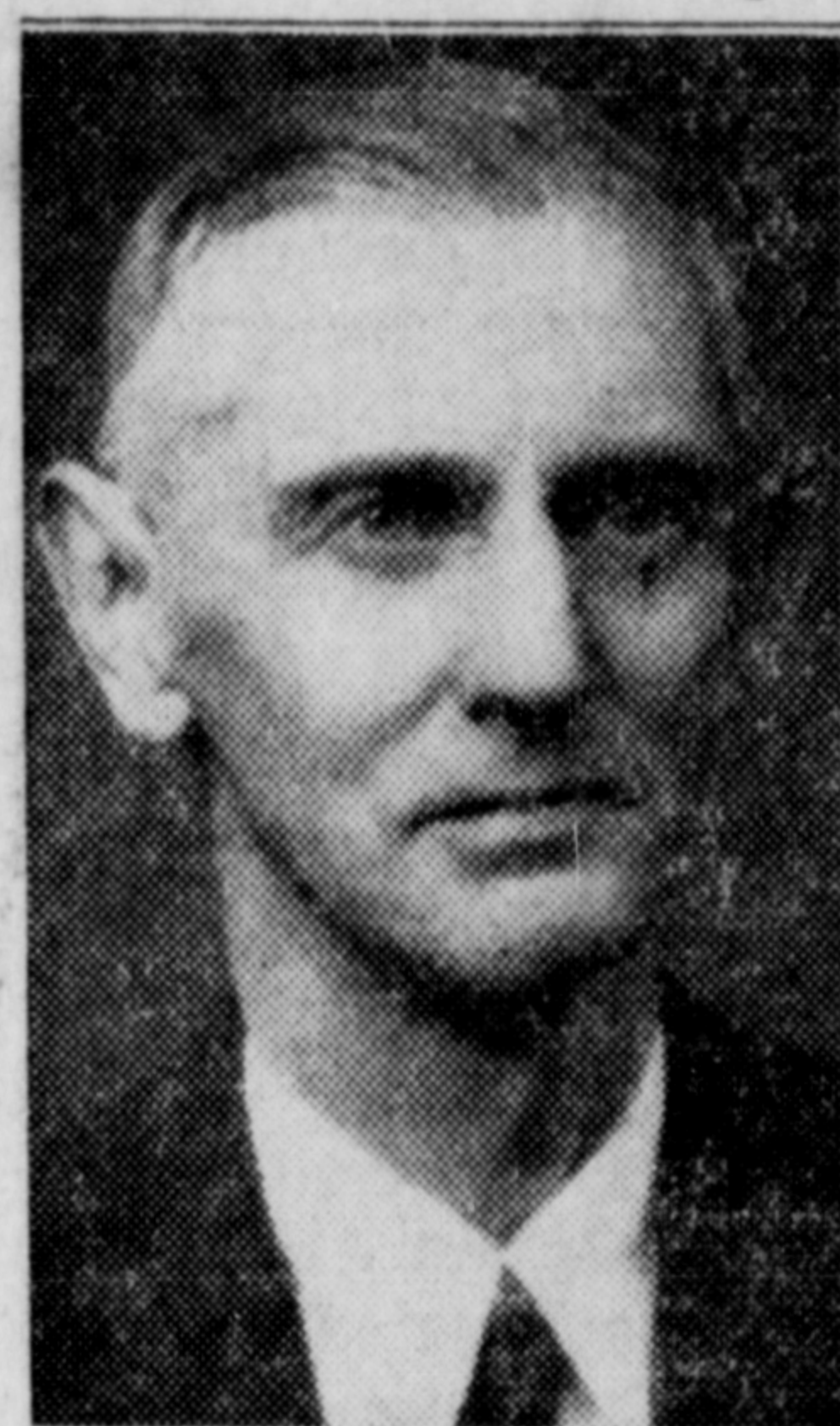
Macdonald told the court: "We are trying here today the man whom we contend is supremely responsible both directly and indirectly, for the killing by those under his command of 48 Canadian prisoners. We shall seek to establish that he was the motivating force behind the cold-blooded, deliberate and calculated murder of these prisoners."

Meyer pleaded innocent to the shooting of 48 Canadian soldiers.

## BRITISH TAKE OVER BREMEN

LONDON, Dec. 10—Beginning today, British authorities will take over military-government administration in the Bremen enclave from the United States authorities.

United States occupation forces will retain security and operational control in the enclave, however, and American officials, co-operating closely with British officials, will retain control of the ports of Bremen and Bremerhaven.



RE-ELECTED — Unanimous choice as chief magistrate of Prince Rupert for third successive term—H. M. Daggett.

## Daggett Is Re-Elected

Mayor H. M. Daggett was returned to office by acclamation today when failure of any other mayoralty candidate to file nomination papers by 2 p.m. made election proceedings for this office unnecessary. Mayor Daggett will enter his third term of office on January 1.

However, election day, Thursday, will see ten aldermanic candidates going before the voters to fill the five seats open as well as three school board candidates to fill the two seats vacant for school trustees. Nomination period formally closed at 2 o'clock this afternoon. Mayor Daggett was nominated by Alderman George Rutherford, seconded by Alderman W. H. Brett, M.L.A.

Seeking election to the four two-year aldermanic seats open are eight candidates, while the other two are going to the electors to fill the one-year term left open by the resignation of Alderman Brett, M.L.A.

In addition to voting for incumbents for the seven civic posts, the citizens will be asked to approve three by-laws by plebiscite. Two of the by-laws deal with granting the Prince Rupert branch, Canadian Legion, certain privileges of taxation and acquisition of a lot adjoining the Legion Hall on Third Avenue for building extension purposes, and the other would allow the federal government-owned fishermen's floats to be tax-free.

Here is the line-up of candidates (Continued on Page 3)

## BUS CASH BOX ROBBED—TWO BOYS TAKEN

Two 14-year old boys were taken into custody at 8:35 last night a few minutes after police had begun an investigation into the theft of the cash box from an Arrow Bus Lines bus while it was parked between trips on Fifth St. between Second and Third Avenues. The investigating officer, Constable R. A. Brett, reported that he found the two boys hiding in a corner at the rear of the C.N.R. Telegraphs building not far from where the bus was parked. In their possession, the police report said, was a fabric bag containing \$83 in silver and also a quantity of American cigarettes.

The police said that the two boys had admitted taking the money from the cash box of the bus. They were later released to the custody of their parents. Investigating the incident after he had received a call from bus driver Desmond Careless, Constable Brett said he noticed a movement at the rear of the nearby building and found the two boys hiding in an indentation in the wall. According to the police report, the boys said the American cigarettes were taken from Aeropost-Hill.

## Chemical Vapors Applied Against American Forces

United States Officer Says, However, That Atomic Bomb and Bayonet In Abdomen Are Less Humane

TOKYO, Dec. 10 (CP)—Brigadier General Charles E. Loucks said today that the Japanese used poison gas against American troops "in a few isolated instances," notably in New Guinea late in the Pacific war. The chemical warfare officer on General MacArthur's staff said the most recent instance was March 5, 1945, when a Japanese patrol set off vomiting gas candles in a signal corps area at Biak in New Guinea. Loucks said that several Americans were made severely ill but none were killed.

Loucks said that the Japanese also tossed gas grenades at American concentrations at Biak and used gas against the Chinese in China.

The American officer, added, however, that poison gas was more humane than the atomic bomb or "a bayonet in the abdomen."

## THIEVES BEAT OWNERS INTO NEW RESIDENCE

Thieves did not even give Mrs. A. Montesano a chance to get settled in her new home before they paid her a visit. In process of moving from her old residence on Borden St. to a new address at 113 Ninth Ave. W., Mrs. Montesano sent a carload of her effects to the new house on Saturday. Some time around 7:30 thieves entered the house through a bathroom window and made off with a quantity of linen valued at \$31, according to a police report.

## PASSENGERS "LUCKY TO BE ALIVE"

TORONTO, Dec. 10—Harry Fisher, a passenger aboard one of two Canadian National Railway trains involved in a wreck near Armstrong, Ontario, said today that many others "were lucky" to be alive after the accident that claimed two lives and injured 33 persons on Saturday. Fisher said that "the wooden car third from the rear was sheared right in two right up to the washroom at the far end. When the engine hit it it catapulted the car ahead and it sheared into the wooden coach."

Fisher said that he was in the rear observation car of the train which stopped in a siding early Saturday when the following eastbound train on the railway's main continental line pile into it.

### ANOTHER WAR TRIAL

AURICH, Germany—The first Canadian war crimes trial goes into session in Aurich, Germany, today. It is the trial of Major-General Kurt Meyer, former S.S. division general, who is accused of responsibility in the shooting of 48 Canadian prisoners of war in the Caen beachhead area last year.

## CHINESE RED DENIES PACT WITH RUSSIA

YENAN, Dec. 10—General Peng Teh-Huei, vice-commander in chief of the Chinese Communist armies, said today that the Communists "definitely oppose" any country obtaining a sphere of influence in any part of China. Peng said that he recognized that there were elements and individuals in the United States, such as Patrick Hurley, recently resigned U. S. ambassador to China, Herbert Hoover and Senator Vandenberg, who feared that the Chinese Communist would affiliate with Stalinist Russia.

Peng asserted that grounds for such an assumption "never have been made clear." He added that "the position of the Chinese Communists remains still for a free, independent and democratic China."

## REDS WITHDRAW FROM MUKDEN

CHUNGKING, Dec. 10—A Chinese despatch today said that irregular forces inside the Manchurian city of Mukden have withdrawn on Communist orders as Central Government troops stood outside the city. Another government despatch said that the Communists, ranging near the Changchung railroad, most important north-south artery in Manchuria, have been ordered to evacuate.

### Weather Forecast

Prince Rupert — Moderate to fresh southwesterly winds. Cloudy with scattered showers.



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## 1945 BUSY YEAR FOR 70-YEAR-OLD PREMIER MACKENZIE KING

Prime Minister Fought General Election — Attended International Conference — Plans Retirement

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The ending of the war, the San Francisco conference, a national victory and a personal defeat in a general election, a by-election, two sessions of parliament, cabinet reorganization, a Dominion-provincial conference and an overseas trip all combined to keep Mr. King on the move.

As the year ends, however, he appears in the same state of physical and mental vigor he has enjoyed during the last 10 years of office.

Mr. King will be 71 December 17 and is serving what he has indicated is his last term as prime minister. Sometime before the present parliament runs its five-year course he is expected to move towards retirement but so far he has given no indication of when the move may come.

Along with heavy responsibilities he has had his full share of domestic political troubles during the year. As 1945 opened his government had just survived the conscription crisis which arose out of a shortage of infantry reinforcements for the army in Europe.

The decision was made to apply overseas conscription to the home defence troops, who came to be known as the "Zombies," and about the turn of the year some thousands of these troops responded by going absent without leave.

In that atmosphere Mr. King's new minister of national defence General McNaughton, had to seek election to the house in the Grey North by-election. He was defeated but a short session of parliament was held to pass estimates and clear the decks for a general election with the defence minister carrying on from outside parliament.

The United Nations conference on a world security organization at San Francisco opened in April. (Continued on Page 6)

Chocolate Seekers Almost Mob Store  
A local drug store was all but mobbed Saturday when it became known that boxed chocolates were available. There were line-ups for a while of customers anxious to purchase the rare sweets. Eventually the stock was exhausted. There is every indication of a shortage of chocolate confectionery this Christmas.

On the Air! CFPR Alderman Norah E. Arnold Monday — 6:15 p.m.