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TAXI

DAY and NIGHT SERVICE Bill and Ken Nesbitt

Tragedy Stalked Traffic in Southern City over the Christmas Holidays

VANCOUVER (P-Two persons Christmas holidays m injuries sustained in trafaccidents in Vancouver to eaths this year to 41.

Lieut, Commander R. N. Moore, mber of the Royal Navy atched to the British Admiralty hnical mission here, was ruck and killed by a truck in Kitsilano district on Boxing v. The truck failed to stop it William Neville, 36-year-old lk truck driver, was arrested nd charged with failing to reirn to the scene of an accident connection with Moore's

Robert Ross, 60, was killed witnesses said he walked to the side of a taxi in the airview district late Chrstmas

Mrs. Florence Grover was kll-Christmas Eve when the which she was riding husband and two collided with a Royal nadian Air Force truck.

Percy R. Abney, 17-year-old C. Electric employee, died in pital Christmas Eye from inries sustained last Saturday when he was struck by a light oard a street car on the way to work. The driver of the truck is not located so far.

## RESTORING JAVA ORDER

More Active Measures Being Planned by Allied Commander

BATAVIA, Java ( -The Allied commander in the Netherlands East Indies, Lieutenant-General Sir Philip Christison, says he plans more active measures to restore order in Java. General Christison has called on the In- in donesian Nationalist leaders to Philippines collaborator to place under his command what- death. He is Clark Castillo. ever units of the Indonesia charged with being the "Pied might need to assist British Filipinos to mass execution by At lerrace troops in suppressing disorders.

Meantime, large-scale fighting has broken out anew in the Javanese summer capital of Bando-

# RAILWAYS

OTTAWA ( - Canada's railway lines are getting ready for a year-end rush. The greaterthan-normal strain is being imposed by the arrival in New York tomorrow of the liner Queen Elizabeth and the docking in Value of French Halifax Saturday of the liner Duchess of Bedford. Some 12,009 men are aboard the Queen Elizabeth and 2,000 aboard the Duchess of Bedford. Thirteen trade, the value of the French special trains will be sent to franc has been reduced from 50° New York to handle the returning Canadian service personnel lar and from 200 to 500 on the docking there.

## RED NEWSPAPER TELLS MARSHALL

CHUNGKING (P-The Communist New China Daily News XII in a world broadcast, replyurged General Marshall, United ing to the cardinals'. Christmas States envoy to China, to set a greeting, said that his appointtime limit on disarmament of ment of 32 cardinals was intend-Japanese troops in China and ed in part as "a sign of the union the withdrawal of the United versality of the church." The Pope said that the hatred and States forces.

The newspaper said that any devastation of the war would American help to Chungking-long remain impressed on the military, political, financial or world. He called attention to technical-before the coalition the many nationalities of the government was established appointees, and said that the would aggravate the "current church has always radiated a unifying force to torn, shattered civil war."

The statement of the news- humanity and has rebuffed paper, which has been speaking every attempt to dismember it authoritatively for the Commun- or make it a slave of any one ist side, has aggravated efforts people. to settle China's troubled affairs.

PEMBROKE DROWNING PEMBROKE-Four brothers were drowned in the river here today when an automobile went through the ice. The brothers were the Downeys of

Sheenboro.

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# omic Agreement Is Reached At Moscow Conference

# DED WITH HOPE ALONG COAST the Christmas holidays OF M. JOR SETTLEMENT

MOSCOW (CP)—The Big Three foreign minisnd the city's total traffic ters' conference in Moscow ended early today. The final session of the meeting lasted more than twelve hours Following the meeting, the United States secretary of state, James Byrnes, issued a statement declaring the meeting had been very constructive. He

said the three ministers had IN HOSPITAL reached what he called an "atomic agreement" but he gave no details. He said the agreement would be outlined in a com munique to be issued in Moscow

Friday morning. Mr. Byrnes said there is great hope for the settlement of other problems among the Big Three in the same friendly spirit as existed during the just completed conference in the Russian capi-

A four-power control commission for Japan was approved by the conference, it is reported. Great Britain, the United States, Russia and France will have the office of Kelly Douglas Co. equal authority and there will by smashing a window, got loca be veto rights.

## TORONTO STORE KEEPER SLAIN

OLOF HANSON, doing well

after emergency Christmas

Eve appendectomy.

Death For

'Pied Piper'

Of Manila

the Japanese.

Japanese Collaborator

Sentenced to Death by

People's Court in Philippines

Manila has sentenced

The decision of the court in

this matter sets an importan

precedent. It means that mem-

bership in the Japanese-backed

Makapili Army constitutes trea-

Last March, Castillo, on the

pretence that the Japanese were

according safe conduct, cajoled

the population of the village o

Lumband to congregate. The

Japanese then killed all of the

residents of the village except

those who were members of the

Makapili organization.

pound sterling.

Franc Is Reduced

PARIS ( In the effort to

help restore France's world

to 125 on the United States dol-

POPE DELIVERS

YULE MESSAGE

VATICAN CITY (P)-Pope Pius

Weather Forecast

rain. Strong south to southeast

ning and decreasing to strong

after midnight.

Prince Rupert - Cloudy with

TORONTO (P-Police have bechant, Myer Tobias, was shot cents from the stamp box. Toronto Jewish community.

# MANILA-The . people's court

Provincial police headquarters here were advised today that Sapper Otto D. Rempel of the Royal Canadian Engineers was burned to death last night when an Army hut which he was occupying was destroyed by fire. The victim had recently returned to Canada after serving overseas. His mother

is in Vancouver. Royal Canadian Engineers and provincial police offices here had only meagre particulars of the tragedy up to vised that an inquest was to be held at Terrace tomorrow.

along the north coast this morning as winds expected to reach velocities of upwards of 40 miles an hour were forecast for this afternoon and evening. The high winds were forecast to come on the heels of temperatures which moderated suddenly over the Christmas holidays clearing city streets of the ice coating which forced several cars off the road on Christmas Eve, but caused no serious damage either to motorists or pedestrians. Temperatures in the city yesterday ranged from a maximum (4) 45

to a minimum of 31. Forecast for today is cloudy with rain with strong south to southeast winds increasing to gales during the afternoon and evening, and decreasing slightly after midnight.

#### Break and Entry Brings 30 Cents

Thieves who gained entry into totalling only 30 cents from the stamp box in the office safe. according to a police report of the only major crime over the Christmas holidays.

The smashed window was discovered at 4 a.m. yesterday by Constables M. L. McLeod and T. HUGE PULP
Brue making their routine ingun one of the greatest man- spection. A later inspection of gun one of the greatest man-spection. A later inspection of hunts in the history of the To- the office revealed that the MILL PLANT ronto area in an effort to track prowler had pried open two down a four-man gang which grawers of the safe, the outer last night shot a North Toronto doors of which had been left merchant to death. The mer- unlocked, and had taken the 30

and killed when he apparently | Activity at police headquartried to resist the men when ters was quieter than it had been they tried to hold him up. Police for many Christmases, and polare offering a reward of \$500 for ice reported no arrests for the capture of the men. Further | drunkenness. although several rewards may be offered by the persons were taken into temporary custody while under the influence of liquor.

#### MARSHAL TITO IS RECOGNIZED

LONDON (P) — Great Britain and the United States have formally recognized the new republican government of Marshal Tito in YugoSlavia under which King Peter, now in exile in Britain, is eliminated. However, dissatisfaction is expressed with the manner in which the recent YugoSlav elections were con-

#### Transatlantiic Air Rate Cut

OTTAWA-The transAtlantic one-way single fare will be \$375, it was agreed at the conference this afternoon. They were ad- held last week in Bermuda. This is a cut of \$200 from the present



A CANUCK IN A FRENCH EMBRACE—At a ceremony at Bad Oeynhausen. The Netherlands, which had been postponed since last June. Major-General Vernejoul, of France, decorated Allied generals with one of the highest honors that France can bestow. They were given the Grand Cordon and named commanders of the Legion of Honor. Lieut.-Gen. J. C. Simons, wearwinds increasing to gale force ing beret, commander of the Canadian forces in The Netherduring the afternoon and evelands, is shown receiving the accolade after General Vernejoul had hung the cross and collar around his neck.

DOCK AT NUREMBERG-An interesting little tableau in the prisoners' dock of the Palace of | all. At right, Joachim Von Ribbentrop, the Justice at Nuremberg, Germany, where topranking Nazis are on trial for war crimes. Hermann Goering, left, who succeeded Rudolf Hess as Nazi No. 2 when the latter flew to Scotland | sinister use to which it is sometimes put.

has just remembered that he didn't forget after champagne salesman who became a would-be empire builder, fingers nervously at his throat Could be that his thoughts are on rope and the

and paper plant is to be built 130 miles east of Port Arthur. There will be a community of 5,000 people. Wisconsin pulp and paper interests are building it.

#### France Approves Bretton Woods, Also U. S. Loan

PARIS-The French Constituent Assembly yesterday adopted the French-American economic agreement providing for a loan of \$540,000,000. The Bretton Woods monetary agreement was also approved.

### Early Peace in China Is Likely

CHUNGKING - Hopes of an early truce in the Chinese civil war received a filip today when it was announced that talks between nationalist and communist leaders had resulted in a definite proposal for peace in writing by the communists.

#### OPERATION ON OLOF HANSON

Word was received at the office of Olof Hanson here today that the former Member of Parliament had been taken to hospital in Vancouver on Christmas Eve for an operation for appendicitis. A telegram which arrived this morning described his condition as good.

## DEPORTING JAPANESE

VANCOUVER (P - Minister of Labor Humphrey Mitchell arrived in Vancouver over the holiday to make final arrangement for the deportation to Japan of several thousand Japanese from Canada. He declined to give an interview or make a statement

## American Soldiers Are Burned to Death

TOKYO (P-Twelve American soldiers were killed and 22 injured when a barracks on Shi koku Island was destroyed b

#### New Hotel for Port Alberni

maintained.

VICTORIA - The week's incorporations include a \$100,000 hotel for Port Alberni.

BIG VICTORIA GALE VICTORIA - A Boxing Day gale here reached 50-miles-anhour proportions. Trees were blown down but services were

# Bulletins

SANTA BARBARA BLAST SANTA BARBARA-Five persons were killed and five others injured yesterday in an explosion at Santa Barbara, California. The explosion tore apart a combination warehouse and apartment building. Cause of the explosion has not yet been determined.

AIR FORCES MERGED TOKYO-General MacArthur has announced the consolidation of five Pacific air forces under one new command. This new group will supply the air control for enforcement of the Japanese surrender as well as maintaining the far-flung American defence line. General George Kenney will command the new organization.

ON TRIAL FOR LIFE MANILA-A Japanese Lieut. Col., Seichi Ohta, has been placed on trial for his life. Ohta is charged with bringing Japanese torture methods to the Philippines and with allowing his troops to commit atrocities after the fall of Manila.

TIRE RATIONING ENDS Tire rationing will end in Canada January 1. Generally, tire supplies in Canada are short and Hon. C. D. Howe, minister of reconstruction, urges that motorist take it easy in buying, purchasing only what they actually need

CANADIANS HONORED One thousand Canadians are included in the King's New Year Honor List which will be published next Monday.

RELATIONS WITH SPAIN The United States government announces it is ready to discuss with France the matter of relations with Spain.

CONFERENCE ENDS

The Big Three conference at Moscow ended last night and a communique was issued announcing agreement on many important questions. Secretary of State Byrnes invited the next conference to Washington about March 15. The con-

ference agreed to hold a peace

conference for 21 nations in

May when treaties affecting

war settlements will be brought up. LORD KEYES DEAD Admiral of the Fleet Lord Keyes, 74, died of cardiac asthma at his home in Buck-

CHRISTMAS FATALITIES There were 24 Christmas fatalities in Canada, including four traffic deaths in Vancou-

ingham, England, yesterday.

KING'S CHRISTMAS TALK In a Christmas Day broadeast to the Empire, the King spoke of the grim days of war which had passed. There had been much destruction but priceless things had been saved with the defeat of the enemy. He urged young people to maintain high faith in the future and goodness of life.

CHRISTMAS TRAGEDIES necticut. In the city of Hartford a hospital was destroyed when defective Christmas tree lights took fire and 15 patients were burned to death. At Meriden six members of a family lost their lives when an oil heater exploded in a home.

BOMB RED HEADQUARTERS Headquarters of the Communist party in Rome were bombed in Christmas Eve demonstrations.

PREMIER WITH TROOPS Prime Minister R. V. Shipley of Australia visited troops of his Dominion in New Guinea Christmas Day and had dinner sitting between two privates.

AMERICANS MURDERED Two American soldiers were shot dead in Berlin Christmas Eve. The murderers have not been apprehended.

HOSPITAL ATTACKED BATAVIA - Dutch sources have announced that Indonesians have killed three persons in an attack upon a Red Cross emergency hospital in the Kramat district of Java. One of the persons killed was a patient in the hospital. The other two were hospital workers. Six other hospital workers were wounded in the attack.

RANGERS BODY FOUND HUNTSVILLE, Ont - The body of one of the best known rangers in Algonquin Park has been recovered from the icecovered waters of Pilon Lake. Claude McFarland was reported missing three days ago on an inspection trip. Fellow rangers traced his footsteps to the edge of the lake and reported that McFarland had apparently fallen through the

IS R. A. F. ADVISER OTTAWA-A British airman well known to Canadians, Air Vice-Marshal David Vaughan Carnegie, has been appointed R.A.F. adviser to the British high commissioner to Canada He has been head of the British air mission to Canada since, last March.

AURICH, Germany, (P-Major General Kurt Meyer was acquitted today on two of five war crimes charges, but apparently was convicted on the other three. The Canadian military court trying the former German regimental commander an nounced that its findings and the sentences on the other three charges will be promulgated later, the normal method for court martial decisions in which the defendant is found guilty.

Meyer was acquitted on charges that he was responsible for the killing by his troops of 23 Canadian prisoners of war near Buron and Authie in France in June, 1944 during the early stages of the invasion of Normandy, and that he ordered his troops to kill seven other prisoners of war at his headquarters.

The charges on which the findings are to be promulgated were that he incited his troops to deny quarter to Allied troops; that he was responsible for his troops killing seven Canadian prisoners of war at his headquarters and that he was responsible when his troops killed 11 other prisoners of war at his headquarters.

Further charges against Meyer. will begin Friday.

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Man Burned to Death and Nineteen Others Injured in Apartment Building Blaze

VANCOUVER (P) - Archibald Mitchell, 63, was burned to death severely injured when fire of and eight other persons were undetermined origin gutted a wooden apartment-type building in the east end of Vancou-Christmas Eve brought two | ver early today. Eleven other terrible fire tragedies to the persons were injured as a score New England state of Con- were trapped in the blazing

The apartment was operated by a Mrs. Hall. Father, mother and child of a family called Christiansen were hospitalized.

The building was also occupied by a cafe, barber shop and doctor's office.

#### SIX LOCAL MEN ON ELIZABETH

Six well known Prince Rupert men are aboard the giant liner Queen Elizabeth which is docking at New York tomorrow carrying Canadian servicemen back to Canada. The servicemen and their next-of-kin are:

Capt. A. J. Thompson-Mr. J. H. Thompson, 1809 Graham Ave. Cfn. T. W. Graham - Mrs. Rose Graham, 728 Fifth Ave. W. Bdr. D. E. Clark-Mrs. L. Clark, 301 Ninth Ave. W.

Sgmn. G. R. Marchildon-Mrs. H. M. Marchildon, 1144 Ninth Lieut. F. J. Hicks-Mrs. F. J.

Hicks, Besner Apartments. Cpl. O. R. Leighton-Mrs. R. Leighton, York Hotel.

BIG STRIKE LOOMS NEW YORK - A strike of-200,000 electrical workers in the United States is looming. General Electric, General Motors and Westinghouse are in-

FORD WORKERS BACK WINDSOR-Ford Motor Co. office workers are all back at work following the strike and the others are being taken back progressively.

BRIDES COMIN GSOON

OTTAWA—The liner Scythia will bring the first shipload of 500 war brides to Canada near the end of January. The Lady Nelson, Letitia and Lady Rodney are also to carry

#### ANNOUNCING LIQUOR RATION

VANCOUVER - The British Columbia liquor ration for January will be anounced Friday or Saturday.