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for Winter to Date: 27 below.

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### BRITISH CRUISERS CRIPPLE & DEFEAT GERMAN BATTLESHIP

**POCKET BATTLESHIP GRAFF SPEE  
BADLY DAMAGED - CHASED INTO  
NEUTRAL PORT**

DEC. 15 (By Radio) - In the first major naval battle of the present war, three British cruisers on Thursday engaged the German pocket battleship Graff Spee in the South Atlantic and damaged it so badly that it had to limp into the harbour at Montivedeo.

Under naval agreement the battleship must either be interned for the duration of the war, or leave the port within 24 hours or until such repairs have been made until the ship is considered seaworthy.

Members of the crew were to-day still engaged in making repairs to the badly shattered ship. The Montivedeans, strongly anti-Nazi, have refused to work on the ship.

British ships are stationed outside the harbour awaiting the repaired Graff Spee which is considered to have little chance now of escaping the British blockade.

The cruisers that engaged the 10,000 ton pocket battleship of the German fleet, which has been operating as a sea raider in the south Atlantic, were the Exeter with 6, 8" guns, the Ajax and the Achilles with only 6" guns. The Graff Spee carried 11-inch guns but its larger guns proved no match against the swift tri-cruiser attack. The Exeter was reported damaged considerably in the engagement but made port under its own power.

Sixty one prisoners were aboard the Graff Spee, including 6 captains from ships captured or destroyed by the raider. All have been released but made to sign pledges not to go to sea again during the war.

#### THE WAR NEWS IN BRIEF

The great naval victory of the three British cruisers against the German battleship Thursday was somewhat marred by the collision of the British destroyer Duchess with another cruiser in the North Sea with the loss of 100 lives. Of the crew of 120 only 22 were saved.

Russia was the first nation ever to be expelled from the League of Nations following this week's meeting of the League.

The Russian invasion in Finland continued this week with many Finnish cities in blazing ruins. The Finns have been putting up a stiff resistance, causing heavy Soviet losses. One whole tank column was reported wiped out over the week end with the resultant loss of 25,000 Russians.

(More War News on page six)

### WEATHER STILL MILD AS XMAS NEARS

With the holidays only a week away, one of the nicest Xmas presents Mayo has enjoyed in many years is the weather. Last night the spirits shows signs of dropping and did...but the minimum was only 13 below. To-day at noon it was 2 above again. The lowest recorded temperature to date so far this winter has been 27 below as per the Radio Station figures.

**WHITE PASS CONDOR  
STILL AT McQUESTEN**

Deep snow on the emergency landing field at the McQuesten has held up the big White Pass Condor biplane which landed there Thursday when unable to get into Dawson on account of the weather.

The snow is so deep on the McQuesten field that it will probably have to be dragged before a take-off can be made. Pilot Wasson landed there yesterday with the Bellanca BLT to size up the situation and was from 11 a. m. until 1 p. m. getting off the field himself.

The Condor was en route to Dawson Thursday to fly Dawson passengers south to connect with to-night's southbound Princess out of Skagway.

About the only motive power near the field at Partridge where the plane is grounded is the Klondike Airways "cat" which is kept at the McQuesten-Stewart Crossing.

**BRITISH SUBMARINE  
HAS BUSY DAY**

LONDON, Dec. 15 - A British submarine sunk a German U-boat and cruiser in the North Sea Thursday. The Admiralty refused to make public the name of the submarine commander because it would identify the British sub.

LONDON, Dec. 15 - The new Finnish Government has made a new peace proposal to the Soviet Union to end hostilities between the two countries. Providing these new proposals are not accepted by the Russians, the Finns have declared their intention of fighting to the last man.

BERLIN, Dec. 15 - German-Soviet trade negotiations are still going on, but have not yet been completed. Russia is reported to have seized several cargoes of foodstuffs from Roumania, destined for Germany and which were being transported thru Russian Territory.

DON'T FORGET THE NEW YEAR'S FROLIC IN PIONEER HALL, STARTING AT 11.45 DEC. 31ST.

School Concert - To-night - Pioneer Hall - Community Christmas Tree - Dec. 22 -

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SATURDAY, DEC. 16, 1939

## NO NEED TO SIT & RUST

Simply because the camps are closing down this month until next May, and this seems definite now, is no reason why Mayo and District should sit back and cry blue ruin.

Undoubtedly, if there is to be a big lay-off up the hill, Mayo will suffer from the pinch of the decreased payroll. The town, itself however, is bound to benefit considerably in that quite a number of the T. Y. employees will be wintering in Mayo until work starts up again. This factor, in itself, should help Mayo.

There are quite a few glum faces around these days who see in the shutdown nothing but a new depression. But at the most, so we understand, work will only be at a standstill for four months. There have been other years in Mayo's history when operations in this district were at a standstill over a much longer period of time. Mayo came thru those lean years; surely Mayo can easily come through a temporary four month period of shutdown. What about the Dawson and other northern districts where the winter shutdown is every year and not only once every five or six years as is the case here.

Meanwhile, until operations get under way again, Mayo doesn't have to sit back and go to rust. Now is the time to start doing things. First thing we know May will be rolling around and, it is to be hoped, everything will be under way again full blast.

During the next four "quiet" months it would be an ideal time for Mayo to get something under way in the nature of a winter carnival or such like that would bring a few new dollars into the town.

There is every possibility now that hockey games may get under way here. What would be the matter with lining up a series of two games with Dawson later on around March or April. In fact Mayo could stage a spring sports carnival on a small scale and maybe get quite a delegation over from Dawson to join in the event. Dog races could be staged, skiing competitions, a two-game championship hockey series, a boxing and wrestling show.

We firmly believe a Silver Winter Carnival would go over here and really benefit Mayo. All it takes is a little organizing, planning and lots of "umph" behind the wheel.

We put this idea up merely as a suggestion just now. There may be plenty of other better and bigger ideas, any one of which might very easily be worked up into something that would pep up the town and bring some new business and activity.

At any rate, just as long as there are plenty of possibilities along these lines there's no reason why Mayo should just sit back and adopt a rocking chair attitude.

"What we needs is some git and go."

**COMMUNITY XMAS TREE:** Friday, Dec. 22nd. is the date which has been definitely set for the Community Xmas Tree. This event, sponsored this year by the Mayo Ball Club, will be held in the Pioneer Hall and presents have been purchased for every child in town.

Funds to defray expenses were raised from the moving pictures which Eddie Kimbel showed up the hill last week end and in Mayo on Monday night. Also the sum of \$30. surplus from the dance which the Buckway brothers put on here in October.

**MAYO'S FRONT STREET** after dark is beginning to resemble outside streets as a result of the brightly-colored lights and signs in evidence these afternoons and evenings.

By means of a novel device which breaks the circuit on an ordinary electric light wire, two Mayo stores now have signs which flash off and on and resemble Neon signs.

Malcolm Matheson installed the first of these signs over the Art Store while yesterday Taylor and Drury installed one of these new signs above the Mayo store. The break in the light circuit is produced by using the mechanism of an ordinary alarm clock. Letters in these signs are stencilled on oil cloth with the light bulb held inside an oblong box. The effect is nearly the same as that of a Neon light.

What with these two new signs and colored Xmas lights at the N. C. Co. Ltd. store and the colorful window display at Mervyn's, the main street is now looking pretty spiffy.

**DRS. FRANKS AND SNIDER** arrived here last Saturday by White Pass plane from Dawson and left the same afternoon for the Elsa where they will be located until next week before returning to Mayo to open their dental parlor here for a short time.

**WM. C. SIME**, Gov't. Assayer at Keno, was a visitor in Mayo this week; returning to his home up the hill after a short stay in town.

**OSCAR MILLER** returned from Dawson last Saturday on the White Pass plane.

**LOUIS BOUVETTE** came in this week and is spending a holiday in town.

**RALPH BETTS**, T. Y. employee at the Calumet who had been in the hospital for a couple of weeks, has moved in the Guilbault house for the winter.

**MRS. RUTH FERGUSSON** returned to Mayo by plane last week; having come North on the Princess Norah which got in Dec. 5th. Mrs. Fergusson plans on going up the hill soon in connection with her mining interests on Galena.

**GEORGE POTTER** was in town this week from his winter headquarters over near the head of the Klondike.

**DON MILLAR**, WELL-KNOWN T. Y. employee at the Calumet, left by plane Tuesday en route to Vancouver to spend the Xmas holidays. Other T. Yers leaving for the coast Tuesday were Ernie Tisher, of the Calumet Bombers hockey team, Martin Retan and M. Gronmeyer.

**EARLING RUDE**, Jim Breaden and Jack Sullivan, Jr., have gone up the hill to work for the T. Y. Corporation.

**GO GETTER:** Little David Andison, 6½ year old son of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Andison, is going to be a real go-getter. While all the other kids were busy coasting Monday afternoon wee David was down at the rink sweeping off the snow, all by himself. At the rate he was going David would have cleaned off

# PLANES & PILOTS

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Will All Those Wishing to Have Xmas  
Greeting Cards Inserted in the Miner for  
next week's Xmas issue, please notify us  
of same as soon as possible.

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steamer is on Jan. 1st. Then on the 16th. & 30th.

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## FIVE MAYOITES FLY SOUTH TUESDAY

Intent upon catching the CPR steamer  
which sails from Skagway to-night for Vancou-  
ver, 5 Mayoites flew to Whitehorse Tuesday  
on the White Pass Ford.

Those leaving by plane Tuesday, all former  
T. Y. employees on Galena, plan on spending  
the Christmas holidays at the coast. They  
were: Donald Millar, Ernie Tisher, M. Gron-  
meyer, Martin Retan.

Pilots Vines & Burttt flew here Tuesday  
from Whitehorse, bringing air stage mail and  
freight and returning direct.

## AIRMAIL IN SUNDAY

Pilots Vines and Burttt flew the Ford AZB  
to Mayo, from Whitehorse, last Sunday, bring-  
ing the airmail for Mayo and Dawson. They  
went south direct from Dawson.

## FORD IN AGAIN THURSDAY

Bringing a large consignment of Xmas  
packages and freight, the Ford pilots ret-  
urned to Mayo from the south Thursday and  
remained here overnight. From Mayo Pilots  
Vines and Stone were scheduled to go on to  
Dawson to fly a load of passengers south from  
that point.

## BIG CONDOR GROUNDED AT THE McQUESTEN

En route to Dawson to fly passengers  
south to connect with Saturday's southbound  
boat, the White Pass Airways Condor, Pilots  
Bookwalter and Boyle, were unable to get  
into Dawson Thursday and landed at the Mc-  
Questen field where they remained overnight.  
The Bellanca BLT, Pilots Wasson and Anderson  
were also in Dawson Thursday, awaiting fav-  
ourable weather to fly Dawson passengers  
south for Saturday's boat connection. It  
is reported that a large number from Dawson  
planned on catching to-night's boat for the  
coast.

BOAT BRINGING XMAS MAIL: The Princess  
Norah, which docked in Skagway to-day, is  
reported to have brought a large consignment  
of Christmas mail, perishables and holiday  
goods for the Northerners.

# HOCKEY GAMES MAY BE PLAYED HERE

## CALUMET BOMBERS AGAIN WIN FROM ELSA HOCKEY SQUAD

Ernie Seel, fast-skating forward fired the single goal which gave the Calumet Bombers their second straight win over the Elsa team in the hockey game played on the Elsa rink Wednesday night.

Both games played so far this winter have been decided by a 1 goal margin; the first game of the season being decided by the identical same score 1-0 as in Wednesday night's game.

There was a large crowd of hockey fans out to witness the battle on the Elsa ice which was described as a "swell game."

Chuck Caddy, the Whitehorse flash, made his first appearance in a regular game for the Bombers and showed plenty of the old zip.

We regret that we haven't the lineups for this week's issue.

## DANCE HELD AT ELSA SATURDAY NIGHT

Another of the popular Saturday night dances sponsored by the Galena Hill Community Club was held in the Elsa Hall last Saturday night and there was a good turnout.

Music was supplied by the P. A. system.

Several Mayoites made the trip up the hill to take in the dance and all report having had a fine time.

## MRS. ED. KIMBEL WINS BRIDGE PRIZE

Winners at the IODE bridge party held in the hall last Saturday night were as follows:

Ladies First prize at bridge: Mrs. Ed. Kimbel.  
Gentlemen's 1st: F. A. Whitney.

High Score at pan: George Andison.

The card party last Saturday night was arranged by Mrs. Alice MacLennan and Miss K. MacDonald.

Refreshments were served after the card games.

There were 5 tables of bridge and 1 pan game.

**WE HEAR THAT:** Joe Clifton, former well-known Mayo pioneer, now in business in Victoria, was married recently in that city.

## LAFORMA MINES TAKE OUT ANOTHER GOLD BRICK

From the Whitehorse Star of Dec. 8th., we learn that T. C. Richards returned to Whitehorse Monday week ago bringing with him another gold brick and five tons of concentrates from the Laforma mines.

"Rich" is of the opinion that the mines will be returning a small dividend the first of the year.

The camp is looking very promising and it is hoped to have the mill operating soon on a 24-hour basis.

Over 12 inches of new snow fell last week between Braeburn and Carmacks.

## NEW PASS LOCATED ON ALASKA-YUKON ROUTE

Surveyor Moncton and party who has been surveying between Hazelton and Telegraph Creek during the past season for the proposed international highway, reports the discovery of a new pass south of Telegraph Creek which would mean a big saving in costs if the highway is run through it. It is further reported that the new pass has tremendous other advantages which will be disclosed when Moncton presents his report to the Provincial government.

## SLIDE ON THE WHITE PASS

A slide occurred on White Pass railroad Monday Dec. 4th. which disrupted rail service for a short time. It occurred near Glacier and covered the track for about 1 mile. Passengers for the Princess Norah were flown to Skagway by plane.

"Whitehorse Star"

## GERRY BRAY HAS LUCKY STREAK

Gerry Bray, popular member of the Calumet Bombers hockey team, has been running in luck this past fortnight.

Last week Gerry won \$150., holding the lucky number on a pool which the employees at the Calumet got up for a fare outside for the lucky winner.

Gerry decided to spend his prize at home. He and his partner Clint Nicholson came in on a short holiday last Sunday night. Only a week before Gerry won a watch with the identical same number.

## FINE PROGRESS BEING MADE WITH MAYO SKATING RINK

Thanks to the hearty cooperation of a number of Mayo skating enthusiasts, good progress has been made during the past week with the skating rink on the Stewart River opposite the T. Y. pumping plant.

Emil Forrest, former Dawson hockey star, gave the rink its biggest boost this week by running a pipe line from the pumping plant out over the high bank, onto the ice. From this pipe, right at river level, tanks can now be filled with hot water for flooding the rink.

Last Sunday George Aylwin, Charley Taylor and a few others turned out and scraped the rink. On Tuesday night Charley Taylor, George Aylwin, Geoff. Bidlake, Mr. and Mrs. A. Gillespie, Pete Potiot and a number of the school kids gave the rink a thorough sweeping only to have it snow next day. However the school kids got busy Wednesday and Thursday and scraped off the new snow and on Friday afternoon Messrs Taylor & Gillespie flooded the rink with hot water; using a big tank on a sleigh.

It is very probable that if the camp closes down this month and a number of hockey players from up the hill come to Mayo to reside until the camp opens again, that hockey games will be possible here this winter.

## MANY FLYING SOUTH FROM DAWSON

Two Yukon Southern planes landed at Whitehorse Thursday afternoon, according to Acting White Pass Agent Geoff Bidlake, to fly Dawsonites direct to the outside from that point.

It is understood that quite a number of Dawsonites left by White Pass planes for Whitehorse this week, en route outside, via the CPR boat and by Yukon Southern planes.

**AWAY FRIDAY:** The White Pass Ford pilots Vines & Burt hop-ped off for Dawson at 8.45 Friday morning. The Ford may be returning here from Dawson to-day, southbound with the airmail. The big ship remained here Thursday night on account of the poor visibility Thursday afternoon.

**WE HEAR THAT:** Thos. McKay, Mayo pioneer silver magnate, is making a good recovery from his recent serious operation in Vancouver.



# SMALL CREW TO BE KEPT AT CALUMET

## PRESS NEWS

STOCKHOLM, Sweden, Nov. 5- Preparations were made to-day to evacuate Stockholm and all army leaves were suspended because of a Baltic situation regarded as increasingly threatening to Sweden's neutrality.

All army non-commissioned officers have been ordered to return to their units at once & printed instructions were soon to be circulated regarding possible evacuation of the city.

Between 3000 and 4000 Swedish volunteers have joined the Finnish army.

MOSCOW, Dec. 5 - Soviet Russia's new 8500-ton cruiser the Kirov has "received its first baptism under fire," the official Communist organ Pravda reported to-day. It was understood the warship had been damaged by shellfire and taken into the Estonian port of Tallin for repairs.

## MARRIAGE RECORD

Victoria, Dec. 5 - A new record for marriages in October was set up when 2066 men and women said "I do," and "I will" before B. C. parsons and magistrates according to the monthly report of the Department of Health issued on Monday.

There were only 639 marriages in October, 1938.

## FEARS ATTACK

Winnipeg, Dec. 2 - A combined Russo-Japanese attack on Alaska would present the greatest menace to Canada and Canadians must be prepared for such an attack, Mrs. George Black, Member of Parliament for Yukon, said to-day when she arrived here en route to Vancouver.

An agreement for concerted action by Russia, Japan and Germany in all parts of the world would not be surprising Mrs. Black said.

In the event of an attack on Alaska, the United States and Canada would have to combine to resist it, she said.

## INVENTS NEW BOMB

London, Dec. 4 - Invention of a new type aerial bomb by a 13-year-old schoolboy, John Clough, was disclosed to-day. The bomb passed preliminary inspection by the scientific research section of the supply ministry. One member described it as a first class idea.

Clough hit upon his new idea during his free time at school.

## TAYLOR & DRURY FEATURING FINE XMAS LINE

The pioneer Mayo mercantile firm of Taylor & Drury are featuring a fine line of appropriate and up-to-the-minute Christmas goods this season.

Now on display in the store are scores of practical, timely and appropriate gifts for the Yuletide season.

The Taylor & Drury Toyland is now open and those buying toys, games, dolls, novelties etc. for the kiddies will find a large and assorted selection to choose from.

The Taylor and Drury staff invites its customers to drop in and look over the Xmas stocks including everything from table delicacies, fancy chocolates, tobaccos and cigarettes in Xmas packages, men's & women's wearing apparel and a big assortment of gifts suitable for the home.

## LETTERS MAY NOW BE SENT TO ENEMY TERR- ITORY.

Miss Hilma Miller, Mayo postmistress, has received a circular from the office of the District Director of Postal Services, Vancouver, stating that "arrangements have now been made for the transmission of private letters to enemy and enemy occupied territory."

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## WEE DAVID (Cont'd. From 2)

At the rate he was going David would have cleaned off the whole sheet if it hadn't got dark.

## BIG "SHUTDOWN" DANCE AT THE ELSA

It is reported this week that on Dec. 24th., rumored shut down date for the Galena hill camps, a big dance will be held at the Elsa, starting at midnight.

## SMALL CREW TO BE KEPT AT CALUMET?

Latest rumour around town this week regarding the forthcoming shutdown of the T. Y. camps on Galena for 4 months, is that a crew of 12 men will be kept on at the Calumet.

It is understood that quite a few T. Y. employees from Galena plan on leaving for the outside when the camps close down, as reported, on Dec. 24th.

## WEATHER GROWS COLDER

After another 6 days of comparatively mild weather accompanied by overcast skies, snow and fog, the Weather Man gave a hint of real Yukon midwinter temperatures on Friday night when the skies cleared and the spirits began to drop. It was steadily growing colder Friday night.

## MORE ABOUT THE SKATING RINK

Things don't always turn out as planned. Such was the case yesterday afternoon when a couple of ice fans planned on giving the new rink a flooding with hot water from tanks.

Instead the rink was given a very effective flooding by means of a hose running from the T. Y. pumping plant to the rink.

The weather, during the afternoon was mild enough to make possible a good flood being put on with cold water. Fred Lefebvre kindly supplied the necessary hose; Emil Forrest fixed up the connections at the pumping plant and a volunteer brigade finished cleaning off the rink and flooding it.

The results proved very satisfactory and by Friday night skaters were able to enjoy a fine sheet of new ice. Out to help with the rink Friday were: Pete Petiot, A. Mason-Rooke, Lloyd Spencer, Bon Sheridan, Billy Profeit and one or two others.