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LONDON, Jan. 3 - Pilots of the Royal Air Force returning from their second night raid in succession of the important German naval city of Bremen declare that city a mass of smouldering ruins.

From 8 o'clock until dawn Wednesday waves of RAF bombers swept over Bremen, subjecting it to the heaviest and most deadly attack

Germany has yet suffered in the war.

The RAF fliers returned on Thursday night and found no trouble in locating their objectives as fires from the previous night's terrific bombardment were still raging over the city.

The heavy aerial attack on Bremen was in retaliation for the terrible fire raid made on the old City of London last Sunday night in which at least six churches were demolished, the historic Guild Hall and scores of other buildings.

The German raid, by far the worst suffered by London, was said to be a deliberate attempt by Hitler to wreck the City of London.

Flames leaped skywards all over the mile square city and by morning ashes and smoking ruins lay everywhere. Firemen toiled heroically throughout the night and the next day and, despite the catastrophe, had every blaze under control and out by Monday night.

Throughout the week RAF bombers have been carrying out unprecedented air raids against German invasion bases.

Sunday night's fire raid against London

was seen by many observers as a prelude to a new invasion attempt by Hitler.

A fresh supply of barges are being assembled along the channel ports and military leaders believe an invasion attempt may be made early in January.

HITLER RUSHES AID TO MUSSOLINI

ATHENS, Jan. 2 - It is officially announced in Rome that German Air Force Units have arrived in Italy to reinforce the Italian troops in Albania and Libya. Stuka dive bombers, flown by Italian and Nazi pilots, are now said to be operating against the Greeks and British.

(More War News on Page 6)

CARS COLLIDE AT SAND HILLS

George Palmer's Plymouth passenger car, driven by Tommy Portlock, figured in a collision with Bud Fisher's Chevrolet passenge car, driven by Alex McCarter, Tuesday forenoon at a point about four miles above Minto Chevrolet passenger Bridge.

The collision occured at the Sand Hills where the roadway winds around the side-hill in a series of sharp curves. Portlock was en route to town while McCarter was on the way to the Elsa. The accident occured

a short time before noon.

With Tommy, in the Plymouth, were Mr. and Mrs. Wm. S. Hare, of the Elsa, and their two children Bunny and Betty.

George Reid, ex-war veteran was riding with Alex and was on his way to the Elsa to do some bookkeeping work for A. L. "Dick" Major.

He suffered a painful cut on his chin and bruises. Mr. and Mrs. Hare and their two kiddies were badly shaken up but suffered only minor injuries and bruises. Although both drivers were also shaken up by collision, neither suffered injury.

Both cars were considerably damaged. As soon as Alex McCarter was able after the collision and after a summary check up revealed the nature of the passengers! injuries, he hurried to Minto Bridge on foot and phoned to Bud Fisher in town. Bud had just returned from the airport when Alex's phone call came in and he immediately hastened to the scene of the collision in one of his trucks and brought the passengers & drivers of both cars to Mayo. Those needing medical attention were immediately rushed the hospital:

George Reid is still confined to the hospital but should be out by Sunday. Mr. and Mrs. Hare and the children were able to leave after their cuts had been dressed.

Bud Fisher and Alex McCarter left by "cat" early Friday morning on route Keno with the mail and a load of lagging & other supplies for Keno. They planned on bringing in the Fisher car on their return

Tommy Portlock and George Palmer left for the Elsa Friday with Tommy's truck and intend-ed to bring in the Plymouth on the way back.

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NEW YEAR GAILY WELCOMED IN THE SILVERLAND

Despite the fact that nearly 150 persons have gone out from Mayo district since the fall, the Silver Town extended a gay and

merry welcome to the New Year.

The big attraction, naturally, was the New Year's Eve dance held in Pioneer Hall. There was a large throng in attendance, including about 20 persons from Galena and other out-of-town points. Dancing got under way at 9 of clock and lasted until nearly six o:clock New Year's morning.

In traditional style the Old Year rung out and the New Year ushered in at midnight. A fine lunch was served shortly after the midnight hilarity and young and old danced blythly on into the small hours of

the New Year morn. Lilting music for the dancers was provided by Miss Vera Breaden, at the piano, Bob Sheardown, violin and Pete Petiot, traps. Later Mr. and Mrs. H. Lovdal, assisted by Wm. Jeffrey, Jr. took over the musical du ies for a spell to be followed in turn by dutthe original trio.

Despite the late hour, or we should say early hour when the dance ended, numerous Mayoites "went the rounds" paying their respects at the various homes New Year's Day.

Adding to the enjoyment of the holiday celebration numerous parties were held at various homes and institutions in Mayo

All in all it was a gay celebration with much dancing, singing, music and good cheer.

NEW YEAR USHERED IN ON COLD WAVE

Mayo's "tropical" weather which held out in great style right over the Christmas holidays, came to an abrupt end the start of this week. Early Monday the spirits began to drop to lower levels from between 30 to nearly 50 below. The weather moderated a little Tuesday but New Year's day found the temperature hitting the sub-zero levels. On Thursday the cold weather continued with some theremometers registering 50 below the coldest weather of the winter to date.

And then - just as Mayoites were ready to predict a prolonged cold spell the weather man did a turn about face with a spell of 15 above weather on Friday's calendar and continued mildness again to-day. The quick change in the cold weather from Thursday night to above zero levels Friday proved a welcome change - warm spells are always welcome in the Yukon - and helped make the MANY IN FROM GALENA FOR NEW YEAR'S CELEBRATION

Adding greatly to the New Year's festivities in Mayo were numerous visitors from the Elsa, Calumet and other out of town points who came in specially to join in the holiday celebration.

Among those who made the trip in from the Elsa and Calumet were Mr. and Mrs. Ray Larkin, Mr. and Mrs. Reg. Millar, Mr. and Mrs. Herb Lovdal and Harry Lovdal, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Hare and children, Gerry Bray, Martin Retan, Ed. J. MacKenzie, Eugene Grenier, Magnus Wilson, Alec "Uncle Ben" Berry - all from Gal-

From Haggart Creek came John Gatey, Clarence Blieler, Con Lakeness while other well known Sourdough residents from various parts of the camp seen in town during the holiday week included George Potter, Louis Bouvette, George Ortell, Joe Gergich, Ralph Hampton, Frank Gillespie, Archie Martin and Thos. McKay from Keno, Jack McLean, Alex Gaboury and maybe others whose names may have missed.

Ralph Hampton and Norman Neddery hiked in with their dog team last Sunday from the headwaters of the Stewart - an overland trip of close to 120 miles. Ralph and Norman have been trapping in that district ever since

early fall.

Two well known Mayoites returned by plane to-day from Dawson in the persons of Oscar Miller and George Lee. Oscar had been loc-ated these past several months on Gold Bottom Creek where he has mining interests while George Lee had been engaged with the Yukon Consolidated during the past season.

Tom Foley left on Friday for the Calumet to resume his job with the Treadwell Yukon

at that camp.

After spending the Christmas holidays at the Elsa, where he is familiarly known by all the kiddies as "Uncle Ben" - Alec Berry has returned to his Mayo home - getting here, to be sure, in time for the New Year's festivities in town.

Johnnie Ross came in from his home at Dun-

Johnnie Ross came in from his home at Dun-can Creek in his truck Tuesday to take in the New Year's dance that night.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Hare returned to their home at the Elsa Friday.

SKIING IS FAST BECOMING MOST POPULAR WINTER SPORT

Judging from the number of skiing fans who have been seen in action during the holidays, this great winter pastime is fast becoming the major winter sport in Mayo. It is est-imated that over 20 Mayoites, including quite a few of the younger kids, were out enjoying their favourite recreation at White Pass Hill last Sunday. Quite a few of the grown ups skied over to "Bidlake Ridge" where the grade there proved more exciting for the

experts. On Tuesday of this week Hugo Seaholm, Irwin Con Lakeness and John Backe made a scout-Ray, Con Lakeness and John Backer and came ing trip on skiis across the Stewart and came ing trip of an back enthusiastic over their discovery excellent skii hill on the ridge where the old winter trail used to be. A large number of skii fans plan on heading over there

New Year's beginnining all the more enjoyable sunday to try out the new skii run.

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BIG MAIL FROM TUESDAY'S BOAT IN BY PLANE FRIDAY

Bringing first and second class mail from Tuesday's CPR boat, Pilot Everett Wasson flew the White Pass Travelair to Mayo Friday and went on to Dawson, Airmail also was brought in on Friday's flight.

Pilot Wasson returned south to-day, via Mayo, Selkirk and Carmacks, taking the outgoing airstage mail and airmail. There were two incoming passengers for Mayo, from Dawson, namely George Lee and Oscar Miller.

Making the speedy time of 1 hr. 15 minutes from Whitehorse to Mayo, Pilot Lionel Vines came in with the Condor Saturday morning. The Condor brought a load of freight and more airmail. Pilot Vines continued to Dawson.

Mail from an American boat, also airmail, was brought to Mayo Tuesday by Pilot Kubicek who flew the Fairchild to Dawson on Monday of this week, returning south via Mayo.

Ideal flying weather prevailed throughout the Territory to-day with the Northbound flight of the Condor favoured by a wind from the south upstairs.

JOHNNIE McDONALD & WIFE & KIDDIES REACH FAIRBANKS

The nightly plane news broadcast by Pollack Flying Service and heard over the Fairbanks radio station KFAR Thursday night, reported that Pilot Maurice King had returned that day from Dawson; bringing to Fairbanks Mr. & Mrs. J. D. McDonald and their two children. The McDonalds left here last Saturday by White Pass plane, for Dawson; catching the American plane in that city on Thursday.

Mrs. McDonald's parents - Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Gurtis are now located at Ester Creek, 15 miles from Fairbanks and the trip to Alaska was made to visit them.

YUKON DENTISTS HAVE GONE OUT

In a recent letter from Dr. I. Snider from Whitehorse the well-known senior partner of the firm of Franks and Snider, stated that he and Monty were leaving for Vancouver on Tuesday night's boat. Drs. Franks and Snider plan on returning North again in the Spring. There is a possibility, however, that Dr. Snider may not return this time but he is not certain about it just now.

WE SEE BY THE DAWSON NEWS where Frank Buckway, well known former Mayoite; left on the White Pass Fairchild last Saturday for Whitehorse. Bishop Geddes also flew south last Saturday.

XMAS TREE "GALS" HELP WAR REFUGEES ALSO

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WHO SAYS THERE'S NO 70 BELOW WEATHER

FAIRBANKS, Dec .- An Arctic blast recently silenced army officers who were complaining that the weather in Alaska wasn't frigid enough for their cold weather experimental flying.

For several weeks thawing conditions prevailed. Then suddenly old Jack Frost did himself a dip and presto - the spirits went to 70 below zero at Beaver, just North of the Arctic Circle on the Yukon River. Fort Yukon reported 62 degrees below zero

Koyukuk 64 below. At Beaver, one old timer, traditionally famous for his ability to spit a curve in any wind, was found unconscious on road between his cabin and the store; suffering from a slight concussion of the brain after one of his "spitteroos" boomeranged and came back as an icy weapon, sharp and brittle, to knock him cuckoo. It was that cold:

YOUNG MAYO WOMEN WHO STAGED XMAS TREE FOR MAYO KIDDIES PUBLISH THEIR BALANCE SHEET

Christmas is over and the New Year under way but the children of Mayo - nearly 100 of them - still remember the arrival of Santa Claus and what he brought for them. Especially do they remember the Community Xmas Tree, staged after the school concert.

To Mrs. Jack Andison and Mrs. Neil Keobke goes the credit this year of putting on the annual Xmas Tree. With all the numerous organizations there are in this town, it remained for these two young mothers, one with four children of her own and the other with two, to devote the time and energy to make possible the annual Xmas Tree for the children of Mayo.

Had it not been for Agnes Andison and Daisy Keobke, the kiddies of Mayo would have missed the annual arrival in Mayo of one of their greatest thrills in the year.

But, thanks to the efforts of those two popular young women (and to the disgrace of certain organizations in this town) the kids were not let down.

Once they got the ball rolling Mrs. Andison and Mrs. Keobe had the full support and cooperation of every person in Mayo. To say that "The Xmas Tree Gals" went through nobly is to put it mildly. They deserve a great deal credit and recognition.

And, to make everything clear and satisfactory to everybody, here is their printed statement in re of the disposal of the Xmas Tree Funds.

> Collected by Public Subscription Presents for Children Nuts & Candies Tree Decorations

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71.80

\$116.

\$94.55 Leaving a balance of \$19.45 \$10. of this amount we have donated to the I. O. D. E., Mayo Chapter, to its Child Refugee Fund.

The balance is being held on hand to go forward to the Christmas Tree Fund next

Owing to a certain amount of misunderdstanding, we wish to state that the collection taken up in Pioneer Hall the evening of the Christmas Tree and School Concert, was for the School Concert and had nothing whatsoever to do with the Xmas Tree Fund.

> Daisy Keobke SIGNED: Agnes Andison

HARRY YELLAND, FORMER MAYOITE SENDS GREETINGS

Something of a tradition in Mayo, at least to his scores of friends up this way, is
Harry Yelland, "The Old Perennial" who was
formerly in charge of the radio station station here until transferred to Edmonton a few years back. Despite the miles that separate Harry from the Yukon, he always send holiday greetings back to Mayo. This year Harry says:
"To wish you the best of Christmas Cheer
and Happiness for all the Year." He is stat-A guy by the name of Ivanoff tried to ioned at Kingston, Ontario now, with the steal 3 chickens from an Anchorage poultry yard. He beat the burglar alarm wires at the year, "Harry writes, "I may be in Egypt. Bailes & Keily farm but new snow proved his downfall for a trail of blood led Police to "jungles" south of the golf course and to Ivanoff who said: "I've - a - noff."

NEWS OF THE

FUNERAL SERVICES FOR LATE LEWIS BOWDEN TO BE HELD MONDAY P. M.

Funeral services for the late Lewis Bowden who passed away last week, have been post - poned from to-morrow, Sunday, until Monday afternoon.

The funeral will be held from St. Mary's Anglican Church, at 2.30 o'clock, Rev. R. S.

Boyd officiating.

One of the oldest pioneers of this district the late Sourdough suffered a stroke Thursday, Dec. 26th. Friends visiting his home, a familiar landmark just a short distance north-east of Mayo, found the old timer ill Thursday evening and two nearby neighbors - Amos Noyd and Barney Driscoll were called and arranged for his immediate removal to Mayo General Hospital. He died on

Saturday forencon, Dec. 28.

The late Lewis Bowden was a native son of Northport, Maine. Surviving him are his brothers George, Charles and Laurin and a married sister - Mrs. Addie Lovejoy - all of Northport. He was aged 76.

During his early years, before leaving the ates, the deceased followed the barbering States, the deceased followed the parter trade. He was a member of the Methodist Church .

He came North during the gold rush days & was located in the Dawson district for a number of years before coming to Mayo. Bowden and Norman Neddery, another well-known pion-eer of this district, had been steadfast friends over a long period of years. Norman & low's came to Mayo to-gether, from Dawson, at the insistence of Elmer Middlecoff, pioneer placer operator of Hiatt Creek. For

years Bowden had worked for Middlecoff whom he had known before coming to this district.

During his latter years he had done considerable farming with great success. His little farm near Mayo was an example of neatness and skill in raising crops. It is said that he was the first man to attempt an irrigation system in this area. He instead an irrigation system in this area. He alled a small, portable "Pumps & Power" unit a number of years ago and tried out the experiment of pumping water from the lake

in front of his home onto his land.
While in the state of Maine the late Yukoner's hobby was trotting horses and he frequently told stories of his favourite

animals.

A man of high integrity and purpose, the sudden passing of Lewis Bowden severs another link with the famous Sourdough clan who rushed North during the gold stampede.

The Royal Trust Company is the Executor of

the late Pioneer's estate.

KING GEORGE BROADCAST ON CHRISTMAS DAY

LONDON, Dec. 28 - In the longest radio address of his career, King George, in a Christmas Day broadcast, told the Empire that all can look forward to 1941 with sober

"The future will be hard, " he said. " But our feet are planted on the path to victory. We have surmounted a grave crisis. We do not underrate the damages and difficulties which confront us but we take courage comfort from the successes which our fighting men and their allies have won against heavy odds by land and sea and air.

DAWSON

Dawsonites colebrated the New Year's arrival with two dances - one in the Nugget Hall where Curley Russell's swing band dished up the melodies - the other at the Palomar where "Our Gang" handled the musical syncopation.

A Community Club affair held at Bear Creek was attended by a banner crowd as were the two dances held in Dawson town.

Last Saturday afternoon a bus of the Dawson Transportation driven by Jack Colbourn and a wood truck driven by Bud Holbrook figured in a head on collision near the outskirts of The bus was en route to the airport with a load of passengers when the two vehicles collided. Due to the fact that both men were experienced drivers a serious accident was avoided. No one was hurt although the front ends of both machines were slightly

The Royal Alexandra Hotel, famous as the leading tourist resort in Dawson, and located on front street near the Arcade Cafe, changed hands. Dating from January the 1st. the Royal Alex will be under the management of Mr. John Janson who completed the deal with the former owners just recently.

After much hard work the Dawson Hockey and Skating rink has opened for the winter season. Hockey practises have already gotten und-

er way.
Pilot Vines flew the Fairchild to Dawson Thursday, bringing airstage and airmail and two passengers. He went right back to White-horse with Mrs. Scott as the only outgoing passenger for Whiteherse.

WHITEHORSE :

The New Year's Ball in the aid of the hospital, proved a grand success. A 5-piece orchestra provided the music while Dr. F. Burns Roth acted as Master of Ceremonies while members of the Hospital Board, rey Simmons and Dave Wilson arranged Aubmusical program.

About 8.30 Christmas night the body of Roderick Thomas was found in the woods about a hundred yards from his home. He had apparently suffered a mental relapse and had wandered away from his cabin. He had been in ill health these past number of years.

Born at Selkirk, Manitoba, the deceased came North in the early days and for many years was a driver on the old White Pass stage line. He was aged 75.
Whitehorse recently experienced on of the

heaviest snowfalls in years.

A daughter, Corinne May - was born to Rev. and Mrs. Alex Anderson, former residents of

Whitehorse, at Ketchikan, on Dec. 21st. The local chapter of the IODE had a busy time of it prior to Christmas when many fine hampers were packed and dispatched to

the soldiers.
START THE NEW YEAR RIGHT - Don't bother about cooking a New Year's Dinner - the best in town has been prepared for you and your friends at the Whitehorse Inn Cafe of Jan. 1st. That's the heading of a big display ad in a recent issue of the Whitehorse Star Then the ad goes on to set forth the holiday menu and - mon oh mon - what a grand array

of tempting victuals.

From all indications everybody had a gala time - there was music and novelties and fun galore. Just like an outside cabaret.

Cover charge was \$1,50

PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT URGES MORE AID BRITISH

LOCAL & PERSONAL

The Princess Norah docked at Skagway on Tuesday of this week; leaving for Vancouver again the same night. The next Northbound sailing leaves Vancouver January 10th.

It's not very often that Eddie Kimbel, pioneer Mayo lumber king, isn't out and ar-ound and doing his share to add to the New Year's festivities. However, we are sorry to report that this New Year's found Ed. laid up at his home, suffering with lumbago. Ed is now able to be up again, however, and all set to get started with his New Year

program.

The home of Mrs. Margaret Sullivan was the scene of a very enjoyable gathering on Thursday night on the occasion of her birthday. A large number of friends gathered to present their compliments and to join in an evening of dancing, singing, music and good cheer. One of the highlights of the birth day party was the passing around of a huge birthday oake.

Jack Andison made a trip to the Elsa on

Friday with Neil Keobke.

Now that the holidays are over and the New Year already four days under way, Silverites are back to normal again and clearing the decks for a busy year ahead. It is the general opinion around town that things will soon be picking up in the Silverland and that Spring will find the district humming with increased activity.

PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT APPEALS TO NATION FOR GREATER SPEED UP IN DEFENCE PROGRAM; INCREASED AID AND SUPPORT TO BRITAIN

In his firside chat, broadcast to the world last Sunday night over a nation-wide and world wide hookup, President Roosevelt appealed to the people of the United States for a greater speed up in national defence and increased aid to Britain and her allies.

"We must be the great arsenal of Democracy," the President asserted.

The President declared that the people of Britain were putting up the greatest fight

Britain were putting up the greatest fight in history and that it was the duty of the United States to do everything possible to help Britain. He pulled no punches in dealing with the aggressor nations. "For us this is as serious an emergency as if we were actually at war, "The President said.
"If Britain went down America would be living at the point of a gun. The U. S. h no right to encourage talk of peace. We must have more chiral and said. must have more ships, more guns, more planes, more of everything."

The President pleaded with the workers of the nation to join in a national effort - a mightier effort than ever before - in a great and sweeping drive to help Britain win

the war.

"According to my latest and best infor-mation," declared the President," The Axis Powers are not going to win this war."

STANFORD WINS, Pasadena, Jan. 2 - In the annual Rose Bowl classic New Year's Day Stanford U chalked up its tenth victory, defeating Nebraska 21 to 13. 90,000 football fans witnessed the Rose Bowl game.

WAR NEWS IN BRIEF

FLASH - Saturday, Jan. 4 - From London tonight came a report that invasion talk was growing in Berlin. Hitler has declared he is preparing for one of the most decisive blows in history and is eagerly watching the United States to see what form U. S. aid to Britain will take and how soon.

DUBLIN, Jan. 3 - Signs of a German invasion via Ireland were being studied following this week's mystery bombings of Dublin. At least 40 homes were destroyed by bombs falling on Dublin Friday. One bomb was said to be so large that it resembled more a land mine than an aerial weapon. It was dropped by parachute. Identity of the planes bombing Dublin have not been ascertained for certain.

CAIRO, Jan. 4 - (Flash) - Britain began its final drive on Bardia Friday with units of the land, sea and air forces working in complete unison. Bardia was bombed for hours by ships of the British fleet. One British destroyer made its way right into the harbor at Bardia, sank one Italian supply ship and damaged another.

Land batteries protecting the Italian strong-hold have been blasted into silence by navy guns while RAF planes continue to strike at

the besieged fort.

The Australian troops are leading British land forces in a sweeping drive against the Italians.

Friday's operations were reported going ahead satisfactorily with 8,000 Italian prisoners already captured and the fall of Bardia expected at any time.

Greek forces claim further successes against

the Italians in Albania as they drive on towards Valona. RAF planes are aiding the Greek advance and during the past several days have bombed Al Basson repeatedly. Every art of war is now being used in the Greek campaign, including cavalry charges by the Greeks. ROME, Dec. 29 - Mussolini has proclaimed

the death penalty for food hoarding, and has tripled penalties against those breaking the

food rationing laws.
According to American opinion this is one of the most significant signs that Italy is feeling the might of the British navy. Muss-olini, it is claimed, would never have made public this statement unless as a last resort.

OTTAWA, Jan. 1 - Sir Hugh Dowding, Air Chief Marshall for Britain, announced Ottawa that Britain would soon have perfected equipment that would knock the Nazi night raiders out of the sky. Sir Hugh stopped off in Ottawa to consult Premier MacKenzie King before proceeding to Washington to take up with American officials a method of standardizing British and U. S. planes.
WASHINGTON, Dec. 30 - The United States is

now turning out 400 planes monthly and 2400 motors. U. S. plane production is now nearing

5,000 yearly with a greater speed up ahead.
LONDON, Jan 2 - It is estimated that Germany lost 3500 planes during the siege of Britain against 1050 British planes. 500 of the British pilots were saved.

TORONTO, Jan. 3 - Canada now has twice the number of airmen originally figured on under the Air Training Plan. 28 units of the RCAF in the four western Provinces now have a stregth of 10,000 officers and men and 1,000 civilians.