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SOVIETS HURL NEW MASS DRIVE AGAINST HEROIC FINNS

WEATHER HALTS ACTIVITIES ON WESTERN FRONT

LONDON, Feb. 2 (By Radio) - New masses of Red army troops pressed forward to-day in a new funnel attack on the strong Mannerheim line in Finland. The Soviet drive was being carried out by artillery and bombing planes.

JAN. 28 - The Finnish army, doing the seemingly unbelievable, has successfully turned back the tide of the Russian offensive vs the Mannerheim line. The victory has given the gallant Finnish defenders a new spirit as the Russian drive turned into dismal failure. Chaotic conditions are reported to prevail amongst the Soviet troops.

LONDON, Feb. 2 - Increased machine gun fire from opposing pill box outposts in the Rhine sector marked to-day's hostilities on the Western front where murky weather has left patrol activities at a standstill. All aerial fighting was also at a standstill owing to the weather.

LONDON, Feb. 2 - The Estonian government will demand an explanation from the Soviets following the recent incident in which a Russian warship fired upon an Estonian training plane.

LONDON, Jan. 29 - Scores were killed or injured to-day when German bombing planes raided lighthouse tenders off the Kentish coast; machine gunning the crews. German air raids were directed against British shipping along the coast and as far north as the Shetland Islands. It is estimated that 20 bombs were dropped during the raid.

CANADIAN ELECTION DATE SET FOR MARCH 26TH.

OTTAWA, Jan. 30 - "Lack of Unity" in certain sections of Canada was given as the reason by Prime Minister MacKenzie King for dissolving parliament and calling a general election for March.

The Prime Minister informed the House that a great offensive on the western front was possible in the spring and it was desirable to have the election over before it started.

The election date has been set for March 26th.

The announcement came as a great surprise throughout Canada.

...Along the Sky Trails

OKES WINGS NORTH

On the weekly "milk run," Pilot Ralph Oakes flew the White Pass Fairchild "XJ" to Mayo Friday afternoon and went on to Dawson from here. There was a small quantity of re-sorted mail from Whitehorse for Mayo.

The White Pass flier stopped and Carmacks en route North but was unable to land at either Selkirk or Stewart City account of fog at both points. Foggy weather is said to be holding two White Pass ships grounded at Dawson to-day.

AIR MAIL PILOTS HEARD BUT NOT IN

White Pass pilots on Friday heard the Y. S. A. T. airmail pilots over their radios on Friday but were unable to determine their whereabouts. Up until yesterday afternoon the YSAT mail plane had not reached Whitehorse. The White Pass Travelair ship is being held in Whitehorse to hop North with the airmail as soon as the cloudbusters get in from the other end of the line.

SUNKEN "CAT" TO BE RAISED

It is understood that local freighters have been asked to bid on the contract to raise the late Alf. Burian's "cat" which plunged through the Stewart River ice into 10 feet of water six miles below the 26-mile post. The "cat" is submerged in the main part of the river channel, about 120 feet from the left limit. Raising of the sunken tractor is now in the hands of the Public Administrator of Yukon Territory.

LEAVING FOR SOUTH - "Lucky Joe" McAllister, well-known T. Y. miner on Galena these past several years and defence bulwark of the Calumet Bombers' hockey squad, has finished his duties for the company and is planning on heading south by plane on a hard-earned holiday - minus his beard. There's quite a story attached to that beard - perhaps we'd better wait until Joe is further afield before printing it. At any rate Joe has had his much discussed hirsute adornment erased from his smiling visage and it was an event, which called for "cigars and" all 'round.

CUPID FLITS HERE TO OPTION HART CLAIM

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SATURDAY, FEB. 3, 1940

BIRTH: A baby girl was born to Mrs. James Fulton in Mayo General Hospital early Wednesday morning, Jan. 31st. Mother and baby daughter are reported to be doing fine.

OPERATED ON: Frank Buckway entered the hospital last Saturday and was operated on for appendicitis by Dr. Homer that afternoon. Frank is making a good recovery and expects to be out of the hospital next week.

MRS. ALEX SMITH and baby son are now out of the hospital and living with "Babe's" sister and brother-in-law - Mr. and Mrs. Sine Dunnett, Jr. in their mother's home. "Smithy" was in from the Elsa this week to visit his wife and new son and heir.

GEORGE STEVENS, better known in these parts as "The Halifax Kid" left this week on skis en route to Whitehorse and thence back east to Ontario where it is understood George has been assured of a job with one of the large mining companies there. Mrs. Stevens & their two children are remaining here until George gets settled back east.

MICKEY McCARTHY, well-known son of Erin's Isle, left last week by dog team en route to Whitehorse where Mickey will look over mining property which he holds in that district.

DISCUSSION GROUP: A very interesting gathering was held at the Rectory on Monday night of this week when the Discussion group held its regular weekly session. Prof. Gordon McIntyre, Principal of Mayo School, gave a very interesting talk on photography and color film.

PICTURE SHOW: St. Mary's Church was the sponsor of another picture show held in Pioneer Hall last Saturday night. There was a fair attendance.

FUNERAL THURSDAY: Funeral services for the late Mary Magdalene St. Pierre, 25-year-old Indian girl from the Ladue who passed away in Mayo General on Saturday, Jan. 27th., after a lingering illness, were held on Thursday afternoon of this week from Mayo Catholic Church, Rev. Father A. Monnet conducting the last rites of the Church. Burial was made in the Catholic Plot in Mayo Cemetery. There was a large attendance at the funeral.

Mary St. Pierre was the last surviving member of the St. Pierre family who came to this district in the early days from Good Hope in the MacKenzie district. She was born at Lansing and was pre-deceased by her parents and two other sisters. Following her parents death she was brought up by her aunt Christine Jeremy. For the past year, prior to her coming to the hospital 4 months ago, Miss St. Pierre had resided with Mrs. Ada Greaves at Keno City.

JANUARY HAS FLED AND
WEATHER STILL MILD

Spring must be just around the corner. Yesterday the seed catalogues started to arrive. That's a good sign.

On Tuesday and Wednesday of this week it was actually thawing in Mayo; leaving roofs bare of snow; also spots in the sidewalks around the various homes. Dan Cupid, due to arrive here on St. Valentines Day expects to remain in the camp until Feb. 29th. that one extra day in the calendar every four years when the unattached gals take the bull by the horns and do their own proposing. ...And ARE they going to do some tall proposing this Leap Year...So we hear, so we hear.

To-day a snow mist, which moved into other parts of the Yukon yesterday, was blanketing the silver valley but showed every signs of lifting shortly. Still the weather continues about 10 degrees above the zero mark.

All in all, it been a remarkably mild winter - a record for mildness in fact. With a hint of spring in the air and a lullaby in every breeze...with Dan Cupid flitting around in nothing but diapers and bow and arrows... with the lovelorn musing over appropriate Valentines for speedy dispatch when the magic day arrives.... and with Leap Year giving every promise of being a day to write home about...well, Old Man Winter might as well Skidoo.

On the other hand, if this mild weather keeps up, Dan Cupid may be left holding the bag after all. The single gals may change their minds...decide that single bliss is still too good a thing to swap for a swan song at the altar.

PERSONALS: After a period of convalescing in Mayo following his recent operation, Louis Kazinsky, rotund goodwill ambassador from the Calumet, returned to the camp Wednesday minus one appendix but with many memories of the good time he had in Mayo while recuperating. During his holiday Louis found time to skate, play badminton, pan, go sliding, hand the gals a line and sachet around town in general. Whenever Louis is around there's lots of pep, laughter and good fellowship. We hope that the throbs of the Calumet Diesel which Louis runs will echo the song of good will that's always in Louis' heart and spread its melody across the Silver Sierras around Galena Hill.

ALEC BERRY, popular office employee of the T. Y. Corporation at the Elsa, made a flying trip to Mayo Friday in the Dodge run-about. Alec advises that he came down to hand in his books and for the next few weeks will join the ranks of the Sons of Rest. He plans to return to his "cottage on the hill" today but states that he will return to Mayo definitely for the Leap Year dance the end of this month. (We scooped Winchell himself on that one.)

JOHNNY SCOTT, who is now in charge of things around the T. Y. office at the Elsa during "Schelly's" absence, drove in Wednesday; returning to his home at the Elsa the same afternoon. Johnnie sure misses his hockey activities since the shut down

ED. J. MACKENZIE, genial chef at the Elsa till the camp shut down, arrived in town a few days ago and has taken up residence in the McCown mansion on front street.

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LANGHAM PREDICTS BRIGHT FUTURE FOR CARMACKS AREA

Believes Mt. Free Gold
Will Prove Most Lasting
Camp in Yukon

That the Mt. Free Gold area near Carmacks will prove the Yukon's most lasting mining camp was the opinion voiced by W. J. "Bill" Langham, discoverer of gold quartz there, during his recent visit to Mayo.

Backed by Dick Major and Emil Forrest, both well-known Mayoites, Langham left here in 1931 for the Carmacks area and his discovery of gold quartz near the "Umbrella Tree" in 1932 formed the basis of what is now known as the Laforma group.

This discovery brought attention of the mining world to the Yukon's only gold quartz area, Langham explained. The property was optioned to the Timmins people the same year as the discovery was made and later by the Yukon Consolidated. These companies expended around \$150,000 in development work on the property, Langham stated while here while exploration was carried on to a depth of 3,000 feet.

The Laforma group consists of 14 claims which extend over an area of 650 acres. Practically the whole hill of Mt. Free Gold is now staked while other promising properties are located nearby.

According to a recent report of Dr. Hugh Bostock, Government Geologist, the gold producing area extends 15 miles west of Mt. Free Gold and is practically undeveloped to date.

T. C. RICHARDS GETS ACTION

First actual milling operations got under way last year when T. C. Richards, widely-known Yukon transportation magnate, optioned the Laforma group and installed a mill. Although Richards and associates were handicapped in the initial stages by lack of water and transportation facilities, the past year's output has proved very encouraging while satisfactory progress is now being made and a successful operating year looms ahead.

During the past year, that is from Jan. 1st. until Jan. 1, 1940, 45 tons of concentrates have been shipped from the mine; containing 616 ounces of gold. In addition bullion bars totalling 532 ounces of gold have been shipped.

Fifty tons of \$12. ore are in sight right now, according to Langham, and, on a 200-ton basis mining and milling costs should not exceed \$8 per ton, he stated. Eight thousand tons of high grade ore have been proved on the number two level (320) feet where the ore is now being taken from. Average recovery, according to Langham, over a period of one year's operations, amounts to \$50. per ton which, as he points out, is much higher than the Lakeshore Lode mine in Ontario which is considered one of Canada's richest and which yields \$22 a ton average.

The 10-ton mill with which Richards started operations is to be displaced with a 25-ton mill by next August and this, under terms of the option, is to be increased to 75 tons by the fall of 1941. S. V. Crompton is superintendent of the mill and a crew of 12 men has been engaged this winter.

(To be continued next week)

CANADA WOULD HALT EXPORT COPPER

WE SEE BY THE WHITEHORSE STAR

THAT: "That Man Cook" is in the headlines again. Les "Go" Cook arrived at the Whitehorse airport last Tuesday and left early the next day for his trading post at Mt. Sheldon with 900 pounds of merchandise.

THEN AGAIN: A short time ago while Les was roaming the cloudlands in the Francis Lake country in his Northern Airways plane, he ran across Jack Harlin at a trapper's cabin and the Sourdough was surprised to hear that a war was going on till Les told him about it.

CLYDE WANN "HASHED" - Clyde Wann, who had been cook at the Noland camp in the Atlin district for the past few months, had the misfortune of getting one of his fingers tangled up in the meat grinder while making hash and Dr. Roth had to remove the balance of the finger at the first joint.

BILL THOMEY SOUTHBOUND - Pilot L. F. Barr left Atlin in his Pilgrim plane two weeks ago bound for Juneau. Round trip passengers who flew to Juneau for a few days' fling were: Mrs. Clarence Sands, Mrs. L. F. Barr, Mrs. John Walton, Mrs. Ernie Clarke and Mr. Ole Johnson. Other passengers were Bill Thomey, en route to Stewart, B. C. to visit his parents and Mr. and Mrs. John Mackay, honeymooners en route to the coast for a month or so.

BURTT JOINS AIR FORCE - Pilot Art Burtt, well-known former NAL flier and for the past several weeks with the White Pass Airplane Service, left last week for the east where he has been called to service with the Canadian Air Force.

TO PROSPECT BY PLANE - L. A. Prosser of Vancouver, B.C., arrived in Whitehorse Monday in his Canadian Stinson plane and a party of five prospectors destined for the White River district. Prosser's Eaglerock plane cracked up near Telegraph Creek last Septemeber.

SCHULTZ GOING OUT - Louis Schultz, Atlin's pioneer merchant, who has been under the weather these past few weeks, plans on leaving for the coast as soon as his health permits, to try and regain his health.

BARKER, RAY LEAVE FOR HAGGART

Ed. Barker and his partner Irwin Ray left on Thursday morning with Ed's "cat" and a load of supplies for Haggart Creek where they will be operating again this coming season. Included in the load was a gasoline wood saw.

Johnnie Hansen, well-known Mayo pioneer, made the trip with Ed and Irwin to spend a few days at Haggart.

"TIN PAN TANGO" LATEST MAYO CRAZE

The "Tin Pan Tango" is the latest fad to appear upon the silver scene for 1940. To the kids - yes practically ever kid in town - its just plain old-fashioned sliding but the grown ups have been turning out in large numbers these fine evenings to get in on the kids' fun and now it's "tin pan tango time." There was quite a crowd of adults out whooping 'er up on Emil's slide this week and we heard more than one young man about town groaning around on "mornings after" and bemoaning their collisions with some of the plumper members of the fair sex.

HALT COPPER EXPORT: Vancouver, B.C. Feb. 2 - B. C. mining men on Friday passed a resolution that Canada and the United States should join in placing a moral embargo (at least) on copper exports to Russia. With so much Canadian ore going to the American smelter at Tacoma, it is practically impossible to prevent export of copper and other metals to Russia under existing agreements.

ARMY CANDIDATES; Ottawa, Feb. 2 - Minister of Defence Rogers has announced that all members of the Canadian army who intend to participate in the forthcoming election as candidates, will be allowed leave of absence during the election campaign.

CHICAGO TOURISTS MISSING, Montivedeo, Feb. 2 - A plane carrying five Chichago tourists has been missing now for several days while on a flight from this city to a point in Brazil 400 miles away. The party left Chicago on Jan. 1st. and during its tour has visited numerous south american cities.

WARNS JAPAN, Washington, D.C. Feb. 1 - The United States has sent a warning to Japan to the effect that if the Japanese continue to try to set up a new order in China to the detriment of U. S. interests, the trade treaty between the two nations will be adversely affected.

DISCUSS EMBARGOES: Washington, D. C. Sect'y. of State Cordell Hull and Lord Lothian of England consulted on Tuesday in an attempt to solve the controversy between the States and Britian over embargoes on U. S. goods being shipped abroad.

PREDICTS GOP WIN, Topeka, Kansas, Jan. 29 - In a dinner gathering here to-night, Congressman Joe Martin, Republican dark horse who last year won such a name for himself as leader of the House minority group, laid down before his listeners a program of 12 planks which will be adopted by his party and predicted a Republican sweep in the 1940 elections.

MORE SHIPS SUNK, London, Feb. 1 - Two more neutral ships were sunk in the North sea by mines or torpedoes to-day; bringing to a total of over 100 lives lost at sea during the past four days.

PRESIDENT 58 TUESDAY, Wash, D. C. Jan. 30 - President Roosevelt celebrated his 58th. birthday on Tuesday when he was the recipient of hundreds of messages from all over the world.

TINFOIL BEING SAVED DURING WARTIME

Don't throw away the tinfoil from your old cigarette packages - it may be needed.

Tinfoil used in the packing of cigarettes, for covering chocolate bars, tea packages & many other articles too numerous to mention, is again being collected from coast to coast for war purposes.

Everybody is asked to make a point of collecting these tinfoil and lead wrappers "for the duration" so that none of it is wasted. Some roll it in balls but the better way is to keep it flat as it can then be sent to its proper destination more compactly.

We do not know if there are any persons in Mayo who are saving and sending away tinfoil to its proper destination but, with such a large quantity being used here daily, perhaps some party or organization will see to it that a collection of same is made here and forwarded outside.